



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of July 20, 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

Navarra Carr, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Members Present: Commissioners Johnson, Ozias and Peach, Navarra Carr, Dr. Gerald Stephanz, Shahida Shahrir, Kevin LoPiccolo and Dr. Allison Berry

Members Absent: Don Lawley, Jennifer Garcelon

- **Call to Order, Roll Call**

- **Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent of the agenda with the addition of a discussion on House Bill 1152 under Old Business.

- **Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2021**

The minutes will be available for approval at the next meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent of the meeting minutes for June 2021

- **Public Comment for Agenda Items** – Robbie Mantooth, co-founder of Friends of Ennis Creek, spoke on the need to clean up Ennis Creek for salmon runs.

- **Introductions**

None

- **Presentations and Discussion**

None

Board of Health Member Discussion

Heather Watts, Clallam County Environmental Health, presented the Onsite Septic System Operations and Maintenance Program Manual and the resolution for a countywide onsite septic fee. A motion was made to amend CC Code 41.20 On Site Sewage, and 41.50 Fees, and call for Public Hearing at the Board of Health August meeting, which will take place on August 17, 2021. Discussion followed.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent to move forward with the Public Hearing.

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Board of Health Membership discussion:

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The Board will start the recruitment process for two new membership positions:

Tribal Representative

Consumer/Past Consumer of Public Health services

- **Old Business and Information Items**

House bill 1152 bill discussion: Authorizes local health boards to take action. Commissioner Peach recommends that the Board make the public aware of this legislation at the Public Hearing on August 17, 2021. Discussion followed.

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Health Officer

Covid-19 update. Dr. Berry spoke on current statistics of cases: 1566 cases, case rate 100 per 100,000, 5.4% positivity rate, 2 hospitalizations currently, 17 deaths to date, 1488 recovered. Unvaccinated people gathering indoors, as well as travelling and picking up variants and bring them home seems to be the issue. There has been a statewide rise in hospitalizations, our hospital is doing ok.

Vaccination rates: 91,000 vaccines have been administered in Clallam County; countywide 57% have had one dose, 12 and up-66% has had one dose, 61% fully vaccinated, over 65-82% vaccinated, 12-17 32% vaccinated. Returning to universal masking is being seriously considered. She is concerned about the Gamma and Delta variants.

Her recommendation for returning to in person school in the fall is indoor masking for all students and teachers, until herd immunity is achieved. The State has not come out with their recommendations for school at this time. Discussion followed.

Public Health Nurse salary compensation discussion.

- **Environmental Health Director**

None

- **HHS Director**

Kevin LoPiccolo reported Serenity House addition is 80% complete.

He is working with OlyCap on the SDC exit strategy.

There was a discussion on the mental health and medical services that are being provided to our SDC and Serenity House clients, and how best to serve that population in the future.

- **Future Agenda Items**

Continue to work on the details for implementation of stable funding of the OSS program

Update from Clallam Health Network

Board of Health Membership

Drug abuse and overdose discussion in relation to the recent Supreme Court decision

Systemic racism

Craft 3

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – August 17, 2021

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2021

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Navarra Carr, Chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:


Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board