



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of February 20, 2024 @ 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, Mike French; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Randy Johnson; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; 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 the agenda, Commissioner Johnson seconded. Agenda approved.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2024

Commissioner Mark Ozias made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Dr. Stephanz seconded. Minutes approved.

Action Items:

None.

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported that we are still in respiratory season. Covid activity remains elevated, RSV activity is down trending, and we should be out of RSV season in Spring. With flu, we are getting a small second wave of infections and is still in the community. We will likely see Covid-19 through November to April for years to come. If you test positive, recommend isolate at home for 5 days, and wear a mask for at least 10 days as you are still contagious. Dr. Berry announced that there was one new death due to Covid-19, a resident in their 60's that was unvaccinated. Covid-19 remains serious and severe. It is still three times more deadly than the flu. Discussion followed.

Discussion Items: Environmental Health Budget, Programing and Proposed Fee Schedule

Jennifer Garcelon presented on Rules, Regulations and Policies that the Environmental Health Division is required to adhere to. After highlighting the requirements, Jen Garcelon provided an overview of the current fee structure and indicated to the Board of Health that the Department will be requesting that the fees be reviewed and increased since the current fees do not cover the cost of doing business. Discussion followed. New fee schedule recommendations and options were requested for review at the next meeting.

Board of Health Hearings:

None.

Board of Health Presentations:

None.

Old Business and Information Items:

None.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

In the House budget there is a proviso for a seepage study. Currently, all the pumpers take their wastewater to the treatment plant, so what happens when the treatment plant won't allow anyone to come in to discharge or if they shut down for maintenance. Discussion followed.

HHS Director- Kevin LoPiccolo

Last month Commissioner French, Dr. Berry, and about half of our staff went up to Clallam Bay Fire District 5 to discuss possibilities of bringing harm reduction services to Clallam Bay. HHS Staff have been working on pursuing a lease to offer harm reduction services with a local property management company out of Forks. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None.

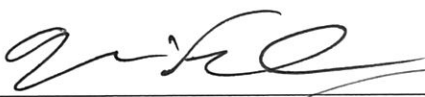
Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

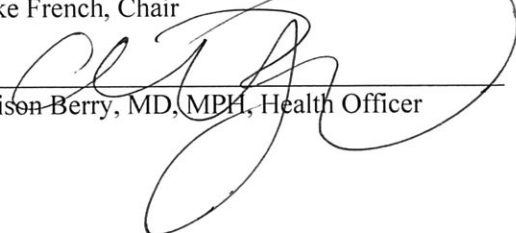
Next Meeting – March 19, 2024

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19 day of March, 2024

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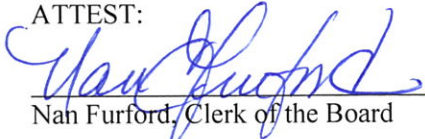


Mike French, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board