



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of May 16, 2023 @ 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

223 E. 4th Street

Port Angeles, WA 98362

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- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda
- Action Items: None
- Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2023 and April 18, 2023
- Public Comment for Agenda Items – *Please limit comments to three minutes*
- Board of Health Public Hearings: None
- Health Officer: Covid Update
- Board of Health Presentations:
 1. Respite Facility Update – Viola Ware, Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic
 2. Environmental Health Annual Report, Jen Garcelon
- Discussion Items: Opiate Settlement Follow-Up – Jenny Oppelt
- Old Business and Information Items: None
- Environmental Health Director
- HHS Director
- Future meeting agenda items:
 1. Vaccination Rates
 2. Air Quality and Noise Ordinance
 3. Climate Change
 4. Update on Behavioral Health Organization (BHO)

5. Olympic Peninsula Healthy Communities Coalition

- Public Comment – *Please limit comments to three minutes*
- Adjournment

NEXT MEETING – June 20, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKING AT A BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

- Members of the public wishing to address the Board on general items may do so during the designated times on the agenda.
- Members of the public wishing to comment at the public hearing are asked to sign in on the sheet provided giving their name and place of residence.
- The Chair may limit the comment period to 3 minutes for each speaker subject to Board concurrence.
- Speakers, generally, will be heard in the order they signed up. All comments must be made from the speaker's rostrum and any individual making comments shall first state their name and address for the official record.
- General comments, applause, booing from members of the audience are inappropriate and may result in removal.

These guidelines are intended to promote an orderly system for conducting a public meeting/hearing so that each person has an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that exercising their right of free speech embarrasses no one.

Note: Written testimony presented by members of the public during the Board meeting is considered a public document and must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. Copies of public documents from Board meetings are available by contacting the Public Records Department.

Members:

Chair, Mike French; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Helen Kenoyer; Christia Skerbeck; Paul Cunningham; Jeff Gingell; Mark Ozias and Randy Johnson

Health and Human Services Staff:

Dr. Allison Berry, Health Official; Kevin LoPiccolo, Director; Jenny Oppelt, Deputy Director; Jennifer Garcelon, Environmental Health Director; Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board

MARCH 21, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of March 21, 2023 @ 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

223 E. 4th Street Port Angeles, WA 98362

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; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Johnson; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck Consumer of Public Health, Helen Kenoyer; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo, HHS Deputy Director Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon.

Members excused: City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ozias made a motion to approve agenda, Johnson seconded. Dr. Berry requested that as part of the Covid update and since the Community Health Assessment is closely tied to this month's Covid update, Dr. Ames present first. Commissioner Ozias motion to modified agenda, Commissioner Johnson Seconded.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2023

Dr. Stephanz requested that the minutes presented be changed to reflect that Mr. Hightower was not in attendance at the February 21, 2023 meeting, but John Nutter.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes.

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

Sue Kaufman, Clallam County: Ms. Kaufman spoke of civility and the need to respect people as individuals. She recommended that the Board of Health adopt the seven principles of Public Health, similar to what the State Board of Health.

Board of Health Presentations:

Peninsula College – Dr. Suzy Ames, President. Presented a power point presentation on Peninsula College Health Workforce and needs of students. Dr. Ames presented data on workforce training and new programs that Peninsula College offers. The College is now offering Addiction Studies and Behavioral Health, and other health related healthcare programs. Programs offer a Bachelor's degree and soon will be offering a Master's degree program in these study areas. Dr. Ames spoke of partnerships with numerous healthcare providers. Discussion followed.

Health Officer Update on Covid-19 and Community Health Assessment:

Dr. Berry reported that the rates of Covid-19 are down trending across the country as well as locally. Dr. Berry stated that Covid-19 is still severe, but overall, there is much improvement. Case rates in highly vaccinated communities are seeing a decoupling of surges in local hospitals. Dr. Berry stated that the majority of our residents have not received their bivalent booster.

Both Dr. Berry and Moni Madjdi provided an update on our Community Health Assessment. They both went over the data that was collected on the supplemental report overview related to the impacts that Covid-19 had on our community. Ms. Madjdi presented data on Covid-19 related deaths and stated that Covid-19 was the 5th leading causes of death in Clallam County. Ms. Madjdi went over the Community Health survey questions, and there were 10 questions related to the pandemic that related to decision making regarding vaccinations, informational sources, local and state support access, and family impacts were just some of the questions the survey asked. Over 95% of the respondents answered most or all the Covid-19 specific questions. Ms. Madjdi stated that the survey responses were representative of the demographics of Clallam County. Discussion followed.

Abortion Discussion – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry provided an educational overview of what an abortion is. Dr. Berry stated that abortions are a common medical procedure and is a normal procedure of reproductive health care for women. Abortion is a standard part of obstetric and family medicine training for all doctors. Common pregnancy scenarios where abortion care is life saving includes, missed abortions, ectopic pregnancy, PPRM, preeclampsia and eclampsia. Dr. Berry spoke of the risk associated with pregnancies. Dr. Berry stated that the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income county. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items

None.

Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer reported that the 2022 Annual Report for Environmental Health is being reviewed and will be presented at the May Board of Health meeting. EH staff is reviewing needed policy updates and will be making recommendations to the Board of Health in the future.

HHS Director- Kevin LoPiccolo

There were three areas that were brought up to the Board of Health relating to the expenditures for our Harm Reduction Health Center, leasing of the downtown building that will be used for harm reduction, and recognizing Celia Thompson who is leaving Health and Human Services.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Next Meeting – April 18, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Mike French, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board

APRIL 18, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of April 18, 2023 @ 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

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Meeting was held via Zoom (Video conference)

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Roll Call: Members present were Chair, Mike French; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Johnson; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck Consumer of Public Health, Helen Kenoyer; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo, HHS Deputy Director Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon.

Members excused: City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell; Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve agenda, Skerbeck seconded. Agenda approved.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2023

Minutes will be available for approval at the May 16th meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay: Mr. Bowen spoke of the federal government will be ending the pandemic declaration emergency in May, but was asking what the County will be doing once the emergency ends? Mr. Bowen requested that the Board of Health make a recommendation to the county departments that have plexiglass barriers at their counters and whether they should be removed.

Joyce Stewart, Sequim: Ms. Stewart is a volunteer and supports having access to clean needles that helps with the reduction of HEP C and HIV. Ms. Stewart supports Harm Reduction Health Center.

Joe DeScala – Port Angeles: Mr. DeScala spoke about his concerns on the expansion of the Harm Reduction program and new facility. The County needs to do a better job communicating and finding ways to reduce syringe litter.

Health Officer – Bivalent Vaccine / Covid Vaccine update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported that the bivalent vaccine is available for persons 65 years of age or older or those who are immune compromised. The emergency order will lift May 11th which will mean Public Health will no longer be able to give the Covid vaccine to persons over 65. Medicaid will cover vaccine for kids at no cost and adults may have to pay a co-pay. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items

None.

Board of Health presentations:

Opiate Settlement Funding – Jennifer Oppelt

Jolene Kron and Stephanie Lewis from Salish Behavioral Health, via Zoom, provided a power point presentation and Jennifer Oppelt discussed the strategies to use the funding from the opiate settlement. Staff provided an overview of the Opioid Settlement. As part of the discussion, Staff requested that the BOH provide direction on how best to utilize the funding from the Opioid Settlement funds. Discussion followed.

Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) – Kevin LoPiccolo

A power point presentation was made demonstrating how the FPHS funding was being used in Public Health and Environmental Health Programs. It was discussed that most of the funding has been used hiring employees in both Public and Environmental Health. There was discussion on how the life course funds were being used for the Harm Reduction Health Center. Discussion followed.

Harm Reduction Health Center Update - Kevin LoPiccolo

A status report on the new Harm Reduction Health Center was provided. The tentative date for opening the facility is planned for July 1, 2023.

Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer reported that the Annual Report for Environmental Health will be reviewed at next month's meeting. The new Health Space cloud suite is up for the food program and Tyler suite online permit system will be coming for the Onsite program. Jennifer is reviewing outdated policies that need to be revised and to bring to the Commissioners.

HHS Director- Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin reported that the Bullman Beach Team will be holding a community meeting at Bullman Beach on April 21, 2023, to provide an update to the residents on the proposed water system. Staff will report back to the BOH at their next meeting in May.

Public Comment

Lori, Port Angeles: In favor of the Harm Reduction Health Center expanding their services. As a student of Addiction Studies, expanding services will help address the opiate crisis that our community faces.

Joe DeScala, Port Angeles: Stated his concerns regarding the Harm Reduction Health Services, but overall supports the program. He would like to be part of the solution and be invited to the discussions surrounding the program. His main concerns are litter and cleanliness.

Susan, Sequim: Opposes the expansion of the Harm Reduction Health Center without addressing the concerns first.

Dr. Berry, Health Officer: Offered apology to Mr. DeScala for being interrupted during public comment. Dr. Berry spoke of a community need and that there is inadequate access to treatment in our community. Dr. Berry stated that treatment is not the only solution, but having access to programs such as HIV and HEP C testing are equally important.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Next Meeting – May 16th, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Mike French, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board