



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of July 19, 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; At Large representative, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Vice-Chair, Navarra Carr; Helen Kenoyer, Health and Human Services represented by Dr. Alison Berry, Health Officer; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; Jennifer Oppelt, Deputy Director.

Members excused: Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Kevin requested that 'Election of Board Chair' be added in after 'Modify Board of Health Bylaws', Dr. Berry requested that 'Clallam County Overdose Trends' be moved to after 'Board of Health Membership'.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda modifications, Helen Kenoyer second.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2022

Commissioner Ozias 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 June 21, 2022 meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items: None

Presentations: None

Public Hearing: None

Discussion items

Board of Health Membership Bylaws-Kevin LoPiccolo

Discussion on Membership and the Bylaws. Navarra Carr made a motion to modify the Clallam County Board of Health Bylaws; Article III. Representation- Membership. New language will include: The Board of Health shall consist of at least 8 members, and at least one tribal representative selected by the American Indian Health Commission.

Commissioner Peach second.

ACTION TAKEN: There was unanimous consent to amend the Membership of the Board of Health Bylaws.

Mark Ozias nominated Navarra Carr as Vice Chair, Dr. Gerald Stephanz second.

ACTION TAKEN: There was unanimous consent to elect Navarra Carr as Vice-Chair.

At the September 20, 2022 meeting, the amended Bylaws will be approved.

Board of Health Membership – Tribal Representatives that have submitted applications for Board of Health membership. Once selected by the American Indian Health Commission, the BOCC will review and approve/appoint members to BOH. Two applications have been submitted:

Tia Skerbeck – LEKT Tribal Representative

Paul Cunningham – Jamestown Tribal Representative

Overdose Trends/Harm Reduction – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry gave a presentation on Overdose Trends/Harm Reduction, discussion followed.

August Board of Health meeting recess

Kevin Lopiccolo asked the Board if they would like to take a recess on the August meeting. Commissioner Peach made a motion to take August off. Navara Carr second. 6 members voted yes, Commissioner Johnson abstained, Commissioner Ozias voted no. Motion carried.

Old Business and Information Items

None

Health Officer - Covid 19 update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported that there is still a high rate of transmission in our community: Covid cases to date 14,243; case rate 567/100K; two hospitalizations currently, no new deaths. The dominant variant is BA.5., and it is very transmissible. She continues to encourage masking, particularly in indoor settings, and keeping up to date on vaccines. She also touched on treatments options available in the community, and the state tele health program. Links are available on the CCHHS website. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director

None

HHS Director

Kevin LoPiccolo – HHS Director

Kevin introduced new board member Helen Kenoyer, Consumer of Public Health position.

He also discussed the Rapid Rehousing grant and the RFP process.

6 agencies applied and will be awarded funds to help individuals, and families with rental assistance, utilities, hotel/motel rooms, and support services.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Next Meeting – September 20, 2022

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2022

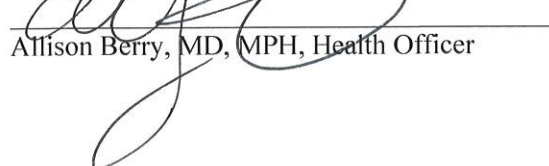
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ATTEST:


Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board


Shahida Shahrir, Chair


Navara Carr vice chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer