



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of April 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 BlueJeans (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, Dr. Gerald Stephanz, Don Lawley, Shahida Shahrir, Jennifer Garcelon, Kevin LoPiccolo and Dr. Allison Berry

- **Call to Order, Roll Call**

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

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent of the agenda

- **Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2021**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent of the minutes

- **Public Comment for Agenda Items – Please limit comments to three minutes**

None

- **Introductions**

None

- **Presentations and Discussion**

None

- **Board of Health Member Discussion**

- *Expanding Board of Health – Adding a Tribal Representative*

There was a lengthy discussion on House Bill 1152 and Board membership. All agreed that the addition of a Tribal Representative and a Consumer of Public Health services would be a good addition to the Board. The tribal position needs to be selected by the American Indian Health Commission. The consumer position can be advertised in the paper. It was agreed that any changes to the bylaws should be done at one time. The executive committee will draft a letter to the tribes. In addition, the committee will outline the proposed changes and bring it back to the Board for further discussion and approval.

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- **Old Business and Information Items**

None

- **Health Officer**

- *COVID-19 Update*

Dr. Berry reported that there are currently 1,177 documented COVID cases; 176 per 100,000. No additional hospitalizations due to vaccination rates. The recent spike is due to the new variant, Easter travel, and gatherings. Large gatherings, restaurants, and indoor sports, specifically basketball, and wrestling, are considered high risk. Public Health is working with restaurants and local Chambers of Commerce to increase vaccine uptake among restaurant workers. Pop up clinics

are being set up downtown Port Angeles and in area restaurants. Working on outreach to schools to get pop up clinics set up for youth ages 16-18 vaccinated. Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and Peninsula College are partnering to provide vaccinations to their athletes and students in preparation to return to in person learning. We're getting vaccines out to both Makah and Quileute tribes. 35,491 Clallam County residence have received their first dose (46%), and 38% are fully vaccinated. The last mass vaccination clinic at PA High School will happen the weekend of April 24 & April 25, 2021. Focusing efforts on people ages 30 to 50, and increased outreach, incentives, and additional pop up clinics.

- **Environmental Health Director**

Jennifer Garcelon reported on a case of campylobacter illness associated with the consumption of raw milk.

[SITREP #7-CampylobacterIllnessAssocWithRetailRawMilk-WA RRT-4-15-2021-FINAL.pdf](#)

- **HHS Director**

Kevin LoPiccolo gave an update on the Social Distancing Center:

The SDC recently celebrated the facilities' one year anniversary. The center is averaging 35 guests per night.

The Port lease is up May 31, 2021. Kevin will be asking for a 3-5 month extension of the lease in order to coincide with the completion of the 4,000 square foot addition to Serenity House. He reported this is a grant requirement to keep the SDC open until the addition is completed and occupancy can be granted to transition clients to the new addition. He will continue to seek grant funding for these projects. He is working with FEMA to get reimbursement for our mass vaccination clinics. Discussion followed.

- **Public Comment**

Jenny Oppelt-Coordinator of Clallam County Behavioral Health and Homelessness Program Coordinator:

Jenny gave an updated on the Homelessness Gaps and Needs Survey being conducted by Cloudburst Services Group. They will be reporting at the June Board of Health meeting.

Karissa McLane-Clallam County Public Health nurse suggested 'Implicit Bias' training for all HHS employees as a means to address racism.

- **Adjournment**

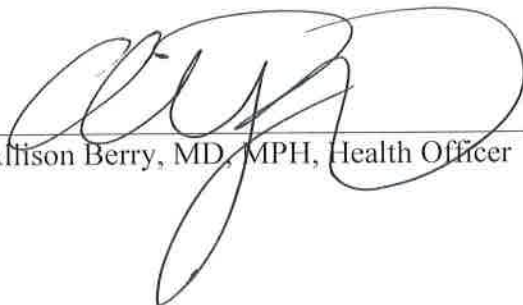
Meeting was adjourned at 2:47pm.

NEXT MEETING – May 18, 2021

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of JUNE, 2021

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Navarra Carr, Chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:


, Clerk of the Board