



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of February 16, 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, Jennifer Garcelon, Kevin LoPiccolo and Dr. Allison Berry

- **Call to Order, Roll Call**
- **Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda**
ACTION TAKEN: CJm to approve the agenda as presented, CPs; mc
- **Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2020 and January 19, 2021**
ACTION TAKEN: CJm to approve the minutes as presented, CPs; mc
- **Public Comment for Agenda Items – Please limit comments to three minutes**
None
- **Introductions**
None
- **Presentations and Discussion**
None
- **Board of Health Member Discussion**
 - *Membership*
 - **Select Applicant for Vacant At-Large Position**
Navarra Carr gave an overview of the three applicants that applied and stated that the Executive Committee of the Board of Health recommends to the Board of Health to move forward with electing Shahida Sharir to fill the vacant At-Large Position.
ACTION TAKEN: The Board unanimously agreed to move forward with Shahida Sharir.
 - **Proposed Legislation to Regionalize Public Health (HB1152/SB5173)**
 - Commissioner Bill Peach presented on the bills that are currently being considered at the state level. The Board of Health discussed the effects of this proposed bill and what that would mean for Clallam County and the Public Health Department and the Health Officer position.

- Send letter to state legislatures opposing measures to create comprehensive public health districts.
 - Commissioner Johnson discussed the letter that Commissioner Kate Dean from Jefferson County wrote for the Washington State Legislators and coordinating signatures from Clallam County entities. The official signed letter is attached to the minutes.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board unanimously agreed to have Navarra Carr, Chair sign the letter of support on behalf of the Board of Health.
- **Old Business and Information Items**
 - Navarra Carr requested an update from the Board of Health on the topic of Racial Justice and the Racism is a Public Health issue. Commissioner Ozias discussed the meeting that Lindsey Schromen-Warwin invited the Board to last month on this topic and that Jody Jacobson from Juvenile Services mentioned that this topic will be an agenda item at the next Law and Justice meeting.
- **Health Officer**
 - *COVID-19 Update*
 Dr. Berry stated that at the time of the meeting there were a total of 976 cases in Clallam County, no current hospitalizations and 5 total deaths from COVID-19. Clallam County at the time of the meeting was the leading county in Washington State with the most people vaccinated. Dr. Berry stated that they are working down the list of eligible people to get vaccinated and plan to vaccinate group B-2 by March, followed by B-3. Health and Human Services will be hiring for positions to create more stability and less strain on volunteers at the mass vaccination events. Dr. Berry discussed double masking, while not for everyone, it is a safety precaution. She encourages everyone to make sure their masks fit securely on their face. Also, recently the CDC released information regarding vaccinations and quarantining. Dr. Berry said that the CDC says if you are fully vaccinated and exposed to COVID-19 you no longer have to quarantine.
- **Environmental Health Director**
 Jennifer Garcelon let the Board know that most of the Environmental Health staff is helping at the mass vaccination clinics in Port Angeles on the weekends. Jen hopes to bring up at the next meeting the Onsite Septic System discussion.
- **HHS Director**
 Kevin LoPiccolo discussed the Housing Grant from the Department of Commerce that the City and the County applied for at the end of 2020 and we were awarded \$400,000 for construction of an addition to the Serenity House. This will be a 40' x 50' 2 story building that can accommodate up to 80 beds. At the time of the meeting the building plans were at the city for a plan check review. There is hope to finish the building by the end of May 2021.
- **Public Comment**
 Ed Bowen made a comment about why the west end applicant for the vacant At Large Representative position did not qualify and that the applicant selected may not be familiar with the rural areas of Clallam County. He also made a comment that the draft letter that is to be signed was not posted. However, the Board discussed that the draft letter will be posted after the meeting but was not able to be posted ahead of time due to not receiving it.

Navarra Carr also read a public comment out loud that was written in the BlueJeans chat.

- **Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm.

NEXT MEETING – March 16, 2021

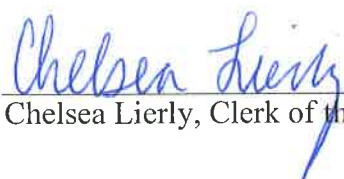
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2021

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Navarra Carr, Chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:


Chelsea Lierly, Clerk of the Board

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

GS	Dr. Gerald Stephanz
DL	Don Lawley
NC	Navarra Carr
CJ	Commissioner Johnson
CO	Commissioner Ozias
CP	Commissioner Peach
KL	Kevin LoPiccolo
AB	Dr. Allison Berry
JG	Jennifer Garcelon

m	motion
mc	motion carried
s	seconded