

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
April 5, 2019 6:10 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:

Mr. William Eberle
Ms. Kathleen Gomes
Mr. Wesley Hickman
Ms. Catherine Cooke
Mr. Eric Gushue
Ms. Kenya Corley (for Resea Willis)
Mr. Joshua Torbich

2. Members absent:

Ms. Melody Bass
Cpt. Stephen Lanier

3. Health Services staff present

Cris Harrelson, Brunswick County Health Services Director
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 Joshua Torbich at 6:10 p.m. in the Health Services Board Room (Building A).

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public comment

REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes accepted and approved (Eberle/Cooke) as submitted.
- B. **Agenda Adjustments:** There were no adjustments.

C. Review of Monthly Data:

1. **State Opioid Reports** – Opioid statistics passed round for review. Report indicated 5 Opioid overdoses in quarter 4 of 2018; 18 multiple provider episodes in quarter 4 of 2018, 80 opioid related deaths in 2018; 12 Naloxone reversals in quarter 4; 346 uninsured or Medicaid covers individuals served by treatment providers in quarter 4
2. **Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Reports** – No report

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Substance Use Media Campaign:** Commission members were informed that the County Commissioners did not agree with the plan for billboards, believing that this approach has not worked in the past. Discussion continued about alternatives including using some of the same posters and SAMHSA media, but to use this on social media instead. Plan was made to generate posters with tear out off phone numbers to be placed in restaurants, stores, and especially dressing rooms and bathrooms for people to increase visibility. Discussion further recommended (JT) that the commission should receive an email with the verbiage of these posters, since (KC) expressed concerns about the targeted individuals and a sending the wrong message. Suggestion to utilized (piggyback) with the national "Take Back" campaign in April Motion (WH / WE)
- B. Recovery Community Campaign:** 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. Chris asked for suggestions from committee about specific items recommended, and stated that he would either use existing funding, or request additional funding in the next fiscal year. Chris stated that he needed to know by the end of April.
- C. Public Awareness in the County** Mr. Eberle shared that the first articles should be showing in the Brunswick Beacon soon, but that the editor wanted several articles submitted before he would begin. Mr. Eberle encouraged commission members to select topics and put together an article. There are currently two articles (Hickman/ Gomes)
- D. 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. Mr. Eberle discussed seeking permission to hand out folders with Opioid Toolkit information to clergy who attend. <https://files.constantcontact.com/023aa8ab001/9a04541d-099b-4ac0-9176-f70e101fc781.pdf>

Motion to move to new Business (Torbish/Cooke)

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Opioid Toolkit:** Mr. Harrelson reviewed several on line resources which provide good information. These include NACCHO (National Association of City and County Health Officials, and NC Essential Actions to Address Opioid Epidemic <https://nc-essential-local-actions/home>
- B. Funding opportunity 82 Rural Communities Opioid Response Program: 4SA-19-0** Mr. Torbish explain the opportunity, and offered for his grant writer to Begin work. Suggestion was to use the money to provide support for the Commission to become able to better track the need in the community for treatment services including DETOX
- C. Joint Meeting with BC Board of Commissioners:** Commission members would like to clarify what the County Commissioners would like to see as products of the BC Substance Use and Addiction Commission. Mr. Harrelson explained the need to be clear with any request for a meeting and will seek approval from county administration when ready. Members explained that they are seeking to address questions such as “Is a Detox facility something the County Commission wants or would support?”, “Do they want us to put articles in the paper?” Request will be made for a meeting with 2 Board Members and 2 Commissioners once the Commission members are chosen and the request is made of Mr. Harrelson.
- D. Proposal for Committee Subgroups** Mr. Eberle presented a proposal to streamline committee work by creating sub groups such as:
1. Treatment and Ongoing Recovery sub group
 2. Public Awareness Sub group
 3. Prevention sub group
- Discussion was tabled to be reviewed at the next meeting.

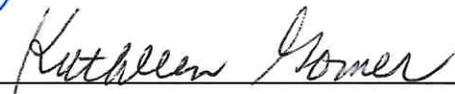
COMMISSION INPUTS None

ADJOURNMENT Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 Motion by (Cooke/Hickman)

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **May 2, 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			X		
Eberle	X	*	X	X	X	X		
Gomes	X	*	X	X	X	X		
Gushue	X	*		X		X		
Hickman	X	*	X	X	X	X		
Lanier	X	*	X	X	X			
Torbich	X	*	X	X-sub	X	X		
Willis	X	*	X-sub	X	X-sub	X-sub		

O = Off Board

X = In Attendance

X-sub= sent representative

Blank Space = Absent

Quorum = 5 members present

^ = Specially Called Meeting

*** = No Meeting**