

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
JUNE 17, 2025 – 6:00 PM
1235 RAMSEY STREET
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chairwoman Commissioner Veronica Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director
Ms. Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director
Mrs. Heather Skeens, Assistant County Manager
Dr. Lori Haigler, Medical Director
Mrs. Candi York, Business Officer
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director
Ms. Sanquis Graham, Local Public Health Administrator
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Public Health Director
Ms. Alba Natale, EPI/STI Nursing Supervisor
Ms. Sandy Parker, Maternity Nursing Supervisor

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

MOTION: Dr. Olusola Ojo to approve the Board of Health Meeting Agenda
SECOND: Dr. Kent Dean
VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

B. Approval of May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

C. Approval of the Billing Guide Updates

MOTION: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi moved to approve the Billing Guide Updates.

SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo

VOTE: Unanimous (7-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Action Item C:

- NC GS 230A-39(g) allows health departments to set fees for services
- Board of Health and County Commissioners approve the Billing and Collections Policies
- Fees to self-pay patients are offered on a sliding fee scale
- Reimbursement for services are received through public and private insurance and self-pay
- Fees are based on cost to deliver services, Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement rates, fees in surrounding counties
- At minimum, fees are set at the Medicaid rate
- Uninsured patients receive information about applying for Medicaid
- Maternity and child health clinics are supported by local, state and federal funding. Public and Private insurance reimbursement and self-pay client fees.
- Uninsured/underinsured are offered on a sliding fee scale based on income/household size. currently, Cumberland county residents are eligible for services. This creates a logistical and continuity of care challenge for staff and clients who receive other HD services without residency requirements. The ask is that the Health Department Billing Manual be revised to reflect that there is not a residency requirement for the maternal health and child health clinics. The Board unanimously voted for this change and the next steps will go to the Board of County Commissioners Policy committee and then Agenda Session.

Public Comment

Dr. Momodu opened the floor for public comments at 6:14pm. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Momodu closed the floor for public comment at 6:15 pm.

Financial Reports:

Mrs. York presented the monthly financial reports for the month ending May 31, 2025. The statement of Revenues and Expenditures exceeded in the amount of \$2,375,664.56. Expenditures by program was reviewed and overall, we are at 79.07% for the month ending May 31, 2025. Revenue by source was reviewed as well showing we have earned 86.27% as of the end of May 31, 2025. Accounts receivables were reviewed by clinics as well as the private pay aging report ending May 31, 2025.

Dr. Fleishman arrived at 6:25pm.

Recognition of Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi and Mr. Dakota Wright:

Dr. Momodu thanked both Board Members for their dedicated service to the Board of Health. Both members have moved out of the county and have vacated their seats as of the end of this meeting. Both Board Members took the time to thank the other Board Members for their dedication to the citizens of Cumberland County and applauded them for their efforts on bridging the gaps in services that our citizens need. Both Members were presented a plaque for their service.

Annual Communicable Disease Report:

Alba Natale presented the Annual Communicable Disease Report data to the Board. Alba mentioned that there is now an interactive dashboard with NC DHHS and gave members the link and encouraged them to look at it and browse around. There was a drop in reported cases from 2023 to 2024 of 300 people. Data shown from 2022-2024, showed a decrease in Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and NGU each year. Graphs also showed a decrease in reported Syphilis. In 2024, Cumberland County was 5th in NC for newly diagnosed HIV and 6th for newly diagnosed Stage 3/AIDS cases. Black/African American men and women continue to experience the highest rates of HIV/AIDS diagnosis. Alba discussed Hepatitis B & C cases through 2024 as well as Perinatal Hepatitis. Alba discussed the new program we have here at the Health Department and praised the Nurse that runs the Hep C program because as of today, we have cured 11 people from Hepatitis C. Dr. Momodu asked what the biggest reason was for people getting Hepatitis B & C and the biggest reason is poverty. There were 2 MPOX cases last year as well as 142 evals over the year for TB. There has been a large decrease in Refugees. We had 9 confirmed/probable cases of Pertussis, 6 confirmed/probable cases of Varicella, 8 Flu deaths in persons 18 years of age or older. Individual cases of COVID and deaths are no longer reportable although we still continue to work in collaboration with NC DHHS RIPS teams to ensure safe infection prevention measures in Long Term Care Facilities. Alba also discussed the barriers to quality patient care which included insufficient workforce, funding and economic constraints, access to care, education and awareness, stigma and discrimination and cultural and language barriers. Reducing STI/STD incidence rates is one of our Strategic Plan priorities and Alba reports that we have met that goal every year consistently. This success is in part of Talk, Test, Treat - since the implementation of the GeneXpert point of care testing machine, test results are sometimes available the same day or next opposed to 5/6 days. In this instance, patients and partners get tested and treated faster. The Hepatitis C program is the only free program in Cumberland County. The EPI team continues to do outreach events for STI screenings in populations that are high in STI rates. Moving forward, we will continue to target Syphilis and HIV as well as Acute Hepatitis B&C. We will continue to see as many as we can each day in the Express Clinic. Our goal is to one day have a PrEP Clinic in the facility.

HIPAA Risk Assessment:

Dr. Green presented the Board Members with our final HIPAA Risk Assessment Report which was included in their packet. We ranked 89% which was the highest in the State. Many thanks were given to Monica Short Owens and Candi York for spearheading this project. There were 2 areas that we are working on - 1) Strengthening our Business Associate Agreements an User Account Audit process. Overall it was an excellent review with a great outcome.

Directors Report:

Federal Funding/Legislative Updates - Health Directors received a revised version of the Tobacco Control AA 451. This narrows the scope to focus on youth along with cessation and policy change. The main goal is to cultivate environments that promote tobacco-free norms among young people. With this change, we will maintain funding for our Regional Tobacco Coordinator and our temporary Health Educator. Solly's Law (House Bill 430 and Senate Bill 318) raises the legal sales age of tobacco to 21 and requires a sales permit. At this time there are no hearings scheduled. There is still alot of work to be done, lots of opportunity to help get this law passed.

Back to School Immunizations clinics have been scheduled and flyers are going out soon. We will hand out swag bags to all children that come in to get them this summer and enter them in to a monthly drawing for a nice prize.

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, we do not have a meeting in July. Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Dr. Sam Fleishman

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

The meeting was adourned at 7:06pm.

Jennifer Green
Dr. Jennifer Green, Director

8-19-2025
Date

Dr. Kingsley Momodu
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Chair

8-19-2025
Date