



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of January 18, 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 1:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Commissioners Johnson, Ozias, Peach, City Representative, Chair, Navarra Carr; At Large Representative, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; At Large Representative, Shahida Shirir; Hospital District Representative, Don Lawley; 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: None.

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Bill Peach asked that the Board consider adding to the discussion on having ORCAA do a presentation at the Board's March or April meeting.

The Board had unanimous consent to approve the agenda with the modification made by Commissioner Bill Peach.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2021

ACTION TAKEN: Don Lawley asked that his name be added to the minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting since he was in attendance. The Board had unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting, with the amendment to Don Lawley's attendance.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, WA. Mr. Bowen reported that the COVIDtests.gov website is up and running. He asked that during the COVID briefing there be a discussion on in home testing options available to County residents.

Introductions

None.

Action Items

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Don Lawley was elected as Chair, and Shahida Shirir was elected as Vice Chair.

The Board had unanimous consent on the election of Chair and Vice Chair

Presentations and Discussion

Repeal of Chapter 41.11.220-380, Article II, Secure Medicine Return Regulations (Draft Ordinance).

Washington's Safe Medication Return Program went statewide on November 21, 2021. County participation of the drug take-back program ceased operation since it returned back to the state

level. As discussed with the Prosecutor's Office, both legal and HHS felt that the current regulations should be repealed. Leaving the county-level regulations on the books while they are pre-empted by state law is a potential source of confusion and would probably not be helpful in the long run. If the State does end its program in the future, the county can elect to create a new program rather than reverting back to these old regulations.

The Secure Medicine Return Regulations are Board of Health Regulations. The Board of Health is the legislative body that will ultimately make the decision about whether these regulations are repealed, changed, or left in place.

A notice of Public Hearing to amend this chapter will be advertised in January 2022 PDN.

Overview of Health and Human Services

Staff provided an overview of Health and Human Services Operations. As structured, the Department is comprised of four main divisions: (1) Fiscal/Administration (2) Public Health (3) Human Services and (4) Environmental Health. Each division develops their primary functions, establishes goals, workload indicators, and oversees various grant sources.

Presented to the Board was a summary each division's budget, program areas, and examples of what each division is responsible for.

An organizational chart(s) was included to identify an overview of current conditions and what is being proposed organizationally.

Discussion Items

The Executive Director of ORCAA will be scheduled to speak at the March 15, 2022 meeting.

Don Lawley spoke on the need to update the Board of Health bylaws to accommodate for the changes at the State level. A discussion followed regarding the new City representative. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Old Business and Informational Items

None.

Health Officer COVID-19 update:

Dr. Berry spoke on current statistics and rises in cases due to the Omicron variant. There continues to be a strain on healthcare resources, and on hospitals throughout the state. Case numbers are expected to continue to rise in the coming weeks. She spoke of the importance of wearing a mask in indoor settings and spoke about where to go for testing. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon updated the Board on the projects that she will be working on this year.

HHS Director-Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin LoPiccolo spoke about the Public Hearing at the February 15, 2022 meeting regarding repelling Ordinance Chapter 41.11.220-380. He also discussed the need to update the BOH Bylaws to reflect the new positions required by House Bill 1152. More discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Kevin thanked Navarra Carr for her work as Board Chair.

Public Comment

Jennifer Pelikan, Forks, WA - PCR question testing availability in Forks.

Joe Kunzler, Port Townsend, WA - spoke of his support for Dr. Berry.

Thomas Erickson - spoke against the vaccine mandate.

Gayle Baker, Sequim, WA - spoke against the vaccine and mask mandates.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

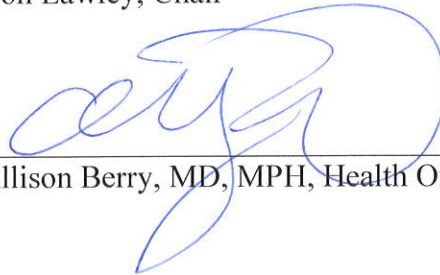
Next Meeting – February 15, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2022

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excused absence

Don Lawley, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board