



MEETING MINUTES

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

November 6th, 2025
5:00 PM

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

David Howard, Health Director
Rachel Crowder, Health Educator II
Erika Booth, Community Paramedic

OTHERS PRESENT

Teresa Dubose, Coastal Horizons

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 5:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Member Torbich gave the Invocation.

III. ATTENDANCE

Commission Member Grimaldi was absent.

Commission Member Seamon was absent.

Commission Member McAdams was absent.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Eberle asked for adjustments to the agenda. Hearing none, Commission Member Torbich 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 – October 2nd, 2025, Special Meeting

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Staff Report

David Howard, Health Director, shared an update on how the treatment presentation went, noting that the Commissioners seemed receptive to the information presented. He emphasized the need to begin planning for the Annual Report Presentation and stated that staff can prepare a data report for the next meeting. The enCompass training was also discussed, including its cancellation on November 1, 2025. The training is being restructured, with hopes of scheduling another training for the new year.

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 Annual Recommendations presentation. It was determined that the Commission would present at the February 16th BOC meeting. Commission Members Long and Trueman, along with Vice-Chair Peers, will be giving the presentation. Vice-Chair Peers suggested reviewing last year's annual presentation at the next meeting.
2. Commission Members Long and Torbich discussed the NCACC NC Opioid Settlement Academy. Commission Member Long expressed interest in sharing an update about the academy during the Annual Commission presentation. A discussion followed regarding Narcan distribution in the county and a release kit the jail is developing to provide resources to individuals upon their release.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Torbich moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 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

