

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
November 17, 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
Candice York, Accountant
Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health Director
Kevin Smith, IS Technical Support Specialist
Adrian Jones, Environmental Services Manager
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director
Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director

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 October 20, 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. Approval of 2021 Board of Health Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Dr. Olusola Ojo moved to approve the 2021 Board of Health Meeting Schedule
SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi
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 October 31, 2020, exceeded our expenditures of \$210,010.23. Expenditures by programs are at 26.21% reporting as of October 31, 2020. We have collected 34.24% of Medicaid fees which are above budget of 33%. Overall, we are on track with the budget.

C. Immunization/Flu Clinic Report

Dr. Krystle Vinson reviewed numbers from our flu clinic. Dr. Vinson stated that at this time in 2019, they vaccinated 432 shots, as of today we have done 264 flu shots. We have done many drive-through clinics through our outreach clinics at various businesses. Dr. Vinson shared upcoming flu shot clinics that the Health Department will provide.

D. Annual Review of Local Health Director's Job Description

Dr. Green asked the Board to do a review of her job description and make any suggestions for edits, and she will take any changes back to Human Resources. Dr. McMahon asked if some of the requirements in the job description derived from what the state requires. Dr. Green explained that requirements from the state are incorporated in the job description under job qualifications.

E. Public Health Accreditation Training – Benchmark 39

Ashley Curtice presented Benchmark 39: The local Board of Health shall assure the availability of resources to implement the essential services described in G.S. 130A-34-1(e)(2). Ashley explained that this law can be implemented by doing the following:

- Monitoring health status to identify community health problems.
- Diagnosing and investigating health hazards in the community.
- Informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues.
- Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
- Developing policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
- Linking people to needed personal health care services and assuring the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
- Assuring a competent public health workforce and personal health care workforce.
- Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services and conducting research.

F. External Reports and Audits

Dr. Green presented the Women's Health Branch accreditation letter for the Board to review. We are meeting all the requirements from the women's health branch. Dr. Green reviewed all the dates of review and monitoring and a discussion on suggested programs were discussed with Board members. Dr. McMahon asked why we only offered 5 state suggested programs out of 20 that were listed. Dr. Vinson stated that we do not have funding for all programs. When the new cycle comes out, different counties will get funded for programs. Dr. McMahon asked that we investigate some of the funding possibilities for Infant Mortality Reduction when the cycle comes around again. Dr. Green will research the programs and bring back more information to the next meeting regarding possibilities of getting grant funding for more programs.

G. Director's Report:

- A. Dr. Green presented COVID-19 cases in Cumberland County data. Total cases to date are 8,261. Numbers in Cumberland County are increasing daily. In the last 7 days: 477 cases, in the last 14 days: 913 cases. There have been days that we have had more than 100 cases a day. Slides were presented showing weekly case trends by age, with most cases among the 25-49 age group. Our target is 5% and today we are at 8.8%, and we are targeted to test 5% of our population monthly which is roughly 4,200 tests weekly. Dr. Green spoke on testing sites that were being set up to help assist testing the community before the Thanksgiving holiday. Our vaccination provider agreement was approved and at this time we are in the planning stages awaiting to hear about a timeframe to receive these limited doses and plan to vaccinate the high-risk patients. The state will prepare a packet about the safety of the vaccine and when we get those packets, our Public Information Office (PIO) team will push the information out to the public in conjunction with Cape Fear Valley Health System. Dr. Green spoke about the Executive Order Violations and stated it is not enforceable by local law enforcement in the jurisdiction where the violation occurred. The state health department has provided us with template letters that we are sending out when we get complaints. Dr. Green spoke about the metrics report for Cumberland County and alert system level that came out today from the State Health Department. Cumberland County is an orange county and instructions were given to help slow the spread of COVID such as utilizing take out instead of eating in restaurants, limit mixing households together, limit bars and nightclubs, limit public interactions. G.S. 130A-39 authorizes a local Board of health to adopt rules that are necessary to protect and promote the public health. Board members discussed the issues that our community is facing with COVID. The Board discussed the fact that people are tired, they do not take the virus seriously and feel that the Board does not advise adopting any rules at this time.

- B. Dr. Green spoke about the state receiving funding from the State to expand statewide network of Child funding in a regional matter – will work on the enforcement side.
- C. Dr. Green asked the Board if Travis – our Regional Tobacco Control Manager can present to the Mayor's council meeting in January to share more information about what the abilities are to pass no smoking ordinances within and outside the counties. The Board agreed to have him represent at this meeting. We will invite Travis back to this meeting to discuss what steps we need to take to bring back to the commissioners.

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. McMahon asked about the resolution of support for no smoking and the group discussed next steps to take to get an ordinance passed about no smoking. John Larch asked how we can pass rules related to tobacco ordinances only in unincorporated areas. Dr. McMahon said with the ending of the year, it will be time next month to vote for chair and vice chair positions.

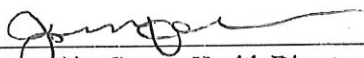
The Board of Health agreed upon a request for public comments on the Health Department's Strategic Plan. A request for public comment was included on this agenda. The request for public comment will also be placed on the Health Department website on behalf of the Board of Health.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6pm.

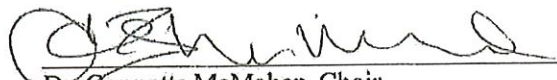
ADJOURNMENT

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

12/17/2020
Date


Dr. Connette McMahon, Chair

12-6-2020
Date