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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE
AND ADDICTION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
January 2, 2020 5:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:
 - Cpt. Stephen Lanier
 - Ms. Kathleen Gomes
 - Ms. Catherine Cooke
 - Mr. Joshua Torbich
 - Mr. Eric Gushue
 - Ms. Heather Strickland
 - Ms. Cynthia Cheatham
 - Mr. Wesley Hickman (on conference call)
 - Mr. (Rev) William Eberle

2. Members absent:

3. Health Services staff present
 - Allison Campbell, Health Services Health Educator
 - Cris Harrelson, Brunswick County Health Services Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission was called to order by Cpt. Stephen Lanier at 5:05 PM in the Health Services Board Room (Building A).

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for November 7, 2019 meeting accepted and approved (Cooke /Torbich) with no changes)

- B. **Agenda Adjustments:** None

C. Review of Monthly Data:

1. State Opioid Reports –No Report.

2. Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Reports Cpt. Lanier reported statistics for year end included 698 felony arrests, 294 misdemeanor arrests: 2019 totals included confiscation of 5452 units of heroin, (52 Heroin arrests), 842g of methamphetamine, 1019 grams of cocaine. Comparison with 2018 statistics indicated that felony arrests rose 35%, while fewer units of heroin were seized, indicating that the increased number of arrests has decreased the supply of heroin on the street, and individual sellers were in possession of fewer units. The overdose death rate has gone from **22** in 2017 to **9** in 2018, to **6** in 2019 indicating that efforts have been effective in reducing deaths from overdose. However, there were **two** overdose deaths over the Christmas break this year (not certain of the chemical). Mr. Hickman questioned if there were any statistics regarding illicit use of Buprenorphine. Cpt. Lanier stated that diversion is definitely happening, however he had no numbers. Mr. Hickman shared that the price of Buprenorphine is quite high, and that local pharmacies have done some price fixing to limit diversion risk. Mr. Eberle suggested that this information needs to be presented to the County Commissioners

OLD BUSINESS

A. Detox Sub-Group (Joshua Torbich, lead)

1. Mr. Torbich reported that the new Southern Regional Director, Dennis Williams has met with Mr. Harrelson. There has been no further meeting. RHA's interest in opening a detox in the county is still strong. Mr. Torbich met with Mr. Self (owner of the Old Hospital), and he is open to using a portion of the old hospital for a Facility Based Crisis with Trillium support (hopefully). His plan will be released in the next few months, and he appears to be focused on substance use disorders, but still dedicated to veterans.

B. Outreach Sub- Group (Bill Eberle, lead).

1. Newspaper Articles Mr. Eberle requested one article from the Sheriffs' department on the Anchor Initiative, and one from another source identifying the cost of addiction on the county. Mr. Eberle offered the committee a presentation of the film "Resiliency" which he borrowed for the meeting. The film was presented in the last portion of the meeting, for those members who could stay later than planned. Mr. Eberle will attend a presentation in Southport to educate some clergy and lay ministers regarding Substance Use. Ms. Gomes will assist. Mr. Torbich questioned what was being done about vaping in and educating middle schoolers. Ms. Cooke reported that had been a presentation to parents in the Leland schools last fall.

2. Media campaign. Mr. Harrelson stated that nothing had change regarding the poster campaign. Cpt. Lanier shared about the new coins which are being given out to anyone in contact with the Anchor Initiative. (supplies were offered

to commission members as well). The coins have the phone number on them to call to get assistance. Capt. Lanier also brought samples of coins which are given out to those individuals who both engage and complete some treatment event through the Anchor Initiative

C. Public Awareness in the County (Lanier, lead) Outreach Related Activities:

Cpt. Lanier lead discussion of the group identifying key buttons for the app being developed. This phase is still being investigated.

Motion to move to new Business (Gushue /Cooke)

NEW BUSINESS

A. No new business discussed. Meeting adjourned to watch Resilience film.

ADJOURNMENT: Move to adjourn (Cooke/ Eberle). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM to watch film. Members stayed as long as they were able to see the entire presentation.

The next Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting will be held on **February 6, 2019 at 5 PM**, in the BCHS Board Room.

COMMISSION INPUTS: None reported


_____ Chairperson


_____ Secretary

**Brunswick County
Substance Use and Addiction Commission
Attendance Roster 2019-2020**

NAME	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Cooke	*	X	X	X	X	*	X					
Eberle	*		X			*	X					
Gomes	*	X	X	X	X	*	X					
Gushue	*			X	X	*	X					
Hickman	*				X	*	X					
Lanier	*	X		X	X	*	X					
Torbish	*	X	X	X	X	*	X					
Strickland	*		X	X	X	*	X					
Cheatham	*		X	X	X	*	X					
Riley	*		X			*						

O = Off Board

X = In Attendance

Blank Space = Absent

X-sub= sent representative

^ = Specially Called Meeting

* = No Meeting

Quorum = 5 members present

Attendance Roster 2018-2019

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