



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of March 21, 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 February 21, 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. Peninsula College – Dr. Suzy Ames, President
 2. Community Health Assessment – Public Health
 3. Reproductive Health Discussion – Public Health
- Discussion Items: None
- 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 – March 21, 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; Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board

DRAFT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2023



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of February 21, 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)

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; Consumer of Public Health, Helen Kenoyer; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham, Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon.

Members excused: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Mark Ozias made a motion, Dr. Gerald Stephanz second.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2023

Dr. Gerald Stephanz made a motion, Helen Kenoyer second.

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

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

Ian Nickel – Port Angeles: Mr. Nickel commented that the fence being installed at the Public Health Department is detrimental to the consumers of public health and should be removed.

Lyra Bartell – Sequim: Ms. Bartell commented that the fence being installed at the Public Health Department is detrimental to the consumers of public health.

The Board had a discussion on the fence project. It will be an agenda item at the March meeting.

Health Officer - Covid 19 update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported that on the Covid front things are relatively good; cases, hospitalizations and deaths are relatively flat. Clallam County case rate is 100 per 100k. There are currently 3 COVID hospitalizations. Influenza and RSV rates are down. Keep up to date on your vaccinations. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items

None.

Board of Health presentations:

Olympic Medical Center -Daryl Wolfe, CEO and Thom Hightower, OMC Commissioner

Darryl Wolfe gave a report on the state of OMC. The topics he discussed were access to care, maintaining workforce, Emergency Department issues, specialty care, reproductive care, financial issues, and strategic planning. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer reported that the Operations/Maintenance fee is on tax assessments for those with onsite septic systems. EH staff participated in the NPBA Expo at Sequim High School this last weekend. It’s good to be back doing outreach. They are working on EH FPHS fund priorities. The EH annual report is in process and should be done next month.

HHS Director-Jenny Oppelt

Jenny reported that Karissa McLane is leaving Public Health. She will be missed. She was the driving forces behind establishing the respite care program.

Public Comment

Ian Nickel – Thanked the Board for the fence discussion, and the OMC report.

Lyra Bartell – Thanked the Board for the fence discussion, and the ongoing response to our homelessness issues.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Next Meeting – March 21, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Mike French, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board