



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES of June 20, 2023 @ 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 Chair, Mike French; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Randy Johnson; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz Consumer of Public Health, Helen Kenoyer; City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon.

Members excused: Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gerald Stephanz made a motion to approve the agenda, Dr. Paul Cunningham seconded. Agenda approved.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent to approve the agenda.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2023

Commissioner Ozias made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Dr. Paul Cunningham seconded, minutes approved.

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

No public comment.

Board of Health Hearings: None

Health Officer – Covid Update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported that Covid-19 has improved nationally. Locally, three people were being treated at the hospital. Dr. Berry wanted the public to know that she is on KPTZ radio (Port Townsend) where she can answer evidence-based questions regarding Covid.

Dr. Berry reported on M-Pox (previously known as Monkey Pox) and provided an overview on the number of cases locally. Dr. Berry stated there have been two cases in Clallam County, and fortunately there have been no deaths related to M-Pox. Dr. Berry wanted to inform the public that the Health Department has the vaccine to treat M-Pox. M-Pox affect anyone and is common with sexual activity or close contact via touch. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items

None.

Board of Health presentations:

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Counseling Services – Stormy Howell, Treatment Manager

Stormy Howell shared a power point presentation about their facility and programs. Discussion followed.

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Healing Center – Molly Martin, Director

Molly Martin shared a power point presentation about the Healing Center. Discussion followed.

Fentanyl/Harm Reduction – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry shared a power point presentation about fentanyl and harm reduction. Discussion followed.

Discussion Items: Opiate Settlement Follow-Up – Jenny Oppelt

Deferred to next meeting.

Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer will not be attending the next meeting. Next week, the EH staff will be holding a meeting with the onsite professionals to discuss incentives.

Jennifer shared a report from the Climate Impacts Group/University of Washington about the heat dome in 2021. There were 126 deaths originally, but that was increased to 441 deaths. A presentation of the online report was shown.

HHS Director- Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin provided a brief update on the Harm Reduction Health Center located at Second Street.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

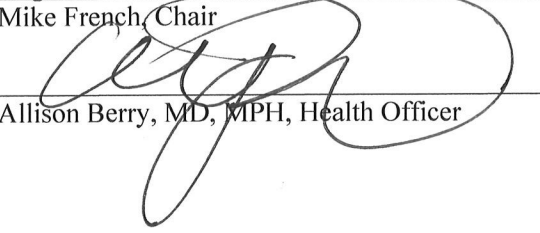
Meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Next Meeting – July 18th, 2023

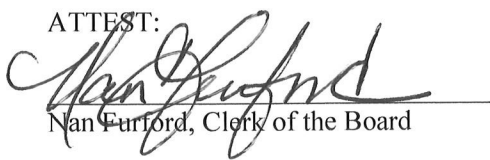
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18 day of July, 2023

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Mike French, Chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:


Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board