

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MAY 16, 2023 - 6:00p.m.
1235 RAMSEY STREET, BOARDROOM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Jeannette Council, County Commissioner
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist

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

SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear

VOTE: Unanimous: (8-0)

B. Approval of meeting minutes from April 18, 2023

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the meeting minutes from the April 18, 2023, BOH meeting

SECOND: Mr. Joseph Fiser

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

C. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the bad debt write off

SECOND: Mr. Joseph Fiser

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Comment:

Dr. Dean opened the floor for public comments at 6:10pm, being none, the floor was closed at 6:11pm.

B. Financial Reports:

Mrs. Candi York presented the financial reports ending April 30, 2023. Our expenditures exceeded by \$1,138,583.37. Expenditures were broken down by program as of April 30, 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 April 30, 2023. Total revenue earned was at 62.08%. The accounts receivables were shared for the month ending April 30, 2023, as well as the aging report for private pay. Mrs. York was available for questions about the monthly financial reports.

C. Review of Board of Health Applicants

Dr. Green pointed out to the Board, that Kelly had sent out feelers to all the applicants that applied for the General Public position on the Board. To date, only 4 people responded with emails/resume. Dr. Green reviewed the list and spoke about members and how they get on the list and stay on until they come off by request or get on the Board. The Board decided to extend an invite to the 4 people that responded to the emails to the June meeting. Each person will have 3 minutes to talk about themselves with questions from the Board to follow.

D. External Reports

Dr. Green shared the report from the Case Management for At-Risk Children (CMARC) program. The team was visited on April 6, 2023 with Dr. Krystle Vinson and Yolanda Davis participating in the visit. The visit was to review the CMARC Annual Assessment. The consultant pointed out a lot of strengths within the department. A goal plan was developed to address the identified needs. The consultant will follow up in May 2023, to see if additional assistance is needed in addressing the identified needs. This is one of the most audited programs. This department has 4 vacant positions that have been vacant for a while, along with a supervisors position. Each staff currently have about 100 clients on their caseload.

E. Director's Report

Deputy Director Position - Dr. Green announced that the Deputy Director has taken a position with the State Health Department and will be leaving on June 13, 2023. The position will be posted tomorrow and interviews are anticipated to be on June 22, 2023. An assessment center will be formed with various activities for the candidates to participate in such as a written exercise, a formal interview and a mock presentation/or role play. Dr. Green asked Dr. Dean to be part of the assessment center which he graciously accepted. Dr. Green will keep the Board apprised of the progress with finding a new Deputy Director. Dr. Green wished Ms. Ashley Curtice well and thanked her for her commitment to the Health Department for the last 8 years and her dedication during COVID. The Board Members wished her well and congratulated her on her new opportunity.

End of Public Health Emergency-

As of May 12, 2023, the Public Health Emergency is over. Labs and Physicians will no longer be required to report COVID-19 cases or deaths to state or local public health authorities. The Health Department still offers free vaccines and at home test kits. We will continue to distribute at home test kits to community partners. Masks are no longer required at the Health Department except for a sick visit to child health, Stedman-Wade and Cumberland HealthNet - based on screening, visits to Epidemiology Clinic and recent COVID-19 infection and close contacts. Mr. Larch asked if there would be any financial impacts to the end of COVID such as staff losing their jobs. Dr. Green explained that we had a lot of temporary staff helping out with COVID and they have all but 2 left to take other assignments. Mr. Fiser asked if we should still encourage people to get the vaccine? Dr. Green said we would love for people to still get vaccinated against COVID. We are still waiting for the state on how we are going to pay for the vaccines. Dr. McArthur-Kearney asked about the funds we were awarded for COVID and how we are spending that money down. Dr. Green explained that we are utilizing the funding that is expiring the soonest trying to maximize the money for related items, events in the Health Department.

Environmental Health Updates

Dr. Green gave an update on staffing for Environmental Health. Food and Lodging has 1 vacant position and will be fully staffed after May 22nd. There will be a new Environmental Health Supervisor position added as of July 1st. Onsite Wastewater will also get a new Supervisor position as of July 1st. There is 1 vacant onsite program specialist position open. Current staff: 1 EH Program Specialist, 2 EH Specialist (both trainees). They are onboarding 7 temporary staff to support with pools, onsite. Food and Lodging. 1 EH Technician (FTE) and 6 REHS(evenings/weekends). Mr. Larch asked who was doing the wastewater sampling and Dr. Green said the state takes the samples and sends a report back to the Health Department.

Legislature Updates -

Dr. Green gave a JUUL Settlement Funds update. There will be \$11.25million appropriated in each year of the biennium. \$4million in each year for e-cigarette/nicotine dependence prevention and cessation activities targeting grades 4-8. 1.5million in each year to mitigate e-cigarette use by youth. 0.25million in each year for lunch cancer screenings and surveillance on adults exposed as youth. \$5.5million in each year to continue tobacco and nicotine prevention activities from SL 2021-180. The Health Department will receive \$14,721,006 for communicable diseases in each year of the biennium with 50% divided equally and 50% based on % of population served. Legislation to support improvements to Medical Examiner system and still monitoring MCD Expansion, tied to budget passing by June 30th.

Back to School Immunizations -

Dr. Green said that Senior Leadership has been brainstorming to come up with ideas to get parents to bring their children in for their vaccines before they get the letter from the school saying they will be kicked out. This summer we plan to do a Saturday clinic in July, and 2 late night clinics for June and July. We will give out swag bags with goodies to patients that come before school starts. We also plan on going to some of the schools this summer to do clinics to encourage early vaccination.

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

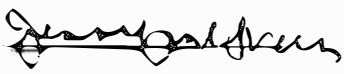
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman

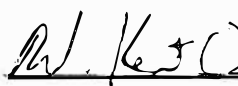
SECOND : Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm


Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

6/20/2023
Date


Dr. Kent Dean, Chair

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