

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE  
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
April 6th, 2023, 5:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. The following members were present:

Ms. Kathleen Gomes  
Mr. Josh Torbich  
Mr. (Rev) William Eberle (Zoom)  
Ms. Renee Cooper  
Ms. Joslyn Ott (Zoom)  
Ms. Jennifer Lucas

2. Members absent:

Mr. Jonathan Oliver  
Ms. Leah McGhee

3. Health Services staff present

Mr. Travis Greer, Health Educator

4. Guests present

Ms. Jeremy Seamon, Coastal Horizons Center  
David Howard, Health Services Director  
Ms. Savanna Tenenoff, Brunswick Beacon

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission was called to order by Mr. Torbich 5:09 PM and on Zoom and in person at the Brunswick Health Services Board Room

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**II. REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Minutes:** Quorum not present

**B. Agenda Adjustments:** Jeremy Seamon to present new information outreach sub-group.

**C. Local, State, National Substance Use Data Reports (Greer):**

**a. NC Detect-Alcohol 27** Alcohol related EMS reports presented over the past nine weeks. 106 ED Alcohol related counts over the past nine weeks.

**b. OSUAP Dashboard Local Actions:** Sheriff's report notes 18 opioid related overdoses with 0 deaths. 14 uses of Narcan for revival.

### III. PRESENTATIONS: None

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Detox Sub-Group (Mr. Torbich)** Mr. Torbich reports he spoke with Brian Mengia about the Healing Place, Wilmington. Plans include accepting residents to the program at the end of April 2023. They have a goal to develop a referral process with CRCI Inc. TBD length of stay at Healing Place for detoxification. CRCI set a goal to track symptoms after detox phase to keep residents engaged in treatment longer, since many residents are still in withdrawal as they enter the program, and this affects engagement. Mr. Seamon discussed Coastal Horizons Center partnering with the Healing Place to provide medical detoxification for 30 days. Mr. Torbich discussed the Harbor reopening in Wilmington anticipated for 2024. Mr. Torbich discussed looking into upcoming plans for old hospital in Brunswick county (scope of services), due to rumors that another medical facility is planned.
- B. Brunswick Little Theater Awareness Drama** Mr. Torbich reports presentation of drama set for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> 2023. Brunswick Little Theater is capable of housing 80 people per night. Mr. Torbich mentioned run time of 45 minutes with a 5 minute "mini testimony". At the end of the performance there will be a Q & A for audience members. Auditions for lead role will start in July. Ms. Lucas stated that she would check with the theatre dept. with Brunswick County Schools for interest. Mr. Torbich mentioned promotional ideas and compiling a list of target people to invite. He discussed having a billboard donated where the event can be promoted. Mr. Eberle mentioned reaching out to local media. Tickets are \$25 per person and all proceeds will be donated to CRCI Inc. Torbich will e-mail the script of drama to board members.
- C. Outreach Sub-Group (Seamon)** Mr. Seamon discussed providing showcase of resources available in primary practice, due to recent expansion of MAT providers. The goal is to have hospitals sponsor events with education in addiction treatment to include a focus on MAT for primary care providers. Also, to network and connect PCP with behavioral health resources in-network with different insurance panels. Mr. Seamon spoke with Ryan Estes regarding professionals earning CEU credits for attending training. Mr. Seamon mentioned a program in Stanley County that includes peer support specialists connected with EMS for overdose support. Peer support on scene to assist with immediate follow-up treatment services. Seamon reports Lazarus grant pays for services. The committee explored funding opportunities for similar services in Brunswick County. Ms. Ott volunteered to assist with education for primary care physicians.
- D. The Encompass Program (Eberle)** Ms. McGhee and Ms. Ott have date set in May to meet with staff at Eastern Carolina Dental School to discuss Encompass. Mr. Eberle mentioned hosting trainings in the future where food is not provided by the host, (since this seems to be an obstacle) More host locations may be available without food option. Ms. Cooper mentioned speaking to Pastor John Chase at Beach Assembly of God. Pastor Chase appeared open to the idea of hosting EnCompass training. He requests several future training dates, so he can

ensure the space will not be occupied. Mr. Eberle discussed educating seniors about EnCompass program as well by offering programs at Senior Centers.

**E. Quarterly Report for BOC** No report

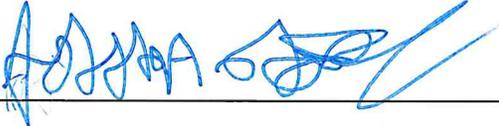
**F. Commission Member Vacancies** Mr. Howard advised potential board members to apply on the Brunswick County website. There is a short application that can be submitted through the website.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:** No report

**VI. COMMISSION INPUT:** No report

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** Move to adjourn (Eberle/Gomes). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41PM

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **May 4th, 2023, at 5 PM**, at the Brunswick County Health Department

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

**Brunswick County  
Substance Use and Addiction Commission**

**Attendance Roster 2022-2023**

NAME	JUL Y	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NO V	DEC	JAN	FEB	MA R	APR	MA Y	JUN 23
Cooke				X					O	O		TERM EXPIRES
Eberle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Gomes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ott			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Oliver	X							X				
Torbich	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		

Lucas		X		X	X	X	X	X		X		TERM EXPIRES
McGhee		X	X	X	X		X		X			
Murphy									O	O		
Lambert												
Cooper	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		TERM EXPIRES

O = Off Board      X = In Attendance      Blank Space = Absent  
X-sub= sent representative      Blocked (No Meetings due to Pandemic)

**Attendance Roster 2021-2022**

NAME	JUL Y	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NO V	DEC	JAN	FEB	MA R	APR	MA Y	JUN
Cooke				O	O	O		X	X			X
Eberle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gomes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hickman												TERM ENDING
Oliver			X	X	X		X		X		X	X TERM ENDING
Torbich	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cheatham	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	O TERM ENDING
Lucas		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
McGhee		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Murphy				X		X	X	X			X	

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**Attendance Roster 2020-2021**

NAME	JUL Y	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NO V	DEC	JAN	FEB	MA R	APR	MA Y	JUN
Cooke	X			X	X	O	O	on		X	X	X
Eberle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gomes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gushue					X	X						

Hickman	X	X	X		X							
Oliver			X		X	X			X	X		X
Torbich	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Strickland			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Cheatham	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	
Riley		X				O						
Lucas									X	X	X	X

### Attendance Roster 2019-2020

NAME	JUL Y	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NO V	DEC	JAN	FEB	MA R	APR	MA Y	JUN
Cooke	*	X	X	X	X	*	X					
Eberle	*		X			*	X		X			X
Gomes	*	X	X	X	X	*	X		X			X
Gushue	*			X	X	*	X		X			
Hickman	*				X	*	X		X			X
Lanier	*	X		X	X	*	X		O			O
Torbich	*	X	X	X	X	*	X		X			X
Strickland	*		X	X	X	*	X		X			X
Cheatham	*		X	X	X	*	X		X			X
Riley	*		X			*						
Oliver									X			X

### 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	
Torbich	X	*	X	X-sub	X	X	x	x
Willis	X	*	X-sub	X	X-sub	X-sub	O	O

