

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MARCH 21, 2023 - 6:00p.m.
1235 RAMSEY STREET, THIRD FLOOR BOARDROOM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Dr. Cynthia Mc-Arthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist
Dr. Jeannette Council, County Commissioner
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, Public Representative
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Vice Chair, Physician
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian, Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director
Ms. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director
Mrs. Candi York, Business Officer
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Director of Nursing
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director
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.
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. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney

VOTE: Unanimous: (9-0)

B. Approval of January 17, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

C. Approval of February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

D Approval of revised Strategic Plan goals and objectives

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the revised Strategic Plan goals and objectives

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

E. Approval of the 2023 BOH Handbook and policies

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the 2023 BOH Handbook and policies

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

F. Approval of Dental Health Month Proclamation

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Dental Health Month Proclamation

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

G. Letter of Support for WIC

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the letter of support for WIC

SECOND: Mr. John Larch

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

H. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the FY 2024 Budget

SECOND: Dr. Jeanette Council

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment:

A. Dr. Dean opened the floor at 6:45pm for public comments. Being that there were no registered public comments, Dr. Dean closed the floor at 6:46pm.

B. Financial Reports

Mrs. Candi York presented the financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2023.

The statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing February 28, 2023, exceeded our expenditures of \$723,546.22.

Expenditures by programs expended 47.17% and 17.68% COVID reporting as of February 28, 2023.

We have earned 48.17% of revenue by source which is in line with our budget.

Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of February 28, 2023.

C. Introduction of prospective Board Members:

Dr. Robert Twaddell and Dr. Lewis Oatman were both given 3 minutes to speak on their behalf with 2 minutes allowed for questions from the Board. The Board of Health will vote on their recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners at the April Board of Health meeting.

D. Family Connects - Partnership for Children

Liz Simpler presented a power-point on Family Connects through Partnership for Children. This organization began with an implementation of a universal home visiting program for families with newborns in Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson counties. This program has proven to reduce child abuse and neglect, reduce emergency room visits, save healthcare dollars, and improve the overall well-being of families with newborns. This program is made possible by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five funding. NC was one of 20 states and territories awarded a 3 year renewal grant starting in 2020. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded \$40.2 million to NC DHHS. Also, \$250,000 in funding was provided from a 5-year grant from the Elizabeth A. Hudspeth Endowment Fund of Cumberland County Foundation, Inc. This grant has allowed the Partnership to hire Ms. Simpler as the Community Alignment Specialist to assist in the launch of the program. Lastly, \$100,000 of SmartStart Funding was awarded as well to support the families that might not be able to receive a home visit from the pilot funding from the Preschool Development Grant. Ms. Simpler provided an overview

E. WIC Opening on Fort Bragg

Ashley Curtice spoke about the opening of the WIC office on Fort Bragg. The office opened on March 7th and is located at 2122 Blackjack Street on Fort Bragg. They are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-5pm and anyone can come to this clinic, not just military families. Staff from other locations are currently staffing the facility.

F. Legislative Updates

House Bill 190 revises the education and training requirements for Registered Environmental Health Specialists. House Bill 108 includes language for recurring communicable disease funding for local health departments. This bill was voted favorably out the House Health Committee (voted unanimously). Medicaid Expansion (HB 98) was voted on in the House. A second vote is expected later this week and Medicaid Expansion could be signed into law as soon as Wednesday, if signed by the Governor. Parents Bills of Rights (SB49) we are continuing to monitor this legislation. The NCPHA advocacy committee is considering a statement on the legislation. HB 98 (Medical Freedom Act): NCALHD and NC DHHS are working to address language that would impact masking and school quarantine.

F. Proposed Budget FY 24

Candi York presented a proposed budget for FY24 to the Board Members for review. The budget represents revenue and expenditure projections to support public health programs and services. The total budget is in support of continuing operations for 30 programs and administration. The recurring budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 is \$27,883,258 which represents a 4.4% decrease from the current year's adopted budget of \$29,174,917. The current year's budget includes some COVID-19 funding that is not a recurring allocation. After the Boards approval of this budget, it will be presented to the County Manager for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Mrs. York's presentation includes Expenditures by programs, Revenues with variances, Fund balance, Abolishments, and supplemental requests. After the Board's approval of this budget, it will be presented to the County Manager for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

G. Board of Health Handbook and Policies

The Board members had a chance to review the 2023 handbook at their retreat on 2/10/2023. In this book, there were several policies that were reviewed and approved by the Board to include: Operating Procedures, Compliance with Public Health Laws and Regulations, Hearing Appeals to the Board of Health as well as Board of Health Adjudication. Board Members will received a copy of the printed handbook in person at the April Board Meeting.

H. Upcoming Events

Dr. Green discussed the upcoming events that we are participating in. Also discussed were possible conferences for the Board of Health Members. If interested, please let Kelly know which one you would like to attend.

I. Membership Roster/Attendee Roster:

Dr. Dean asked the Board Members to review the attendance roster and let Kelly know if there are any discrepancies.

J. Board Member Comments:

None

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6pm and will be held in person at the Health Department.


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Jeannette Council

SECOND : Dr. Kingsley Momodu

VOTE: Unanimous (9-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm



Dr. Jennifer Green

5/17/23

Date



Dr. Kent Dean, Chair

5/16/23

Date