

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
September 21, 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. Kent Dean, Veterinarian  
Dr. Connette McMahon, General Public Representative  
Ms. Sonja Council, Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Stacy Cox, Public Representative  
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician  
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner  
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director  
Ms. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director  
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director  
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Director of Nursing  
Mrs. Candice York, Accountant  
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health Director  
Ms. Hannah Prentice-Dunn, Project Manager Cancer Prevention and Control, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

**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. Kent Dean moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Agenda  
SECOND: Dr. Connette McMahon  
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

B. Approval of August 17, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Connette McMahon moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi  
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

C. Approval of Fee Schedule Revisions

MOTION: Dr. Connette McMahon moved to approve the Fee Schedule Revisions  
SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean  
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

D. Approval to Waive Administration Fee for Flu Vaccines

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve waiving Administration Fees for Flu Vaccines  
SECOND: Dr. Connette McMahon  
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

E. Approval of Billing Guide Updates

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Billing Guide Updates  
SECOND: Mr. John Larch  
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Public Comment

Dr. Ojo opened the floor for public comments at 6:05p.m. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Ojo closed the floor for public comment at 6:06 p.m.

B. Financial Reports

Mrs. Candice York presented her financial reports. The statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing August 31, 2021, exceeded our expenditures of \$185,707.31. Expenditures by programs are at 9.29% reporting as of August 31, 2021. We have earned 4.87% for State and Federal Allocations and 0.97% for Grants as of August 31, 2021. Over-all we have earned 8.09% of revenue by source. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of August 31, 2021.

C. Fort Bragg Community Survey Update

Ms. Hannah Prentice-Dunn presented survey results which were collected April-May 2021. The following areas were addressed: Tobacco and vaping cessation and prevention, Women, Infants and Children Services (WIC), Food insecurity & healthy food access, transportation, vaccination, COVID-19 pandemic, topics negatively impacting the community, housing, access to information, Family Advocacy Program (FAP), community events. The questions were drafted in

Summer of 2020 after completing key informant interviews, Ft. Bragg survey working group and survey pilots. It was approved by the Executive Commander's Ready & Resilient Council in April 2021 with survey being disseminated April-May 2021. Results were analyzed in Summer, 2021. The data will directly inform Fort Bragg programs and services over the next 3-5 years. The target was everyone in the Fort Bragg community (military, beneficiaries, civilian employees, contractors, etc.). Current projects to address the needs of smoking were that the Cumberland County facilitated a 5-year CDC grant with Cumberland County, Ft. Bragg, and UNC. This grant will cover Cessation QI Initiatives & Quitline Promotion, Environmental scan of Fort Bragg barracks, pricing assessment to ensure Fort Bragg tobacco prices are in alignment with DOD policy and tobacco-free policies. Current projects to address the needs of WIC include working closely with Garrison Leadership and Cumberland County to open WIC office on base. Currently Cumberland County has 3 WIC offices – one at the main Health Department, another in Hope Mills and one in Spring Lake, NC. Current projects to address needs of food insecurities include working with dining facilities, AAFES, and Family and MWR to improve healthy food offerings in their locations, piloting push text notifications to soldiers to promote healthy foods and food truck pilots. Transportation needs were reviewed and projects to address those needs include Ft. Bragg representation on Fayetteville Transportation Department's steering committee. Interested in bus app, promoting FAST bus and shuttle services. Vaccinations were addressed in the survey with most people thinking they were safe, important, and effective. Current projects include Quality Improvement initiative to incorporate HPV vaccinations into standard in-processing for soldiers aged 18-26. Dr. Green shared that data from the Ft. Bragg assessment will be included with the Cumberland County Community Health Assessment. Staff will be holding stakeholder meetings with community partners in October to review the CHA preliminary data and provide feedback.

#### D. Director's Update

- Dr. Green updated the Board with our current numbers in cases, deaths, and positivity rate. Testing is available at the Health Department Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am-4pm. This is PCR testing with no appointment needed. We also have at home test kits (PCR) available for pick up at the Health Department while supplies last. Currently the Health Department is having vaccine clinics at the Health Department M-F 9-4 J&J and Pfizer, Cumberland HealthNet, Cumberland County Courthouse, Healthier Together events, Cumberland County libraries on Saturday's, FTCC, Methodist University, City of Fayetteville and PWC. Dr. Green stated unvaccinated individuals are more than 4 times or 419% more likely to get COVID-19 as vaccinated individuals. Unvaccinated individuals were 13.90 times or 1,390% more likely to die of COVID-19 as vaccinated individuals. According to the CDC, they have endorsed the use of an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine to people with moderate to severely compromised immune systems after an initial two-dose vaccine series. Additional dose may enhance immune response in some immunocompromised populations. Additional dose administered at least 28 days after the completion of the initial mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series. The additional dose should be the same as the initial mRNA vaccine received unless original vaccine given is not available. No additional doses or booster for any other population currently and we are using a self-attestation status. On 9/17, the FDA's Advisory Committee voted to authorize Pfizer boosters for 65+ and those with "high risk" conditions. CDC's Advisory Committee meets on Wednesday and Thursday. If approved, vaccine providers will receive additional clinical guidance. Boosters at the Health Department will begin no sooner than 9/24/2021 but may be later. Currently there are no boosters for Moderna and J&J yet. Pfizer released data for vaccinating younger children (age 5-11. Pfizer plans to submit to FDA by end of

September. FDA authorization → CDC Advisory Committee → CDC Director. Doses for children <5 may follow.

Currently there will be 4 vacancies to the Board of Health at the end of December. Members were encouraged to speak to fellow colleagues and request they put in an application. A review of the applications will be done in December.

E. Membership Roster

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

F. Board Member Comments

Dr. Kent Dean asked Dr. Green when you test positive for COVID, how long can that test be positive?

Dr. Green explained that it's estimated about 90 days. Reinfection would be more than 90 days. A positive, negative, positive is considered a reinfection.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Dr. Connette McMahon

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

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Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair

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