

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

APRIL 18, 2023 - 6:00p.m.
1235 RAMSEY STREET, BOARDROOM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist

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 I
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. Jeanette Council moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Agenda

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous: (8-0)

B. Approval of meeting minutes from March 21, 2023

MOTION: Mr. Bart Fiser moved to approve the meeting minutes from the March 21, 2023, BOH meeting

SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

C. Board of Health membership recommendations

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to continue the process of looking for a new Board Member

SECOND: Dr. Jeanette Council

VOTE: In Favor: (6-0) Opposed (2-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment:

Dr. Dean opened the floor for public comments at 6:21pm, being none, the floor was closed at 6:22pm.

B. Financial Reports:

Mrs. Candi York presented the financial reports ending March 31, 2023. Our expenditures exceeded by \$785,268.08. Expenditures were broken down by program as of March 31, 2023, which 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 March 31, 2023. Total revenue earned was at 55.50%. The accounts receivables were shared for the month ending March 31, 2023, as well as the aging report for private pay. Mrs. York was available for questions about the monthly financial reports.

C. External Reports

Dr. Green shared the Public Health Preparedness and Response Monitoring Report on pages 12-21. The NC Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response conducted a monitoring review on March 28, 2023. During the visit, they reviewed the required activities and deliverables, plans, and accounting records for performance and compliance under the Public Health Preparedness & Response Agreement Addendum 514 for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 fiscal years. In addition, the same items were reviewed for Agreement Addendum 619 for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years. During the site visit, Cumberland County Health Department was also reevaluated on their risk status. Risk status is established after review of documentation, plans, reporting, expenditure monthly reports, and in person site visits. Cumberland County Health Department's official 2021-2022 risk status is low risk. The risk status will be reevaluated each fiscal year and will be updated accordingly. Dr. Green shared the Child Health Monitoring Report on pages 22-31. The purpose of the review is to ensure our agency is on track for meeting the performance measures and reporting requirements for all negotiated deliverables for the FY 22-23 CH 351 AA. In review, the report revealed that our agency is on track for meeting the performance measures for all negotiated deliverables. Dr. Green lastly addressed the WIC Self-Monitoring Report on pages 32-37. The report noted that the proposed CAP adequately addressed the findings noted in the LASA conducted in February 2023.

D. Director's Report

Legislative Updates - Dr. Green discussed that 3 bills recently passed. HB108 (Communicable Disease Funding) - This passed and was originally \$15 million but has now been lowered to \$14.7 million recurring. There is work being done to include the same funding in the Senate budget. HB190(DHHS Agency Bill) - includes REHS education and training reforms. This bill passed the house unanimously. HB76 (Medicaid Expansion) was signed into law by Governor Cooper on 3/27. The legislation requires a budget to be passed for it to be enacted. HB98 (Medical Freedom Act) reported favorably out of House Health on a party-line vote. This bill talks about amending the removal of masking and school quarantine elements, and now solely focuses on COVID vaccine mandates. SB49 (Parents Bill of Rights) The NCPHA advocacy committee has issued a formal statement. NCALHD retained the law firm of Teague Campbell to support us in filing an amicus brief for an upcoming court case regarding the Ace Speedway shutdown from early COVID. In the newest iteration of this lawsuit the speedway owners are suing the state (not NCALHD or any local health departments) for financial damages related to the business being shut down due to COVID risk. While we are not named in this case, were the speedway to win the repercussions could be very harmful for local health departments, including legal liability any time that a health department were to need to shut down a business for any valid public health concern. The North Carolina Association of Health Directors intends to file an amicus brief in the case, which will allow us to share with the court the harms to local government, local health departments and local communities should this precedent be set. The filing deadline for the brief is due on May 4th. There are also some modified food establishment rules S412 which makes several changes to food establishment inspections. Dr. Green reviewed these changes and noted that a re-inspection is usually done within 15 days and now will be done within 5 calendar days. Additionally, the state has made changes to S616 - Environmental Health Associates. This bill reduces education and experience eligibility requirements for Environmental Health Associates.

County Health Rankings -

Dr. Green presented the overview of the county health rankings. There were more than 30 measures that help communities understand how healthy their residents are today and what will impact their health in the future. Health Behaviors carrying 30% weight, clinical care 20%, social and economic factors 40% and physical environment 10%.

Last year we were ranked in the 50th percentile in the state, and now we rank worse. Health Outcomes went from 49% in 2022 to 69% in 2023. Health factors overall were a little better with a significant change in physical environment from 82% in 2022 to 42% in 2023. Health outcomes in Cumberland County is ranked in the lower middle range of counties in North Carolina (lower 25-50%). Health factors in Cumberland County is ranked in the lower middle range of counties in North Carolina (lower 25-50%).

Areas to explore include adult smoking which did not change from the previous year, adult obesity which was 4% higher than last year. Sexually transmitted infections had a slight improvement but overall trends are worsening. No change in uninsured from previous year, slight increase, although preventable hospital stays are improving with trends. Mammography screening trends are worsening overall. Flu vaccinations are improving statewide and nationally. Unemployment is lower than previous year but no significant change in trend. Children in poverty is lower than previous year but no significant change in trend. Areas of strength include excessive drinking that went down, primary care physicians ratio has improved. Also improving trends are dentists, mental health providers, high school completion and some college. Although a lot of measures didn't change from previous years, trends show that we are headed in the right direction. Dr. Fleishman added that the areas that are high in the hospital right now are as Asthma, Diabetes, Pneumonia, CHF, Urinary Infection, Cellulitis, HBP. He feels that these will level out within the next few years.

National Public Health Week:

Tamra Morris spoke about the events we had here at the Health Department the week of April 3-9 . The theme was "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health." The social media team posted videos on social media, had staff videos, the commissioners proclamation was passed. We will have a Bro to Men event on May 6th from 9am-12pm which is a breakfast - May is sex ed for all. Flyers will be passed out to agencies and social media will advertise as well.

Question on floor about the delay with septic tank inspections.

MOTION: Dr. Fleishman moved to move into closed session to discuss personnel issue.

SECOND: Mr. Bart Fiser

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

7:01 -7:14 in closed session

MOTION: Dr. Fleishman moved to come out of closed session

SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6pm and will be held in person at the Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Jeanette Council


SECOND : Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm


Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director


Date


Dr. Kent Dean, Chair


Date