St. Clair County Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes- draft

The St. Clair County Mental Health Board held a regular monthly meeting on November 19, 2026, at 6pm.

PRESENT:

Board Members:
Elaine Cueto
Ann Barnum
Kristi Luetkemyer
John Kernan
Curt Schildknecht
Bobby Allen
Deborah Jones
Dana Rosenzweig

Staff:
Jodi Gardner
Joe Jackson
Terri Burroughs

Excused:Ted Baugh

Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes of the August 20, 2026, meeting were approved following a recommendation from Ms. Barnum and a second from Mr. Schildknecht.

Reports from Committees
Finance Committee: Report approved following the recommendation by Ms. Barnum and a second by Mr. Kernan.

- $5,000 Dr. Warletta Brookins
- $300 Manuals for SCC Mental Health Board Members
- CY 2027 Mental Health Budget
- CY 2027 Opioid Settlement Funds Budget

Associate Director's Report-

- In the last month, we have opened and accepted applications for CY2027 Opioid Settlement Funds. All applications have been completed and submitted by agencies who were funded in CY26.
- Shauna Gholson of Sip Arts Foundation sends along her gratitude to the board noting that our contribution to her program helped provide Southern Illinois Pathways binder workshops ACMHAI including their legislative committee Update
- SUD-based meetings update.
- Special events over the past few months.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Jodi Gardner, LCSW, reported that CY27 opioid settlement fund applications are complete and programming will proceed with Board approval. The FY26 JRI application has been revised to recoup the funds initially cut from the overall budget; it is now pending a new contract from the State and new subcontract to CHS, although services continue without delay. Numerous community events took place and were attended by staff: AFSP's Out of the Darkness Walk; Lincoln Prairie BHC open house; Shrine events; Joe Harper's NASW Lifetime Achievement Award; trafficking prevent workshop; Sharon's Walk; NAMI Walk. The staff of the MHB office thanks the Board and agency representatives for their dedication and work in CY26.

New Business

Approval of the FY 2027 Mental Health Board Meeting Schedule.

Introduction of Guests:

Brian Stweart-CBHC; Ashley Amborn and Julie Neuner- Hoyleton; Nicole Joyner and Rhonel Watson-SAVE; Angela Snell-New Opportunites; Claire Breidenbach-VPC; Carrie Hilling-CHS; Charmel Dixon and Natasha Patterson-THOM; Evan Kraus-ESA; Marilyn Parsons and Lara Duy-PSOP; Troy Metheney-ICA; Joe Lust-CPSWIL; Shauna Gholston and Chris Gholston-SIPS Art Foundation; Tyrone Hill and Zach George-Amare; Michalaya Payne -Heartlinks; and Donna Brooks-EFGSI.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Burroughs