

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MAY 17, 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. Kent Dean, Veterinarian
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, Public Representative
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist

Ms. Kiera Wade, General Public Representative
MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist

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: Mr. Joseph Fiser moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney
VOTE: Unanimous: (7-0)

B. Approval of April 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Fiser moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

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 April 30, 2022, exceeded our expenditures of \$634,124.12. Expenditures by programs are at 56% reporting as of April 30, 2022. We have earned 35.22% for State and Federal Allocations and 28.93% for Grants as of April 30, 2022. We have earned 54.20% of revenue by source and if you include COVID funds we are at 66.91%. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of April 30, 2022.

C. External Reports/Audits

Dr Green shared the report for the Case Management for At Risk Children report)(CMARC). This is the first annual report that reflects new performance metrics. Medicaid transformation has been challenging. The CMARC supervisor retired and 2 clinic supervisors are filling in right now. The program will either get a new supervisor or if approved by the state, the 2 supervisors will become clinic coordinators and stay in their supervisory role.

D. Director's Report

COVID-19 Update - Dr. Green said the schools are seeing an increase this week with 1 county (Wake) tipped in the medium phase. The state says they will continue to support testing through June 30th. The state will then begin to scale back with vendor testing. COVID-19 rapid testing will begin at the Health Department soon. At-home test kits have been re-ordered Dr. Kearney asked how long to get back a PCR test. Dr. Green replied about 24 hours. Dr. Council asked about where you can order test kits for the home. Dr. Green said that you can go to [covid.gov/ tests](https://covid.gov/tests) and order at home test kits which will take 7-14 days to arrive.

Legislative Updates - Dr. Green discussed the updates that included \$36Million over two years for local health departments to expand capacity for communicable disease detection and response. There was also a creation of Joint Legislative Committee on Access to Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion. The Board of Health expressed an interest in writing a letter of appreciation to the legislature on their behalf, Dr. Green will follow up.

Opioid Settlement Funds Update - Dr. Green discussed how the proceeds from the \$26 billion agreement that Attorney General Josh Stein announced in July 2021 will be reviewed by our citizens. Cumberland County Government will get \$16,989,930 over an 18 year period. The Health Department has met with several of the agencies in the community and have 4 community meeting series scheduled. The community members will be invited to attend and they will collaborate with PIO to get the word out. Board of Health members will attend each community meeting. Board members discussed which community meetings they would attend on behalf of the Board of Health.

Review of the County Health Rankings - Dr. Green discussed the seven new measures for 2022 which are 2020 COVID-19 deaths, living wage, childcare cost burden, number of childcare centers, gender pay gap, school funding adequacy and school segregation. All measures do not contribute to the overall ranking. The 2022 County Health rankings including areas of strength and areas for improvement were reviewed. Dr. Momodu asked about teen vaping and if it had improved. Ashley Curtice explained that it has gotten worse and we will work with target media campaigns to try to reach our youth on vaping. Eastover/Stedman have passed a vaping policy and we are in the process of helping them clean up the language. Ft. Bragg also did a cessation training where 53 participants were trained. The update on the formula shortage is that it is primarily affecting our WIC department and we are telling providers to list multiple formulas on prescriptions so that we can get what our clients need.

Upcoming Events: Dr. Green pointed out that we will be having a free webinar on May 25th from 6-7pm on Tick Flick and how to learn to protect yourself. Dr. Green also mentioned that we will have another Vax Yourself/ Vax your Pet on June 11th from 9am-1pm.

Members were told to let Kelly know if they were interested in going to any of the conferences being offered this summer.

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

Dr. Council mentioned that the Board of Commissioners were working on a policy where they can name a room in honor of an employee. The Commissioners want to name and dedicate the Board Room at the Health Department in honor of Dr. Green and her staff for their dedication during the COVID-19 efforts. The Board agreed to support these efforts and Dr. Council will take back the information to the Board of Commissioners so that they can continue to write the policy.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6pm and will be held in person at the Health Department.


ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director



Date



Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair



Date