

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
APRIL 16, 2024 – 6:00 PM  
1235 RAMSEY STREET  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian, Chair  
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist  
Commissioner Glenn Adams  
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist  
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist  
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner  
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative  
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician  
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative  
Mr. Dakota Wright, General Public Representative  
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director  
Mrs. Candice York, Business Officer  
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director  
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director  
Mrs. Heather Skeens, Deputy County Manager  
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director  
Mrs. Sanquis Graham, Local Public Health Administrator

**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. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Agenda  
SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo  
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

B. Approval of March 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi  
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

C. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off

MOTION: Dr. Olusola Ojo moved to approve the Bad Debt Write Off  
SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaïdi  
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Action Item C:** Mrs. Candi York presented the proposed Bad Debt Write Off in the amount of \$6,764.69. All bad debt accounts with balances of \$50.00 or higher, will be sent to the North Carolina Debt Set-Off Program, which can attach a debtor's State Income Tax Refund for payment of bad debts. The accounts are all over 90 days old. The Board approved this motion unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Dr. Dean opened the floor for public comments at 6:10pm. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Dean closed the floor for public comment at 6:11pm.

**Financial Reports :** Mrs. York presented the monthly financial reports for the month ending March 31, 2024. The statement of Revenues and Expenditures exceeded in the amount of \$1,364,719.05. Expenditures by program was reviewed and overall are at 60.84% for the month ending March 31, 2024. Revenue by source was reviewed as well showing we have earned 63.10% as of March 31, 2024. Dr. Dean asked what our Bio-terrorism team does as it had a column showing they had earned 34.68% revenue. Dr. Green explained this term was pre-covid and is now considered our Preparedness Coordinator and is in charge of shelters, safety and things of this nature pertaining to the Health Department.

**Community Health Assessment:** Tamra Morris said all questions are being reviewed at this time before the survey goes live . The survey will be shared out at outreach events and will have 2 to 3 focus groups for young adults/Spanish speaking and provide incentives for these groups to get the survey completed. After the survey is completed, we will gather the information and compile and present to stakeholders and have them share with us their input. We will follow up with identifying priorities in late August and submit to the state the first week in September.

**Director's Report:**

**Atypical Communicable Disease Report** - Dr. Green shared that one of our Accreditation benchmarks 2.4, speaks on how the Health Department shall analyze and note reportable events occurring within the community and shall report atypical incidence, if any, to the Division and the local Board of Health. A child was thought to have Measles in a daycare setting. The following timeline was established and explain the timeline of events that took place. 1) Symptom onset 3/12 (Day 0), vaxxed child in a childcare setting during infectious period (3/8). 2) 3/12 Tuesday - EPI on call notification; call with CCHD and search began for IG - Immune Globulin- which is produced at a plant in California and you have to get vaccinated with if you have measles, not to mention there is a shortage of. 3) 3/13 - Wednesday - No IG, CDC call (no lab result available), recommendation to exclude exposed infants from infant care until either results come back negative or, if positive, until 3/30/2024. Facility informed and parents contacted about exclusion measures and availability of IG. 4) 3/14 Thursday - CCHD call; CDC call 3pm; 1 infant IG given 5) 3/15 - Friday - 2pm - LabCorp reports negative measles PCR; CCHD informed, lifts exclusion for infant care setting. 6) AAR with NC DHHS on 3/22.

In addition, it was noted that there were only 4 doses found in Holly Springs and UNC and was flown by helicopter here as we needed it by Day 6. The helicopter landed across the street in a field by Dollar General and Mrs. Candi York drove over to pick up the doses. Out of the 4 doses we received, only 1 parent wanted their child vaccinated. If you get the IM shot - it will delay your time for getting the measles vaccine. The state is aware that we have 3 doses left so in case another county needs them. The doses were \$400 our cost, and Dr. Ojo states that we can sale them back to the Pharmacy before they expire in December so that we can get some of our costs back.

Dr. Green spoke about how the local board of health shall annually review reports provided by the local health department on the community's health, which is also an accreditation benchmark. Dr. Green discussed the County Health Rankings for 2024 to satisfy one of the 2 annual reports needed for benchmark 38.1. Based on a model of community health that emphasizes factors that influence how long and well we live, we looked at 30 plus measures to help understand how healthy residents are today and what will impact their health in the future. Most measures uses data from 2019-2021. The percentage of adults reporting poor/fair health increased while there was no change in percentage of low birth weight babies. The number of poor mental health and physical health days worsened. Rates of sexually transmitted infections, teen births, adult obesity, and adult smoking remain high. Food environment index improved and there were no significant changes to alcohol impaired deaths. The percentage of adults with a mammography screening and flu vaccination remain lower than NC. Preventable hospital stays improved but remain higher than NC. The ratio of mental health providers to the population is improving.

EPA PFAS Limits and Clean Water to Gray's Creek Community: Dr. Green reports that EPA is using the best available science on PFAS to set national standards. EPA is setting limits for five individual PFAS: PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, and HFPO-DA (known as GenX Chemicals). Decades of research shows mixtures of different chemicals can have additive health effects. Public water systems will have three years to complete the initial monitoring requirements. They must inform the public of the level of PFAS measured in their drinking water. They also must implement solutions to reduce PFAS in their drinking water to levels below the standards within five years. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$9 billion specifically to invest in communities with drinking water impacted by PFAS and other emerging contaminants. Cumberland County Board of Commissioners and the Fayetteville Public Works Commission announced a partnership to provide safe drinking water to the Gray's Creek Water and Sewer District. PWC will provide funding for water to Gray's Creek and Alderman Road elementary schools and oversee the design and construction of the water mains to the schools. PWC will provide drinking water that meets PWC standards to the whole district and assume responsibility for the ownership and operation of all water distribution facilities within the district. The County will engage district residents to discuss early sign-ups and work to secure funds to assist with tap fees.

**G. Upcoming Events -**

Hello Health March 27, 2024 - Nutrition and Maternal Health  
Prepared Childbirth Classes - April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8  
BingoCize Exercise - see flyer for event times

**H. Membership Roster/ Attendance Roster**

Dr. Dean asked the Board to review the attendance roster and let it be known if there were any errors.

**I. Board Member Comments**


None

**As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Dr. E {p}j kc'O eCt}j wt/Mgctpg{ moved to adjourn. "\*\*\*\*\*"  
SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo  
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm

  
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

6/18/2024  
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Date

  
Dr. Kent Dean, Chair

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