



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of March 15, 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 Peach; At Large Representative, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; At Large Representative, Shahida Shirir; Health and Human Services represented by Dr. Allison Berry, Health Officer; Kevin LoPiccolo, Director; Jennifer Oppelt, Deputy Director and Jennifer Garcelon, Environmental Health Director.

Members excused: Commissioner Randy Johnson, Don Lawley.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

Joe Kunzler – Port Townsend. Mr. Kunzler spoke on his support of Dr. Berry, and is interested in her COVID update, specifically her thoughts on the masking recommendations.

Introductions: Vice Chair, Shahida Shirir, introduced Jeff Johnston, Executive Director, Olympic Region Clear Air Agency (ORCAA)

Presentations and Discussion

ORCAA-Jeff Johnston Executive Director

Jeff Johnston introduced Dan Nelson, Communications Manager; Dr. Odelle Hadley, Senior Air Monitoring Specialist; and Robert Moody, Compliance Manager. Mr. Johnston gave an overview on ORCAA and what their daily responsibilities are for the public and businesses. Mr. Nelson spoke on asbestos and burning, and Dr. Hadley spoke about their monitoring efforts.

<https://www.orcaa.org>

<https://www.orcaa.org/air-quality/saturation-studies/>

<https://www.wasmoke.blogspot.com>

Clallam Resilience Project - Minnie Whalen

Minnie Whalen gave an update on the Clallam Resilience Project. Below is a link to their website with more information about their organization and services they provide.

<https://www.unitedwayclallam.org/clallam-resilience-project>

COVID – 19 Data & Overview of State Vaccine Reports

Mondana Madjdi discussed COVID 19 data, and gave an overview of the State vaccine reports.

Community Health Assessment Update - Karissa McLane

Karissa gave an update on the Community Health Assessment. She is organizing a Steering Committee in order to determine the focus of the assessment, our community needs, and an improvement plan.

Board of Health Public Hearing-Draft Ordinance amending Section 41.01.020; Membership of the Board

A motion was made by Shahida Shirir, and seconded by Commissioner Bill Peach to open the Public Hearing. Kevin LoPiccolo discussed the BOH draft ordinance changes that are required to accommodate House Bill 1152, effective July 2022. The bill requires the addition of a Tribal Representative, and a Community Stakeholder.

Public Comment on the Draft Ordinance: Ed Bowen; Clallam Bay:

Public input: Mr. Bowen commented that he has issue with the definition of 'Community Stakeholder'.

The BOH discussed the proposed changes and voted to approve the draft ordinance by a vote of 4-0. Shahida Shirir made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Commissioner Peach seconded.

Old Business and Informational Items

None.

Health Officer COVID-19 update:

Dr. Berry spoke on current statistics and reported case numbers are trending down locally, and state wide. She continues to encourage vaccination and boosters. We are transitioning to an endemic response, and moving away from mandates. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon updated the Board on Environmental Health position recruiting. She asked for the Board's support to move forward with a salary survey for environmental health positions. The Board was supportive of such request. Discussion followed

HHS Director-Kevin LoPiccolo

None.

Public Comment

Ed Bowen; Clallam Bay: Mr. Bowen voiced his concern regarding the time limit as it relates to providing comments for the Public Hearing.

Joe Kunzler; Port Townsend: Mr. Kunzler asked the Board to review HB1529. He also asked Dr. Berry for direction on public meeting attendance. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Next Meeting – April 19, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2022

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

excused absence

Don Lawley, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board

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