

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE, ADDICTION, AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 7th, 2024

5:00PM – 6:30PM

Brunswick County Health Services

25 Courthouse Drive, Building A, Bolivia, NC 28422

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Brunswick County Substance Use, Addiction, and Mental Health Commission monthly meeting was called to order at 5:05PM on November 7th, 2024, in the Brunswick County Health Services Boardroom and on Microsoft Teams Video.

a. Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Motion: Eberlee

Second: Gomes

Changes/Comments: none

b. Agenda Approval

Motion: Peers

Second: Eberlee

Changes/Comments: Cecilia Peers recommended we remove Guest Reports and Presentations since there were none planned.

c. Attendance

Member Name	Position Held	Term Expiration	Present Y/N V=virtual
Kathleen Gomes	District 1	June 30th, 2028	Y
Joshua Torbich	District 2; Chair	June 30th, 2028	Y
William Eberlee	District 3; Vice-Chair	June 30th, 2025	Y
Vacant	District 4	June 30th, 2025	-
Jeremy Gunn	District 5	June 30th, 2026	Y
Jennifer Faircloth	Board of Education	June 30th, 2027	N
Johnnie McAdams	Chief Superior Court Judge	June 30th, 2025	Y – V
Acacia Alston	Sheriff's Office	June 30th, 2026	N

Jeremy Seamon	Member-At-Large	June 30th, 2027	Y
Laura Trueman	Member-At-Large	June 30th, 2027	Y
Cecelia Peers	Trillium Regional Director	June 30th, 2028	Y
Anthony Grimaldi	Local Mental Health Professional	June 30th, 2028	N
Guest Name	Agency/Title		
Travis Greer	Health Educator II, Brunswick County Health Services		
Cathy Lytch	Health and Human Service Director, Brunswick County		

d. Staff Reports & Presentations

Greer gave an update on enCompass & Responding to Addiction programs in the community. The Responding to Addiction program is being hosted at the Brunswick Senior Resource Centers across the county which is open to anyone in the community not just seniors. After the completion of two sites it has majority been staff of the center attending.

Greer shared that health staff are working on process and procedures internally to place a significant order for Narcan using the Opioid Settlement Funds.

The commission asked clarifying questions regarding the proper communication methods via email to better adhere to open meeting laws. Lytch gave more context and justification.

e. Public Comments

None

II. QUARTERLY FOCUS

a. Prevention

Notes: The commission members as whole agree to maintain its focus on prevention and refine the recommendations to board of commissioners when that next appointed time comes.

III. QUARTERLY UPDATE & RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

a. Quarter 3 Update Postponed

Notes: The commission members expressed concern over the postponement of the Quarter 3 presentation and the over simplified PowerPoint that was provided by staff that include from the commission's recommendations. Greer and Lytch gave justification to the time constraints available during the County Commissioner meeting. Seamon suggested that the commission members take responsibility for the future development and design of the presentation document to go before the commissioners.

Based on recommendations by Torbich and Lytch the commission and staff spent majority of time discussing context and sources behind the proposed recommendations topics that focus on:

- Prevention I Public Schools
- Foster Care Youth
- Justice-Involved Youth
- At Risk Youth

IV. ASSIGNMENTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

a. None

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS & COMMISSION INPUTS

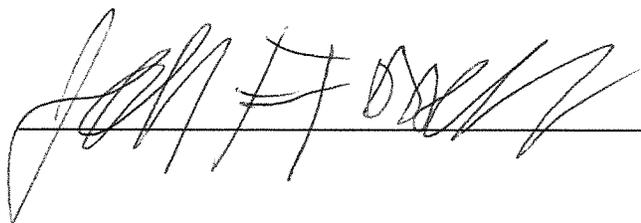
a. None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trueman

Second: Seamon

There being no further business, the Brunswick County Substance Use, Addiction and Mental Health Commission monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held at 5:00PM on December 5th, 2024, in the Brunswick County Health Services Boardroom.



Chairperson