

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

August 15, 2023 - 6:00p.m.
1235 RAMSEY STREET, BOARDROOM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian, Chair
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Dr. Cynthia Mc-Arthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, Public Representative
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Jeannette Council, County Commissioner
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Vice Chair, Physician
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director
Mrs. Candi York, Business Officer
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Director of Nursing
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director
Ms. Tamra Morris, Local Public Health Administrator
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health Director

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dr. Kent Dean welcomed all guests and called the meeting to order.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Dr. Olusola Ojo moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Agenda

SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear

VOTE: Unanimous: (6-0)

B. Approval of meeting minutes from June 20, 2023

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the meeting minutes from the June 20, 2023, BOH meeting

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

C. Nomination of new Board of Health member

MOTION: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to nominate Dakota Wright.

SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear

VOTE: (6-0) In favor, in opposition, abstained, respectively), Motion passed

D. Approval to waive fee for flu shots and admin fees

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Fiser moved to waive fee for flu shots and admin fees

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

E. Approval of Breastfeeding Proclamation

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Breastfeeding Proclamation

SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

F. Approval of Board of Health Policies(02-02 Fee Policy) (02-02 Purchasing Policy), (02-03 Debt Collections), (02-04 Equipment Replacement Policy), (02-05 Cash Handling)

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Fiser moved to approve the Board of Health policies

SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment:

Dr. Dean opened the floor for public comments at 6:18pm, being none, the floor was closed at 6:19pm.

D. ~~HpcpekdTgr qt wk~~

Mrs. Candi York presented the financial reports ending July 31, 2023. Our expenditures exceeded by \$238,717.57. Expenditures were broken down by program as of July 31, 2023, showing budgeted, as of date, balance and percentage used. The revenue by source report was shared to include grants, Medicaid, fees and fund balance and county funds allocated all as of July 31, 2023. Total revenue earned was at 2.95% which is normal for the first month of the new fiscal year. The accounts receivables were shared for the month ending July 31, 2023, as well as the aging report for private pay. Mrs. York was available for questions about the monthly financial reports. Mrs. Candi York asked the Board Members to waive the fee for flu shots and admin fees as in the past to help our community to be vaccinated against FLU. The Board unanimously voted to waive the fees for both Flu and Admin Fees.

C. External Reports -

School Health Monitoring Report - Dr. Green discussed the findings and shared a copy of the report with the Board Members. There were no corrective actions in the report. Triple P Monitoring Report - Dr. Green discussed the findings and shared a copy of the report with the Board Members. There were no corrective actions noted as well with the findings.

D. CHIP/SOTCH Update -

Tamra Morris shared with the Board Members, the approval letters from the state acknowledging that our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and our State of the County Health Report (SOTCH) were both approved based on the guidelines on the DPH website. The NCDPH and the NC LHDAB require local health departments to submit Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) no later than six months after submission of the Community Health Assessment. The CHIPs are due no later than the first Monday in September after the CHA submission unless the agency has been given an approved extension. Cumberland County had an extension due to the pandemic and staffing turnover.

E. Director's Report -

COVID-19 Trends are seeing statewide and regional increases in emergency department visits, hospital admissions and wastewater metrics. Dr. Green reminded everyone that the best way to prepare for Fall respiratory virus season is to get up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Everyone 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine every year, preferably in September or early October. We can administer the Flu and COVID vaccine at the same time at the Health Department and are expecting our shipment to arrive by the end of September. People 60 years and older should talk to their Doctor about whether an RSV vaccine might also be good for them. Practice basic protective measures, like washing your hands, covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, cleaning surfaces often and staying home when sick. Parents of infants should talk to their child's doctor about the new medication to prevent RSV infection. We still have a supply of free at home COVID-19 test kits at the Health Department. If you test and are positive, see treatment for COVID and flu. The following link is helpful as well: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/FindTreatment>.

Back to School Immunizations - We plan on doing campus vaccines for 7th and 12th graders at various schools on September 5th, 7th, 14th and 19th from 4pm-7pm. We also have one more late night clinic on September 12th to capture students before the deadline approaches to be kicked out of school. We plan on giving vaccines in the Auditorium from September 21-October 6 for Tdap, meningitis and COVID with all other vaccines in the immunizations clinic. To incentivize parents to bring their children early, we are giving away swag bags for children in kindergarten, 7th and 12th grade as well as free produce bags and chick fila meal vouchers. A press release will go out in late August and posters and flyers will be distributed as well as social media ads and posts. Child Health appointments are currently full for August, September schedule will open soon.

WIC Updates - Dr. Green said effective August 1st, WIC visits are back in person. There will be special accommodations made for hardship situations. From July 1-Sept 30, formula options have changed, and some brands will be available in limited sizes. NC WIC food flexibilities for milk and yogurt fat content and bread sizes ended on August 1st.

PFOS Fish Consumption Advisories - Dr. Green showed 2 charts that listed types of fish that you should not consume more than 1 serving a year, and some no more than 7 times a year. Dr. Green listed the upcoming community meetings to be held. August 17, Bladen County Community College from 6pm-8pm and August 22nd - Navassa Community Center from 6pm-8pm. Dr. Green shared the link to register for the meeting as prior registration is required.

Upcoming Events: Dr. Green shared several flyers for upcoming events. **Mommy and Me** on Saturday, September 23rd from 12pm-3pm at College Lakes Recreation Center.

Food Safety Forum which is the 4th annual sponsored by FTCC and the HD on August 16th. **Fun in the Sun** which is our 2nd annual event on September 16th from 10-3 to focus on health, wellness and safety.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6pm and will be held in person at the Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney

SECOND : Dr. Hakkam Alsaïdi

VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm


Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

10/16/2023

Date


Dr. Kent Dean, Chair

10/16/2023

Date