



MEETING MINUTES

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

FEBRUARY 6th, 2025
5:00 PM

The Brunswick County SUBSTANCE USE, ADDICTION, & MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION met in Regular Session on February 6th, 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

Josh Torbich, Chair, District 2
Kate Gomes, District 1
Jeremy Seamon, Member-at-large
Jeremy Gunn, District 5
Charles Francka, District 4
Cecelia Peers, Trillium Regional Director
Jennifer Faircloth, Board of Education
Acacia Alston, Sheriff's Office
William Eberle, Vice-Chair, District 3

MEMBERS ABSENT

Johnnie McAdams, Chief Superior Court Judge
Anthony Grimaldi, Local Mental Health Professional
Laura Trueman, Member-at-large

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Teresa Mobley, Coastal Horizons
Jane McDonald, Coastal Horizons

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Torbich called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Eberle gave the Invocation.

III. ATTENDANCE

Commission Member McAdams was absent.

Commission Member Trueman was absent.

Commission Member Grimaldi was absent.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman 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 (9 to 0).

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes – January 2nd, 2025, Regular Meeting

Commission Member Gunn made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the January 2nd, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Peers and passed unanimously (9 to 0).

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Staff Report

The Commission received an update from Olivia Jarvis, Health Educator, with Brunswick County Health Services on Projects & Training Updates. There are no updates to share regarding trainings, but a reminder was given to members present regarding the Community Health Needs Assessment Kick-Off meeting scheduled for Friday, February 7th, at 9am in the Brunswick Community College auditorium meeting room. Brief input from David Howard, Health Director, with Brunswick County Health Services explaining the CHNA process to members present who may not be familiar with it.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. No Public Hearing Scheduled.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Meeting Assignments

The draft survey for Commission members was completed and sent out by staff. Approval was received, and a final version was established. Commission members then spent time for all present to complete the survey to ensure feedback was gathered from members.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Future Efforts

Commission members expressed desire and need for a schedule/calendar to show their process and timelines for focus topics, updates to the Board of Commissioners, and outside groups coming to present. Staff will work on this schedule/calendar and will draft up an outline for groups who come present to streamline the meeting/presentation process during Commission meetings.

Commission members are hopeful these efforts will create meaningful community collaboration.

XI. BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

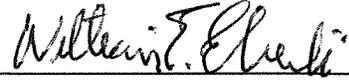
1. No appointments at this time.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Commission members were tasked to bring a list of organizations or groups to invite to present at future meetings. Discussion continued regarding the development of materials to streamline the process for members.

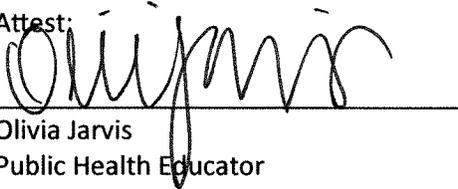
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Eberle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Gomes and passed unanimously (9 to 0).



William Eberle, Vice-Chair
Brunswick County Substance Use, Addiction, &
Mental Health Commission

Attest:



Olivia Jarvis
Public Health Educator