

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE  
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING

## January Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2024, 5:00 PM

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission was called to order by Mr. Torbich at 5:00 PM in person at the Brunswick Health Services Board Room. Also, on video zoom.

#### A. Attendance

The following members were present:

Ms. Johnnie McAdams  
Mr. Jeremy Seamon  
Ms. Laura Trueman (video)  
Mr. Josh Torbich  
Ms. Kathleen Gomes  
Mr. Jon Oliver (video)  
Ms. Megan Wilson

Members absent:

Ms. Joscelyn Ott  
Mr. (Rev) William Eberle

Health Services staff present

Mr., Travis Greer, Health Educator  
Ms. Olivia Jarvis, Health Educator

**B. Public Comment:** None

**C. Special Presentation:** None

### II OLD BUSINESS:

### III REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS

**A. Approval of Minutes:** (Seaman, Wilson)

**B Agenda Adjustments:** none

**C. Encompass & Responding to Addiction**

Travis Greer shared the upcoming enCompass training January 20 is at New Creations Worship Center in Boiling Spring Lakes. His team has facilitated the registration and promotion of the event online and through social media. Travis stated that 33 participants have registered as of today.

**D. Opioid Settlement Strategic Planning discussion**

**a. Strategic Planning Process:** Presentation by Ms. Jarvis regarding survey questions and topics, and development of sections on Survey Monkey. Discussed relevance of questions, and target information to be gleaned from survey, such as to public view of need for prevention programs, treatment programs and recovery support programs in county. A finalized Survey will be sent to members for approval and initial distribution. Members asked to identify target groups to be surveyed, and asked individuals to determine if they would need online or paper copies of the survey for their groups. The timeline was identified to begin receiving this information as February 2024. This information will be used to bolster requests for the use of Opioid Settlement dollars to the Commission.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. COVID DOLLARS**

Ms. Wilson presented a concern that Covid support money will end at the end of this school year, and this money has provided salaries for 50% of social work and support staff. The County has denied request to assume this cost, and therefore these positions will be ending, and the staff will have to take on other jobs within the schools or leave. Ms. Wilson presented this as a major concern for any prevention services for at risk youth. Discussion followed about appropriateness and or possibilities of using Opioid settlement funds to compensate in some way, since Prevention has been identified as a major deficit. Members will research programs in schools which might offer a framework for a proposal.

**V. COMMISSION INPUT:** No report

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** Move to adjourn (Seamon, McAdams). 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 **February 1, 2024, at 5 PM**, at the Brunswick County Health Department



Chairperson



Secretary