

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

6:00 PM

1235 RAMSEY STREET
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist, Chair
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse
Mr. Joseph Fiser, General Public Representative
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist, Vice Chair
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician
Dr. Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear, General Public Representative
Vice Chairwoman Commissioner Veronica Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director
Ms. Tamra Morris, Deputy Health Director
Mrs. Candi York, Business Officer
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director
Ms. Sanquis Graham, Local Public Health Administrator
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant III to the Public Health Director
Mrs. Sandy Parker, Public Nursing Supervisor Maternity Clinic
Mrs. Meredith McPherson, Nursing Student

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: Deferred to next meeting as there was not a quorum present
SECOND:
VOTE:

B. Approval of October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Deferred to next meeting as there was not a quorum present
SECOND:
VOTE:

C. Approval of Health Director's Job Description

MOTION: Deferred to next meeting as there was not a quorum
SECOND: present.
VOTE:

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment

Dr. Momodu opened the floor for public comments at 6:15pm. There being no public comments registered, Dr. Momodu closed the floor for public comment at 6:16pm.

Financial Reports:

Mrs. York presented the monthly financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2025. The statement of Revenues and Expenditures exceeded in the amount of \$553,456.12. Expenditures by program was reviewed and overall, we are at 26.95% for the month ending October 31, 2025. Revenue by source was reviewed as well showing we have earned 28.61% as of the end of October 31, 2025. Accounts receivables were reviewed by clinics as well as the private pay aging report ending October 31, 2025.

Annual Maternal Health Update:

Mrs. Sandy Parker said she was the Supervisor of the Low-risk Maternity clinic and has 13 staff. The current patient census is 92. Mr. Fiser asked if that was a high or low census, and she said it was pretty normal from what she could tell since she started in May of that year. The maternity clinic focuses on low-risk patients, and screenings for TB, substance use, STI's, cervical cancer, anemia. They provide internal referrals for care management and support. They provide education and anticipatory guidance on topics such as exercise, nutrition, warning signs, car safety, vaccination, sexually transmitted infections, safe sleep and breastfeeding. Dr. Kearny asked how many post partum visits do they do, and Sandy said there is 1 scheduled. She also mentioned that Partnership for children does 1 visit, so they try to schedule it a few weeks after they are seen, so there is atleast 2 visits to the mom. Every patient that comes in for visits, gets Baby Bucks to spend in our store. Mrs. Parker showed results from our Community Health Assessment Data which showed we had 322 infant deaths in Cumberland County, which is 9 deaths per 1000 live births. Dr. Dean asked if we were ranked higher than other counties. Mrs. Parker said we were higher in deaths per births. Dr. Dean asked why and she explained that we do not have a lot of providers, maybe cultural beliefs playing a role in care, and people just don't think they need to start early. Mrs. Parker said there are several challenges in her clinic to include transportation, language barriers, wait time in office, perinatal loss, stigma and misconceptions, communication between organizations, lack of funding and patient risk factors. Mrs Parker spoke about Thriving Hearts and a roll out date of 1/5/26. This is a grant we are receiving to screen for HBP among other things.

Dr. Momodu asked if we had sub-populations within our community and if the word of our clinic is getting to the rest of the English speaking population. Mrs. Parker said there is a large Haitian Creole community off of Yadkin Road and 90% of them are coming over from being referred by their churches. Mrs. Parker thinks the stigma is getting in the way of other English speaking patients from coming over, but what they don't realize is that the Doctors that come here are the same ones in the private clinics. We also, have more resources in house to provide than a private clinic. On a norm, we see patients that have low risk care but the social determinants of health are very high risk.

Director's Report:

Dr. Green announced that the shutdown is over for now. At this time there are no recommendations from our staff to change the fee schedule.

Rural Transformation Grant - NCDHHS has submitted a plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, seeking \$200 million in federal funding over five years to transform healthcare delivery across 85 of North Carolina's 100 counties. CMS is expected to announce awards by December 31, 2025. More details to come in the funding process in early 2026.

Medicaid Rebase - Governor Stein called for an extra session of the NC General Assembly on November 17th to fund Medicaid. A letter was sent on November 13th from Senate leader Phil Berger and Speaker of the House Destin Hall to Stein saying that a special session for this is unconstitutional and unjustified. Therefore, the General Assembly will not convene this week.

FLU/COVID/RSV Vaccine Updates - Dr. Green showed a chart for the Board Members with numbers from 2019-2025. The numbers have really decreased from last year. From October 2nd - November 6th we administered 72 COVID-19 vaccines while in 2024, 278 were administered. We also administered 20 RSV Vaccines where in 2024 99 were administered. We went to several Outreach events to include: Cumberland County Employees, City of Fayetteville Employees, Vax Yourself, VaxYour Pet, Bill Crisp Senior Cetner, Spring Lake Recreation Center, Operation in as much, and Methodist University.

WIC Updates - Congress passed a bill ending the federal government shutdown and fully funding the WIC Program through Federal Fiscal Year 2026. • The funding bill includes funds for WIC's cash value benefit for fruits and vegetables, rejecting proposed cuts that would have dramatically reduced families' access to nutritious foods.

NCDHHS messaging has sent a text message to all WIC participants: "The shutdown has ended. NC WIC has received FULL funding to continue services for all families. Please continue using your food benefits, going in for your clinic appointments or participating in virtual services!"

The Board may want to consider continued advocacy for H.R. 1464 which allows waivers that support virtual services in WIC.

We have been able to draw down federal funds, communication with some of our federal project officers remain limited.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair - Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair shall be made by the Nomination Committee. The Nominating Committee will meet virtually on Monday, November 24th at 9am to select nominees. In the December BOH meeting, members will have a chance to accept the slate of nominees and vote on Chair and Vice Chair.

Proposed changes to the BOH Bylaws - Section 2 - Membership - Dr. Green reminded the Board Members that our 11-member Board is determined by North Carolina G.S. 130A-35. The Cumberland County Commissioners have the authority to appoint and remove all members of the Board. The Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners shall designate the term limit and appoint the County Commissioner representative to the Board of Health. The Board will follow the statute of the adopted Boards and Commissions Rules and Policies for the recommendation of the removal of Health Member. Dr. Green said there had been new membership rules added and we want to add them to our By-laws so we will be in the same accord as the Commissioners.

An appointee may be removed for any of the following:

If an appointee does not comply with the attendance requirements

Fails to comply with Cumberland County Code of Ethics

Does not complete required orientation/training within a reasonable time

For Cause:

Deliberate or repeated discourteous treatment of the public or County employees

Violation of the board or commission's bylaws, policies or procedures

Any conduct prejudicial to the effective and efficient operation of the County or any of its departments

Misrepresentation in securing appointment or any change in status making the appointee ineligible to serve

Engaging in conduct that could result in justified unfavorable criticism to the appointee or Cumberland County

Violation of state or federal law

Meetings Section - With approval from the Board Chair, a virtual meeting option may be made available for Board members and staff that are unable to attend in person. A majority of the Board members must be in person to establish a quorum. Board members that attend virtually are not counted towards the quorum but may vote.

Quorum - Board members that attend virtually are not counted towards a quorum.

Voting - If a member has withdrawn from the member without majority approval from the remaining members Board members, then the vote is in the affirmative. If a member has withdrawn from the meeting with majority approval from the remaining Board members, then the member does not vote. There is no proxy voting permitted.

Attendance - Adding a new section - In accordance with the Cumberland County Boards and Commissions policies the Board of Health members shall attend at least 75 percent of regularly scheduled meetings, special meetings and other activities of the board or commissions, such as special events and subcommittee meetings where applicable on an annual basis from the date of their appointment.

Appointments shall be removed if they have 2 consecutive unexcused absences from a meeting or event of the board or commission they have been appointed to.

Next Steps - Staff propose incorporating these changes to the Operating Procedures for adoption during the December meeting and effective January 1, 2026.

Health Director Performance Review- Dr. Green mentioned that it was time for Board Members to complete her performance review. An email will be sent out later this week and the ask is to have the review completed and sent to Kelly by December 12th, 2025. In December, we will go into closed session to discuss during the Board of Health Meeting. Per Accreditation Activity 37.5 - one must be completed within 12 months and signed and dated and reviewed by Board. Evidence must be present that the Board had direct input on the review. Dr. Green reminded the Board that since there was not a quorum present this evening, they will still need to review and approve her job description next month.

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, Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adourned at 7:15pm.

Jennifer Green
Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

12.16.2025
Date

Kingsley Momodu
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist, Chair

12.16.2025
Date