



MEETING MINUTES

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE, ADDICTION, & MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OFFICIAL MINUTES

April 3rd, 2025
5:00 PM

The Brunswick County SUBSTANCE USE, ADDICTION, & MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION met in Regular Session on April 3rd, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Health Services Building, located at the Brunswick County Government Center, 25 Courthouse Drive NE, Bolivia, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kate Gomes, District 1
Jeremy Seamon, Member-at-large
Josh Torbich, Chair, District 2
Jennifer Faircloth, Board of Education
Cecelia Peers, Trillium Regional Director
William Eberle, Vice-Chair, District 3
Laura Trueman, Member-at-large
Johnnie McAdams, Chief Superior Court Judge

STAFF PRESENT

David Howard, Health Director
Olivia Jarvis, Health Educator
Erika Booth, Community Paramedic

OTHERS PRESENT

Teresa Mobley, Coastal Horizons
Grace Marley, UNCW & SEAHEC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Grimaldi, Local Mental Health Professional
Jeremy Gunn, District 5
Charles Francka, District 4

Commission Action, containing all items in this set of minutes, is filed within Health Services.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Torbich called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Eberle gave the Invocation.

III. ATTENDANCE

Commission Member Grimaldi was absent.
Commission Member Gunn was absent.
Commission Member Francka was absent.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Torbich asked for adjustments to the agenda. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Eberle made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Gomes and passed unanimously (8 to 0).

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes – March 6th, 2025, Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Eberle made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the March 6th, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Seamon and passed unanimously (8 to 0).

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Staff Report

Olivia Jarvis, Public Health Educator, informed commission members of the scheduled Opioid Settlement Funds Annual Meeting for Brunswick County, to be held on Wednesday, May 28th, 2025, from 10:30am to 12pm at Brunswick Community College. Ms. Jarvis also informed the commission members that she will be unable to attend the scheduled May SUAMHC meeting, and another staff member will be present in her place. Ms. Jarvis agreed to provide a summary of what she learned at the NCACC 2025 Summit on Reducing Overdose that was held in March in the form of a handout for the May meeting. The information provided to Ms. Jarvis from Commission Member Seamon regarding the Companion App was shared.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. No Public Hearing Scheduled.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Meeting Assignments

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Brief discussion of the new vacancy on the commission, for the Sheriff's Office appointee. The new appointee has yet to be announced.

XI. BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

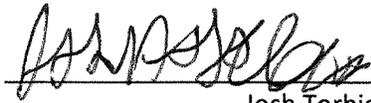
1. No appointments at this time.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

1. A few housekeeping items surrounding the upcoming April 21st report to the BOCC were covered, including planned attendance of commission members, final edits to be made, and plan for speaking.
2. Review of Member Survey Results: The upcoming focus topic is Treatment, and tentative dates were set for the next presentation to the BOCC (August 7th, 2025). Commission Members Peers, Seamon, Gomes, and Grimaldi were nominated to form the small working group for this focus topic. The decision was made to get a volunteer from Coastal Horizons, Drug Treatment Court, and Southeastern Integrated Care, (1 individual currently in treatment program from each) to come speak at the May SUAMHC meeting and provide a firsthand account of their treatment experiences.

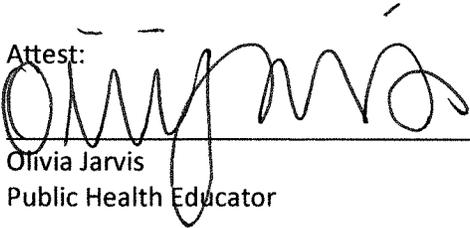
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Eberle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Seamon and passed unanimously (8 to 0).



Josh Torbich, Chair
Brunswick County Substance Use, Addiction, &
Mental Health Commission

Attest:



Olivia Jarvis
Public Health Educator