

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
August 18, 2020 – 6:00p.m.  
1235 RAMSEY STREET, GO TO MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Connette McMahon, Chair  
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist, Vice Chair  
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician  
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist  
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian  
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse  
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist  
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer  
Ms. Sonja Council, Public Representative  
Mrs. Stacy Cox, Public Representative  
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director  
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director  
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Director of Nursing  
Candice York, Accountant  
Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director (via telephone)  
Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Health Director  
Travis Greer, Region 6 Tobacco Control Manager  
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager  
Darryl Ferguson, IT Support

GUESTS PRESENT: NONE

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Dr. Connette McMahon 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 Jeanette Council moved to approve the Board of Health Regular Meeting  
Agenda

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (11-0)

B. Approval of June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Olusola Ojo moved to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Kent Dena

VOTE: Unanimous (11-0)

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Public Comment

Dr. McMahon opened the floor for public comments at 6:10 p.m. There being no public comments registered, Dr. McMahon closed the floor for public comment at 6:11 p.m.

B. Financial Reports

Mrs. Candice York presented her financial reports. The statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing July 31, 2020, exceeded our expenditures of \$102,574.15. Expenditures by programs are at 6.13% reporting as of July 31, 2020. COVID-19 – budget revision process is in process now. The Health Department has received 2 grants. The first grant was for \$10,000 to support child fatality and was funded through a local citizen to the Health Department. The second grant is to increase access to healthy food.

C. Review of the State of the County Health Report

Ashley Curtice reviewed the County health rankings. You can search by areas of strength as well as areas that need improvements. There are also areas that have opportunities to explore such as smoking, obesity, and vaccines. The State of the County 2019 Report highlighted Accreditation Benchmark 38. This report gave demographics and highlights of our county, a review of leading causes of death as well as priorities throughout Cumberland County. Ms. Curtice said an Opioid Coordinator position is now available for hire within the Health Department. Next steps will include 2-3 priorities for next year.

D. Breastfeeding Month Update

Ms. Ashley Curtice spoke about what the Health Education team had planned for Breastfeeding month. There will be trivia on the county social media site. A press release will go out regarding other county departments that are wanting to make a space for breastfeeding mothers in their departments. There is also a coloring contest between departments and individuals at the Health Department, being as creative as you can regarding breastfeeding during COVID-19.

E. Public Health Accreditation Update, Benchmark 35:

Ms. Ashley Curtice explained Benchmark 35, which is assuring that the local Board of Health follows the procedures for adjudications in G.S. 130A-24. Dr. McMahon said there had not been an adjudication since she has been on the Board, therefore, the Board would need to sign a health statement to that effect to satisfy this Benchmark for accreditation.

F. Director's Report:

A. COVID - 19 Update

Dr. Green presented a power-point with statistical data for Cumberland County. To date, there have been 3,434 cases. Cumberland County data was furthermore broken down by ethnicity, gender, age, and race. As of August 17, there have been 56 deaths. Countywide testing since March ramps up to 48,803 tests done with 1200 being performed by the Health Department. Cumberland County is 9 % positive with North Carolina being 7% positive – our goal is to be 5% positive. Young people are driving our cases here and nationally between the ages of 25-49. Testing will continue to be done at Manna Church on Tuesdays and rotating different locations on Thursdays. In addition to testing, we have been providing test kits to the jail, homeless shelters, mental health providers and nursing homes as requested. We need to see a downward trajectory over 14 days or sustained leveling in new cases which we are not seeing. This may be a result of people being out more, not social distancing. The state is still working on new strategies to get us going in the right direction. Dr. Fleishman added that the hospital is seeing a daily census of 41 to 42 positive COVID patients daily. Of those numbers, 4 to 6 are in ICU, 2 – 3 on a vent and challenges present around testing daily. Dr. Fleishman also stated that there is an initiative by the hospital to get out education in the community regarding COVID-19. Dr. Green also noted that the outbreaks in our nursing homes have spiked as well.

B. Final review of FY 19-20 Board of Health Goals

Dr. Green spoke about the past goals in the Board of Health Strategic Plan and how we have met those goals during 2019/2020. Benchmark 15 – provides Board of Health an update on the Strategic Plan. This is a 2-3-year strategic plan – Dr. Green discussed how it is developing and wrapped up previous goals by the Board of Health. Dr. Green provided updates on each objectives under each of the Board of Health Strategic Plan goals including: Improve Oral Health, Sexually Transmitted Infections Rate Reduction, Teen Pregnancy Rate Reduction, Reduce the Prevalence of Teen Vaping, and Reduce incidence Opioid Abuse, Overdose, and Death. Strategically how do we have access to healthier foods – change access to recreation facilities?

C. Review of Cumberland County Communicable Disease Trends

Dr. Green gave an overview of Benchmark 2 and how it involves providing local disease and incidence and trends to the Board of Health. Dr. Green showed graphs on reported cases of all communicable disease over a 15-year period. Dr. Green discussed the North Carolina Disease Data Dashboard and remarked how we were significantly lower in disease that had a vaccine. It was noted that this being a military town and having a lot of males between the ages of 18-29, our communicable diseases report showed higher than average. Our next steps are hiring an additional Communicable Disease nurse which the commissioners have already approved.

G. Membership Roster/ Attendance Roster

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

H. Board Member Comments

Stacy Cox – Is our Board concerned of Chemours – or is it an environmental concern? Dr. Green will send out some websites and links for the Board members to review.

Dr. Kent Dean – Dr. Dean said he is involved with a study with the state taking blood from animals for research because they are worried about the chemicals getting into their food stream. Results should be back within 6 months and he will share results with the Board.

Mr. John Larch – Prior to COVID, we were talking as a Board about making a statement about support PFAS & COVID-19. Dr. McMahon said we need to provide information on the website but not make recommendations as a Board. Dr. Green to follow up.

Dr. Momodu – If you have a case at a dental clinic or PCP – how and who do you notify of the case? – We (Health Department) notify and work back who patients saw as well as providers and we contact everyone. Some facilities may need to be closed for 1 or 2 additional days to clean after a positive case or cluster. A cluster is or more cases related together that we can track.

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6pm.

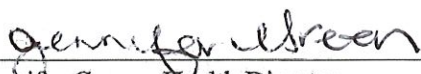

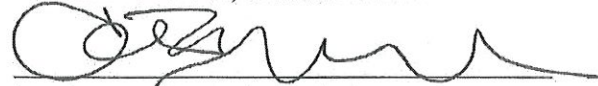
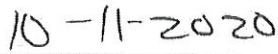
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sonja Council moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Stacy Cox

VOTE: Unanimous (11-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

	
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director	Date
	
Dr. Connetta McMahon, Chair	Date