



# ST. CLAIR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING Draft  
September 18, 2025  
Annex Building  
Belleville, Illinois

## PRESENT:

### Board Members

Elaine Rogers Cueto  
President

Ann Martz Barnum  
Senior Vice President

Kristi A. Luetkemyer  
Vice President

Robert Clipper, Ph.D  
Secretary

John "Skip" Kernan

Curtis L. Schildknecht

Ted Baugh, MSW

Robert Allen

Deborah Jones

### **Board Members:**

Kristi Luetkemyer

Dr. Clipper

John Kernan

Curt Schildknecht

Ted Baugh

Kristi Luetkemyer

Deborah Jones

### **Staff:**

Jodi Gardner

Joe Jackson

Terri Burroughs

**Excused:** Elaine Cueto, Ann Barnum, Robert Allen and Deborah Jones.

The meeting began at 6:00p.m. and took place in the Annex Building.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a recommendation by Dr. Clipper and a second by Mr. Schildknecht the August 21, 2025 Board minutes were approved.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

### **Finance Committee:**

Report approved following the recommendation by Mr. Schildknecht and a second by Mr. Baugh. August Funds Flow and Budget Performance reports along with the August Opioid Funding were approved. Additionally, approval for a new copier/printer 36-month lease and service agreement with CompuType was approved.

### **Building and Grounds Committee:**

Curt Schildknecht stated that he has toured the MHB building and expressed approval at all updates that had been made.

**Submitted by Joe Jackson, Associate Director**

## Program Oversight & Strategic Planning

- Site visits and contract meetings for opioid-funded agencies are underway, with completion expected by mid-October.
- Continued participation in community meetings focused on improving SUD service coordination and efficiency.

- Joined the strategic planning workgroup for the Partnership for Drug-Free Communities, fostering collaboration with Madison County 708 and other local agencies.

### **Legislative & Policy Engagement**

- Ongoing involvement with ACMHAI.
- Illinois General Assembly reconvenes in October for a two-week Veto Session.

### **Community Engagement & Events**

- Attended the *When Mental Illness Hits Home* conference.
- Participated in the *We Remember You* candlelight vigil and QPR training led by Diana Cuddeback.
- Joined the BBBS Big Vision Breakfast—events that reaffirm the mission-driven nature of behavioral health work.

### **Submitted by Jodi Gardner, Executive Director**

#### **Community Activities**

- The board participated in several events in August and September, including suicide loss vigils and recovery conferences.
- Upcoming events include the Out of Darkness Walk on October 18.
- A network email promoting community events is available upon request.

#### **Seizure First Aid Training**

- Training scheduled for November 10, 2025, at the MHB office.
- Presented by the Epilepsy Foundation to promote awareness of seizure first aid.
- RSVP requested for attendance.

#### **Office Communication and Tasks**

- The website will be updated with crisis resources and strategic plan details.
- Staff is reviewing timelines to prioritize tasks effectively.
- Site visits and contract meetings with opioid settlement fund agencies are being scheduled.

## **Executive Summary**

- The strategic plan covers FY2026 through FY2030, focusing on resilience in mental health services.
- The board oversees funding from the Opioid Settlement Fund and allocates resources responsibly.

## **Environmental Scan**

- The 2024 Community Mental Health Needs Assessment involved 656 surveys.
- Key topics prioritized include youth and family support, crisis services, and enhancing access for marginalized populations.

## **One-Year Goals**

- Staff will develop a timeline for community engagement and resource guide updates.
- Compliance monitoring for funded agencies will be ensured.

## **Three-Year Goals**

- The board aims to add innovative services annually and adapt to survey requirements.
- Staff will assist agencies in network surveys and share results publicly.

## **Five-Year Goals**

- The board will monitor community trends affecting service needs and budget accordingly.
- Ongoing communication with county advisors will ensure accurate budgeting and funding allocation.

Ms. Gardner reminder the Board and Agency's that the next meeting will be October 16, 2025 at 6pm in the Annex building.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Courtney Kampwerth-VPC, Lara Duy-PSOP, Donna Brooks-Epilepsy Foundation and Evan Krauss-East Side Aligned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Terri Burroughs