



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of October 18, 2022 @ 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

223 E. 4th Street

Port Angeles, WA 98362

Board of Health meeting will also be available virtually at:

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Public comment and questions can be directed to the Clerk of the Board at 360-417-2276 or cthompson@co.clallam.wa.us.

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2022
- Public Comment for Agenda Items – *Please limit comments to three minutes*
- Board of Health Public Hearings: None
- **Discussion Items:**
 1. 4PA - Joe DeScala
 2. Board of Health Bylaws Approval - Kevin LoPiccolo
 3. November Board of Health Meeting
- **Presentations:** Pollution, Identification and Correction - Katie Kowal
- Old Business and Information Items:
- Health Officer
 - COVID-19 Update
- 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 – November 22, 2022

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES



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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; Vice-Chair, Navarra Carr; Helen Kenoyer; Health, and Health and Human Services represented by Dr. Alison Berry, Health Officer; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo and Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt.

Members excused: Dr. Gerald Stephanz and Shahida Shahrir.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ozias made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Peach second.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for July 19, 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 July 19, 2022, meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

Ed Bowen-Clallam Bay: Mr. Bowen commented on his interest in the wild land fire smoke, and his interest in knowing where wildland fires on the north Olympic Peninsula. He posed the question of remote work and how the County will address this post pandemic. Lastly, he asked for direction on Covid boosters.

Presentations: Solid Waste – Eli Owens

Eli Owens gave a presentation on the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Discussion followed.

Discussion items:

Opioid Litigation settlement report

Elizabeth Stanley presented the current information on the Opioid litigation settlement.

Discussion followed.

Board of Health bylaws

Kevin discussed the membership changes that are included in the bylaws need to be consistent with the Clallam County Code. The proposed changes to the bylaws were discussed with the Board of Health and approved as written. The Board of Health will approved proposed changes to the bylaws at their October 18, 2022 meeting.

Air Quality monitoring

Jen Garcelon and Dr. Berry discussed air quality, monitoring, and wildfire smoke. Current information regarding wildfires and smoke can be found at <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com>

Discussion followed.

Board of Health Conference

Jenny Oppelt, Narvarra Carr and Mark Ozias gave a report on the Board of Health conference.

Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items

None

Health Officer - Covid 19 update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry spoke about on the current statistics and decrease in case rates. The case positivity rate is currently 7.5%. Boosters are available at pharmacies, physician's offices, and Public Health. If you are twelve years or older, and you had your last vaccine more than 2 months ago, you are eligible for the Omicron specific booster. There is ample supply County wide, including Forks and Clallam Bay. Once the Emergency Declaration ends on October 31, 2022. Dr. Berry spoke briefly on the MPV vaccine.

Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director

Jen Garcelon reported Septic Smart Week 2022 runs September 19-23, 2022.

HHS Director

Kevin reported that the Board of Health will have two new members for the Board of Health at the October 18, 2022 meeting, Tia Skerbeck, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and Paul Cunningham, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. In addition, Darryl Wolf from Olympic Medical Center and Joe DeScala, 4PA will be on our October agenda. All three County Commissioners will be absent for the November meeting.

Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Next Meeting – October 18, 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

**LETTER FROM
JOE DESCALA – 4PA**

Dear commissioners and board of health members,

Thank you for adding me to your agenda and taking the time to listen to the findings of my organization and address some of our ideas. My name is Joe DeScala and I founded a nonprofit called 4PA. We've been in operation for a year and the two main issues we set out to address for our city and county are: cleaning our public spaces and natural areas that have been damaged from homeless encampments and illegal dumping, and help unsheltered people living on the streets get into stable housing.

We have had incredible success since we began cleanup, removing **over 30 tons of debris and 7,600 needles from public spaces**. These numbers continue to go up daily.

Cleanup will be ongoing and we are receiving the support needed to carry out this process, but our next year of operation will be focused primarily on our housing solutions. However, the help I need from you, the board of health, is to consider implementing our ideas on how to reduce needle waste in our community. We believe the volume of needles being disposed of improperly has reached the level of a public health risk that needs to be addressed. Our desire is to establish a healthy partnership with Health and Human Services in order to take action and reduce the amount of waste that ends up in our public spaces. What I'd like to speak to you about are the following:

- Brief overview of how 4PA started and what we are doing in our community
- Our findings regarding needle waste
- Ideas on how to reduce needle waste while acknowledging benefits of the syringe services program
 - Standardized containers
 - More effective method of counting needles
 - Eliminate practice of obtaining needles for more people than yourself
 - Creation of a dedicated "field worker"
- Q & A time

Thank you in advance and I look forward to our time together. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions or comments.

Joe DeScala, founder 4PA
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**FINAL DRAFT
BOARD OF HEALTH
BYLAWS**

**BYLAWS
OF THE
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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Clallam County Board of Health.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Clallam County Board of Health is to supervise all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people of Clallam County and to comply fully with the requirements of all applicable chapters of Title 70, Revised Code of Washington. The Board of Health shall:

- Collect, analyze and disseminate to the community in a timely manner, through the Clallam County Health & Human Services Department, information about community health conditions, risks and resources, and the availability of resources to address identified problems.
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