



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of September 20, 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; 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

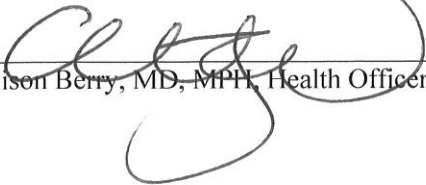
Meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

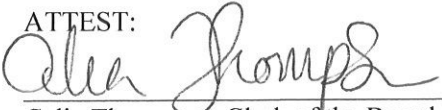
Next Meeting – October 18, 2022

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2022

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Shahida Shahrir, Chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board