



Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING

November 2, 2023, 5:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- II. The meeting of the Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission was called to order by Mr. Torbich 5:10 PM in person at the Brunswick Health Services Board Room

A. Public Comment: None

B. Special Presentation: None

III. REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Attendance

- i. The following members were present:

- a. Mr. (Rev) William Eberle
- b. Ms. Johnnie McAdams
- c. Mr. Jeremy Seamon
- d. Ms. Laura Trueman
- e. Mr. Josh Torbich
- f. Ms. Kathleen Gomes

- II. Members absent:

- a. Ms Joscelyn Ott
- b. Mr. Jon Oliver

- III. Health Services staff present

- a. Mr. Travis Greer, Health Educator
- b. Mr. David Howard, Director, Health Services Director
- c. Ms. Olivia Jarvis, Health Educator
- c. Ms. Teresa Mobley, Prevention Specialist, Coastal Horizons
- d. Ms. Cecelia Peers, Trillium Health Resources (video)

- III. Guests present.

- a. Ms. Savanna Tenenoff, Brunswick Beacon



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B. Approval of Minutes: (Eberle, Trueman))

C Agenda Adjustments: none

D. Staff and Committee Reports

a. Brunswick County Health services (Quarthey) no report.

b. Costal Horizons no report

c. Trillium Health Resources no report

d. Detox Committee\ no report

e. Outreach committee see old business.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

4 H Jamie Lister from 4 H presented their National Health Rocks program for youth. The focus was on preparation for life and is open to youth 10 years and older. The program trains teens to teach the curriculum which covers Tobacco and Drugs, Stress Management, Self-esteem, and Self Efficacy. Teens once trained in the curriculum go out to schools and teach younger kids. The 4 H has numerous sections, but this section is focused on Healthy Living. The curriculum is currently taught in one middle school in the county.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Detox Sub-no report. Will become a quarterly or as needed item.

B. Brunswick Little Theater Awareness Drama show a=was a success, will be submitted to the Natural Cultural Arts Contest, and can possibly become available to schools. Shows completed.

C. Outreach Sub-Group (Seamon) Mr. Seamon discussed information regarding planned Physician Event on November 9, 2023. Registrations are almost full. Mr. Seaman explained how committee volunteers can help and solidified the panel members.

D. The Encompass Program (Eberle) Mr. Eberle explained the upcoming Shorted=r version trainings starting in January. He expressed the need for more trainers, and coverage of expenses of the new manuals. Mr. Howard agreed to cover the expense of new manuals so the programs can be scheduled. It will be necessary to recruit and train more trainers.

E. Commission Member Vacancies there are numerous vacancies on the board, and discussion was held as to how to fill. Openings include the Board of Education, and Sherriff's office.

IV. NEW BUSINESS: Opioid Settlement Ms. Trueman presented information regarding allotments and expenditures of the grant monies.

Mr. Howard educated the committee on the application process and ways monies can be utilized. Main Points drawn from the data:

- We have \$2.6 million in opioid funding sitting in our county coffers.



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- We have spent only ~\$12K but have authorization to spend \$400+K on early intervention, recovery housing, and recovery support.
- We need a plan for how best to spend the money.
- We have some urgency in this because people are dying.

Laura Trueman noted 3 things need to happen for a strategic plan to come together:

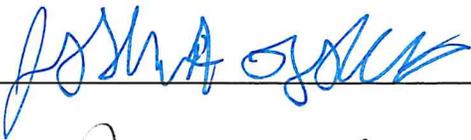
1. Stakeholder engagement
2. Needs Assessment
3. Recommendations for meeting the needs based on best research indicating successful strategies to meet each need.

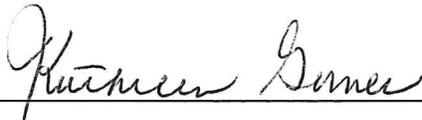
Discussion ensued about how this plan should get done and where responsibility for it should reside. Mr. Howard suggested that the Health Dept Staff Take the lead and bring this discussion back to the December meeting, with a goal of having a plan by March 2024. Mr. Howard suggested that the commission maintain an "advisory" status, and that others may be recruited to engage in actual hands-on work. Tabled until December meeting for more discussion.

VI. COMMISSION INPUT: No report

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Move to adjourn (Eberle/Trueman). 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 **December 7, 2023, at 5 PM**, at the Brunswick County Health Department


_____ Chairperson


_____ Secretary