

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
December 15, 2021 – 6:00p.m.  
1235 RAMSEY STREET, THIRD FLOOR, GO TO MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Olusola Ojo, Pharmacist, Chair  
Dr. Cynthia McArthur-Kearney, Registered Nurse, Vice Chair  
Dr. Sam Fleishman, Physician  
Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi, Optometrist  
Dr. Connette McMahon, General Public Representative  
Ms. Sonja Council, Public Representative  
Dr. Kingsley Momodu, Dentist  
Mr. John Larch III, Professional Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Kent Dean, Veterinarian  
Dr. Jeanette Council, County Commissioner  
Mrs. Stacy Cox, Public Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director  
Ms. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Health Director  
Dr. Krystle Vinson, Director of Nursing  
Mrs. Candice York, Accountant

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Dr. Dr. Olusola Ojo 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. Connette McMahon moved to approve the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Agenda  
SECOND: Dr. Sam Fleishman  
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

B. Approval of November 16, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: John Larch moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
SECOND: Dr. Connette McMahon  
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

C. Approval of December 1, 2021, Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Sonja Council moved to approve the Board of Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

SECOND: Dr. Connette McMahon  
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

D. Approval of 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Mr. John Larch moved to approve the 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule  
SECOND: Sonja Council  
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

E. Election of Officers

A. Chairman

MOTION: Dr. Kingsley Momodu moved to approve Dr. Ojo to serve as the 2022 Board of Health Chair  
SECOND: Ms. Sonja Council  
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

B. Vice Chairman

MOTION: Dr. Fleishman moved to approve Dr. McArthur-Kearney to serve as the 2022 Board of Health Vice Chair  
SECOND: Mr. John Larch  
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

C. Nomination of County Commissioner Representative, Dr. Jeanette Council

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to approve Dr. Jeanette Council as the County Commissioner Representative  
SECOND: Dr. McArthur Kearney  
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

F. Nomination of 2022 Board of Health Candidates

See public comment section.

MOTION: Dr. Connette McMahon moved to nominate Jennifer Locklear  
SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi  
VOTE: 7-0-1 (In favor, in opposition, abstained, respectively), Motion passed

MOTION: Dr. Connette McMahon moved to nominate Joseph Fiser  
SECOND: Dr. Hakkam Alsaidi  
VOTE: 6-2-0, Motion passed

MOTION: Dr. Kingsley Momodu moved to nominate Hank Davidson  
SECOND: Dr. John Larch  
VOTE: Unanimous (2-6-0), Motion failed

MOTION: Dr. McArthur-Kearney moved to nominate Kierra Wade  
SECOND: Dr. Connette McMahon

VOTE: Unanimous (8-0), Motion passed

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Public Comment

Dr. Ojo opened the floor for public comments at 6:10 p.m.

Dr. Green provided instructions for to the Board of Health members for voting on new Board of Health members. Candidates selected by the subcommittee would have an opportunity to speak during public comment (3 minutes). The subcommittee identified seven candidates. Tiarra Bailey, Melissa Bostic, Hank Davidson, Joseph Fiser, Victoria Jackson, Jennifer Locklear and Kiera Wade. Each nominee will have the opportunity tell us about themselves and answer questions identified by the subcommittee: As it relates to health, what direction do you think the county is moving in? What do you think you can bring to the Board of Health and why? And What are you passionate about? See below for public comment discussion. Victoria Jackson and Melissa Bostic not present.

- i. Tara Bailey
  1. Interested because closely involved in the youth. Her perception is that the county seems to be more towards the parents and adults. Programs should be geared towards the youth. Currently she is coaching and mentoring youth; Has a public admin degree.
- ii. Bostic- NOT PRESENT
- iii. Hank Davidson
  1. Army retiree, Cumberland resident for 8 years, greys creek, serves as a fire fighter and EMT. Believes the county is doing well with the health of the community. Enjoy serving our community. As a first responder, can provide a perspective since on the front line.
- iv. Joseph Fiser
  1. Currently work at CFV, managed care, been in Cumberland County for 11 years. Loves healthcare. Wants to bring spirit of collaboration, bring a lot to the issues, population health issues. County moved in a weird direction he believes. Access to care is a barrier, need to combat chronic diseases, behavioral health and substance abuse.
- v. Jennifer Locklear
  1. County is moving in a positive direction, programs in place that is important to the community, focus on vaccination clinics, services are provided via social media, she is interested in the social emotional health of all people, focus on the schools, need to have more things in the schools, bring experience as an educator, for 30 years. Can bring experience as a Native American.
- vi. Keira Wade
  1. Current resident of Spring Lake, I don't think the county is in that great of state, Fayetteville has resources and Fort Bragg, does not like COVID restrictions in the schools, wants to start a PTA, spring lake has no resources, not receiving county help in her observation
- vii. Victoria Jackson NOT PRESENT



Dr. Sam Fleishman thanked the candidates for being present and their interest in serving on the Board of Health.

Dr. Ojo closed the floor for public comment at 6:26 p.m.

B. Financial Reports

Mrs. Candice York presented her financial reports. Ms. York presented the statement of revenues and expenditures for the month closing November 30, 2021 (revenues exceeded expenditures by \$347,284.13). Expenditures by programs are at 29.54% reporting as of November 30, 2021. We have earned 21.80% for State and Federal Allocations and 2.90% for Grants as of November 30, 2021. Over-all we have earned 28.28% of revenue by source. Accounts Receivable was broken down by payor source with an accounts receivable aging report available for private pay as of November 30, 2021.

C. Director's Report

- Dr. Green spoke about Flu shots provided at no cost, regardless of insurance status. Starting December 2021, we will begin ordering state supply of vaccine for uninsured. Administration fee has been waived and total shots administered to date are 511. Past outreach events include
  - Vax Your Pet, Vax Yourself
  - Homeless Serving Agencies (OIAM, Manna Dream Center, Salvation Army)
  - Future events include: Head Start/Action Pathways: COVID-19/Flu Clinic (January 2022)
- Dr. Green gave an update on Opioids with 2020 data. The rate of unintentional overdose deaths among residents of Cumberland County was 44.4 with an average of 149 deaths. The rate of Opioid overdose ED visits among Cumberland County residents in 2020 was 172.6. The total number of visits was 579. The percent of illicit opioid deaths in 2020 was 81.2 (total number 121). Narcan kits became available at the Health Department in August 2021
  - Funding from Alliance Health and State supplied (648 kits)
  - Additional kits arriving soon
- Distributed to public at HD and during outreach events
  - Ex: Homeless Stand Down
- Narcan kits for community partner agencies
  - Recovery International
  - Community Paramedics
  - Cumberland County EMS/Fire Departments
  - Fayetteville Treatment Center
  - Carolina Treatment Center
- Dr. Green gave a COVID update of 716 cases in the last 7 days with a positivity rate of 12.34%. Our county transmission remains high. Dr. Green talked about the vaccinations rate in Cumberland County with 244,499 total having at least 1 dose. 198,517 people have been fully vaccinated. Omicron variant was first classified as a variant of concern on Nov. 26, 2021, by WHO. Identified in more than 50% of US states, including NC. Delta is still predominant variant in NC. Early evidence suggests that the Omicron variant spreads more easily than the original virus. More data are needed to know if Omicron infections are different from Delta in severity. More data are needed to know whether reinfections and infections in people who are fully vaccinated occur more frequently with Omicron. As far as our current masking guidance, Following CDC and NC DHHS guidelines for masking -Current CDC and NC DHHS guidance

- Wear a mask in all indoor public spaces if you are in areas of high or substantial levels of transmission , regardless of vaccination status. In general, you do not need to wear a mask outdoors. Consider wearing a mask outdoors in crowded settings. Based on CDC Data Tracker Levels of Transmission. **By CDC Order, a mask is required for everyone 2 and older on a bus, van, or other group transportation vehicle.** Monitor CDC Data Tracker Daily. The Public Health Abatement Order became effective August 27, 2021 and is still in effect. COVID Vaccine clinics are available Mon-Fri. at Health Department, 9AM-4PM.  
 Fayetteville Senior Center – December 14  
 PWC  
 Parks and Recreation Centers, 3PM-7PM, rotating schedule  
<https://www.cumberlandcountync.gov/covid19/vaccination>  
 Completed Parks and Rec series on 12/17  
 Cumberland County Libraries, 10 AM-4PM, on weekends and 3PM-6 PM on weekdays, rotating schedule.  
[myoptumserve.com/covid19](http://myoptumserve.com/covid19) or call 877-505-6723.  
 Library rotations complete 12/18  
 FTCC – Jan 2022  
 Head Start Clinic – Jan 2022

D. Membership Roster

Dr. Ojo encouraged Board Members to review the attendance roster and let Kelly know if there were any discrepancies.  
Mr. John Larch's attendance needs to be corrected for the November meeting.

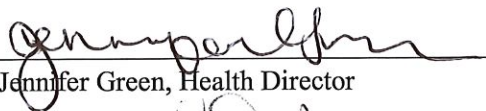
E. Board Member Comments

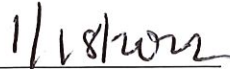
As a reminder, the next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2021, at 6 pm.

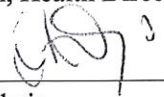
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Sam Fleishman moved to adjourn.  
SECOND: Dr. Connette McMahon  
VOTE: Unanimous (8-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Dr. Jennifer Green, Health Director

  
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Dr. Olusola Ojo, Chair

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