

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
JUNE 18, 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. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner
Dr. Hakkahm Alsaïdi, Optometrist
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative
Mr. Dakota Wright, General Public Representative
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist

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

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. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Mr. John Larch
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

B. Approval of April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Mr. John Larch
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

C. Approval of Communicable Disease Funding Letter

MOTION: Dr. Kingsley Momodu moved to approve the Communicable Disease Funding Letter
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Action Item C: The State has \$1B surplus; NC House is pushing to allocate surplus on spending items; NC Senate is resistant to do so. If no budget revision in short session, surplus goes to rainy day funds. The NC Association of Health Directors is making a collective push to support communicable disease funding. HB 108 (2023): \$25M (R) for Communicable disease funding. Final budget includes \$8M in NR funds for LHDs. Current request is to support recurring funding for communicable disease. The request was that the local board of health send letters to NC Senators in support of recurring communicable disease funding. The Board of Health voted unanimously to send letters of support asking for funding for Communicable Diseases.

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 May 31, 2024. The statement of Revenues and Expenditures exceeded in the amount of \$1,416,874.39. Expenditures by program was reviewed and overall are at 75.89% for the month ending May 31, 2024. Revenue by source was reviewed as well showing we have earned 63.57% as of May 31, 2024. Overall we are collecting 78.16% of our revenue. Accounts receivables were reviewed by clinics as well as the private pay aging report ending May 31, 2024.

Annual Communicable Disease Report by Alba Natale:

A handout with information was given to each Board of Health member as well as shown on the screen and explained. This report included select communicable disease, information about the NC DHHS Interactive Dashboard and full data reports for 2023, as 2024 is not available. It was noted that although our population continues to rise that the most common STI's have decreased over time being reported from 2021 to 2023. Congenital Syphilis number rose from 1 to 6 over a 2 year period. In North Carolina there were 6 stillbirths, 2 neonatal deaths and 71 cases in 2023 alone. The contributing factors are there aren't many OB/GYN in the area delivering anymore which is causing a delay in prenatal care or no prenatal care at all. There is also a lack of screening during pregnancy and delays in treatment once diagnosed. There is a new law in place now where a female must be screened in her 1st trimester and at birth. A lot of people are not aware of the symptoms and don't end up getting tested because of this. In 2023, Cumberland County was 4th in NC for newly diagnosed HIV and newly diagnosed State 3/AIDS cases. Most newly diagnosed cases were amongst men who sleep with men. Most newly diagnosed cases amongst women are through heterosexual exposure. Alba added that we need more HIV/AIDS awareness in ages 13-34. We do see a lot of people from other states as they travel here to get away from the stigma of being seen in their own home state. We have the only Hep C program in the County and Maryam is doing a fantastic job at decreasing chronic Hep C cases. They are having a hard time with follow ups - as many come here to get tested and then disappear.

Notable diseases include 1 case of Meningococcal invasive disease in 59 y/o with no risk factors - he was prescribed PEP and to 4 household contacts, also there was a suspicious cause of death for household member prior to case patient's diagnosis at CFVMC. There was 1 measles exposure at Fort Liberty, 1 Avian Flu exposure, 1 Tetanus case in a 24 y/o female (Airforce Reserves from SC). There were no mpox cases in 2023. The Marburg Virus in March 2023, after a travel returned was notified on April 6 - 4/5 travelers from Fort Liberty affiliated. Self-monitoring for 21 days. TB Highlights in the November 14, 2023 audit were a variation of cases - Ocular TB, Spinal TB and Bone(foot) TB as well as the Health Law Violator completed sentencing in September 2023. Barriers to quality care include Bicillin shortage, insufficient workforce, funding, access to care and education and awareness. There are also culture barriers as well as stigma and discrimination. External Priority 5: Reduction of STI/STD incidence rates has been a success. We decreased rates of STIs by 5%, decreased rates of HIV and AIDS by 10% and decreased rates of Hepatitis C by 10%. The EPI team is focusing on Talk, Test and Treat. We were able to decrease "test to treat" time by 65% since the implementation of the GeneXpert point of care testing machine. This decreases results turnaround time from 5/6 days to 1 day. Contacts are treated faster, also leading to a decrease in "reinfections." So far, we have had over 1,000 Express Clinic appointments. The Hepatitis C Program is the only free program in Cumberland County. It removes barriers for patients needing screening/treatment. We have increased outreach participation for STI screenings in 2023 by 186%, increased community partnerships and increased participation in media campaigns. Moving forward, we are targeting Syphilis and HIV, Acute Hepatitis B & C, Express Clinic, PrEP Clinic, Targeted Outreach and Screening, Targeted Media Campaigns and Communicable Disease Funding.

External Reports:

Dr. Green discussed the CCHC Fiscal Audit and the Vaccines for Children Monitoring Visit. These reports were available for each Board Member in their packet and were shown on screen and reviewed in detail.

Director's Report:

Stedman-Wade has announced that they will no longer provide dental services in the Health Department. We are working with County Management to ensure that our patients have access to dental care. Legislative Updates - Minor's Consent Law: Language scheduled to be heard in House. This would have mandated that medical records be made available to parents, including services provided under the minors' consent law. Language has been removed from the calendar and we do not think it will move this session. Bill S166/EH blocks the state AG from defending counties/health departments on environmental health matters or NC DHHS from paying settlements. We are scheduling meetings with the NC Association of County Commissioners and the Environmental Health Supervisors Association to coordinate a response to this bill. 1953 law - persons age 16 or older may not wear a mask, hood, or other device to conceal identity, several applicable exemptions. During COVID-19, exemption was added for physical health and safety. HB237 removes the health exemption and increasing criminal penalties. NC Senate has approved the legislation, not yet passed the House. The implications are:

Statute may prohibit people over the age of 16 from wearing medical or similar masks for health reasons in most public and private places in North Carolina - Not clear whether a mask wearer must have the intent of concealing identity, or whether the mere wearing of a mask that conceals identity is a violation. Conflict with existing laws - Modified health exception language is back in.

Community Health Assessment Updates - The surveys close June 21 - so far there have been 1204 surveys completed with 3 focus groups completed with college students, migrant workers and veterans. Focus group themes are being finalized. Next steps - key stakeholder meetings and priority selection.

Opioid Settlement Funds Update -

Camp Rockfish Recovery and Retreat - funding recommendation for \$97,149. Summer Day Camp (Camp Heal) for children/teens with problematic substance use or mental health Family Saturday Events - parent engagement and education - collaboration with faith community. Mid-Carolina Regional Council - funding recommendation is \$350,000. Support kinship caregivers of youth impacted by opioid use. This will help with Early identification, peer support specialist, naloxone education, mental health first aid, parenting skills and community resources and linkages to care. Planning for Option B timeline is as follows: June/July 2024

- Update OSF Survey and place in survey monkey August 2024 - Mayor's Coalition Annual Update and begin electronic and paper survey distribution. September 2024 - 2 townhalls - OSF updates and feedback in Hope Mills and Eastover. October 2024 - 2 townhalls for OSF updates and Feedback in Fayetteville and Spring Lake. 1st week in October - Recovery center opening - close survey October 9th. Review results during C-Fort meeting on October 15th. November 2024 - C-FORT meeting - Strategy prioritization/ confirm key indicators from NC Opioid Dashboard. December 2024 - BOCC meeting - Summary and Option A/Option B Recommendations to County Commissioners. January 2025 - Final report developed. February 2025 - Report submitted to NC DOJ/NCACC.

Kroger Settlement - Kroger is required to pay \$1.37B to state and local governments. \$40 M to NC and local governments between 2024 and 2034. Cumberland is projected to receive \$899.890.42. Local governments must sign on by August 12th. Requires Board of County Commissioners to sign a resolution directing County Manager to sign onto Kroger Settlement and the Second Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds.

Maternal Health Updates - Perinatal Taskforce Re-launched - meetings are 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm. Prioritizing which SDOH to address. Healthy Start Grant - hired 2 CHWs and a Fatherhood Coordinator - 1 PT provider and 1 PT Nurse to support additional maternity appointments. 2 SWs for CMHRP - reviewing applications. 1 Public Health Educator - reviewing applications. Thriving Hearts Grant - 50,000 allocated to support Doulas.

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, August 20, 2024 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Fleishman moved to adjourn.
SECOND: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

The meeting was adourned at 7:11pm.

Jennifer Green

Dr. Jennifer Green, Director

W. Kent Dean

Dr. Kent Dean, Chair

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