

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
December 15, 2020 – 6:00p.m.  
1235 RAMSEY STREET, THIRD, GO TO MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Connette McMahon, Chair  
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist, Vice Chair  
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian  
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse  
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer  
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist  
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician  
Ms. Sonja Council, Public Representative  
Mrs. Stacy Cox, Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner  
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director  
Mrs. Candice York, Accountant  
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health Director  
Mr. Adrian Jones, Environmental Services Manager  
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director  
Ms. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director  
Mr. Christopher Jacobs – Opioid Coordinator  
Mr. Travis Greer – Regional Tobacco Prevention  
Ms. Melissia Larson – NC Harm Reduction, Law Enforcement Assisted  
Diversion Coordinator

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Dr. Connette McMahon welcomed all guests and called the meeting to order. Introductions were given. A moment of silence was taken.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: Ms. Sonja Council moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Agenda  
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney  
VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

**B. Approval of November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Dr. Olusola Ojo moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
SECOND: Ms. Stacy Cox  
VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

**C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021**

MOTION: Sonja Council moved to nominate Dr. Olusola Ojo for Chair for 2021

SECOND: Mr. John Larch  
VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

MOTION: Mr. John Larch moved to nominate Dr. Cynthia McArthur -Kearney for Vice  
Chair 2021

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo  
VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

### **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Public Comment**

Dr. McMahon opened the floor for public comments at 6:10p.m. There being no public comments registered, Dr. McMahon closed the floor for public comment at 6:11 p.m.

#### **B. Financial Reports**

Mrs. Candice York presented her financial reports. The statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing November 30, 2020, exceeded our expenditures of \$130,847.51. Expenditures by programs are at 33.88% reporting as of November 30, 2020. We have collected 34.44% of Medicaid fees which are above budget of 33%. Overall, we are on track with the budget.

#### **C. Environmental Health Report**

Adrian Jones presented a report reflecting statistics regarding services that the staff of Environmental Health (EH) Department facilitate each month. The Environmental Health Department currently staffs 1 Director, 14 Inspectors/Field Staff and 3 Administrative Support. In 2020, the EH Department participated in septic/well visits, soil evaluations, septic/well permits, septic system repair visits, water samples, pool permits, pool inspections, solid waster permits/inspections, tattoo permits/inspections, as well as food, childcare and lodging and investigated complaints from citizens.

#### **D. Update on Opioid Use**

Christopher Jacobs, our new Human Services Planner and Evaluator, discussed his role as our new Cumberland-Fayetteville Opioid Response Team (C-FORT) coordinator in Cumberland County. C-FORT holds monthly virtual meetings and is a federal grant-funded program. Currently the C-FORT has a healthy committee that is assessing the current referral and discharge process of Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) providers. The Safe Committee implemented 3 new mobile syringe exchange sites and the Support Committee is working on a plan for recovery ready community and is moving forward with those plans now.

E. Tobacco Policy Update

Travis Greer, our Region 6 Tobacco Control Manager, gave an update on our current progress with the resolution the Board signed to support Tobacco free government grounds, in vehicles, indoor public places including electronic devices. Travis presented statistical information regarding the increase in smoking with teens in Cumberland County. Dr. Green and Mr. Duane Holder will facilitate meetings with commissioners for education and consultation on policy options to see if there is support to expand the regulation. Travis will attend and present at the Mayor's Coalition in January to lay the foundation and gain understanding. The Board of Health will then review model tobacco free policies; determine deal breakers and what their ideal policy is and what is our why? Travis will also assemble and consult Tobacco Free Committee made up of current partners and stakeholders. The timeline for tobacco free policy adoption include creating a draft policy/implementation plan, share with partners and stakeholders for input. Revisit and revise accordingly based on feedback and communication and enforcement plan. Implement a strategic communication plan on smoking and health, harms of secondhand smoke. The next steps would be to release policy for public comment vote on Board of Health (BOH) agenda and present Board of Health Tobacco Free Rule before the County Commissioners for review.

F. Director's Report

Dr. Green presented statistical data for Cumberland County. As of December 14, 2020, there are 11,331 positive cases in the county. Of those, 10,996 are molecular positive cases and 335 are antigen positive cases. In the last 7 days we added 477 cases, with an average case of 66.1 daily. Our case positivity rate is 11.4% which puts our county in the critical red stage. As of 12/11/2020, we have had 128 deaths and 9,428 recovered. Vaccine distribution prioritization framework is as follows: 1A and 1B will be in phase 1. 1A will be health care workers at high risk for COVID-19 exposure based on work duties or vital to the initial COVID vaccine response. Phase 1B will be adults with high risk of complications per CDC and staff of congregate living settings. Next stages are phase 2, phase 3 and phase 4. In preparation for COVID-19 vaccination, we will be training staff on NC DHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Management System (CVMS). We will be preparing to receive COVID-19 vaccines by verifying storage capacity for dry ice, verifying supplies and verifying availability of dry ice. Our staff will prepare communications, and also vaccinate staff working the vaccination clinics when it becomes available.



D. Membership Roster/Attendance Roster

Dr. McMahon asked the Board to review the attendance roster and let it be known if there were any errors.

E. Board Member Comments

Dr. Fleishman congratulated Melissia for her leadership with Opioid and welcomed Chris and thanked him for his excellent job so far.

Mr. Duane Holder congratulated the entire health department for their continued efforts with this public health crisis and said he will continue to advocate for resources.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to adjourn.

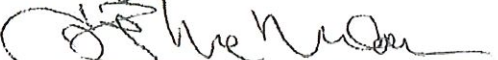
SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

1/18/2021  
Date

  
Dr. Connetta McMahon, Chair

1-19-2021  
Date