



MEETING MINUTES

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

OCTOBER 2ND, 2025
5:00 PM

The Brunswick County SUBSTANCE USE, ADDICTION, & MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION met in regular session on October 2nd, 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

Charles Francka, District 4
Kate Gomes, District 1
Josh Torbich, District 2
Jeremy Seamon, Member-at-large
Cecelia Peers, Vice-Chair, Trillium Regional Director
William Eberle, Chair, District 3
Emma Long, Sheriff's Office
Laura Trueman, Member-at-large
Johnnie McAdams, Chief Superior Court Judge

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Grimaldi, Local Mental Health Professional
Jennifer Faircloth, Board of Education
Jeremy Gunn, District 5

STAFF PRESENT

David Howard, Health Director
Olivia Jarvis, Health Educator

OTHERS PRESENT

Teresa Dubose, Coastal Horizons
Mia Goetz, The Healing Place NHC

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eberle called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Eberle gave the Invocation.

III. ATTENDANCE

Commission Member Grimaldi was absent.

Commission Member Faircloth was absent.

Commission Member Gunn was absent.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Eberle asked for adjustments to the agenda. Hearing none, Commission Member Gomes made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Trueman and passed unanimously (9 to 0).

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes – September 11th, 2025, Special Meeting

Commission Member Torbich made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the September 11th, 2025, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Seamon and passed unanimously (9 to 0).

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Staff Report

Olivia Jarvis, Health Educator, shared that her last day at Brunswick County Health Services is October 9th, and that staffing changes will be coming. Planning has begun for the enCompass training on November 1st, 2025 and registration will be opening the following week. Staff also noted that the January 2026 meeting date needs to be addressed. A motion was made by Commission Member Seamon to change the January 2026 meeting date from January 1st, 2026, to January 8th, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Gomes and passed unanimously (9 to 0). Staff will follow up closer to the meeting date on if a public notice will be necessary.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

1. Discussion followed regarding the plan for the Treatment presentation. It was determined that the slides will be submitted to David Howard, Health Director, by end of day on Monday, October 6th for review and submission to the agenda for the October 20th BOC meeting. Commission Members Seamon and Gomes, and Vice-Chair Peers will be giving the presentation.
2. Discussion on the purpose of the NCACCNC Opioid Settlement Academy and the Brunswick County team. This led to discussion regarding an upcoming training being held by Durham County Public Health regarding Youth Overdose Awareness, and the need for more trainings/resources relevant to youth in the area. Discussion continued and turned to the topic of naloxone distribution and strategies for effective distribution.

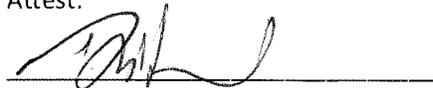
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Trueman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Chair Eberle and passed unanimously (9 to 0).



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

Attest:



David Howard
Health Director