



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

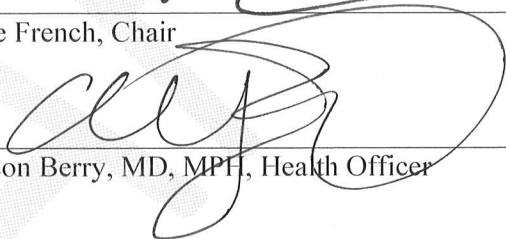
Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

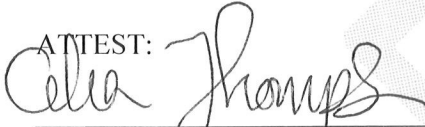
Next Meeting – February 21, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February, 2023

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Mike French, Chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST: 
Celia Thompson, Clerk of the Board