

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
May 18, 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
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner
Mrs. Stacy Cox, Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Sonja Council, Public Representative
Dr. Connette McMahon, General Public Representative
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director
Mr. Duane Holder, Deputy County Manager
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
Ms. Alba Natale, Public Health Nursing Supervisor I
Ms. Tamra Morris, Public Health Educator II

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. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH)
Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

B. Approval of April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Jeannette Council moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

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 April 30, 2021, exceeded our expenditures of \$557,966.82. Expenditures by programs are at 57.96% reporting as of April 30, 2021. We have earned 48.46% revenue for State and Federal allocations and 27.73% for Grants as of April 30, 2021. Over-all we have earned 56.91% of revenue by source. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of April 30, 2021.

C. Communicable Disease Annual Report

Alba Natale presented the Communicable Disease Annual Report, with most recent available county level data being from 2019. Cumberland County ranks #12 for high STI rates with #6 in the state for Chlamydia and #8 for Gonorrhea. Cumberland County ranked 6th in NC for newly diagnosed AIDS cases and 5th for HIV cases in 2019. Cumberland County has had 4 new cases of TB in 2021, 1 (INH) Resistant case (Relapse 2017, 2020, 2021), 3 health law violators, and 1 death prior to TB diagnosis in 2021. Moving forward, Ms. Natale said the Health Departments plans on increasing patient visits by 25% by the end of 2021 in the STI Clinic, increase and or improve community outreach through development of alternate outreach strategies, and actively seek grants as well as Legislative Priority: HB-61, which would increase communicable disease funding for local health departments. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provided template letters of support for HB 61. Board of Health members discussed support for the bill and directed Dr. Green to send letters supporting HB 61 to Cumberland County representatives in the State legislature.

D. Review of 2020 State of the County Health (SOTCH) Report

Ms. Tamra Morris spoke about the 2020 SOTCH. Update on CHIP - It has been difficult to implement the community health improvement plan due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program has been able to successfully adopt results-based accountability, transition CHIP from paper-based to web-based documents, set up results, indicators, programs, and performance measures in Clear Impact Scorecard. They have also been able to link to the Healthy NC 2030 Scorecard to create greater awareness of population accountability. COVID-19's impact on the CHA-CHIP-SOTCH process and the ability to work with partners and implement planned programs. Update on Morbidity and Mortality Changes since last CHA – COVID-19 is a disease that was identified in late 2019 and was declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020. COVID-19 is an international, national and NC public health emergency. The Cumberland County Department of Public Health reports 272 Cumberland County residents died from the Coronavirus. There have been 23,911 cases reported since the onset of the pandemic. Vaccination data was reviewed by 1st dose and 2nd dose, ethnicity as well as deaths by race. Many emerging issues since the last CHA include assistance for housing and shelter, utilities, food from our community. The highest

rates of requests for housing and shelter requests came from Cumberland County during 2020. Cumberland County ranked #1.

E. Location/Format for Future Meetings

Dr. Green and Dr. Ojo presented to the board the option of coming back to in person meetings instead of the virtual meetings. Options included meeting at the Courthouse or at the Health Department. Many members expressed concern to be able to continue doing virtual as it was more convenient, and to see how numbers trend with the lifting of the face masks in certain public places. The group decided to continue meeting at the Courthouse in June, for whomever would like to attend, and the rest can join virtually.

F. External Reports

Dr. Green went over the NC Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers report. The report is available in the BOH members packet and the report was positive. The DPH Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies Consultant team also did a performance assessment, and this report is in the packet as well. This report shows how the indicators lined up within the County.

G. Director's Update

Dr. Green spoke about our Regional Community Health Assessment and how we have completed one focus group with one more to go. The Ft. Bragg Community Health Assessment Survey closed with 3000+ being completed. Dr. Green spoke about updates that have been made regarding the Strategic Plan to include the implementation of Learn, personal identifiers being removed from applications and supervisors completing interviewing training. The Health Department is also preparing for NCCARE 360 launch and agency wide screening of social determinants of health. We are working to improve quality and efficiency of services through EHR with CureMD and have applied for Cumberland Community Foundation Grant to address social determinants of health/reduce barriers. We are utilizing grant funds from Tobacco, Opioid, and COVID-19 funds to do paid advertisements and Cumberland County will soon launch a new website – all efforts to expand outreach through social media platforms. We are hosting vaccine events in collaboration with community partners to help increase our collaboration with different groups as well as military health and readiness initiative. Dr. Green discussed preparations to help expand mental health and substance abuse services as well as improve health literacy and community access to the Health Department services. Covid Updates included six more deaths from COVID since our last meeting four weeks ago. The hospital is seeing more young people hospitalized in the age range of 18-2 and 25-49, 2 people under 30 just passed away with COVID. We are still in orange so there is still a substantial impact in our community. The Health Department is still vaccinating at the Crown on Tuesday and Wednesdays and shifting to Friday outreach model. Currently the Health Department is administering J&J vaccine at the Health Department, we are also doing outreach clinics at Operation Inasmuch, FTCC, Family Fellowship Church, Spring Lake Rec Center, Fayetteville Housing Authority, Fayetteville Urban Ministry, Mission Fields Ministries, Locks Creek Zion AME Church, Capital Encore/4th Fridays. The bring back summer initiative is well underway with flyers, digital and tv ads and radio interviews. Dr. Green reminded the Board that if anyone wanted to sign up for the NALBOH Conference August 1-3 to see Kelly Smith.

H. Membership Roster

Dr. Ojo encouraged Board Members to review the attendance roster and let Kelly know if there were any discrepancies.

I. Board Member Comments

Dr. Fleishman states the census at the hospital is low 30 to low 20's age group because they are the majority that are not vaccinated. In the ICU the oldest patient is an average of 70 years old, and there are people in their 40's, 50's and 60's in the ICU with COVID.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Kent Dean moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

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

Jennifer Green
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

4/7/2021
Date

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Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair

06/06/21
Date