

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
March 16, 2021 – 6:00p.m.  
1235 RAMSEY STREET, THIRD, GO TO MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist, Chair  
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse, Vice Chair  
Dr. Connette McMahon, General Public Representative  
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer  
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist  
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner  
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist  
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician  
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Sonja Council, Public Representative  
Mrs. Stacy Cox, Public Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director  
Mrs. Candice York, Accountant  
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health Director  
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director  
Ms. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director  
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Dr. Olusola Ojo 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: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting  
Agenda  
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney  
VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

B. Approval of February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting  
Minutes  
SECOND: Dr. Kingsley Momodu  
VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

C. Approval of Health Department Strategic Plan

MOTION: Mr. John Larch III moved to approve the Health Department Strategic Plan

SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

D. Approval of 2022 Budget

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the 2022 Budget

SECOND: Dr. Connette McMahon

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Public Comment

Dr. Ojo opened the floor for public comments at 6:10p.m. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Ojo 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 February 28, 2021, exceeded our expenditures of \$477,349.36. Expenditures by programs are at 53.17% reporting as of February 28, 2021. We have earned 57.43% revenue for State and Federal allocations and 24.88% for Grants as of February 28, 2021. Over-all we have earned 55.23% of revenue by source. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of February 28, 2021.

C. Director's Report

Dr. Green gave an update with our accreditation process. The Accreditation Board granted an additional accreditation extension of 12 months with our HDSAI now being due November 2021 with a site visit in 2022. The Board modified enforcement of the community health assessment requirement within 60 days of the end of State of Emergency. The Board did not modify enforcement of the State of the County Health Report which is being completed now. CCDPH is still working towards the accreditation process and will still meet activity requirements. Dr. Green gave an update on the Regional Community Health Assessment timeline with June-August 2021 – primary and secondary analysis completed. March- April 2021 – secondary data received from state. Mid- March-May 2021 – survey distributed to the community. Mid-September – primary/secondary data ready to share. October-November – share with key stakeholders in community/set health priorities. December 21-February 22 – Finalize report template. Dr. Green spoke about the overall status of Cumberland County COVID-19 cases being 357 in the last 7 days and 784 cases in the last 14 days. Our case positivity rate is 6.4%, hospitalizations are declining with 284 deaths total. The COVID-19 County Alert System shows our county is now

in Orange which is a lot less than where we were a month ago. Dr. Green discussed the priority groups that are being serviced and how the rollout opens for each additional group. Currently we have 9 providers that have vaccines in 15 different locations around the County. Dr. Green gave the link that NC now has for people to look up where to go to get their vaccines. Dr. Green reminded the Board that we are still vaccinating second doses only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays are first and second doses and Fridays are first does only in the am and stand by lane in the afternoon. There will be a special Saturday clinic March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm by appointments only. Patients can schedule their own appointments now or call a number for assistance to schedule. ID is not required, and the vaccine is free of charge, no insurance card will be needed. Our Public Information Office is working on videos with community voices about getting vaccinated. Transportation is available through the Community Transportation Program. We are also doing off-site clinics on our off -clinic days to long-term care facilities, homeless, detention center and places with individuals with intellectual disabilities. We are also trying to connect individuals to Mental Health Resources through HOPE4NC and Alliance Health. Dr. Green spoke about the Ebola Update. The CDC has been closely following the outbreaks of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Guinea and the state will monitor any travelers that come into the state of NC and notify us if we have a traveler coming into our county. If a traveler under monitoring develops symptoms consistent with Ebola, then the process is to refer them to assessment for the hospital. NC Care 360 is the first statewide coordinated care network to electronically connect those with identified needs to community resources and allow for a feedback loop. We are very excited about this coming to us over the next several months and our team is working hard to get this rolled out.

E. Membership Roster/Attendance Roster

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

F. Board Member Comments

Dr. McMahon asked how many patients we can vaccinate each day. Dr. Green said we have the capacity to do 1400 a day however with the no -show rate we are not averaging 1000 a day but each day varies. Demand was very high with the first couple of groups, and now the demand has dropped off especially with having more providers giving vaccines.

Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney asked if we have received Johnson and Johnson vaccine yet. Dr. Green explained that we have not received any yet, and if we did, we would like to use them for a special clinic targeting individuals that might have a hard time getting back for a second dose. Dr. Green suggests that people take whatever shot you have available, because we do not know when we will get Johnson and Johnson.

Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney also added that she is very proud of the work that Dr. Green and her staff have done with the COVID vaccinations.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Jeanette Council moved to adjourn.  
SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean  
VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Jennifer Green      4/12/2021  
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director      Date

Olusola Ojo      04/08/2021  
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair      Date