

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
January 26, 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. Kent Dean, Veterinarian
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Ms. Sonja Council, Public Representative
Mrs. Stacy Cox, Public Representative
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Connette McMahon, General Public Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director
Mrs. Candice York, Accountant (Virtual)
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health Director
Dr. Tandeka Burks, Stedman-Wade Family Doctor (Virtual)
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director (Virtual)
Ms. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director (Virtual)
Mrs. Martina Sconiers-Talbert, Administrative Officer III (Virtual)
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director (Virtual)
Mr. Duane Holder, Deputy County Manager (Virtual)

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. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean
VOTE: Unanimous (10-0)

B. Approval of December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Stacy Cox moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Ms. Sonja Council
VOTE: Unanimous (10-0)

C. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off

MOTION: Dr. Kent Dean moved to approve Bad Debt Write Off for Delinquent Accounts
SECOND: Ms. Stacy Cox
VOTE: Unanimous (10-0)

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 December 31, 2020, exceeded our expenditures of \$223,987.56. Expenditures by programs are at 40.41% reporting as of December 31, 2020. We have earned 39.65% revenue for State and Federal allocations and 9.03% for Grants as of December 31, 2020. Over-all we have earned 41.37% of revenue by source. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of December 31, 2020.

C. Stedman-Wade Yearly Update

Dr. Tandeka Burks expressed her thanks to the Board of Health for partnering with Stedman-Wade Health Services and to Dr. Green and staff at the Health Department for allowing us space in the Health Department. Dr. Burks discussed the services that are offered through Stedman-Wade. Dr. Burks stated that they see an average of 75-80 patients per week. New patients wait time is about 3 weeks; however, there are same day appointment slots available along with referral appointments. No Show appointments have been a challenge in the Adult Clinic and switching over to Telehealth appointments has worked well with their patients. Insurance payer mix are mostly uninsured which is the demographics they set out to see. Dr. Fleishman asked how many patients are being scheduled daily. Dr. Burks said the goal is to schedule 22 but as of now they are getting about 17 a day.

D. Public Health Accreditation Training, Benchmark 40-41

Ms. Martina Sconiers-Talbert presented benchmark 40 and 41 and discussed examples of what we need from the Board of Health to meet these accreditation activities. Dr. Green explained that we need directives from the Board to complete activities. Dr. Green and team will continue to flag opportunities to share in the future. The Accreditation Board met last year and gave us a year extension due to COVID and we are waiting to hear back about what they plan on doing for this year. Dr. Green will share the information once we get notified. Dr. Ojo asked Dr. Green to report back from her NC Local Health Director's meeting each month to the Board.

E. Director's Report

Dr. Green presented statistical data for Cumberland County. In the last 7 days we added 1,394 cases, with a case positivity rate of 12.5%. Total cases in Cumberland County are 19,085. Molecular Cases 17,662, Antigen Positive Cases 1,423. As far as testing for COVID, our target is to test 5% of the population every 30 days. We have stepped back away from testing so that our staff can vaccinate our citizens. Priority guidance from the NCDHHS groups is 1) Health Care Workers and Long-term Care Staff and Residents 2) Older Adults 65 and above 3) Frontline Essential Workers 4) Adults at High Risk for Exposure and Increased Risk of Severe illness 5) Everyone else not already vaccinated. The State Health Department launched a find your phase on their website to help people find their correct phase. Enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Providers include Cumberland County Public Health Department, Cape Fear Valley, Goshen Medical, provider enrollment for other private practices began on 1/11/2021 and all may not receive vaccine immediately. We have a federal partnership with CVS/Walgreens to vaccinate in long term care facilities and skilled nursing facilities. CCDPH reached out to those that did not enroll which were 80+ unenrolled facilities and we are currently scheduling to come to them to vaccinate their residents. Dr. Green showed a picture of the drive thru site plan and explained how we pulled best practices from all the other county health departments and continue to change as needed. Dr. Green explained that the reason for picking the Crown was to allow for social distancing, avoid lines outdoors, allows operation in varying weather conditions, on the FAST bus route. Dr. Green discussed how many doses of Moderna, and Pfizer were used to date as well as allocations that are due in weekly. We are just starting to do second doses and those allocations match first dose allocations. Appointments are being utilized now, and library staff are helping to make appointments for the citizens as well as other Health Department staff.

D. Membership Roster/Attendance Roster

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

E. Board Member Comments

Dr. Fleishman commended Dr. Green and team for their best practices and learning and planning along the way as well as adapting to all the federal and state level changes that have occurred. Dr. Green expressed sincere thanks to Cape Fear Valley and their team for their continued support and partnership to the Public Health Department.

Dr. McArthur-Kearney asked about the wait time, and Dr. Green explained how we implemented the appointment slots, and how it will vary but has gotten better as a whole.

Dr. McArthur-Kearney asked about any concerns in the community about getting the vaccine regarding safety. Dr. Green expressed that there still is some hesitancy particularly in African American communities, but Dr. Green wants to encourage everyone that we are taking our time to explain the vaccine, possible side effects, impact, and effectiveness of the vaccine with each individual.

Dr. Momodu asked if we had a vaccine shortage in our county. Dr. Green said that we have a capacity of doing 1370 in a day, and this week we only received 975 doses. We are getting far less than our capacity to administer.

