

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
February 2nd, 2023, 5:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:
 - Ms. Kathleen Gomes (Zoom)
 - Mr. Josh Torbich
 - Mr. (Rev) William Eberle
 - Ms. Jennifer Lucas
 - Ms. Renee Cooper
 - Ms. Joslyn Ott (Zoom)
 - Mr. Jonathan Oliver

2. Members absent:
 - Mr. William (Joe) Murphy
 - Ms. Catherine Cooke
 - Ms. Leah McGhee

3. Health Services staff present
 - Mr. Travis Greer, Health Educator

4. Guests present
 - Ms. Teresa Mobley, Coastal Horizons Center (on Zoom)
 - Mr. David Howard, Health Director
 - Ms. Savanna Tenenoff, Brunswick Beacon
 - Mr. Marty Cooke, Brunswick County Commissioner
 - Ms. Lisa Smith (Zoom)
 - Ms. Cecilia Peers (Zoom)

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: Guest introductions

II. REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes: January 2023 minutes approved (Eberle/Lucas)

B. Agenda Adjustments: None

C. Local, State, National Drug Overdose Data Reports (Greer):

a. NC Detect-Alcohol: Alcohol impaired driving deaths 2022, 31% of driving deaths involved alcohol. NC ranked 14 out of 100 in 2022. EMS: alcohol intoxication counts, 10 EMS encounters in January 2023. 140 EMS encounters in 2022. ED: alcohol abuse and dependence (This definition includes all the alcohol-related abuse and dependence codes but does not include alcohol poisoning codes) 46 ED counts in January 2023. 764 ED counts in 2022.

III. PRESENTATIONS: None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Detox Sub-Group (Mr. Torbich)** Mr. Torbich discussed the Harbor reopening in Wilmington, NC. Mr. Torbich advised that he would gather more information on when the Harbor will open. He stated that the Healing Place is set to open in March 2023.
- B. Brunswick Little Theater Awareness Drama.** Awareness drama set for fall of 2023. Mr. Torbich mentioned they are still looking for cast for lead roles. The goal is to do a soft opening of drama in May.
- C. Outreach Sub-Group (Eberle)**
 - a. Newspaper articles solicited for Brunswick Beacon:** Mr. Eberle discussed communication with the Beacon and looking for different professionals in the community to write articles to be published in the Beacon.
 - b. Focus of report to county commissioners:** Mr. Greer advised that next meeting dates include March 6th, 3-5pm or March 20th, 6-8pm. A date will be selected in the coming days. Mr. Eberle discussed presenting data to the commissioners.
- D. The EnCompass Program (Eberle)**
 - a. Encompass Event Report:** Mr. Eberle reports that the EnCompass training was a success. Mr. Eberly reports there were over 40 people in attendance and five trainers present at the Rose House.
 - b. Familiarization talks for community groups (and solicitation of sponsors for EnCompass):** Mention of others hosting a training in SC and church youth leaders in the future. Ms. Gomes to take training to Sunny Point. Mr. Eberly mentioned contacting various group such as Holden Beach Women's Club pertaining to hosting a training. Mr. Eberly plans to do monthly meeting with nine EnCompass trainers. Ms. Gomes and Ms. McGhee to present discussion on addiction and effects on women on 2/21/23.
- E. Quarterly Report for BOC** BOC meets 1st and 3rd Monday. Mr. Greer mentioned scheduling a date in March.

V. NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Catherine Cooke has resigned from the BCSUAC. The board has accepted her resignation as of February 2nd, 2023. Discussion took place on who might be appropriate to fill Ms. Cooke's position. Mr. Eberly recommended Jeremy Seamon of Coastal Horizons Center. District 4 commission member Mr. Murphy's was last present at a BCSUAC meeting in May of 2022 due to his absence, the commission

voted and approved to direct Josh to request the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners appoint a new members to District 4 and the member at-large position. Ms. Mobley mentioned the Opioid Harm Reduction State Response Grant has been continued. Mr. Greer mentioned take back event being held on February 9th at the American Legion. Mr. Torbich discussed new facility obtained by CRCI Inc. The previously owned Shallotte Assisted Living will become a 115 bed facility six month program for folks in need of addiction treatment. Mr. Torbich mentioned they are under contract currently and plan to be open in August 2023.

VI. COMMISSION INPUT: No report

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Move to adjourn (Eberly/Lucas). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23PM

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **March 2nd, 2023, at 5 PM**, at the Brunswick County Health Department


 _____ Chairperson


 _____ Secretary

**Brunswick County
 Substance Use and Addiction Commission**

Attendance Roster 2022-2023

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| Gomes | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| Ott | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| Oliver | X | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| Torbich | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | | | | |
| Lucas | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | TERM EXPIRES |
| McGhee | | X | X | X | X | | X | | | | | |
| Murphy | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lambert | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooper | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | |

O = Off Board

X = In Attendance

Blank Space = Absent

X-sub= sent representative

Blocked (No Meetings due to Pandemic)

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| 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 |
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