

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF
HEALTH
APRIL 21, 2026 – 6:00 PM
1235 RAMSEY STREET
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Chair
Mr. Bart Fiser, Vice-Chair
Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist
Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian
Commissioner Veronica Jones
Mrs. Cynthia Massie, General Public Representative
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist
Dr. Joseph Ballard, Optometrist

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Nitin Desai, Physician
Mrs. Jermecka Hamilton-Alexander, General Public Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Liaison to SLT
Mrs. Candice York, Business Officer
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant III
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Nursing Director
Mrs. Heather Skeens, Assistant County Manager, Acting Health Director
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. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney 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: Mr. Bart Fiser moved to approve the agenda
SECOND: Dr. Olusola Ojo
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

B. Approval of minutes from March 17, 2026

MOTION: Dr. Dean moved to approve the minutes from March 17, 2026
SECOND: Mrs. Cynthia Massie
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

C. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off

MOTION: Commissioner Veronica Jones moved to approve the bad debt write off
SECOND: Dr. Kingsley Momodu
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment:

Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney opened the floor for public comment at 6:15pm, and closed the floor at 6:16pm as there were no registered speakers.

Action Item C: Bad Debt Write Off -

Candi York presented Bad Debt Write Off #79 as of March 31, 2026. All bad debt accounts have been diligently worked and all accounts with balances over \$50.00 will be sent to the NC Debt Set-Off Program, which can attach a debtor's State Income Tax Refund for payment of bad debts. All accounts are 90 days or older. The Board unanimously approved the Bad Debt Write off, and this will now move to the Financial Committee and then to the Commissioners for final approval.

B. Financial Reports

Mrs. Candi York presented her financial reports. Mrs. York presented the statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing March 31, 2026. (Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$674,062.68) Expenditures by program are at 64.05% as of March 31, 2026. We have earned 64.30% total revenue earned. Accounts receivables were broken down by payor source and accounts receivables aging report was available for private pay as of March 31, 2026. Mrs. York was available for any questions from Board Members.

C. SOTCH UPDATE

Sheena Butler presented an update of the SOTCH - to the Board of Health Members. The Community Health Assessment or CHA is ideally a continuous, collaborative, community process. During the "CHA" year, local health departments gather primary and secondary data for analysis. Health priorities are identified by the community using an iterative process. In NC, local health departments must submit a CHA report every 4 years. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is derived from the priorities identified in the CHA. Each CHIP must relate to one or more HNC 2030 indicators. CHIPs are written using results-based accountability language. Visualization of data and the story behind the curve (data) is integrated throughout the report to offer more detail of the performance measures. The SOTCH or State of the County Health Report - Timeline involves, reporting progress on performance measures identified in CHIP. Review of changes, if any, to morbidity and mortality data since the last CHA or SOTCH. Report on emerging issues and new initiatives that impact health. Sheena shared the Scorecard for Cumberland County for 2024-2027 and explained the stats on the report. Sheena stated that we are currently waiting on the approval letter from NC DHHS as the SOTCH was submitted in March. In addition, there will be regular updates to the scorecard to reflect progress throughout the year. There are also priority work group meetings scheduled monthly and quarterly to review Behavioral Health, Physical Health and Wellbeing and Maternal and Infant Health.

D. External Reports

Dr. Green shared the follow up on the Preparedness and Response monitoring report that was conducted on April 8, 2026. It was noted that we are in compliance with all reporting requirements and in a timely manner. We also received a Low-risk rating following our site visit, documentation plans and financial expenditure reports. The risk status is reevaluated each fiscal year.

E. Director's Report

Dr. Green gave an update on **Human Services Consolidation**. We have had focus groups with supervisors and managers, staff survey, County Management Staff information session with staff, Board of Health Special Meeting, Coffee with the Commissioners and informational sessions with BOCC, BOH and DSS Board. During the April 15th BOCC Agenda session, the UNC SOG presentation was delayed due to technical difficulties. This presenter will come back to the May agenda session. BOCC did not take action on consolidation. during this meeting. BOCC members were interested in hearing from additional external stakeholders. The Board of Health would like to write a response letter to the Commissioners and Commissioner Jones was working on getting that letter drafted and formatted as she already had one prepared. **Child Fatality Taskforce Report** - Changes to NC made it mandatory to report child fatalities into the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System(NFRCRS). Multidisciplinary local child death review teams conduct child fatality reviews pursuant to Article 14 of Chapter 7B of the General Statues. There is a need to identify gaps/deficiencies to improve the delivery of services to children and families. There is also a need to make recommendations for systematic changes and educate their communities on how to prevent children dying in their counties. There is a duty of the local health director to report quarterly to the local Board of Health or as required by the Board, on the activities of the local team. Local Teams annual report is also presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Local Team Accomplishments include: Implementation of the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System (NFRCRS)

Health Department Healthy Start (HRSA funded) began implementation. Team employs 2 Social Workers, 2 Health Educators, 2 CHWs, and a Fatherhood Coordinator to support families during the perinatal period. Taskforce purchased tangible items and education materials to distribute to partners. Safe sleep magnets, car seats, pack n plays, gun locks, nebulizers. Enhanced coordination between partners to support SUD/MH treatment and recovery services for pregnant individuals. There is a need to address identified gaps and deficiencies to include car seats, safe sleep education materials, safe sleep sacks, pack and plays, gun locks, education materials for safe preparation of formula and tangible items that contribute to address social determinants of health like diapers, strollers, clothing, food. **Legislative Updates** NC short session starts April 21st, as of now there is not a State budget. Funding for Medicaid rebase is still needed (\$819M shortfall). CMARC/CMHRP to directly contract with PHPs transition has been extended 6 months. Rural Health Transformation Grant in NC. Opioid Settlement Funds – Six Remnant Defendants. Expected to have a nominee for the CDC Director . White House released its Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) President’s Budget Request.

Membership Roster/Attendance Roster:

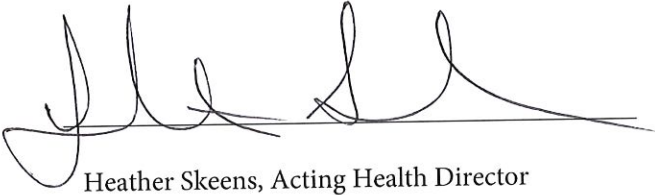
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney asked the Board Members to review the attendance roster and let it be known if there were any errors.

Board Member Comments: None

As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday May 19th, at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.


Heather Skeens, Acting Health Director

5-19-26
Date


Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Chair

5-19-2026
Date