

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE  
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
January 3, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. The following members were present:
  - Ms. Melody Bass
  - Ms. Catherine Cooke
  - Mr. William Eberle
  - Ms. Kathleen Gomes
  - Mr. William Hickman
  - Cpt. Stephen Lanier
  - Mr. Joshua Torbich
  - Ms. Kenya Corley (for Resea Willis)
  
2. Members absent:
  - Ms. Resea Willis (sent a representative)
  - Mr. Eric Gushue
  
3. Health Services staff present:
  - Cris Harrelson, Health Services Director
  - Allison Campbell, Health Services Health Educator

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission was called to order by Cpt. Stephen Lanier, Chairman at 6:00 p.m. in the Health Services Board Room (Building A).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cpt. Stephen Lanier asked for public comments. Public comment was provided by Tom Sherman and Dean Siler describing the intention of Faith Building Missions to purchase the old Brunswick Hospital. They presented plans formulated by Faith Building Missions to purchase the property and develop a Recovery Campus. This plan is contingent on the current owner's willingness to sell, as well as the ability to generate enough funds to complete the project. Mr. Siler reported that some funding has been secured, and assessment of potential cost has been initiated. Captain Lanier asked Mr. Siler to keep the commission apprised of progress.

**REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS**

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes accepted and approved (Eberly/Torbish) as submitted.
  
- B. **Agenda Adjustments:** There were no adjustments.

### C. Review of Monthly Data:

1. **State Opioid Reports** - Mr. Harrelson presented a power point showing Opioid data from Brunswick County showing third quarter and YTD 2018 overdose rates, emergency room visits for overdose, numbers of pills dispensed, individuals served by treatment programs, naloxone reversals, and hepatitis C cases. Highlights included a significant increase in the number of naloxone reversals, probably due to EMT and police carrying kits.
2. **Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Reports** -Captain Lanier presented police statistics comparing year 2017 to 2018. He reported that in 2017 over 12 thousand doses were seized, compared to 4,337 in 2018. He attributed the increased police presence leading to less heroin on the street. He also described an increase in the seizures of methamphetamine in the county. The Anchor program has touched 50 individuals.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Establishment of Future Meeting Dates:** After discussion of various meeting times, it was determined that the 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. meeting time would serve the community best, allowing the public to attend that wish to. The dates approved are the first Thursdays of the month through 2019, specifically, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>. The July meeting is held the second Thursday due to a holiday.
- B. **Monthly Agenda Topics:** Members discussed priorities set at the last meeting and the goals of the commission with priorities. Reports to be presented at each meeting were also discussed. The commission decided that, since records were kept quarterly, the reports to the commission should follow this schedule. Members moved to move on to new business and strategic planning. (Bass/Hickman)

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Strategic Planning:** A discussion/brainstorming session was led by Mr. Harrelson, and a goal identified as priority was to "Promote Treatment and Recovery". Options were discussed for setting up an event within the next three months. Members were tasked with ideas to make it happen. Members are to identify roles that they can play to contribute. Suggestions included an Easter event, educational talks, booths with information and other ideas. An action plan was discussed and members are to bring back specific roles and ideas to move forward to solidify the plan.

- B. **Media Project:** Mr. Harrelson presented a power point regarding an opportunity to run a media awareness campaign. Mr. Harrelson and Health Services were seeking Commission support to apply for ABC Funding to engage in this campaign which includes billboards, public service announcements and television spots. The estimated cost could vary depending upon the number of stations, frequency, and length of time. Commission members voted to support this idea and to base purchased media services on amount of funding obtained. (Gomes/Eberly)
- C. **“Celebrate Recovery”:** Discussion on the recovery celebration event resulted in the decision to rename the spring event. Members are to communicate via email with suggestions for a name.

### COMMISSION INPUTS:

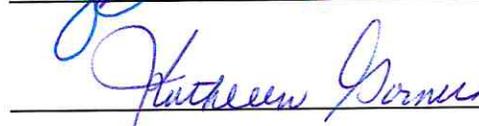
Notes for the January meeting -

- A. Email correspondence –
1. Ideas for short-term and long-term goals
  2. What are our greatest needs?
  3. What hurdles/barriers exist for meeting those needs?
- B. Additions/Changes to Agenda
1. Move public comment to the end of the meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:** Move to adjourn (Lanier/Eberly). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary

**Brunswick County**  
**Substance Use and Addiction Commission**  
**Attendance Roster 2018-2019**

NAME	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Bass	X		X					
Cooke	X		X					
Eberle	X		X					
Gomes	X		X					
Gushue	X							
Hickman	X		X					
Lanier	X		X					
Torbich	X		X					
Willis	X		X-sub					

**O = Off Board**

**X = In Attendance**

**Blank Space = Absent**

**Quorum = 5 members present**

**^ = Specially Called Meeting**

**\* = No Meeting**