

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
June 21, 2022 - 6:00p.m.  
1235 RAMSEY STREET, THIRD FLOOR BOARDROOM  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist, Chair  
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse, Vice Chair  
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician – arrived at 6:17pm  
Ms. Kiera Wade, General Public Representative  
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer  
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kent Dean, Veterinarian  
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner  
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, Public Representative  
Dr. Hakkam Alsaïdi, Optometrist  
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative

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. Alba Natale – EPI/STD Supervisor  
Ms. Tamra Morris – Health Education Supervisor

**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: Dr. Sam Fleishman  
VOTE: Unanimous: (6-0)

B. Approval of May 17, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Samuel Fleishman moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
SECOND: Mr. John Larch  
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment

Dr. Olusola 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 6:11pm.

## B. Financial Reports

Mrs. Candice York presented her financial reports. The statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing May 31, 2022, exceeded our expenditures of \$745,873.57. Expenditures by programs are at 62% reporting as of May 31, 2022. We have earned 41.19% for State and Federal Allocations and 46.89% for Grants as of May 31, 2022. We have earned 64.42% of revenue by source and if you include COVID funds we are at 75.75%. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of May 31, 2022.

Budget Update – Mrs. York said the 2023 budget was approved for 27,904,074 and we received 2 new positions. PHE and Office Assistant IV. We also got our pilot transportation program approved and will be seeing demos this week and study with management support to see how to schedule and proceed with this project.

- C. Annual Communicable Disease Report - Ms. Alba Natale gave an update on most recent available county level data as of 2020. Ms. Natale reviewed the number of cases of HIV/AIDS from 2019- 2021. Incidence rate for 2019-2021 were reviewed for cases of salmonella, legionellosis, campylobacter, lyme and cryptosporidium. Ms. Natale also discussed and reviewed influenza, monkeypox and malaria and current numbers. Ms. Natale reports that barriers to quality patient care have been primarily focused on staffing needs. Ms. Natale had a goal to increase patient visits by 25% by the end of 2021 in the STI clinic and surpassed that goal by 49.7%. The STI clinic has a goal to decreased missed/cancelled appointments by 10% for 2022. The clinic is also actively seeking grants and trying to increase and improve community outreach through development of alternate outreach strategies.
- D. Community Health Assessment Results - Ms. Tamra Morris discussed the results from the 2021-2022 Community Health Needs Assessment. In this assessment, she identified community health status, needs and resources, identified gaps in services and developed initiatives to improve health challenges. Areas to explore include adult smoking, adult obesity, sexually transmitted infections, preventable hospital stays, mammography screening, flu vaccinations, unemployment, children in poverty, children in single-parent households and violent crime. Ms. Morris recognized that our areas in strength included uninsured, primary care physicians, dentists, mental health providers, high school completion and some college. In the community survey, our top 3 quality of life issues identified were low income/poverty, violent crime and drugs and alcohol abuse. The Health ENC regional partners met June 1st and the Community Health Assessment was sent to the state for approvals. The next step is to publish the Community Health Assessment and reconvene the Cumberland Community Coalition and include Community Health Assessment stakeholders.
- E. Strategic Plan Update - Ms. Ashley Curtice gave a brief update on where we stand with our current process in the Strategic Plan. Ms. Curtice described how staff were making smart goals for the internal and external priorities and developing strategies to implement them. There is a new AA through the state for advancing equity and all staff are being trained on that now. Ms. Curtice mentioned that one of our goals is the have to start a smart recovery group here at the health department and distribute over 1000 naran kits over the next year. After the strategic team plans out the goals and objectives, we will get community feedback from website and public comment, as well as staff feedback. In October, Ms. Curtice will return to the board with updated goals, objectives and strategies for approval.

F. External Reports/Audits

Dr Green shared the report from the Child Care Health Consultant formal visit from March 22, 2022. In total, they have 2 staff members with 1 vacancy. This program was funded last year and all metrics were implemented during the visit. Dr. Green also shared the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) visit follow up from 5/26/2022. Policy changes were reported today and Dr. Green signed off on them in regards to ordering vaccines, inventory and borrowing vaccines. Dr. Green added that the BCCCP (Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program) audit was completed last month and they were in compliance.

G. Director's Update;

**COVID-19 Update** - Dr. Green reports that Cumberland County is currently fully vaccinated at 61.9% population and 67% of population > 5 years of age. People that are full vaccinated with a first booster dose is averaging 14.9%. We continue to give vaccines at the health department for free M-F and are performing rapid testing in the parking lot Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. All of these tests are free and no appointment is needed. Starting June 30th, testing locations will start to scale down. At home test kits are available at the front desk in the health department for free. Vaccinations for children 5 and under kicked off today at the health department. Children receiving the moderna vaccine 6m-5y will get 2 doses, 28 days apart. Each dose is 1/4 the amount of the dose given to adults and are 40-50% effective in preventing milder symptoms. Children receiving the Pfizer vaccine will receive 3 doses given 3 weeks apart, 3rd dose at least 2 months later. Each dose is 1/10 of the amount given to adults and are 80% effective in preventing symptomatic COVID-19.

**Opioid settlement meetings** are almost complete. There is one more meeting tomorrow, June 22nd at 5:30pm in Eastover and the community is invited. In August we will take feedback from all 4 community meetings and report out to the County Commissioners.

**Legislative Updates** - Dr. Green gave an update on the progress with medicaid expansion bill. This is the farthest we have gotten with the medicaid expansion bill and we are hopeful it gets passed. Dr. Green gave an update on the Environmental Health Bill which is requiring 3 to 4 additional steps when approving a building plan. This is a big burden and has taken out provisions that will limit our staff but will allow us more flexibility when hiring environmental health staff. Medical marijuana bill - Dr. Green reports that the Association of Health Directors are staying neutral on this bill. If it is passed, Physicians will write a perscription for a 30 day adequate supply. These physicians will receive 10 hours of training and it will allow 2 people to purchase on the patients behalf. 10% tax goes to research and there will be 80 in state allowed to grow and sale. We are a tier 1 county so we would have atleast 10 stores.

**PFAS Update** - An email was sent out with questions for the state. Most of all water treatment plans are not designed to clear out PFAS. Brunswick designed plants for complete removal.

**Upcoming Events:** Members were told to let Kelly know if they were interested in going to any of the conferences being offered this summer. Dr. Ojo and Dr. Momodu have both signed up to go to Michigan August 1-3.

F. E. Membership Roster

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

G. F. Board Member Comments

Mr. Larch asked if we were still considered as a pandemic with COVID? - Dr. Green answered yes, other counties are not where we are - can't change until we get better vaccine rates and cures.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6pm and will be held in person at the Health Department.

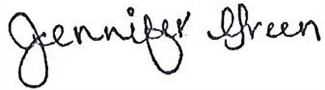
ADJOURNMENT

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

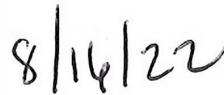
SECOND: Dr. Kingsley Momodu

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

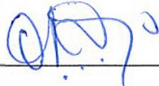
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm



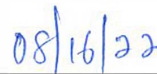
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director



Date



Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair



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