



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of May 17, 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 Commissioners Ozias; Commissioner Johnson; Commissioner Peach; At Large Representative, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shirir; City Representative, Navarra Carr; Health and Human Services represented by Kevin LoPiccolo, Director; Jennifer Oppelt, Deputy Director; and Jennifer Garcelon, Environmental Health Director.

Members excused: Dr. Allison Berry

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Kevin LoPiccolo requested the COVID update be presented first

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2022

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Mark Ozias made a motion to approve the draft minutes, Commissioner Randy Johnson seconded. The Board had unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes from the April 17, 2022 meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay: Mr. Bowen commented on the COVID update being presented first, and his interest in antibody medication availability in Clallam County. In addition, he commented on the BOCC/BOH Membership resolution regarding the Consumer of Public Health position should be modified to be consistent with RCW.

Health Officer COVID-19 update

Mondana Madjdi and Karissa McLane spoke on current statistics, and reported case numbers. There has been an increase in long term care facility, daycare and school outbreaks. The Health Department is monitoring them closely. At home test kits are available at NOLS, and the Health Department. Masking indoors continues to be encouraged. Boosters are available and encouraged for those over 50, if it's been 5 months or more since vaccination, and those 12 years and older that have completed the vaccine series. Local pharmacies have antibody medications; they are available with a prescription. At home test expiration dates, and test reporting were discussed. Discussion followed.

Presentations and Discussion

Developmental Disabilities Overview: Kelley Lawrence, Developmental Disabilities Coordinator provided an overview of the services provided through the County Developmental Disabilities program. Discussion followed.

Discussion items

Call for Public Hearing to repeal Board of Health Ordinance #13, Section 41.01.020 Membership of the Board of Health. Staff informed the Board of Health that the authority lies with the Board of County Commissioners when approving an ordinance changing the composition of the Board Membership.

On May 3, 2022 the Board of Clallam Commissioner's adopted Ordinance 984, amending Clallam County Code, Chapter 41.01, Board of Health.

There will be a Public Hearing at the June 21, 2022 Board of Health meeting repealing Ordinance #13, Membership of the Board of Health.

Old Business and Information Items

Bullman Beach Water System: Kevin LoPiccolo gave an update on the status of the Bullman Beach Water System and the steps that are necessary to bring the water system into compliance with the State Department of Health. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director

Jennifer Garcelon spoke about the Foundational Public Health Services grant and program areas related to said grant: The program areas are Data Assessment; Climate Change (harmful algal blooms (HABs), and wildfire smoke); Toxicology; Water Systems Capacity; Safe and Healthy Communities; Radiation; and Homelessness. Environmental Health plans to place focus in the areas of Data Assessment, Climate change, and Water Systems Capacity.

Health Officer

Karissa McLane spoke about the avian flu. This is affecting bird flocks, not people. Public Health has protocols in place should someone be infected. The State would like to be notified if one has a flock that is sick or dying. Please refer to the Washington State Department of Agriculture website for further information. Discussion followed.

HHS Director

Kevin LoPiccolo informed the Board of Health that Don Lawley submitted his resignation effective immediately. Kevin LoPiccolo mentioned that the Health and Human Services will be actively searching for new Board of Health membership.

Kevin LoPiccolo also asked that the Board members give input on the monthly agenda. Discussion followed on future agenda items.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

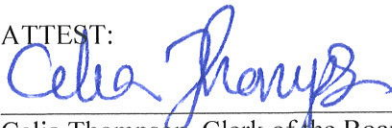
Meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

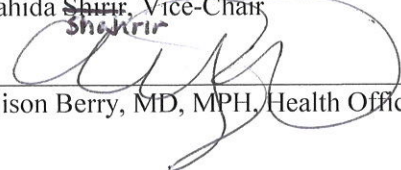
Next Meeting – June 21, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2022

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ATTEST:


Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board


Shahida Shirir, Vice-Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer