



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of May 20, 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 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Chair, Mike French; Commissioner Randy Johnson; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members absent: Commissioner Mark Ozias; City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Johnson 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 April 15, 2025

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Gerald Stephanz seconded. Minutes approved.

Public Comment:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update – Dr. Duber

Dr. Duber introduced himself as he is covering for Dr. Berry. Dr. Duber provided an update on Flu, RSV, Covid, and informed the Board that the number of cases is at the low end. There has been one case of pertussis outbreak in a family. Washington has seen 6 cases of measles, with potential close contact in Clallam. Measles is very concerning as it is highly contagious, and the best prevention is through vaccination with a single dose. We are not seeing a lot of Avian Influenza at the moment. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items:

1. Paddle to Elwha Canoe Journey Update – Tia Skerbeck
Tia presented on the Paddle to Elwha/canoe journey. Discussion followed.
2. Opioid Settlement Priorities Update – HHS Staff
Jennifer Oppelt spoke about the Opioid Settlement funding. Board members discussed the gaps and where funding could be used. Discussion followed. The Behavioral Health Board members will be invited to the June Board of Health meeting to discuss the opioid settlement priorities.

Discussion Items: None.

Board of Health Presentations: None.

Board of Health Public Hearings:

1. Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 41.20 On-Site Sewage System
Unanimous vote to open the public hearing.

Staff presented to the Board of Health the proposed amendment discussed at previous meetings. There was no feedback from any septic designers. No comments from the public.

Unanimous vote to close the public hearing.

Commission Randy Johnson moved to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 41.20 On-Site Sewage System, Gerald Stephanz seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance passed.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon noted the biggest updates are in our onsite program as we are losing 26 years of experience (Janine Reed). We are currently interviewing people for the two open positions. Discussion followed.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin LoPiccolo noted that last month he brought up that there was a possibility of being charged indirect rates on benefits. There was a misunderstanding between departments and there is no indirect charged for benefits, they are only charged on salaries. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

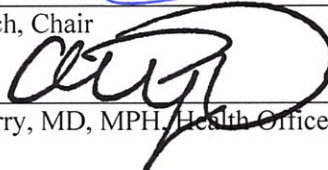
The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting – June 17, 2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of June, 2025

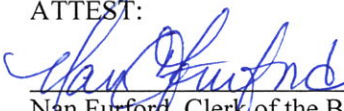
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Mike French, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board