

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
February 9, 2024 – 11:00 AM  
1235 RAMSEY STREET  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian, Chair  
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician, Vice Chair  
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer  
Dr. Hakkam Alsaïdi, Optometrist  
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative  
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist  
Mr. Dakota Wright, General Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner  
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist  
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse  
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative

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

**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 Alsaïdi moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Agenda  
SECOND: Dr. Kingsley Momodu  
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

B. Approval of January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
SECOND: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear  
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

C. Approval of Board of Health 2024 Handbook, Operating Procedures, Compliance with Public Health Laws and Regulations, Hearing Appeals to the Board of Health and Board of Health Adjudication policies.

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the 2024 Board of Health Handbook and Operating Procedures, Compliance with Public Health Laws and Regulations, Hearing Appeals to the Board of Health and Board of Health Adjudication policies.

SECOND: Mr. John Larch III

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

D. Approval of the Dental Health Month Proclamation

MOTION: Dr. Kingsley Momodu moved to approve the Dental Health Month Proclamation

SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaïdi

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Public Comment

Dr. Dean opened the floor for public comments at 11:09a.m. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Dean closed the floor for public comment at 11:10a.m.

B. Dental Health Month Proclamation

Ms. Sheena Butler presented a proclamation deeming February Dental Health Month to the Board of Health. Ms. Butler explained that they had received a grant for \$3000 from the Delta Dental Foundation for Region 6. Events planned will be at outreach events – Vax Yourself/Vax Your Pet where they will provide free screening for pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and fluoride treatment. There will be several awareness campaigns throughout the month as well as safety for oral health through pregnancy. The Board of Health Members adopted the proclamation and look forward to hearing from the events planned for the month of February.

C. Director's Report

**CMHRP and CMARC Policy Update**

NC Medicaid is implementing the below updates to strengthen provision of CMHRP and CMARC services and ensure a smooth transition to voluntary contracting with LHDs in the future. Updates include:

1. Extend existing PHP-LHD exclusive contracting requirements for CMHRP and CMARC programs for one year through June 30, 2025 (originally June 30, 2024)
2. Assess each LHD against process and outcome-based benchmarks by August 2024
3. Require PHPs to contract for CMARC and CMHRP services in Contract Year (CY) 2025-2026 with those LHDs that met the benchmark assessments from August 2024. PHPs will not be required to contract with LHDs that do not meet performance thresholds starting July 2025
4. Starting July 2026, PHPs may contract with LHDs but will not be required to do so.

Dr. Green explained the Benchmark Assessment Timeline to the Board Members. Between January 2024 – October 2024 – They will conduct baseline and final performance benchmarks for each LHD; LHD's that do not meet benchmark are not guaranteed contracts as of July 2025. Between July 2025 and June 2026, PHP's are only required to contract with high performing LHD's. Effective July 2026, PHP's will no longer be required to contract with LHD's for provision of CMHRP or CMARC services, as specified in previous guidance. Dr. Green explained the benchmark measures as well as the assessment timeframe. Dr. Green reviewed the CMHRP Data and how we measured with performance as well as data for CMARC. This data has already been reviewed with program consultants. There will be 2 follow up meetings with NCALHD. We will then follow up with CMARX staff for targeted focus on measures. March will be the check in with program consultants.

**Opioid Settlement Funds Update**

Dr. Green said there were 4 initial funded agencies that have launched pilot projects. The Recovery Support Center will cost \$650,000 and is on the February 19<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda for the Board of County Commissioners. There is also an Early Intervention RFP for \$500,00 with 2-3 awards. There will be informational webinars on February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup> with proposals due March 15<sup>th</sup>.

E. Membership Roster/Attendance Roster

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

F. Board Member Comments

None

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to adjourn.  
SECOND: Mr. John Larch  
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45a.m.

  
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Dr. Jennifer Green, Director

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