

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
April 27, 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. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian
Ms. Sonja Council, Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Stacy Cox, Public Representative
Dr. Connette McMahon, General Public Representative
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner

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
Mr. Travis Greer, Regional Tobacco Coordinator
Ms. Tamra Morris, Public Health Educator

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: Mr. John Larch
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

B. Approval of March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Kent Dean moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Dr. Kingsley Momodu
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

C. Approval of Bad Debt Write-Off

MOTION: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to approve the Bad Debt Write-Off
SECOND: Ms. Sonja Council
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

D. Approval of Proclamation – No Menthol Sunday

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Proclamation – No
Menthol Sunday
SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

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 March 31, 2021, exceeded our expenditures of \$511,127.08 Expenditures by programs are at 55.87% reporting as of March 31, 2021. We have earned 53.75% revenue for State and Federal allocations and 22.38% for Grants as of March 31, 2021. Over-all we have earned 57.94% of revenue by source. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of March 31, 2021.

C. External Reports

Dr. Green discussed the results of the WIC Audit, the self-assessment review. Dr. Green reviewed the findings on the report and deficiencies and correction plans.

D. Director's Update

Dr. Green gave an update on our Regional Community Health Assessment. The Health Department plans on sending out surveys mid- March-May 2021 along with flyers, palm cards, social media, press releases, radio interviews and 2 focus groups. The first focus group will work with students and the second group working with the Spanish community (all virtual). We are ranked 65 out of all 100 counties where we ranked 69 last year. More info at next meeting. Dr. Green gave an update from the Health Director's Meeting Update – including school nurse bills, local communicable disease program funds and the North Carolina Momnibus Act. A discussion was held about Medicaid expansion and a bill that would include Medicaid for 12 months postpartum. If interested, Dr. Green said she would send a link to view these proposed bills. Dr. Green gave an update on the Healthiest Cities and Counties Grant involving the

development of resolution to establish a joint County-installation food policy council. This will increase access to healthy foods by identifying and recommending policy changes. The target is the May Board of County Commission meeting. Dr. Green gave some COVID-19 updates, total cases being 27,626 with a case positivity rate of 8.0% and 289 deaths. We are beginning to see a slow reversal in positive downward trends. In Cumberland County, young people (18-49) are driving the cases (62%). Young people (18-49) make up the largest group of unvaccinated. Dr. Green gave an update on where our testing sites are and that there has been a decrease in demand for testing. Dr. Green spoke about Johnson and Johnson stated that 7.98 million vaccine doses administered and 15 confirmed cases of Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS). The advisory committee determined benefits outweighed the risks. Expect additional cases of TTS. People who go the vaccine more than a month ago, the risk to them is very low. People who recently got the vaccine, be aware of any symptoms of severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, shortness of breath. Dr. Green went over the 17 plus providers and 20 locations that are available in our community for vaccines. Dr. Green announced that we will take walk-ins now since the demand is so low for vaccines. We are starting to do more outreach clinics on Friday's and will no longer be at the Crown on Friday's. Dr. Green spoke about the Bring Back Summer to NC campaign and how the health department will help to get more people vaccinated and the word out so we can have a normal summer. We will be posting flyers and poster in downtown businesses, barbershops, school districts, doing digital tv ads and radio interviews. As of now, our county vaccinations include 70,853 residents at least partially vaccinated (21.1% of population), 56,791 full vaccinated (16.9% of population), 62.4% are females and 38.9% are age 65+. These numbers do not include individuals vaccinated by the VA or Ft. Bragg.

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. Mommodu added that he thinks Dr. Green is doing a remarkable job.
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney added that having the Health Department go to outreach clinics is a good move and that we are moving in the right direction.
Dr. Dean asked why there was a higher percentage of African Americans testing positive for COVID-19 – is it there underlying health conditions? Dr. Green said that there are issues with people not being able to take off work, a lot of essential workers, work-setting, living situation (multi-generation household), miscommunication and accessibility issues.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Kent Dean moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Ms. Sonja Council
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

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

Jennifer Green
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

5/19/2021
Date

OA Ojo
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair

May 12, 2021
Date