



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of June 17, 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 Mark Ozias; Commissioner Randy Johnson; City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members absent: Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Gerald Stephanz made a motion to approve the agenda, Paul Cunningham seconded. Agenda approved.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2025

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

Public Comment:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update – Moni Madjdi, Epidemiologist

Moni updated on the weekly respiratory disease report and it is found on the Public Health website. Seeing an increase in Covid cases and hospitalizations and frequently seeing an increase in the summer due to gatherings and travel. If you are interested in a booster dose of the vaccine, please contact your care provider. Free Covid tests are hard to find but they are still available to purchase, or you can see your physician or the walk-in clinic for testing. Please stay home if you are sick and please mask up if you are unable to stay home. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items:

None.

Discussion Items: None.

1. Opioid Settlement Funding – Joint Meeting Board of Health/Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Board members discussed guiding principles, the fund use, and programs to fund. More information is needed before a decision can be made. Health and Human Services Staff requested from the Board of Health that until a process is formalized, what should be the process to utilize Opioid Settlement Funds? Staff indicated that due to budget cuts, the Harm Reduction Health Center lost in-kind funding from the Department of Health in the amount of \$100,000. This funding was primarily used for supplies. Dr. Stephanz made a motion and Commissioner Johnson seconded to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to fill the gap through the end of this year for the Harm Reduction Health Center with \$50,000 from the Opioid Settlement fund. Motion passed.

Board of Health Presentations: None.

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon updated that she has 2 conditional offers out for the Environmental Health Specialist positions. Discussion followed.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin LoPiccolo announced that Madison Gallentine, Public Health Nurse Manager, accepted the position with the Sheriff's office as the Clinical Coordinator. Thomas Schemm will be the acting Nurse Manager. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Amy Miller – Amy spoke about Social Workers, their code of ethics, and social justice. She is concerned about the deported individuals and their HIPAA protected information. We should advocate for policies that protect all communities and ensure that health and safety are not compromised by immigration enforcement.

Mark Ozias – would the Board of Health like to hear more from First Step Family Center regarding their Diaper bank? The Board of Health was supportive of having a presentation made.

Wendy Sisk asked everyone to please stop by the Northview Project on the corner of 2nd and Oak Street to check out the process of the new construction. Things are moving along, and she hopes that construction will be completed by May 2026. Discussion followed.

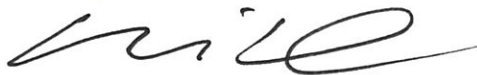
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

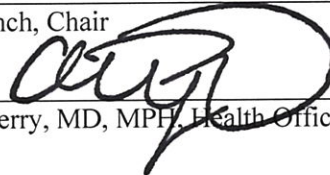
Next Meeting – July 15, 2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of July, 2025

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Mike French, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board