



MEETING MINUTES

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

JULY 3RD, 2025
5:00 PM

The Brunswick County SUBSTANCE USE, ADDICTION, & MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION met in Regular Session on July 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 Gunn, District 5
Josh Torbich, Chair, District 2
Jennifer Faircloth, Board of Education
William Eberle, Vice-Chair, District 3
Emma Long, Sheriff's Office
Jeremy Seamon, Member-at-large
Cecelia Peers, Trillium Regional Director

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Grimaldi, Local Mental Health Professional
Laura Trueman, Member-at-large
Johnnie McAdams, Chief Superior Court Judge
Charles Francka, District 4

OTHERS PRESENT

Tracy, Community Member
Brian Mingia, Executive Director, The Healing Place

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 5:01 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Eberle gave the Invocation.

III. ATTENDANCE

Commission Member Grimaldi was absent.

Commission Member Trueman was absent.

Commission Member McAdams 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 Gunn and passed unanimously (8 to 0).

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes – June 5th, 2025, Regular Meeting

Commission Member Gomes made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the June 5th, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Eberle and passed unanimously (8 to 0).

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tracy, Community Member, introduced himself and shared that he was in attendance due to his personal experience and interest regarding substance use and county activities.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Staff Report

Olivia Jarvis, Health Educator, shared a summary of the enCompass training that took place on Saturday, June 28th, 2025, at CRCI Grant’s Harbor in Shallotte. The next enCompass community training is scheduled for November 1st, 2025, at CRCI Grant’s Harbor in Shallotte.

2. The Healing Place of New Hanover County

Brian Mingia, Executive Director of The Healing Place of NHC, was present to share about the programming, services, and environment offered. He gave a walkthrough of the timeline of the program, what a “day in the life” of a participant looks like, and opportunities offered to

participants. Commission members expressed desire to visit The Healing Place, tentative dates were set for August 4th or August 11th. Ms. Jarvis will coordinate and share information for anyone who would like to attend.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

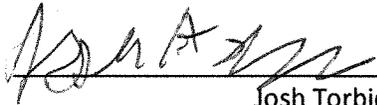
X. BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

1. Chair Torbich shared survey and first data sets from CRCI's Social Determinants of Health Survey they are partnering with UNC to conduct. Discussion followed based on data presented.

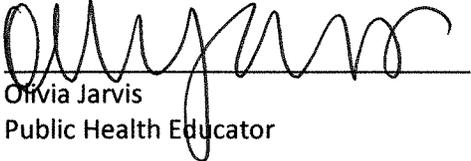
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Seamon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Eberle and passed unanimously (8 to 0).



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

Attest:



Olivia Jarvis
Public Health Educator