

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
October 18, 2022 - 6:00p.m.
1235 RAMSEY STREET, THIRD FLOOR BOARDROOM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist, Chair
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, Public Representative
Ms. Kiera Wade, General Public Representative
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner

Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse, Vice Chair
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director
Ms. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Director of Nursing
Ms. Tamra Morris, Health Education Supervisor
Ms. Tonya Burks, BCCCP Coordinator
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health 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: Mr. John Larch moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Mr. Joseph Fiser
VOTE: Unanimous: (8-0)

B. Approval of August 16, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

C. Approval of Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation

MOTION: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to approved the Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation
SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

D. Approval of Environmental Health Policy

MOTION: Dr. Jeannette Council moved to approve the Environmental Health Policy
SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi
VOTE: Unanimous: (8-0)

E. Approval of Preliminary Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives and Public Input Process

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Fiser moved to approve Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives and Public Input Process (website and email)
SECOND: Dr. Jeannette Council
VOTE: Unanimous: (8-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment

Dr. Olusola Ojo opened the floor for public comments at 6:25p.m. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Ojo closed the floor for public comment at 6:26pm.

B. Financial Reports

Dr. Jennifer Green presented the financial reports for the month ending September 2022. The statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing September 30, 2022, exceeded our expenditures of \$323,568.06. Expenditures by programs expended 17.55% and 5.32% COVID reporting as of September 30, 2022. We have earned 18.63% of revenue by source which is in line with our budget. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of September 30, 2022.

C. Accreditation Updates

Ms. Ashley Curtice gave an update on where we are on Accreditation. Accreditation establishes a basic level of capacity and service that a local health department must provide to ensure the health of the public. We are collecting 6 years (2017-2022) of evidence. We are collecting 147 activities broken into 47 benchmarks. We must show a good faith effort of evidence in the dashboard by November 1, 2022. Our dashboard closes on December 23, 2022 and opens again on January 24, 2023 for 3 days. Our site visit is scheduled for January 26, 2023. The Accreditation team has been busy gathering information and if asked to provide information, it is critical that you respond in a timely manner. Ms. Curtice explained that in addition to interviews to be done with the Health Director, Nursing Director and Environmental Health Director, they will want to speak to 2-3 Board Members. Board Members were asked to think about it and report back at the November meeting of whom will be willing to be interviewed.

D. External Reports/Audits

Dr. Green presented the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County Audit Report and showed how we were in compliance with the monitoring visit and no corrective actions were needed.

E. Director's Report

CureMD Update - Go live was 8/22 and things are going well. There was a team here from IS to help facilitate the Go Live and help staff with training.

Flu Season/Back to School Immunizations Update - Flu shots have arrived and we will start giving them out. There is no cost for children and adults. There was a Vax Yourself, Vax Your Pet event here on Saturday, October 8. At this event, we gave 122 COVID-19 vaccines, 52 Flu vaccines and 106 pets were vaccinated against rabies. We participated in coffee conversations, paid social media, letters from school health nurses, text and phone reminders to parents about immunizations, radio and tv interviews. We also held 3 clinics on school campuses, and 2 late night clinics with an average of 26-67 patients per clinic. During the back to school immunizations, we experience a meningitis shortage. We often met capacity for the day before 9:30am.

Care Coordination Pilot Project- Dr. Green gave an overview of the Pilot Project that the County Commissioners approved for a 3-year time span. There will be 16 established positions that we are actively recruiting for now. These positions will be a collaboration between DSS and the Public Health Department. Our goal is to reduce preventable hospital stays, prevent and reduce child abuse and neglect, improve health behaviors and outcomes and health equity and reduce health disparities.

Opioid Settlement Funds Update - Dr. Green reports that we are finalizing the request for proposals to support opioid settlement pilot projects. The application for matching funds (up to \$70,000) for Narcan and Syringe Service Programs is due October 31st. Funds will be available in January. Jail Health meetings have resumed and implementing MAT in jail is some of the discussion within those meetings.

GenX Update- From November 2020-November 2021, NC State collected data for the GenX Exposure Study. 1000 people from New Hanover and Brunswick Counties, the Fayetteville private well communities and Pittsboro, NC were the participants. Result letters were mailed the week of October 10, 2022. NC State will host a public webinar on October 18, 2022. In-person community meetings from late October into November 2022. The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine provided released guidance for helping to interpret PFAS levels for clinical follow up. We provided a blastfax to providers in the community.

Ebola Update - No cases have been identified in Cumberland County as of 10/17/2022. Travelers will be screening for illness and for high-risk exposure. An outbreak was declared on September 20, 2022. As of October 6, 2022, a total of 44 confirmed cases, 10 confirmed deaths, and 20 probable deaths of EVD have been identified in 5 districts in Uganda. None have been reported in the United States. US-bound travelers who have been in Uganda in the 21 days before arrival will be routed through one of five airports.

West Nile Virus: Dr. Green reports there has been higher than normal activity of West Nile Virus in NC and in Cumberland County. West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne illness and 1 in 5 develop symptoms, while 1 in 150 infected develop serious and sometimes fatal illness. There have been 2 cases of WNV and both individuals are deceased. We encourage people to use insect repellent, wear long-sleeves and long pants to prevent mosquito bites. Use the tip and toss method if you feel one on your person.

Board Vacancies: The Board was asked to review their terms, and let it be known at the next meeting if they wish to continue on.

F. Membership Roster: Dr. Ojo encouraged Members to review the roster for accuracy.

G. Board Member Comments: Mr. Fiser offered his help in getting patients in for mammograms for those that are having to wait an extended period of time.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6pm and will be held in person at the Health Department.


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Fiser moved to adjourn.

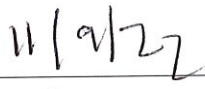
SECOND : Dr. Jeannette Council

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

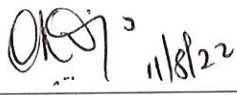
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm



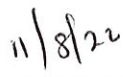
Dr. Jennifer Green



Date



Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair



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