



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of August 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 Randy Johnson; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Consumer of Public Health, Helen Kenoyer; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members absent: City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham and HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Randy Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Mark Ozias seconded. Agenda approved.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2024

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

Action Items:

None.

Public Comment for Agenda Items:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported that there are very high levels of Covid-19 transmissions throughout the country, including locally. Looking at wastewater surveillance through our neighboring Jefferson County, finally seeing the rates go down. Seeing less Covid-19 transmission overall than we were seeing two weeks ago, but it's still circulating. We are seeing a small bump in emergency department visits for Covid-19. Discussion followed.

We aren't seeing any Avian flu. Nearest cases being reported is in Oregon. Pierce County is the nearest testing place in Washington. Discussion followed.

New Covid-19 and flu vaccines come out in September and recommends everyone over the age of 6 months old get them. The RSV vaccine will continue to be available. All children can come to Public Health for their vaccines. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items:

None

Discussion Items:

None

Board of Health Presentations:

1. 2023 Public Health Annual Report – Madison Gallentine
Madison Gallentine and Moni Madjdi presented the 2023 Public Health annual report. Discussion followed.

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon will be finalizing the 2023 annual report for Environmental Health in the next month or two.

Staffing has been very difficult with three of the seven employees out for medical reasons and one position vacant since May. Madison loaned one of her Public Health staff to help out. State Department of Health has also aided in the water lab once a week for up to twelve weeks.

The Clallam County Fair was successful. Food services did a great job.

The new fee schedule went into effect in July. No issues so far. We will see what happens after all the food service annual permit invoices go out soon.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Project Safer at the Clallam County Fair last week had about 600 participants and could not have gone better. Health and Human Services is in the process of State Audit. Kevin asked the commissioners if they had any items they wanted to discuss at future Board of Health meetings, to let him know.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

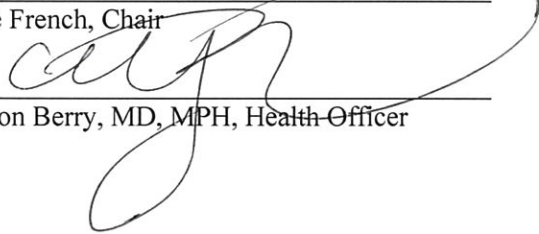
Next Meeting – September 17, 2024

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of September, 2024

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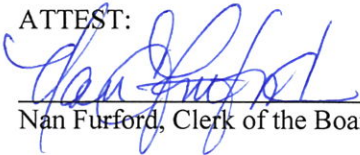


Mike French, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board