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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
November 7, 2019 5:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:
 - Cpt. Stephen Lanier
 - Ms. Kathleen Gomes
 - Ms. Catherine Cooke
 - Mr. Joshua Torbich
 - Mr. Eric Gushue
 - Ms. Heather Strickland
 - Ms. Cynthia Cheatham
 - Mr. Wesley Hickman

2. Members absent:
 - Mr. (Rev) William Eberle

3. Health Services staff present
 - Allison Campbell, Health Services Health Educator
 - Cris Harrelson, Brunswick County Health Services Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission was called to order by Cpt. Stephen Lanier at 7:05 PM in the Health Services Board Room (Building A).

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for October 3, 2019 meeting accepted and approved (Cooke /Cheatham) with the following amendment: In New business, Item A, change Brunswick Christian Recovery to Christian Recovery (a different agency)

- B. Agenda Adjustments:** None

C. Review of Monthly Data:

1. State Opioid Reports –No Report.

2. Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Reports – No report. Sgt. Lanier stated that arrests have followed the same trends that have been occurring over the last few months. Opiate arrests low, and there is an increasing frequency of cocaine arrests. There were no overdose deaths in October.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Detox Sub-Group (Joshua Torbich, lead))

1.Mr. Torbich reported that the new Southern Regional Director is now in place. His name is Dennis Williams. Mr. Harrelson reported that Mr. Williams will be meeting with Health Department directors on December 2, 2019. There could possibly be a meeting after that time with commission members to discuss RHA's interest in opening a detox in the county. Ms. Gomes reported that the old hospital property has been sold, and Mr. Self now owns it. His plan will be released in the next month. Discussion took place regarding Novant's interest in treatment of Substance Uses. Suggestions included a meeting between Commission members and Shelborn Stevens, hospital administrator. Ms. Cheatham reported that the plan for the hospital includes opening a section to "hold" individuals awaiting transfer, rather than offer treatment.

B. Outreach Sub- Group (Bill Eberle, lead).

1.Newspaper Articles Mr. Eberle was absent. There have been no articles published in the last few weeks in the Brunswick Beacon. Possibly more articles need to be submitted.

2.Media campaign. Mr. Harrelson reported that funding for the Media campaign has come through the Sherriff's Department's Anchor Initiative, and 25 posters and holders will be ordered and placed strategically in places where drug use has been detected. Sgt. Lanier also reported that he will be attending the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Institute in Washington DC along with Anchor Initiative staff. Sgt. Lanier stated that he will bring back information from this meeting at Congress.

C. Public Awareness in the County (Lanier, lead) Outreach Related Activities:

Cpt. Lanier lead discussion of the group identifying key buttons for the app being developed. A list was generated including "user needing help "and "family support" and "general drug information". Each tab would then open a menu of other information. This list will be taken to a meeting with Mr. Torbich and the residents of Brunswick Christian Recovery to get input from individuals new in recovery as to what information would be most helpful, and what someone in active addiction would want/need to know.

Motion to move to new Business (Torbich/Cooke)

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ms. Campbell reported that she has received an email from Keven Bridges from 4-H requesting the name of someone to present a webinar for 4-H staff on drug use with children and adolescents, and emerging drug problems in the community. Ms. Gomes suggested contacting Coastal Horizons Prevention Coordinator, Deanna Hale Holland, since no one on the Commission was expert on children

Motion to accept New business (Torbich/ Goshue)

ADJOURNMENT: Move to adjourn (Gushue /Cooke). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **December 5, 2019 at 5 PM**, in the BCHS Board Room.

COMMISSION INPUTS: MET program in the jail is being considered.


_____ Chairperson


_____ Secretary

**Brunswick County
Substance Use and Addiction Commission**

Attendance Roster 2019-2020

NAME	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Cooke	*	X	X	x	x							
Eberle	*		X									
Gomes	*	X	X	x	x							
Gushue	*			x	x							
Hickman	*				x							
Lanier	*	X		x	x							
Torbish	*	X	X	x	x							
Strickland	*		X	x	x							
Cheatham	*		X	x	x							
Riley	*		X									

O = Off Board

X = In Attendance

Blank Space = Absent

X-sub= sent representative

^ = Specially Called Meeting

* = No Meeting

Quorum = 5 members present

Attendance Roster 2018-2019

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