



Opioid Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Historic Courthouse Conference Room
Thursday, February 13, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Denise Khouri, Selina Jarvis, Dr. Barbara Courtney, Allison Sholar, Jesse Taylor, DJ Kophazy, Karen Tejano

Members Absent: Kaylee Bynum

Other Attendees: Rebecca Gay, Samantha Hurd, Chief Melton, Deputy Chief Lane,

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Khouri at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Barbara Courtney made a motion to approve the agenda; Selina Jarvis seconded, and the motion carried.

Approval of November 14, 2024 Minutes

Rebecca Gay noted that Jesse Taylor is a Lieutenant, not Sergeant. Selina Jarvis made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2024 meeting with recommended change. DJ Kophazy seconded, and the motion carried.

Administrative Report

1. Opioid Program Coordinator Position Status – Rebecca Gay shared that three applicants were interviewed and a recommendation for hire was forthcoming. The intent is to have the position filled prior to the next board meeting.
2. Budget Report – Rebecca Gay reviewed the budget and shared the NC Opioid Settlement Dashboard.

New Business

1. Drug Court – Lt. Taylor introduced Assistant District Attorney Amber Younce. Ms. Younce shared information about Dare County Recovery Court. Dare County appropriates settlement funds to the recovery court. Individuals accepted into the program have pled guilty to their drug charge and are placed on probation for recovery court. Program guidelines provided by Ms. Younce are included in the minutes.
2. Request for administrative report regarding statistics and trends from Currituck County Fire-EMS and Currituck County Sheriff's Office – Chair Khouri shared her desire to have an administrative report for Fire-EMS and CCSO. The board determined that a quarterly report is sufficient. Chief Deputy Lane stated that there were 46 drug overdoses with Narcan administered in 2024. Samantha Hurd also suggested reviewing the data that Amy Underhill previously provided for the task force.
3. Community Resource Binder – Chair Khouri shared the Community Resource Binder developed by EMS provider Jennifer Hoit.

Member Reports

Selina Jarvis shared that she is attending the NC Summit on Reducing Overdose. Barbara Courtney discussed the \$835 million in investments allocated by the General Assembly in 2023 to transform the state's behavioral health system to better support the overall health and well-being of all North Carolinians and expressed an interest in Crisis Intervention Training.

Adjourn

DJ Kophazy made a motion to adjourn, and Selina Jarvis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.