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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
June 4, 2020 5:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:

Ms. Kathleen Gomes
Mr. Joshua Torbich
Mr. (Rev) William Eberle
Ms. Heather Strickland
Ms. Cynthia Cheatham
Mr. Jonathan Oliver
Mr. Wesley Hickman (on conference call)

2. Members absent:

Mr. Eric Gushue
Ms. Catherine Cooke

3. Health Services staff present

Allison Campbell, Health Services Health Educator (on call)
Cris Harrelson, Brunswick County Health Services Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission was called to order by Joshua Torbich at 5:15 PM in the Health Services Waiting Room, with social distancing

PUBLIC COMMENT: Guest speaker Dennis Williams from Trillium Health Resources. As Southern Regional Director, Mr. Williams presented current information about Trillium Health Resources, and the funding prospects for this year. He reported that 1,074 Brunswick County individuals has services supported by Trillium funds for SUD treatment in 2019. He reported that the RFP to pay through Medicaid and state funding for Facility Based Crisis services is open until July 1, 2020 but could not provide any further information. He reported that the Harbor will operate until at least September, but that those county funds will now be appropriated to the Healing Place development which is 12 to 18 months out. He encouraged everyone to utilize the Gaps and Needs Survey and local legislative representatives to promote and broadcast the need for detox in our county. He encouraged SUAC commission members to call or email him with any questions.

REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for March 5, 2020 meeting accepted and approved (Eberle, Cheatham) with no changes

B. Agenda Adjustments:

1. Development of plan for meetings considering social distancing and other methods of continuing to meet

C. Review of Monthly Data:

1. State Opioid Reports – Mr. Harrelson presented a lengthy report which was provided to Commission member attached to agenda. Mr. Harrelson present highlights of the report which indicated a downward trend for unintended deaths in quarter 3 but was still one of the highest numbers (17) in first three quarter of 2019 in the region. Highlights a downward trend in ER visits for overdose and a downward trend in opiate pills dispensed (but still very high) He reported that 75% of overdose deaths included MORE than one type of drug, explaining that many individuals don't really know what is in the drug they are taking. In quarter 3 of 2019 there were 7657 prescriptions for Buprenorphine filled, and 15 428 through quarters 1,2, and 3. He reported a downward trend in individuals involved in treatment, which is of concern.

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2. Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Reports –Mr. Oliver reported that due to the change in data collection, he did not have all of the information, however he reported that there were 450 drug arrests from July to December 2019 with a value of \$332,000. He reported that the ANCHOR program has served 96 individuals from January 2020 to June. @! Individuals are currently in treatment

3. Future meeting arrangements- Mr. Harrelson will consult with the County Legal advisor to see if future meeting can be held on Zoom or another online service until the social distancing is lifted. Members also felt that the meeting being held as this meeting was tolerable and useful.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Detox Sub-Group (Joshua Torbich, lead))

Discussion and questions were complete during the presentation with Mr. Williams therefore no further discussion was done.

B. Outreach Sub- Group (Bill Eberle, lead).

1. **Newspaper Articles** Mr. Eberle reported that an article written by Glenda DeBose had been published and he was continuing to encourage Sam at the Brunswick Beacon to publish other articles in the que. Mr. Eberle

suggested that Ms. DeBose should present Drug Court information at our next meeting as part of learning what is available in the county and how to increase the web of connection. This was agreed to, and Mr. Eberle will handle the invitation

2. **Media Campaign.** Currently suspended
3. **Public Awareness in the County (Lanier, lead) Outreach Related Activities.** Lanier will be contacted for update on the app.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Status of Old Hospital-Brunswick Christian Recovery Mr. Torbich presented information about the Rose House project which will likely open in August, having been delayed by the pandemic. Mr. Torbich reported that he has been in touch with Mr. Self and BCR is working on a possible joint effort to rehab the old hospital. This may work in conjunction with development of a site to invite RHA to provide detox services, since they are soon to be displaced in New Hanover County and have not yet identified a new location. This could also be contingent on Brunswick County providing some funding. Mr. Self states that he will soon be the owner.

ADJOURNMENT: Move to adjourn (Strickland, Gomes). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **July 2, 2020 at 5 PM**, location to be announced.

COMMISSION INPUTS: None reported

_____ Chairperson

_____ Secretary

Brunswick County
Substance Use and Addiction Commission
Attendance Roster 2019-2020

NAME	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Cooke	*	X	X	X	X	*	X					
Eberle	*		X			*	X		X			X
Gomes	*	X	X	X	X	*	X		X			X
Gushue	*			X	X	*	X		X			
Hickman	*				X	*	X		X			X
Lanier	*	X		X	X	*	X		O			O
Torbish	*	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

O = Off Board

X = In Attendance

Blank Space = Absent

X-sub= sent representative

Blocked (No Meetings due to Pandemic)

^ = Specially Called Meeting

* = No Meeting

Quorum = 5 members present

Attendance Roster 2018-2019

NAME	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Bass	X	*	X	X	X		x	x
Cooke	X	*	X			X	x	x
Eberle	X	*	X	X	X	X	x	x
Gomes	X	*	X	X	X	X	x	x
Gushue	X	*		X		X		x
Hickman	X	*	X	X	X	X		x
Lanier	X	*	X	X	X		x	
Torbish	X	*	X	X-sub	X	X	x	x
Willis	X	*	X-sub	X	X-sub	X-sub	O	O