



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of February 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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Public comment and questions can be directed to the Clerk of the Board at 360-417-2276 or celia.thompson@clallamcountywa.gov

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda
- Action Items: None
- Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2023
- Public Comment for Agenda Items – *Please limit comments to three minutes*
- Board of Health Public Hearings: None
- Health Officer Update:
- Board of Health Presentations:
 1. Olympic Medical Center – Daryl Wolfe, Chief Executive Officer and Thom Hightower, Board Chair
- 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; Tia 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
JANUARY 17, 2023



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of January 17, 2023 @ 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 Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Johnson; Commissioner French; 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: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham.

Election of Chair/Vice Chair for 2023

Dr. Gerald Stephanz nominated Commissioner Mike French as Chair, and Shahida Shahrir as Vice Chair.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent to approve Commissioner Mike French as Chair and Shahida Shahrir as Vice Chair.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Dr. Berry reported that the Regional Health Officer Herbie Duben was not able to attend. He will hopefully be available at a future Board of Health meeting. Commissioner Mark Ozias made a motion, Dr. Gerald Stephanz second.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2022, November 15, 2022 and December 20, 2022

Dr. Gerald Stephanz made a motion, Commissioner Randy Johnson second, to approve the minutes for the October, November and December 2022 meetings.

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

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

None.

Health Officer - Covid 19 update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported on the new variant XBB 1.5, the bivalent booster, and current Covid case rates in Clallam County. RSV and flu case rates are falling. There have been 10 flu deaths in Clallam County this season. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items

None.

Board of Health presentations:

Update on the Community Health Assessment-Moni Madjdi

Public Health staff gave an update on the Community Health Assessment. Discussion followed.

Foundational Public Health Services Overview-Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin gave an overview of the FPHS funding. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer reported that state legislative sessions are in progress. EH is collecting 2022 data for their annual report. The data base transfer for the food services program continues. The central files scanning project is currently in process. The KONP Home Show is back for 2023.

HHS Director-Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin confirmed that OMC will be attending the February Board of Health meeting. He suggested that any questions for Olympic Medical Center team be submitted to prior to the meeting. Kevin also asked that board members send him any suggestions for future agenda items. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Gary Blankenship, Sequim, WA, commented on the MRNA vaccines, and the BOH power to declare martial law.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting – February 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

OVERVIEW OF OLYMPIC MEDICAL CENTER



Clallam County Department of Health and Human Services

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To: Daryl Wolfe, Olympic Medical Center, CEO and Thom Hightower, Olympic Medical Center, Board Chair
From: Clallam County Board of Health
Date: February 16, 2023
Re: Overview of Olympic Medical Center

The Board of Health appreciates your participation in today's meeting and welcomes you!

The role of Clallam County Board of Health is to supervise all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people of Clallam County and to comply fully with the requirements of all applicable codes outlined in the Revised Code of Washington.

The Board of Health values the work and role that Olympic Medical Center has with the citizens of Clallam County. The Board also realizes that the areas of interest that will be discussed at today's meeting is hopefully not the only meeting to discuss such important matters, but a start to have a series of meetings throughout the year with the Board of Health.

The Board of Health has prepared a series of topics/areas of interest for Olympic Medical Center:

- **Access to Care**

- Maintaining Workforce
 - We know that OMC, like many healthcare systems around the country is struggling with staffing. Can you speak to employee morale and its impact on direct patient care? What challenges are you experiencing, and what efforts are currently being undertaken when it comes to employee recruitment and retention?
- Emergency Care
 - There has been a great deal of community interest in the changeover in staffing that occurred at the OMC ED. Can you tell us a little bit more about what happened there?
 - On a related note, considering recent allegations against an ED provider, can you tell us about what oversight of clinical care looks like at OMC?
 - We have heard community concerns about wait times at the OMC ED. Can you speak to those concerns? What factors are driving those wait times and what steps are OMC leadership taking to address them?
- Specialty Care
 - We have heard community concerns about accessing subspecialty services. Can you speak to the factors driving those difficulties, and efforts being made to address them?
- Reproductive Health Care
 - Access to full and equitable reproductive healthcare services is important to this board and to this community. Can you speak to the work OMC is undertaking to meet the needs of this community.

- **Financial**

- We have heard of other hospital systems devastated by the impacts of the financial fallout related to the pandemic. How is OMC doing on this front? What measures are being taken to

ensure the viability of maintaining OMC as an independent locally controlled public hospital district?

- **Strategic Planning**

- One of OMC's goals is to generate a financial margin to stay as a viable hospital. Knowing the impacts that Covid has had, has OMC generated any financial results? Can OMC produce a year end P&L and balance sheet?
- Other goals included the following items on page 4 of the strategic plan which all appear to still be relevant today. Can you provide an update to the following:

- 1)Maximizing the number of primary care providers in our community.
- 2) Enhancing emergency service operations and reducing wait times.
- 3)Addressing gaps in behavioral health patients, etc.
- 4)Issues regarding number of hospital inpatient beds, telemedicine, etc.
- 5)Workforce development including recruitment.