

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
March 15, 2022 – 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. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative
Ms. Kiera Wade, General Public Representative
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician

MEMBERS ABSENT: 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

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. Jeanette Council moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear
VOTE: Unanimous (10-0)

B. Approval of February 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Dr. Jeanette Council
VOTE: Unanimous (10-0)

C. Approval of FY 2023 Budget

MOTION: Mr. John Larch moved to approve the FY 2023 Budget
SECOND: Dr. Sam Fleishman
VOTE: Unanimous (10-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment

Dr. Ojo opened the floor for public comments at 6:15p.m. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Ojo closed the floor for public comment at 6:16pm.

B. Financial Reports

Mrs. Candice York presented her financial reports. The statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing February 28, 2022, exceeded our expenditures of \$632,773.29. Expenditures by programs are at 43.14% reporting as of February 28, 2022. We have earned 29.11% for State and Federal Allocations and 23.85% for Grants as of February 28, 2022. Overall we have earned 51.22% of revenue by source. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of February 28, 2022.

C. External Reports

- Women's Health Monitoring Report – Dr. Green reviewed the report from NCDHHS dated February 18, 2022. Dr. Green reviewed out of compliance issues.
- WIC Monitoring Report - Dr. Green reviewed the report from NCDHHS dated February 28, 2022. The monitoring review was conducted on February 15-17, 2022. The comprehensive review, conducted by the Community Nutrition Service Section, evaluated overall program administration and compliance with State and Federal policies and regulations.

D. Director's Report –

- **COVID-19 Update** - Dr. Green reported that community levels are shifting away from Community Transmission to COVID-19 Community Levels. A measure of the impact of COVID-19 illness on health and healthcare systems. The focus is on reducing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. The ideal goal is to protect those that are most vulnerable and at higher risk. More tools available to prevent strain on communities and healthcare systems – masks, vaccinations, testing, treatment options. Community measures should focus on minimizing the impact of severe COVID-19 illness on health and society while preventing medically significant illness. This will also minimize the burden on the healthcare system. The hospital has had 106 patient admissions, 15 Adults in ICU and 12 on ventilators, 2 pediatric patients and 11 patients in the Emergency Department.
- **Opioid Settlement Update** – In July 2021, Attorney General Josh Stein announced a \$26 billion agreement that will help to communities harmed by the opioid epidemic.

- Dr. Green explained that the proceeds of settlements with three largest drug distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen) plus the drug maker Johnson & Johnson (J&J). A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State and local government directs how opioid settlement funds are distributed in our state with 15% of funds to State, 85% to 100 counties and 17 municipalities. Cumberland County will get an estimated allocation of about \$16,989,930 distributed over 18 years. The strategies used will focus on recovery support services, evidence-based addiction treatment and naltrexone distribution to name a few.

CUREMD Update:

- Dr. Green reviewed our progress made with CUREMD. Discovery Sessions are complete and practice management superuser sessions as well. Data migration is going on now, along with EMR Superuser sessions. Staff training and Go Live will happen in April with text and phone reminders, patient portals being set up and NC Quitline Integration. The team overall is very eager to get CUREMD in place to help accommodate patients more efficiently.

Accreditation Updates:

- Dr. Green explained that we received two, one-year extensions due to COVID-19. Our data collection is now from years 2017-2022. The Health Department staff should complete most documentation collection by July 1, 2022 and August 1, 2022, we should receive a 90 day notice about accreditation. We should expect a hybrid site visit January-March 2023.

Activity 30.9: Tobacco-Free Facility

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- Dr. Green presented the need to update our policy on Tobacco-Free Facility which prohibits the use of any tobacco product, anywhere on the property, at all times. The Health Department will be getting new signage to include the International "No Smoking" symbol as well as E-cigarette/smokeless tobacco products.

Activity 30.10: Tobacco-Free Grounds

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- Dr. Green explained that Boards of health with the approval of county commissioners can now approve regulations that make all government buildings, grounds and public indoor places 100% tobacco free. The efforts to achieve the prohibition of tobacco products used within 50 feet of all health department facilities including e-cigarettes/vaping devices is the ultimate goal for Cumberland County. The Board of Health will review and consider approval in April to make all facilities and grounds tobacco free.

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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. Alsaidi asked about the proposed transportation plan – will it be outsourced or done internally?

Dr. Council said there has been a lot of discussion in the past about the smoking ban and she looks forward to getting something passed for the Health Department.

Dr. Ojo reminded members to sign their attestation statement and send in to Kelly.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Jeanette Council moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney

VOTE: Unanimous (10-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jennifer Green
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

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Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair

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