

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MAY 20, 2025 –6:00 PM
1235 RAMSEY STREET
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist, Chair
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Vice Chair, Pharmacist
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Hakkam Alsaïdi, Optometrist
Mr. Dakota Wright, General Public Representative
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse
Commissioner Vice Chair Woman Veronica Jones

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
Mrs. Mary Brown, School Nurse Supervisor

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

B. Approval of March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Dr. Samuel Fleishman
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

C. Approval of April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

D. Approval of Cumberland Community Foundation - Letter of Support

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the approval of the letter of support for
Cumberland Community Foundation supported by Board of Health
SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Action Item D:

Dr. Green shared with Board Members that this is a grant to get funds for the Health Department. The Food Policy Council is applying for the grant. As we do not know how much this grant will be, we need the approval of the Board to provide a support letter as the application is due in July. Dr. Fleishman so moved to approve support from the Board of Health in support of this grant and support letter.

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 April 30, 2025. The statement of Revenues and Expenditures exceeded in the amount of \$1,915,359.29 Expenditures by program was reviewed and overall are at 77.28% for the month ending April 30, 2025. Revenue by source was reviewed as well showing we have earned 64.30% as of the end of April 2025. Accounts receivables were reviewed by clinics as well as the private pay aging report ending April 30, 2025.

School Health Nurse Presentation:

Mrs. Mary Brown, School Health Supervisor presented a snapshot of what our School Health Nurses do in the Public School system. When fully staffed, the school health team consists of 36 school nurses, 3 team leads and 1 supervisor. Services are provided to 87 public schools in Cumberland County. Each nurse typically has an assignment of 2-4 schools depending on staffing needs. Each school is visited weekly and when nurses are off-site, they are available by phone if staff have questions. Services provided to the schools include vision and hearing screenings, immunizations and health assessment reviews, medication audits, educate and train school staff on emergency medications, identification of students with life-threatening chronic conditions, develop emergency action plans, provide medical referrals for acute and chronic conditions, assist with resources for care, aid in the development of 504 plans and provide case management and health counseling. For the School year 2023-2024, a total of 7,321 students received health counseling from the school nurse. The nurses facilitated 7,494 vision screenings, 806 hearing screenings. There were 13,370 student encounters where they returned to class, 116 students had 911 called and 2,611 students were sent home. A total of 16,097 students were seen by the school nurses during the 2023-2024 school year.

Director's Report:

Federal Tobacco Funding:

CDC notified NCDHHS that federal funding for North Carolina's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program will not continue. NC Tobacco program receives some state funds and time-limited JUUL settlement funds, the federal CDC funding made up most of the budget. Regional tobacco coordinators will remain intact with a narrower scope. Focus will be on preventing youth vaping. Nine federally funded NC DHHS staff were furloughed on 5/17. QuitlineNC will continue using state funds. Some services will be reduced. Tobacco-free policy Medicaid requirement may be delayed. DPH is working with the NC Association of Local Health Directors as a key partner to help engage counties and communities in evidence-based tobacco prevention and control and value this partnership. **SNAP Funding:** Federal House Agriculture Committee are proposing federal cost cuts. States contribute to SNAP benefits costs on a sliding scale and share 75% of the administrative costs (increase from 50%) likely to be passed to the counties. Additional restrictions that will limit the number of eligible citizens or reduce the amount of benefit they receive. **NC House Budget:** Includes 2M funds for local health departments for general aid to county - there is a need to address the funding formula. This eliminates the NC DHHS Office of Health Equity. Cut a program that uses Medically Assisted Treatment in jails to OUD. Increases childcare subsidies by increasing reimbursement rates. **Legislative Updates:** Bills that did not make the crossover were vaccine bills, HB 430 and HB 197. Bills that did make the crossover are HB 376 on Wastewater, HB519 Parents Medical Bill of Rights, HB 618 Ivermectic Awareness Act and HB 781 Unauthorized Public Camping and Sleeping.

National WIC Association Visit: Dr. Green announced that a meeting was held at the FT. Bragg WIC Office on 5/12/2025 with 2 site visitors from NWA and staffers from Tillis and Hudson's office. This was an opportunity to advocate for funding investments in public health and WIC, cash value benefits for WIC clients, support for remote WIC services, policies for workforce flexibility and MWOC and Ft. Bragg partnership. This also aligns with our Board of Health priorities - External priority 1 and 4.

Strategic Plan Updates: All staff are working on transition planning by position, we are having 4th friday mini modules for internal staff. CureMD Refresher training for staff in June/July. Quality Assurance Plans for Environmental Health to comply. **SIM Taskforce and Mapping Updates:** This is inline with External Priority 2: Expand mental health and substance abuse services to include teen substance abuse programming. The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) details how individuals with MH/SUD encounter and move through the criminal justice system. It identifies resources and gaps in services at each intercept and develops local strategic action plans. The purpose of the SIM Taskforce is to bring partners across each intercept of the SIM to work together to identify strategies to divert people with mental and substance use disorders away from the justice system into treatment. The SIM Taskforce meetings the 2nd Monday of each month at 3PM, virtually. The Taskforce is supported with federal funding from BJA for SIM Taskforce Coordinator.

Thriving Hearts Updates: RSVP list has been sent out. Event will be held here from 1-4 on June 20th. This charrette is a local community gathering to unite voices and shape the future for mental health. Thriving Hearts NC is about reimagining maternal care- working hand in hand with communities to ensure every mother is seen, supported, and safe during pregnancy and beyond. **Youth Stock Trust Grant:** Grants are awarded to local programs, initiatives, schools and scholarships that specifically benefit Cumberland County youth. We were awarded \$1,400 to support our Baby Store. When funded, we will use the money to purchase additional items for the Baby Store.

Action Item E: 10. CLOSED SESSION A. Attorney Client Matter Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)

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: None

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo
VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)
The meeting was adourned at 7:16pm.

Dr. Jennifer Green

Dr. Jennifer Green, Director

6/17/2025
Date

Dr. Kingsley Momodu

Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Chair

6/17/2025
Date