

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

ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:

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

2. Members absent:

Ms. Jennifer Lucas
Mr. Jonathan Oliver

3. Health Services staff present

Mr. Travis Greer, Health Educator

4. Guests present

Ms. Teresa Mobley, Coastal Horizons Center (on Zoom)
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 5:05 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: Mr. Greer suggested different language used regarding resignation of committee members to meet requirements. Mr. Torbich approved adjustment to minutes. February 2023 minutes approved (Gomes/Eberle)

B. Agenda Adjustments: Ms. Sharon Flücker, Ed. D. Behavioral Specialist, Brunswick County Schools and Chair of the Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council not present to share presentation

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

a. NC Detect 9 opioid overdose emergency department (ED) visits reported between January-February 2023. 7 opioid overdose ED visits reported January-February of 2022. Increase of 2 ED visits. ED reports 24 unintentional/undetermined

medication/drug overdose visits January-February 2023. This is a decrease in numbers from January-February of 2022 which reports 27 medication/drug overdose visits.

b. NC Opioid Dashboard Dashboard tracks progress and measures impact with local action in specific areas including but not limited to advance harm reduction, prevents future addiction by supporting children and families, expands access to SUD treatment and related supports. <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/opioid-and-substance-use-action-plan-data-dashboard>

c. Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Data (Mobley) 13 overdoses reported in February 2023 with 1 death. Data report shows a total of 10 reversals in February 2023.

d. Brunswick County EMS Data 16 opioid overdose encounters reported January-February 2023. 28 Naloxone administrations reported January-February 2023.

III. PRESENTATIONS: None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Detox Sub-Group (Mr. Torbich)** Mr. Torbich discussed the Harbor reopening in Wilmington, NC anticipated for 2024. He stated that the Healing Place will need some more time to open detox. Mr. Torbich talked about a coordinated community effort between Novant and CRCI Inc. Goal for patients to continue medication taper if needed at the campus under medical supervision to assist with detox process. Timeframe for goal is 18 months. Mr. Torbich discussed future opening of 115 bed facility in Shallotte (former Shallotte Assisted Living Facility). He advised no need to change zoning or code compliance.
- B. Brunswick Little Theater Awareness Drama** Mr. Torbich reports he has sent a follow up email to Brunswick Little Theater for update on drama.
- C. Outreach Sub-Group (Eberle)** Ms. McGhee and Ms. Gomes discussed recent visit to GWFC Holden Beach. The topic of how substance abuse effects women was received well by the audience. Mr. Eberle discussed setting up future presentations in the community with includes speaking with the dean of the dental school in Brunswick County.
- D. The Encompass Program (Eberle)** Mr. Eberle reports he is continuing to look for Encompass training hosts. Coastal Horizons Center in Shallotte advised they would be willing to host a training. Other potential hosts to include Calabash American Legion, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, and local senior centers. Mr. Eberle will make contact with clubs. Ms. Cooper to speak with lead pastor at Beach Assembly of God to discuss being a host. Potential co-hosts to include B.A.C.K O.F.F, and Families Anonymous.
- E. Quarterly Report for BOC** BOC meeting 3/20/2023. Items to discuss include outcome of the recent Encompass training at the Rose House, prevention in school system, and recent data reports. Mr. Eberle, Ms. McGhee, and Ms. Lucas to present.
- F. Commission Member Vacancies** BCSUAC looking to fill member vacancies for district 4 and member at large. Members encouraged to be thinking of individuals. Send recommendations to Mr. Torbich.

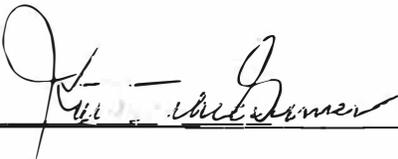
V. NEW BUSINESS: Looking for more access to Naloxone. Ms. Mobley advised that she would look into availability from drug company and/or drug representative. Ms. Mobley reports Naloxone will be available over the counter to anyone starting next month. There have been reports of change to X waiver by Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Regulations to reflect increase in the number of patients a medical professional can prescribe Buprenorphine to. Number to increase to 30 people without training. Webinar on 3/9/2023 by Foundation for Opioid Research regarding change in waiver.

VI. COMMISSION INPUT: No report

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Move to adjourn (Eberle/Gomes). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04PM

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **April 6th, 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			TERM EXPIRES
Eberle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Gomes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Ott			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Oliver	X							X				
Torbich	X		X	X	X	X		X	X			

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

O = Off Board

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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

