

The Cleveland County Public Health Board met on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Chair Sara Karner, Kale Meade, Robert Miller, Marty Hamrick, Mark Heiner, Christina Alexander, Henry Gilmore, Heather Bridges Moore, Nancy Cline, and Deanna Moseley Lawrence

Health Department staff present: Leslie McSwain, Anne Short, DeShay Oliver, Tiffany Hansen, Andrea Power, Heather Voyles, Nathan McNeilly, Lindsay Bralley

County Attorney present: Martha Thompson

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair, Sara Karner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Mr. Miller gave the invocation.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION:

No citizens requested to appear before the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING:

Chair Karner presented the proposed agenda for the September 10, 2024, Public Health Board meeting for consideration of adoption.

Motion: A motion was made by Kale Meade with a second by Mr. Miller to adopt the agenda for the September 10, 2024, Public Health Board meeting as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 11, 2024, PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Chair Karner presented the June 11, 2024, Public Health Board meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

Motion: Mr. Miller moved that the minutes of the June 11, 2024, Public Health Board Meeting be approved, and Marty Hamrick made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT:

Chair Karner introduced Lindsay Bralley with the Annual School Health Report. Lindsay began by explaining the staffing model for our school health program. The team consists of 12 registered nurses that serve the elementary, intermediate, Turning Point Academy, Cleveland Early College

High School, North Shelby School, and Alexander Youth Network Day Treatment. Four registered nurses operate at the 3 middle school health centers, 4 nurse practitioners operate in our four high schools, 1 clerical support staff, 1 registered nurse supervisor, and a medical director. We now have 10 nurse that are nationally certified school nurses. The importance in certifying is so that exemplifies relevant and rigorous certification standards, it advances health and education of students, and it helps others to recognize the expertise and leadership in school health. There are currently 14,727 students enrolled in Cleveland County schools. There have been 29,261 nurse encounters with a student and 26,155 of those students were returned to class, and only 3086 were sent home. There were twenty 911 calls made. School health was able to provide staff or students with 126 health education presentations. School health staff are responsible for medication orders for students. Medication orders are reviewed by the school health nurse or Nurse Practitioner for clarity and assessed for safety and appropriateness for the school setting. School staff responsible for administering medication are trained annually, with additional training provided as indicated. A plan is developed to ensure that each student gets their medication safely and on time. An individual health care plan may be created and shared with school staff that includes pertinent information about health condition, emergency action plans, and information about any prescribed medication. For the 2023/2024 school year there were 889 total doctor ordered medications. There were 144 special medical procedures such as intermittent catheterization, dressing changes, tube feedings, diabetes monitor, seizure monitoring for the school year. Emergency action plans for seizures has steadily increased over the last 4 years. There were 3,349 identified health conditions of students requiring a health care plan, a 504 plan, or an IEP related to a health condition. Injuries at school occurred for 149 students that were significant enough to result in absence of a least ½ day of school or the need for immediate care. In the 2023-2024 school year, virtual care services were available and utilized in 27 Cleveland County School sites with 3,364 referrals for visits made to Atrium Health Levine Children's School Based Virtual Care staff. Referrals are initiated by school nurse or school staff. The school-based dental screening project is active in 13 elementary schools that have partnered with the Cleveland County Health Department dental clinic to screen kindergarten through 5th grade students. We were able to screen 3,490 students with 637 of those students being referred out for urgent needs. School health also offers the HALT (Help Adolescents Leave Tobacco) Program. We had 10 students seen and offered to enroll. Five of those students did not set a quit date, 1 enrolled in HALT and was successful, 5 participated in HALT without a quit date. Lindsay opened the presentation up for questions. Sara asked if we could offer screening options in the Spring as well as the Fall. Lindsay did say that is an option that can be discussed further. Heather asked about the criteria that is required for the HALT program. Heather explained that it is a referral program that can be done by a teacher, nurse, parent or self-referral.

OPIOID RESOLUTION STRATEGIES:

Chair Karner introduced Tiffany Hansen with the Opioid Resolution Strategy Update. Tiffany began with an overview of the opioid settlement fund amounts and where they are derived from. The funds are derived from a national settlement agreement and bankruptcy resolution with companies in the manufacturing, distribution and dispensing of opioids. The companies include drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen; drug makers Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals and Purdue Pharma, Mallinckrodt, Insys, Allergan,

Endo and Teva; and pharmacies CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens and Walmart. As additional agreements or bankruptcies are arrived at or settled, they may be added to this national opioid settlement according to the MOA. Under the MOA guidelines the Department of Justice has outlined specific strategies that Counties can utilize the funds for. The Opioid settlement funding can only be spent through special resolution with the Board of Commissioners approval. The anticipated total payout to Cleveland County through 2038 is \$13,042,660. The estimated average annual amount to Cleveland County through 2038 is \$675,180. The amount we have had dispersed for the 2023-2024 approved fiscal year strategies is \$39,136.09. Special requirements for the funds include that the money must be put into a special revenue fund, must undergo finance & compliance audits, must maintain a special budget or resolution, and must have an annual impact report submitted. The 2023/2024 budget has been approved for a community navigation/care manager at \$200,000 to which performance will be measured by the number of patients that are successfully connected to Behavioral Health/Mental Health resources, and how long clients are engaged; Community Naloxone Distribution at a \$10,000 budget that will be measured by the number of Narcan dispensed to the community; Provider education at a budget of \$15,000 that will be measured by the number of participants who complete each learning session; and Workforce Expansion/Development at a budget of \$25,000 that will be measured by the number of people completing additional licensures. The total approved budget for 2023/2024 is \$250,000. The 2024/2025 strategies budget requested is as follows: Community Navigation/Care Manager at \$200,000 that will have a performance measurement based on the number of patients that are successfully connected to behavioral health/mental health resources, and for how long the clients are engaged; Community Naloxone Distribution at a budget of \$10,000 that will be based on the number of Narcan dispensed to the community; Expansion of addiction treatment/workforce development at a budget of \$15,000 that will be based on the number of people completing additional licensures; Opioid settlement coordinator at a budget of \$95,000 that will be based on the completion of the collaborative strategic planning process and implementation of strategies; Collaborative Strategic planning process at a budget of \$5000 measured upon completion; and Post overdose response team at a budget of \$120,000 based on the number of post overdose patients connected to treatment. This will be a total 2024/2025 budget of \$445,000.00. Tiffany opened the floor to anyone that had questions. Sara asked if this budget is looked at annually and updated and Tiffany confirmed that it is.

UPDATE ON OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT:

Chair Karner introduced DeShay Oliver with the Update on Outdoor Exercise Equipment. DeShay began by explaining that we were able to use grant funds to purchase outdoor exercise equipment for five locations in Cleveland County. The locations that the equipment is placed are the Cleveland County Health Department, Town of Earl, Town of Lawndale, Town of Belwood, and the Town of Grover. The equipment at each location includes a country skier, leg press, chest press, sit up bench, and rower. We hope that our community will utilize this resource as we work towards a healthier community.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS-:

Chair Karner introduced Leslie McSwain with the Budget Amendments.

ITEM NUMBER ONE:

The Cleveland County Health Department has been allocated \$7,884 from NC DHHS to support Covid-19 vaccine services. We ask to budget these funds in the COVID (546) department. These funds will be used towards the necessary department supplies.

ITEM NUMBER TWO:

The Cleveland County Health Department has been allocated \$50,000 from NC DHHS to support activities surrounded by the 10 Essential Public Health Services. These funds will be used towards marketing and advertising expenses to promote services. We request to budget these funds in the General Administration (530) department.

ITEM NUMBER THREE:

The Cleveland County Health Department received an additional \$8,500 through Partners Behavioral Health to be used towards substance use prevention strategies. We request these funds to be budgeted in the CODAP (548) department.

ITEM NUMBER FOUR:

The Cleveland County Health Department was awarded a one-time capacity building grant in the amount of \$19,994 from Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC). We request these funds to be budgeted in the Primary Care (550) department. These funds will be used to cover expenses for an upcoming community event.

Motion: A motion to recommend the proposed budget amendments to the Board of Commissioners was made by Robert Miller and a second was made by Kale Meade. The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS:

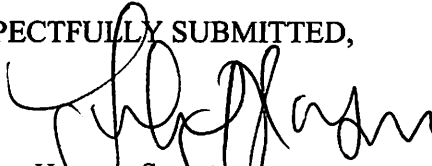
Chair Karner asked if there was any miscellaneous business to discuss. Anne Short did present the newly updated Cleveland County Resource Guide to the board. The resource guide is now available via QR code as well as on the Cleveland County Health Department website for those that would like to print the full guide. Anne distributed one of the post cards with the QR code printed on it for access to the guide to all the board members, and she asked that if anyone needed more to please reach out to her for distribution of those post cards.

ADJOURN: 7:01 PM

There being no further business, Chair Karner called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Kale Meade moved, with a second by Marty Hamrick, that the Cleveland County Public Health Board meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Tiffany Hansen, Secretary
Cleveland County Public Health Board