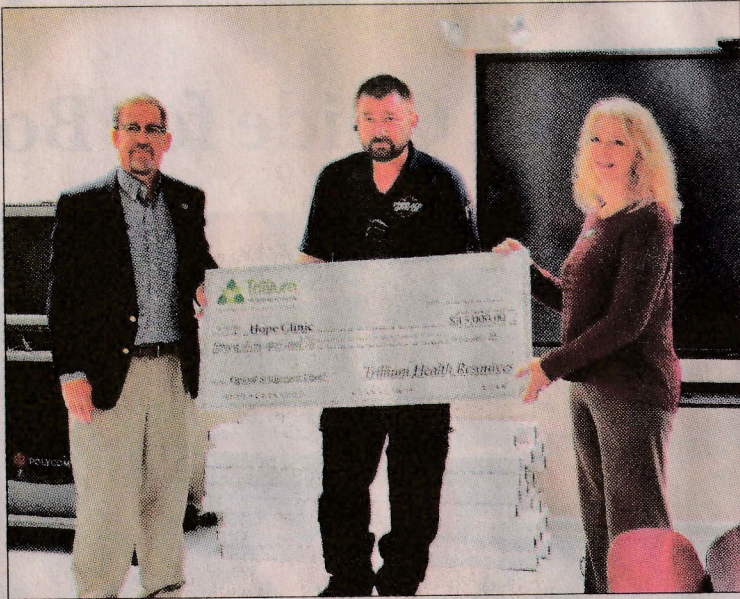


Hope Clinic Receives Grant

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(L to R) Dave Peterson of Trillium Health Resources, T. W. Harris, Chief of the Pamlico County Rescue Squad, Yolanda Cristiani, Director of The Hope Clinic

On Tuesday of last week, Dave Peterson, Senior Regional Director of Trillium Health Resources presented a check to the Hope Clinic of Pamlico County representing a \$15,000 grant awarded to the organization. The funds were from North Carolina's historic \$26 billion agreement that will help bring desperately needed resources to communities harmed by the opioid epidemic. The agreement resolves litigation over the role of four companies in creating and fueling the opioid epidemic. The agreement also requires significant industry changes that will help prevent

this type of crisis from ever happening again. The funds that the Hope Clinic were awarded will be used in two ways. Ten thousand dollars will go to purchase Narcan for the Pamlico County Rescue Squad. Hope Clinic's pharmacy will be able to buy from wholesalers and will purchase approximately 170 boxes (or 340 doses) of Narcan. Often, more than one dose has to be used per overdose. The other \$5000 will go towards Hope Clinic's New Beginnings program, to provide sustainability for the program with the purchase of marketing or advertising materials, materials for community outreach for mobile clinics as well as local events, for drug urine testing materials to enable rapid analysis of opioids and other drugs, and for patient educational materials to aid in their recovery journey. Mr. Peterson made the presentation to the Executive Director of the Hope Clinic, Yolanda Cristiani and Chief of the Pamlico County Rescue Squad, T. W. Harris. Also in attendance were Gary York of the Pamlico County Rescue Squad, Dr. Joseph Overby, Medical Director of Hope Clinic, Hope Clinic board members Aimee Schulze and Becky Whittemore, PCHD Heath Director Melanie Campen, and Hope Clinic staff members Gwen Gibbs, Kim Stewart, and April Brodeur.