

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF
HEALTH APRIL 15, 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. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Samuel Fleishman, Physician
Commissioner Vice Chair Woman Veronica Jones
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse
Mr. Bart Fiser, General Public Representative
Mr. Dakota Wright, General Public Representative
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
Ms. Sanquis Graham, Local Public Health Administrator

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
- B. Approval of March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Action Items could not be approved as we did not have a quorum. Action items will be carried over to May meeting.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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 March 31, 2025.

The statement of Revenues and Expenditures exceeded in the amount of \$1,505,104.69. Expenditures by program was reviewed and overall are at 65.12% for the month ending March 31, 2025. Revenue by source was reviewed as well showing we have earned 69.69% as of the end of March, 2025.

Accounts receivables were reviewed by clinics as well as the private pay aging report ending March 31, 2025.

Director's Report:

Legislative Updates/Federal Funding Updates -

NC Senate expected to introduce and pass budget this week with budget cuts likely to appear in the bill. Additional public health funding request likely not to be included. Tobacco 21 (House Bill 430 and Senate Bill 318) were referred to Senate rules and House rules. House Bill 519 (Minor's Consent) - Advocacy through NCAHLD. Currently sharing success stories of engagement with minors. House Bill 376 (Onsite Wastewater Bill) - revisions have been made based on feedback from EH Directors and NC DPH staff. House Bill 89 - new - will require new vaccines to have had at least 3 years of FDA approval to be added to required vaccines for school attendance. House Bill 830 (Rolling Ink Act) - approval for mobile tattoo parlors. NC DHHS received notice of termination of some CDC and SAMHSA funding. There have been formal stop work orders received for AA 716 and AA720 which we do not have at all. AA716 is CDC COVID-19 Vaccination program and all of our funds have been expended. AA720 is a seasonal influenza vaccine for Farmworkers Program - we were not one of the counties awarded these funds. There has been an immediate end to support to temporary CCNC staff assigned to work in Cumberland (Medical Records and Disease Investigation Support). NC DHHS DIS staff assigned to our region was impacted, identified another staff person to serve in Cumberland.

County Health Rankings -

Dr. Green passed out a packet with an overview of our County Health Rankings in them. Each Board Member received a packet. The measures use data from 2019-2021 and is based on a model of community health that emphasizes factors that influence how long and well we live. There were 80 plus measures organized by topic areas like population health, length of life, quality of life as well as health infrastructure, physical environment and social and economic factors. Population Health and Well-being 2024 vs 2025 showed that Cumberland County is faring slightly worse than the average county in NC for Health Outcomes, and slightly worse than the average county in the nation. Cumberland County is faring slightly worse than the average county in NC for Population Health and Well-being, and slightly worse than the average county in the nation. Cumberland County is faring slightly worse than the average county in NC for health factors, and worse than the average county in the nation. Cumberland County is faring about the same as the average county in NC for Community Conditions, and about the same as the average county in the nation. For Population Health and Well-being - length of life increased in premature deaths (years of potential life lost). For Quality of Life - 1 percent point increase in adults reporting poor/fair health with no change in percent of low birth weight. The number of poor physical health days worsened from 3.7 to 4.3. There was a slight improvement in the number of poor mental health days from 5.3 to 5.2. Community Conditions: Health Infrastructure - the percent of adults with a mammography screening and flu vaccination remain lower than NC. There was a slight decrease in percentage of women receiving mammogram screenings. Preventable hospital stays improved but remain higher than NC. The ratio of mental health providers to the population is improving and the ratio of primary care physicians and dentists to the population remain the same.

Community Conditions: Physical Environment - there were no changes to severe housing problems. There was a plus/negative 1 percentage point change for long commutes to work and driving along to work. New is that 90% of residents have broadband access similar to NC/US and 1 library visit per person living in the service area have been counted. Community Conditions Social and Economic Factors - there were improvements in unemployment rate of 4.7%. There were improvements in income inequality ratio (higher income households earned 4.3x those of households with lower incomes). Injury deaths are worsening (homicide, suicide, MVC, overdoses). New - Child Care Cost burden: average household spent 27% of its income on childcare for two children - similar to NC/US. Minimal changes to college/HS complete and children in poverty. Community Conditions: Other Health Infrastructure - not included in summary measures. there was a 1% decrease in adult smoking. There was a decrease in sexually transmitted infections and teen births while adult obesity remains the same. There was 1% increase in alcohol impaired driving deaths and a decrease of 1% in uninsured adults yet uninsured children remains the same.

PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation : EPA is using the best available science on PFAS to set national standards. EPA has established National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for 6 PFAS compounds, setting Maximum Contaminant Levels for PFOA,PFOS,GenX,PFNA,PFHxS, and mixtures of certain PFAS chemicals.

Cumberland County's Public Works Commission (PWC) is investing in filtration systems to reduce PFAS levels in drinking water by 2029. Efforts have been made to expand PFAS testing for private water wells in Cumberland County under the direction of North Carolina DEQ, including areas of Harnett and Hoke counties. Gray's Creek community is receiving a \$16 million project to extend a safe drinking water distribution system to residents affected by PFAS. Filtration systems are being installed in local schools such as Gray's Creek Elementary and Alderman Road Elementary to ensure safe drinking water. EPA's 2024 rule requires public water systems to comply with new PFAS regulations within five years - by 2029. Safe Drinking Water to Gray's Creek - PWC responsibilities include - funding water service to Gray's Creek and Alderman Elementary Schools. Oversee design and construction of water mains to both schools. Provide drinking water that meets PWC standards to the entire district. Own and operate all water distribution facilities within the district. The County's responsibilities include: Engaging residents in early sign-up discussions, working to secure funding assistance for resident tap fees.

Upcoming Events

Vax Your Pet, Vax Yourself is being held on Saturday, April 26th from 9am-12pm. Rabies vaccines at \$5 and there will be free back to school immunizations including measles vaccines.

4/12 - Tattoo Convention - Environmental Health issued 255 permits

4/26 - Dogwood Festival

4/26 - Community Baby Showers to include - Womack, AmeriHealth, Kingdom Impact, Spring Maternity Fair

5/3 - CCS Mental Health Fair 2025 Birth and Baby Expo

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, May 20, 2025 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adourned at 6:40pm.

Jennifer Green

Dr. Jennifer Green, Director

5/20/2025

Date

Dr. Kingsley Momodu

Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Chair

5/20/2025

Date