



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of April 15, 2025 @ 1:30 – 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 Chair, Mike French; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Randy Johnson; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members absent: Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner French made a motion to approve the agenda, Gerald Stephanz seconded. Agenda approved.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2025

Gerald Stephanz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Paul Cunningham seconded. Minutes approved.

Public Comment:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry reported that the flu numbers continue to decrease. Report on Covid cases has remained low and RSV is decreasing.

On the Avian Flu front, we are looking pretty good in Washington State and there are no active outbreaks in poultry or cattle that we are aware of. We continue to see sporadic wild bird cases but no outbreaks among our domesticated flocks. Still there are no current cases locally and no human cases in Washington State. The Washington State Department of Agriculture has done a very good job in monitoring this outbreak.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases: In neighboring Jefferson County, we currently have 10 known pertussis cases and have seen the return of pertussis in the last couple of years as we’ve seen reductions in vaccination rates in our communities. Discussion followed.

Measles is now over 700 cases in the United States. Only 3 cases in Washington State. Discussion followed.

We are working hard to increase access to vaccines. We are losing Federal funding and rely on local funding. We are working on going to the schools to help reduce barriers to get vaccines for kids. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items:

1. Draft Interlocal Agreement for Acting Health Officer Coverage - Kevin LoPiccolo noted this agreement will be going to the County Commissioners for approval and it will provide coverage when our Health Officer is absent for a prolong period. Discussion followed.
2. Chapter 41.20 On-Site Sewage Code Amendment/Call for Public Hearing
Jennifer Garcelon and Janine Reed reviewed the draft ordinance changes. Discussion followed.

Paul Cunningham made a motion and Gerald Stephanz seconded, to set a public hearing to be held on May 20, 2025 on Chapter 41.20 On-Site Sewage Code Amendment. The motion was approved.

The Board of Health looks forward to hearing from all concerned and adopting the proposed changes at the next meeting.

Discussion Items:

None

Board of Health Presentations:

None

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon noted few bills are with the State Legislature, nothing too crazy. Budget review. Staffing concerns. Discussion followed.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin LoPiccolo discussed indirect costs on salary and benefits that can impact grant budgets. Kevin will discuss at the next meeting the ramifications. Discussion followed.

Jenny Oppelt announced that at the next meeting they will be identifying and prioritizing gaps. The Behavioral Health Advisory Board is also doing the same and we will come together in June to discuss them. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – May 20, 2025

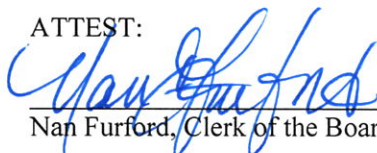
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20 day of May, 2025

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Mike French, Chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:


Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board