

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE  
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
March 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. The following members were present:

Ms. Melody Bass  
Mr. William Eberle  
Ms. Kathleen Gomes  
Mr. Wesley Hickman  
Cpt. Stephen Lanier  
Ms. Kenya Corley (for Resea Willis)  
Mr. Joshua Torbich

2. Members absent:

Ms. Catherine Cooke  
Mr. Eric Gushue

3. Health Services staff present

Allison Campbell, Health Services Health Educator

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission was called to order by Cpt. Stephen Lanier, Chairman at 6:00 p.m. in the Health Services Board Room (Building A).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cpt. Stephen Lanier asked for public comments. Public comment was provided by Haley Babson representing Coastal South Eastern United Care. Ms. Babson present the agency's intent to develop residential bed for short term housing for individual with SUD and MH issues who are (or intend to be) clients of their agency. They will acquire to 2 duplex homes. One will house up to four homeless females, the other will house up to four homeless males at a time. This will be grant funded.

**REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS**

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes accepted and approved (Hickman/Eberle) as submitted.

- B. **Agenda Adjustments:** There were no adjustments.
- C. **Review of Monthly Data:**
  - 1. **State Opioid Reports** – no report .
  - 2. **Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Reports** -Captain Lanier shared that arrests were very high in February, and mostly due to possession/sale of methamphetamine. He reported that there had been 1 Naloxone reversal and 1 overdose death.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Substance Use Media Campaign:** Allison Campbell updated the committee on progress. The media campaign has been submitted to county leadership for approval and funding. Several of the "chosen locations" have been purchased by another business, and therefore comparable locations may need to be selected.
- B. **"Celebrate Recovery" Event:** Discussion included the need to obtain some funding for material to hand out at the various events, and Ms. Bass suggested that these include resources.
- C. **Detox in the County:** CPT. Lanier posed the question of ways to determine and prove the need for a detox in the community, and suggested contacting providers in the county about how many individuals were needing detox in order to justify the need. Mr. Torbich stated that every one of the calls he gets involves the need for detox, and that his organization utilizes 4 different detoxes around the state. This involves driving individuals to the site, once a bed is found. The individual then returns to BCRC for residential. Ms. Gomes shared about how a staff member from Oceanside Family Counseling had taken a person to Greenville (Walter B. Jones) that very day. Mr. Lanier asked what is the impact on agencies when they have to do this (what would that staff person be doing if they were not driving someone to detox). Ms. Gomes suggested a "point in time" episode to ask agencies including the hospitals, to track detox referrals.

Motion to move to new business (BE, WH)

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention Summit:** Mr. Eberle stated that he intends to attend the Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention Summit being held in Raleigh on June 11-12 . Mr. Hickman stated that he would accompany him . Information can be obtained on line from DHHS  
<https://files.constantcontact.com/023aa8ab001/9a04541d-099b-4ac0-9176-f70e101fc781.pdf>

**B. Open Discussion on Substance Use Matters:** Bill Eberly presents an idea about reaching community members and building awareness. Mr. Hickman presented a brief article he had written and he is setting up meetings with staff from the Brunswick Beacon and State Port Pilot to begin a publishing arrangement. Mr. Eberle will also attend an upcoming meeting with the Beacon staff. Mr. Eberle encouraged other committee members to write articles.

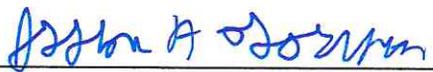
**C. Grant:** Mr. Torbich presented information on a federal grant which could provide funding to track available resources in the county. It needs to be a multiagency grant. The grant writer could not attend the meeting, but will provide more information regarding this 11million dollar grant at the next meeting.

### COMMISSION INPUTS:

Notes for the April meeting - Solidify plans and identify key players to attend events in the community, and to determine needs for publicity. Follow up on progress with Media Campaign. Follow up on funding from Commissioners for BCSADC projects.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Move to adjourn (Lanier/Gomes). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **April 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

**Brunswick County  
Substance Use and Addiction Commission  
Attendance Roster 2018-2019**

NAME	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Bass	X	*	X	X	X			
Cooke	X	*	X					
Eberle	X	*	X	X	X			
Gomes	X	*	X	X	X			
Gushue	X	*		X				
Hickman	X	*	X	X	X			
Lanier	X	*	X	X	X			
Torbich	X	*	X	X-sub	X			
Willis	X	*	X-sub	X	X-sub			

O = Off Board

X = In Attendance

X-sub= sent representative

Blank Space = Absent

Quorum = 5 members present

^ = Specially Called Meeting

\* = No Meeting