



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of December 21, 2021 @ 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

223 E. 4th Street Port Angeles, WA 98362

Meeting was held via Zoom (Video conference)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Commissioners Johnson, Ozias, Peach, Chair Navarra Carr, Vice-Chair Dr. Gerald Stephanz, Hospital District represented by Don Lawley, Health and Human Services represented by Dr. Allison Berry, Health Officer; Kevin LoPiccolo, Director; Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt.

Members excused: Shahida Shirir, Jennifer Garcelon

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Randy Johnson asked that we add discussion on healthcare for the homeless to the agenda.

The Board had unanimous consent to approve the agenda with the modification made by Commissioner Randy Johnson.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2021

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, - commented on the need for improved government function. He is concerned that the citizens of Clallam County continue to be left behind.

Jim McEntire, Sequim - on behalf of the Port Angeles Business Association, commented on the Public Health Order of September 2, 2021, and the need for improved dialog with businesses to better inform them of pending health orders, before they are put in to place.

Introductions

Dr. Berry introduced Karissa McLane, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, and Helen Kenoyer, former Clallam County Public Health employee, now at Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic with the Rediscovery Program.

Commissioner Randy Johnson introduced Jessica Wiersma and Ryan Malane of Black Ball Marketing. They will be presenting the preliminary stages of their Covid marketing program.

Presentations and Discussion -Black Ball Marketing update- Jessica Wiersma and Ryan Malane

Representatives from Black Ball presented the latest media ad campaign that focuses on the promotion getting vaccinated against Covid-19. The Board was very supportive of the latest ad campaign.

Overdose Fatality Review Committee-Karissa McLane

Karissa McLane overdose fatality statistics for Clallam County, the Overdose to Action grant, and the Overdose Fatality Review Team. Discussion followed.

Homelessness Funding Programs-Jenny Oppelt

Jenny shared the Homelessness Task Force funding for the 2163 Homeless Assistance, and 2060 Affordable Housing programs for 2019-2021, and 2021-2023. She also discussed the 2060 Affordable Housing Emergency Fund. Also, a subcommittee of the Homeless Task Force has been formed to discuss the results of the 2021 Homeless Gaps and Needs survey, and to address the gaps. Discussion followed.

Homeless Healthcare-Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry discussed the need for a respite care facility for people experiencing homelessness. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Informational Items

None

Health Officer COVID-19 update:

Dr. Berry spoke on current statistics and rises in cases due to the Omicron variant. There continues to be a strain on healthcare resources, and on hospitals. Case numbers are expected to continue to rise in the coming weeks. She spoke of the importance of wearing a mask in indoor settings, and encouraged booster shots. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon

None

HHS Director-Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin spoke about Environmental Health staffing positions, and will further discuss at next month's meeting. In addition, he will give an overview of the operations of Health and Human Services, and how those functions relate to the needs of the Board of Health. He will also be discussing the Board of Health bylaw changes regarding the expansion of the Board, and we will be electing new officers for the year.

Public Comment

Ken Reandeau - Port Angeles -Thank you to the Board of Health and Dr.Berry.

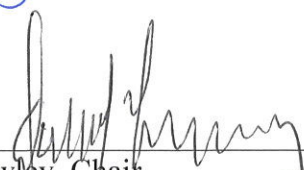
Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

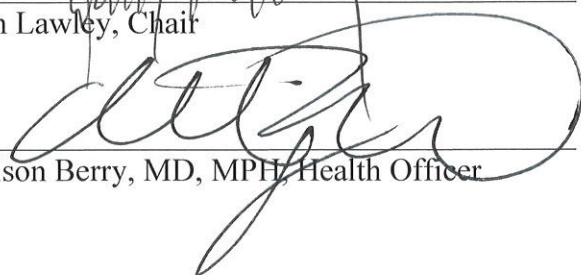
Next Meeting – January 18, 2022

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of January, 2022

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Don Lawley, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board