

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Public Comment: None
- B. Special Presentation: None

II. 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

- ii. Members absent:
 - a. Ms. Kathleen Gomes
 - b. Mr. Josh Torbich
 - c. Ms. Jocelyn Ott
 - d. Mr. Jon Oliver

- iii. Health Services staff present:
 - a. Mr. David Howard, Director, Health Services
 - b. Mr. Travis Greer, Health Educator II, Health Services
 - c. Ms. Teresa Mobley, Prevention Specialist, Coastal Horizons

- iv. Guests present :
 - o Ms. Savanna Tenenoff, Brunswick Beacon

B. Approval of Minutes: (Seamon/Trueman)

C. Agenda Adjustments: None

D. Staff and Committee Reports:

- i. **Brunswick County Health Services**

Greer and Howard stated that the Substance Use Health Educator starts Monday. Health Services and Brunswick County EMS have a meeting with peer counties in NC on community paramedicine programs which could lead into the work of better substance use disorders response and connection to resources. This could also enhance continuity of care and data measures to track prevalence of substance use disorders in the county. Greer stated that Health Services received a free, small allotment of Narcan for internal use and to utilize for enCompass and Responding to Addiction program participants.

- ii. **Coastal Horizons**
Teresa Mobley shared the following substance use September 2023 data from Brunswick County Sheriff's Office: *Overdoses – 16 Deaths – 2 Reversals – 9*
- iii. **Trillium Health Resources-** *no report*
- iv. **Detox Committee-** no report
- v. **Outreach Committee-**no report

III. Old Business

A. **Brunswick Little Theater Drama**

Trueman discussed the premiere night invitation list. Jeremy gave a quick synopsis of the drama for commission members.

Oct. 25th - Premiere Night – Commission and team needs to solidify invitations and confirm attendees

Oct.26th - Youth Night – area youth groups invited

Oct. 27th General Attendance –presenter 50 tickets confirmed.

Oct. 28th - General Attendance - 32 tickets confirmed.

B. **The enCompass Program**

Eberle gave an overview to enCompass. 9 trainers/instructors. A total of 4 encompass sessions since 2022. Eberle brought the new Responding to Addiction participant manuals for review which is an abbreviated version of 8hr. enCompass Program. Commission members gave affirmation of the manual. Responding to Addiction is aimed for a broader range of community people. McAdams states she was at a local church and was asked about doing a workshop related to enCompass- Responding to Addiction and feel this would be a great program to present at a church. Eberle expressed desire for having more trainers; Greer said that through the Anti-Stigma initiative through the Addiction Policy Forum we should be able to qualify for 1-2 more persons trained in these programs.

C. **Primary Care Provider Training**

Seamon gave thanks to all who have helped bring this event together.15 people registered so far. Teresa Mobley worked on securing funding for training from Coastal Horizons Prevention Grant. Funding support also came from CommWell Health, Coastal Integrated Care, and Focus Broadband Foundation. Seamon and Commission then discussed the agenda for the night and solidified the volunteers and personnel needed to introduce speakers and facilitate the panel discussion.

IV. New Business

A. **Opioid Settlement Strategic Planning Discussion**

Trueman gave a presentation titled Planning for Effective Spending Through the Creation of a Strategic Plan. This presentation was emailed prior to the meeting. This presentation gave an overview of other NC counties' approach to the opioid settlement funds and their strategic planning processes. Discussion ensued after the presentation regarding the commissions approach and support for strategic planning for the county related opioid settlement funds. Howard informed the commission that they could advise and recommend prioritization of funds and offer its support to begin comprehensive strategic planning process. It was determined that the commission could continue to study and work on recommendations to present to the commissioners by the end of the year.

V. COMMISSION INPUTS: none

VI. ADJOURNMENT: (Seamon/Trueman)

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **November 2, 2023 @ 5:00 pm**, at the Brunswick County Health Department

Justin A. Seamon Chairperson

Kelli Gomez Secretary

2023-2024 Attendance Roster Substance Use and Addiction Commission

NAME	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Gomes		X	X	A								
Torbich		X	X	A								
Eberle		X	X	X								
District 4		V	V	V								
Ott		A	X	A								
Board Edu		Vacant										
McAdams		Joined in Oct.		X								
Oliver		A	A	A								
Seamons		X	X	X								
Trueman		X	X	X								
Lucas		A	O	Came off Board in Sept 2023								
McGhee		A	O	Came off Board in Sept 2023								

X = In Attendance A= Absent R= sent representative V=Vacant position O =Came Off Board **Blackout**=No Meeting