

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
May 4, 2023, 5:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:
 - Ms. Kathleen Gomes
 - Mr. Josh Torbich
 - Mr. (Rev) William Eberle
 - Ms. Leah McGhee
 - Ms. Jennifer Lucas
2. Members absent:
 - Mr. Jonathan Oliver
 - Ms. Renee Cooper
3. Health Services staff present
 - Mr. Travis Greer, Health Educator
4. Guests present
 - Ms. Jeremy Seamon, Coastal Horizons Center

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 in person at the Brunswick Health Services Board Room

A. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

II. REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes: March and April (McGee/Lucas)

B. Agenda Adjustments: none.

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

a. NC Detect-Alcohol 34 Alcohol/Drug related EMS reports presented over the past four weeks. 34 Medication related Over Doses in April

b. OSUAP Dashboard Local Actions: Sheriff's report notes 21 opioid related overdoses with 1 death, 19 uses of Narcan for revival. This is a significant increase over last month.

III. PRESENTATIONS: None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Detox Sub-Group (Mr. Torbich)** Mr. Torbich presented information for discussion regarding outpatient detox using Zofran and Propranolol. Discussion followed as to requirements of a facility to be able to benefit from use of these medications. Mr. Torbich shared that current detox protocols are insufficient to resolve symptoms and individuals in the Motivational Track of his program enter not feeling well and this is a factor for high numbers not completing the initial phase. Mr. Seamon expressed interest in pursuing this option and will investigate further.
- B. Brunswick Little Theater Awareness Drama** Mr. Torbich reports he will meet with leadership at BLT to finalize plans for the Drama. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at the new CRCI men's facility on Mulberry Stret. Mr. Tobich invited committee members to attend to provide input.
- C. Outreach Sub-Group (Seamon)** Mr. Seamon discussed information regarding his meeting with SEAHEC staff about the potential training for Primary Care Physicians regarding the X waver (providing Buprenorphine) and providing monitoring for their patients. Mr. Seaman presented several options for providing this program. SEAHEC recommended a physician to be lead presenter, and also recommended a dinner/evening event rather than lunch and learn. The options presented were for SEAHEC to coordinate the event or a different organization to coordinate and SEAHEC to provide the CEU's for medical professionals. The cost would be between 1,000 and 3,000 dollars, depending on how much SEAHEC is involved. Discussion followed about contacting various potential funding sources including local hospitals. Mr. Seaman reported that SEAHEC had provided an application for grant dollars to cover this event, and the Committee agreed for Mr. Seaman to be the applicant for this grant. Ms. Lucas briefly discussed plans for the fall school program. Mr. Torbich reported that West Brunswick HS was approved to hold presentations by CRCI at PE classes. More discussion about the fall school program will be held next month.
- D. The Encompass Program (Eberle)** Ms. McGhee and Ms. Ott and Mr. Eberle will be meeting with staff at Eastern Carolina Dental School to discuss Encompass. on Wednesday May 10,2023.
- E. Quarterly Report for BOC** No report
- F. Commission Member Vacancies** Ms. McGee stated that she will be leaving the board this summer due to moving to Winston Salem. Mr. Seamon stated that he has completed the application. There are several board vacancies. 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 (Gomes/ Lucas). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **June 1, 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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| 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)

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