

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
AUGUST 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM
1235 RAMSEY STREET
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian, Chair
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Dr. Hakkahm Alsaidi, Optometrist
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Fiser, 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 III
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director
Mrs. Heather Skeens, Deputy County Manager
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director
Mrs. Sanquis Graham, Local Public Health Administrator
Mr. Rick Moorefield, County Attorney

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. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

B. Approval of June 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

C. Approval to waive Admin fees for COVID, Flu and RSV vaccines

MOTION: Dr. Olusola Ojo moved to approve to waive Admin fees for COVID, Flu and RSV vaccines.
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

D. Approval of Board of Health Policies (02-01) (02-02) (02-03) (02-04) (02-05)

MOTION: Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear moved to approved the Board of Health Policies
SECOND: Dr. Kingsley Momodu
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

E. Approval to Write off Bad Debt

MOTION: Dr. Kingsley Momodu moved to approve bad debt write off
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia Kearney-McArthur
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Action Item C:

Candi York asked the Board to consider waiving the Admin fees on COVID, FLU and RSV vaccines based on the following criteria. COVID-19 vaccines have been commercialized. COVID-19 Bridge access funds will offset the cost of FLU and COVID-19 vaccine fees. Vaccines are covered for children under the Federal vaccines for Children Program. RSV vaccines for maternity patients are on a sliding fee scale. Administration fee for one vaccine is \$24. The Board unanimously voted to waive the Admin fees for COVID, FLU and RSV vaccines. This motion will go to the County Commissioners at their next monthly meeting for final approval.

Action Item D:

Dr. Green gave the Board Members a copy of each policy and shared that there weren't any changes from last year and ask for them to approve the policies which is a requirement for our Accreditation process. The Board of Health unanimously approved the Board of Health Policies 02-02, 02-02, 02-03, 02-04 and 02-05.

Action Item E:

Mrs. York presented to the Board a listing of delinquent accounts for Adult Health, Child Health, Family Planning, Immunizations, and Maternal Health Clinic that are over 90 days as of 8/6/2024. These accounts have been worked for 90 days by sending statements and phone calls to resolve the debt with no success. Mrs. York is requesting these accounts be turned over to the NC Debt Set-Off Program, which can attach a debtor's State Income Tax Refund for payment of bad debts. The Board voted unanimously to turn over the bad debt totalling \$7,747.53.

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 July 31, 2024. The statement of Revenues and Expenditures exceeded in the amount of \$1,166,605.46. Expenditures by program was reviewed and overall are at 3.80% for the month ending July 31, 2024. Revenue by source was reviewed as well showing we have earned 4.57% as of July 31, 2024. Overall we are collecting on course of our revenue. Accounts receivables were reviewed by clinics as well as the private pay aging report ending July 31, 2024.

Family Child Care Homes Proposed Rules:

Mr. Adrian Jones of Environmental Health shared a presentation on proposed rule changes to Family Child Care Homes. The last revision was made effective in 2008, sections were combined and rearranged to make a better flow with new sections added and terminology updated. The first change was that these homes apply for an operation permit with an application fee. Mr. Jones discussed all 19 sections of the proposed rule change and each Board Member had a copy of the presentation. Sections included handwashing, food storage, food service utensils and equipment, water supply, lavatories and sleeping arrangements to name a few. The Board was asked to read over the data that was presented and we will place an add in the paper inviting public comment on the proposed rule before the next Board of Health Meeting. We will take a vote at the next Board Meeting after hearing opposition from the public on the subject matter.

Community Health Assessment Updates:

Ms. Morris presented an overlook of how Cumberland County Health Outcomes fall within National and State averages. We fall behind both National and State in health outcomes as well as factors. Ms. Morris explained that lagging factors in health outcomes include maternal and infant health, mental and physical health as well as access to care and quality of care. Health behaviors included diet and exercise, sexual health, substance use disorders, and tobacco use. Leading indicators with health factors include built environment, environmental quality, housing and homelessness, transportation options and transit, education, employment, family, community and social support, income and safety. A total of 1,253 Cumberland residents responded to the web-based survey that was distributed as part of the primary data collection process. Almost four out of five respondents identified as women, and the largest age group represented was 45-65 years old. Mental health, alcohol/drug addiction, and weight/obesity were identified as the top 3 health problems affecting the community. About one third of respondents also identified heart disease/high blood pressure and diabetes/high blood sugar as important health problems. Cost, insurance, and wait times were the top three barriers to receiving health care identified by the community. Housing, poverty, and availability and access to doctor's offices were identified as the top three most important social or environmental problems that affect the health of the community. Insurance, neighborhood safety, and affordable child care were also identified by almost one in four respondents. More than 20 community members provided feedback on health and social needs as well as their experiences living, working or receiving healthcare in Cumberland County. Healthcare Access & Quality was identified as a common theme across these four groups. Major concerns included the high cost of healthcare; wait times for emergency care; lack of understanding how to navigate the system, particularly accessing health insurance; lack of transportation to facilities; and lack of staffing in facilities. Ms. Morris explained that the BOH would solicit public comment for the October Board of Health Meeting. The Health Education team will work with community stakeholders to host prioritization meeting. Public will be notified of report once completed and seek feedback via email or social media.

Director's Report:

WIC received the NC Association of County Commissioner's Association Innovation Awards for their work with Ft. Liberty to increase WIC participation among military families. WIC office is moving to our permanent location on Joel Clinic on Ft. Liberty. WIC Modernization has changed the requirements for patients getting their benefits. A patient can virtually miss all of their appointments after the first one and still receive their benefits for the year. Stedman-Wade Dental Health provided notice they will no longer provide Dental Health services at the health department. The location at Murchison Road can see children, teens, adults and seniors. They have a sliding fee scale and are at Murchison Road on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Stedman location on Monday and Thursday. Also available is the Care Clinic for low income and uninsured and they provide free adult dental extractions but no wisdom teeth. Dr. Green gave an update on the Opioid Settlement Funds : Carolina Treatment Center was awarded \$200,000 for recovery support services, recovery housing supports, employment or vocational linkages and supports and re-entry services. Myover-Reese Fellowship Homes received \$200,000 for recovery support services and recovery housing supports. North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition received \$199,990 for recovery support services, criminal justice diversion programs, and re-entry services. Family Drug Treatment court received \$200,000 for Criminal justice diversion programs. Camp Rockfish and Retreat received \$97,149 for Early Intervention. Mid-Carolina Regional council received \$350,000 for Early Intervention. Projects will begin in Fall 2024. We will hold 4 townhall sessions again like last year on September 10th in Fayetteville, September 26th in Eastover, October 8th in Spring Lake and October 10th in Hope Mills. Dr. Green explained the request for proposals from Doulas. Proposals are due September 30th. There will be \$150,000 to fund two eligible organizations the ability to provide the birth doulas services that individuals without insurance coverage for doula service. They will provide continuous labor support for at least 30 clients. They will complete healthy equity training and attend perinatal taskforce meetings as well as 2 informational webinars.

Membership Roster/Attendance Roster:

Dr. Dean 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, October 15, 2024 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Olusola Ojo moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Dr. Kingsley Momodu

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

The meeting was adourned at 7:25pm.

Jennifer Green

Dr. Jennifer Green, Director

W. Kent Dean

Dr. Kent Dean, Chair

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