

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

April 19, 2022 – 6:00p.m.

1235 RAMSEY STREET, THIRD, GO TO MEETING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse, Vice Chair
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, 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
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian Dr.
Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director
Ms. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Director of Nursing
Mrs. Candice York, Accountant
Ms. Sheena Butler, Public Health Educator II/Food Policy Council Liaison
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health Director

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney 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. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

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

MOTION: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes

SECOND: Mr. Joseph Fiser

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

C. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off

MOTION: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear moved to approve the Bad Debt Write Off

SECOND: Mr. Joseph Fiser

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

D. Approval of No Tobacco Use Policy

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Fiser moved the No Tobacco Use Policy and to a collaboration/presentations with other regional partners and agencies on tobacco policies.

SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment

Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney opened the floor for public comments at 6:10p.m. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney 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 March 31, 2022, exceeded our expenditures of \$609,969.24. Expenditures by programs are at 48.04% reporting as of March 31, 2022. We have earned 31.91% for State and Federal Allocations and 24.81% for grants as of March 31, 2022. We have earned 50.18% of revenue by source and if you include COVID funds we are at 58.32%. Mrs. York explained that we are ahead of our budget because we were able to bill administrative fees in EPI and STD due to COVID-19. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of March 31, 2022. Mrs. York also explained that our communicable disease fees were up due to the fact that we were able to bill COVID vaccine admin fees for uninsured patients.

C. Food Policy Council Update

Ms. Sheena Butler reported that last summer, the Health Department signed a charter with 15 members and 2 co-chairs all appointed by the County Commissioners by November 2021. The members serve Cumberland County and Ft. Bragg communities. The Council created an interactive map and interviewed 50 community residents to help with data collection to identify sites that needed health food alternatives. Ms. Butler was involved in the Shifting Power and Building Resilience program on 4/6/2022 in alignment with National Public Health Week. Ms. Butler talked about shifting powers to community residents to generate policies on combating food insecurities. The goal of this Council is to produce 2 policies from the research they have completed.

D. Director's Report

No Tobacco Use Policy Review

Dr. Green gave an update on the Tobacco Policy. It is a requirement that we are 100% tobacco free in our building and on our grounds. The Health Department has an Admin Policy on tobacco use and now we need the Board of Health to approve the policy and sign to meet updated Accreditation requirement. The Health Department will continue to provide education to our citizens on tobacco cessation and update our signage to include the international symbol for no smoking as well as E- cigarettes/smokeless tobacco products. At no time will the Health Department purchase, accept donations and/or distribute tobacco

products to the clients we serve. N.C. General Statute 14313 gives us the authority to be tobacco free within 50 feet of all facilities which we already do. The Health Department is asking the Board of Health to sign this policy to make the facilities and grounds at Health Department main site (1235 Ramsey Street), as well as our WIC offices in Hope Mills and Spring Lake, and our Environmental Health shared space (Historic Courthouse). We will update our signage around the facilities as well as our mobile unit. We recommend that the Board approve this policy and ongoing continuation of collaboration/presentations with other regional partners and agencies on tobacco policies.

COVID-19 Updates

Dr. Green gave an update that for the last several weeks we are in low status however 1 week we bounced up to medium as far as cases. Our vaccination rates show 60% of our population being fully vaccinated. We show 15% fully vaccinated with at least a booster dose. Older adults aged 50 and older are eligible for a 2nd booster shot after 4 months of the 1st booster. You are considered up to date if you have at least 1 booster shot. Pfizer and Moderna plan to submit data for FDA review for children 6 months to 4 years in April with an EUA amendment expected in May.

Spring Into Summer

Dr. Green shared with the Board Members that the State Health Department has a new campaign moving from Spring to Summer that we will see more of. This campaign will include picnic safety (food contamination), tick and bug disease, heat related illnesses and other important topics to watch out for as we move into the hot summer season.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Green gave updates to the progress we are making on our Strategic Plan. Priority 1 was to Increase staff recruitment and retention, assess employee satisfaction and improve morale. Our attendance at recruitment fairs have resumed, and an ARPA Workforce Development Director has been hired. Priority 2 was to Improve quality and efficiency of service through EHR and other methods. Dr. Green was delighted to announce that CureMD staff training takes place on May 6 with a Go Live Date of May 25th. The State Center delayed implementation of Nc Database Application for Vital Events (NCDAVE EBRs). NCDAVE Electronic Death Registration System is set for May 1, 2022. Priority 3 is to expand outreach through Health Department specific social media platforms. Dr. Green spoke about how the Health Department has created a social media team and we are live on Instagram and Facebook as well. The team is implementing digital and social media campaigns on health topics such as STDs, Hepatitis, summer preparedness, youth mental health and COVID-19 vaccines. Dr. Green gave a brief look at the 2023-2027 Strategic Priorities as a whole and explained how the internal team is in the stages of developing internal and external priorities into goals, objectives, and action steps. There are also subcommittees that were formed on Health Literacy and Health Equity. As always, Dr. Green added that we would love for public comment/feedback on our Strategic Plan and priorities that the community would like to see.

Preventing STDs Campaign

Dr. Green spoke about STD week which was April 10-16th. The slogan used was Talk. Test. Treat. The Health Department gave out gift cards for HIV testing last week and will continue with campaigns like this throughout the summer to help spread the word of preventing STDs.

Opioid Settlement Funds

Dr. Green brought to the attention of the Board Members that there are some community meetings being planned to get community feedback about how to utilize these funds. Dates/locations to come soon.

F. Membership Roster

Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney encouraged Board Members to review the attendance roster and let Kelly know if there were any discrepancies.

G. Board Member Comments

Mr. Joseph Fiser asked Dr. Green what guidance should we go by to see if we actually do need a 2nd booster. Dr. Green replied that you should talk with your doctor because it depends on your personal health history. CDC said you could, not should so therefor it is best to consult with your family physician. Dr. Fleishman agreed with the statement that the 1st booster covers current levels of protection, however we do not know what the future holds. Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney asked if the boosters were a different formula or the same and Dr. Green explained that there is no difference in the booster shots, except dose size for Moderna. Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney shared that she appreciated the teamwork at the Health Department on developing the strategic plan and being able to move forward. Dr. Cynthis McArthur-Kearney was very excited to hear about the training being done for the Electronic Health Records and asked if IT had to purchase additional equipment to be able to get this accomplished. Dr. Green explained that yes, additional scanners, laptops and equipment were purchased, however; they had all been added to the budget last year as we anticipated this extra expense.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6pm and will be held in person at the Health Department.


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Jeanette Council moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Dr. Sam Fleishman

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director





Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Vice Chair



Date