



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of December 20, 2022 @ 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

223 E. 4th Street

Port Angeles, WA 98362

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- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2022 and November 15, 2022
- Public Comment for Agenda Items – *Please limit comments to three minutes*
- Board of Health Public Hearings: None
- Board of Health Presentations:
 1. Olympic Community of Health – Stigma of Substance Use Disorders – Amy Brandt
 2. Serenity House and Olympic Community Action Programs – Sheltering Needs
 3. Coroners Office, Clallam County Prosecutor - Mark Nichols
- Discussion Items: None
- Old Business and Information Items: Election of Chair/Vice – Chair – January 17, 2023 meeting
- Health Officer
- Environmental Health Director
- HHS Director
- Future meeting agenda items:
 1. Olympic Medical Center
 2. Vaccination Rates
 3. Air Quality and Noise Ordinance
 4. Climate Change
 5. Update on Behavioral Health Organization (BHO)
 6. Olympic Peninsula Healthy Communities Coalition

- Public Comment – *Please limit comments to three minutes*
- Adjournment

NEXT MEETING – January 17, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKING AT A BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

- Members of the public wishing to address the Board on general items may do so during the designated times on the agenda.
- Members of the public wishing to comment at the public hearing are asked to sign in on the sheet provided giving their name and place of residence.
- The Chair may limit the comment period to 3 minutes for each speaker subject to Board concurrence.
- Speakers, generally, will be heard in the order they signed up. All comments must be made from the speaker's rostrum and any individual making comments shall first state their name and address for the official record.
- General comments, applause, booing from members of the audience are inappropriate and may result in removal.

These guidelines are intended to promote an orderly system for conducting a public meeting/hearing so that each person has an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that exercising their right of free speech embarrasses no one.

Note: Written testimony presented by members of the public during the Board meeting is considered a public document and must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. Copies of public documents from Board meetings are available by contacting the Public Records Department.

Members:

Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Vice-Chair, Navarra Carr; Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Helen Kenoyer; Christia Skerbeck; Paul Cunningham; Mark Ozias; Randy Johnson; Bill Peach

Health and Human Services Staff:

Dr. Allison Berry, Health Official; Kevin LoPiccolo, Director; Jenny Oppelt, Deputy Director; Jennifer Garcelon, Environmental Health Director; Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board

OCTOBER 18, 2022
DRAFT MINUTES



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of October 18, 2022 @ 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 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Commissioner Johnson; Commissioner Ozias; Commissioner Peach; Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Vice-Chair, Navarra Carr; At Large, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Christia Skerbeck; Consumer of Public Health, Helen Kenoyer; Health and Human Services represented by Dr. Alison Berry, Health Officer; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo and Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt.

Staff Members Excused: Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ozias made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Johnson seconded.

ACTION TAKEN: There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2022

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the draft minutes, Commissioner Peach second.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes from the September 20, 2022 meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

Joe Kunzler, Skagit County, WA: Wanted to personally thank Dr. Berry for all of her good work.

Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay: Asked the Board if the County is going to lift or continue the Covid 19 Emergency Orders on October 31, 2022. He also thanked Clallam County Public Health for helping the VA Clinic in Port Angeles offer the Omicron booster for our veterans.

George Peterson-Sequim, WA: Commented that the County has no pathologist, and spoke to the crisis Clallam County is facing regarding opiates and fentanyl.

Chris Cardonski - Commented on the opioid fentanyl crisis.

Discussion items:

4PA-Joe Descala

Joe Descala, founder of 4PA, a non-profit organization, discussed how his organization is cleaning up illegal dumping in our public spaces, as well as helping the unsheltered find housing. In their first year, the organization has collected 30 tons of trash. In addition, he believes the volume of improperly disposed needles in our community has reached the point of being a public health risk that needs to be addressed. To date, his organization, and another volunteer team, has collected nearly 11,000 needles. Needle stick injuries are on the rise and poses a perceived threat to our community. He presented several ideas on how to reduce the needle waste in the community, while emphasizing the importance of services offered through the syringe exchange. Discussion followed.

Board of Health By-laws

Kevin discussed the proposed draft of the by-laws. The proposed changes to the bylaws were discussed with the Board of Health and they were approved as written. Shahida Shahrir made a motion, Commissioner Peach second.

ACTION TAKEN: There was unanimous consent to approve the bylaws.

November Board of Health meeting

Discussion to cancel the November 15, 2022 meeting, due to absences of the Commissioner's and Dr Berry. Discussion followed. The Board of Health voted to have a meeting in November.

Presentation: Pollution, Identification and Correction – Katie Kowal

Katie Kowal gave a presentation on Pollution, Identification and Correction projects in Clallam County.

Old Business and Information Items

None.

Health Officer - Covid 19 update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry gave an update on case numbers: 15,735 total cases, 433 total hospitalizations, 125 deaths. The declaration of the County emergency will end on October 31, 2022 in conjunction with the State. The federal emergency has been extended 90 days. We are transitioning to a different phase. The Omicron specific booster is available to everyone five and older and is available at local pharmacies, the Health Department, and the VA. Masks are still recommended in indoor settings. Dr. Berry voiced her concerns about a serious flu season this year. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director

None.

HHS Director

Kevin reported that the Community Health Assessment is online.

Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Joe Kunzler, Skagit County-Thank you to Dr. Berry

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Next Meeting – November 15, 2022

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Shahida Shahrir, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board

**NOVEMBER 15, 2022
DRAFT MINUTES**



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of November 15, 2022 @ 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Vice-Chair, Navarra Carr; At Large, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; Health and Human Services represented by Dr. Alison Berry, Health Officer; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo and Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon.

Members excused: Commissioner Johnson; Commissioner Ozias; Commissioner Peach; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Christia Skerbeck; Consumer of Public Health, Helen Kenoyer.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ozias made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Johnson seconded.

ACTION TAKEN: There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2022

Tabled until December 20, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

None.

Discussion items: Kevin gave an overview on the responsibilities of the Board of Health, and its members. Outlined WAC Chapter 70.05 RCW that is specific to regulations pertaining to a local health department, board, and officers. Included in these responsibilities are oversight of septic, solid waste and food. Discussion followed on setting the monthly meeting agenda, presentations, direction of the Board, and the Board of Health member manual for all members, particularly new members. An overview was provided for the following RCW:

RCW 70.05.060

Powers and duties of local board of health.

Each local board of health shall have supervision over all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people within its jurisdiction and shall:

- (1) Enforce through the local health officer or the administrative officer appointed under RCW 70.05.040, if any, the public health statutes of the state and rules promulgated by the state board of health and the secretary of health;
- (2) Supervise the maintenance of all health and sanitary measures for the protection of the public health within its jurisdiction;
- (3) Enact such local rules and regulations as are necessary in order to preserve, promote and improve the public health and provide for the enforcement thereof;
- (4) Provide for the control and prevention of any dangerous, contagious or infectious disease within the jurisdiction of the local health department;
- (5) Provide for the prevention, control and abatement of nuisances detrimental to the public health;
- (6) Make such reports to the state board of health through the local health officer or the administrative officer as the state board of health may require; and

(7) Establish fee schedules for issuing or renewing licenses or permits or for such other services as are authorized by the law and the rules of the state board of health: PROVIDED, that such fees for services shall not exceed the actual cost of providing any such services.

Old Business and Information Items

None

Health Officer - Covid 19 update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported on current Covid case rate; 170/100k. This number represents case ascertainment rate, so it is likely at least 10% lower than the actual case rate. Dr. Berry continues to encourage the COVID booster, flu vaccines, indoor masking during flu season, and stay home when you're sick. Pediatric RSV is critical and is especially impacting children and the Children's hospitals.

Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director

Jennifer Garcelon reported that the Environmental Health Department is fully staffed.

HHS Director

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Next Meeting – December 20, 2022

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Shahida Shahrir, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board