

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MARCH 18, 2025 –6:00 PM
1235 RAMSEY STREET
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist, Chair
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Vice Chair, Pharmacist
Commissioner Vice Chair Woman Veronica Jones
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Mr. Dakota Wright, General Public Representative
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist

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

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dr. Kingsley Momodu 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: Mr. Bart Fiser moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

B. Approval of February 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

C. Approval of letter of support for HB 197

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the letter of support for HB 197

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

D. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off

MOTION: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear moved to approve the Bad Debt Write Off

SECOND: Dr. Sam Fleishman

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Action Item C:

Dr. Green shared with Board Members that House Bill 197 - Communicable Disease Funding has recurring \$25 million in recurring funds for the local health departments FY 26 and FY 27. This funding is to support communicable disease response. Dr. Green has asked that the Board of Health do a letter of support in favor of this bill to the Cumberland County delegation and they agreed in support of this letter.

Action Item D:

Mrs. Candi York presented the Bad Debt Write Off # 75 dated February 27, 2025. In total, we have \$8,222.00 to write off from accounts with balances of \$50.00 or higher. All efforts have been made to collect the debt and with approval, these debts will be sent to the NC Debt Set-Off Program, which can attach a debtor's State Income Tax Refund for payment of bad debts. These debts are 90 days or older. The Board of Health approved this action item.

Public Comment:

Dr. Momodu opened the floor for public comment at 6:15pm, and closed the floor at 6:16pm as there were no registered speakers.

Financial Reports:

Mrs. York presented the monthly financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2025. The statement of Revenues and Expenditures exceeded in the amount of \$1,111,878.44 Expenditures by program was reviewed and overall are at 53.17% for the month ending February 28, 2025. Revenue by source was reviewed as well showing we have earned 56.63% as of the end of February 2025. Accounts receivables were reviewed by clinics as well as the private pay aging report ending February 28, 2025.

External Reports:

Dr. Green presented the Women, Infant and Community Wellness Section Monitoring Report FY 24-25. Overall, the visit went well, and lot of kudos were given to the staff that participated. This visit consisted of a comprehensive review of the Family Planning and Maternal Health programs, as well as a review of any Medicaid Maternal Support services our agency provides.

Director's Report:

Federal Funding Updates - We continue to receive all funding and grant payments as expected. Medicaid payments are continuing as expected as well. The SAMHSA grant and BJA grants continue - under temporary restraining orders. There is a follow up meeting with NC DHHS about STD funding - Staffing not contingent upon this funding. House Bill 89 is The University Vaccination Freedom Act which exempts colleges and universities from immunization requirements. House Bill 380 is Conscientious Objection Exemption to NC Vaccine Requirements. This adds "reasons of conscience" to the list of reasons for exemption for the childcare and school vaccine requirements. Medical and religious exemptions are already allowed. They have added some vaccination exemption bills - House Bill 89 is The university Vaccination Freedom Act which exempts colleges and universities from immunization requirements. House Bill 380 is a Conscientious Objection Exemption to NC Vaccine Requirements. Medical and religious exemptions are already allowed. Tobacco 21 - Representative Lotis and the NC Alliance for Health (NCAH) will hold a Press Conference on Wednesday, March 19th at the NCGA regarding the Tobacco 21 and Retailer Permit bill with the short title Protect Youth From Harms of Vaping and Nicotine. The 10:30am press conference can be viewed here: <https://www.ncleg.gov/LegislativeCalendarEvent/133306#videoHeader>. The House Bill can be seen here: <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/h425> . NCAH reports that a companion Senate Bill will also be filed soon. House Bill 376 is Onsite Wastewater and Well Provisional. A local board of health may not adopt any more stringent modifications or additions unless the local board of health has entered into an agreement with the Department (NC DHHS) pursuant to G.S. 143-300.8, and the Department has reviewed and approved the modification or addition
NC DHHS must hold public hearings about the modifications/additions
NC DHHS must review all local rules every 4 years
NC DHHS proposing modified language

Legislative Updates:

North Carolina Public Health Collaboration is hosting Public Health Day at the Legislature in Raleigh on April 15, 20225. You must RSVP with Kelly by March 19th if you would like to attend.

CMARC/CMHRP Update -

Meetings were held with PHP's about contracts and funding last month and everyone has reported they have no issues with us and will likely continue services with us.

Virtual Meetings:

We are still researching about what other counties do about virtual meetings. Other counties have only so many hybrid and most will only be virtual if an emergency meeting arises. We will bring back the discussion to the April Board Meeting.

Upcoming Events

Triple P Parenting Classes to being in March, 2025. Prepared Childbirth Classes at the Recovery Center start in March and so far we have 13 enrolled. C-Fort Outreach Event March 21st at the Recovery Center from 12pm-4pm. Grants Training March 28th - 2 classes. Vax Your Pet/ Vax Yourself on April 26th from 9am-12pm.

Membership Roster/Attendance Roster:

Dr. Momodu ask the Board Members to review the attendance roster and let it be known if there were any errors.

Board Member Comments: Vice Chairwoman Commissioner Jones thanked everyone for having her on the Board and shared that she is very excited to be here and help make a difference in the health of our citizens of Cumberland County.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Veronica Jones moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Dr. Sam Fleishman

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

The meeting was adourned at 6:56pm.

Jennifer Green
Dr. Jennifer Green, Director

5/20/2025
Date

Dr. Kingsley Momodu
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Chair

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