



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of February 18, 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; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell; 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: None

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Gerald Stephanz 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 January 21, 2025

Commissioner Mark Ozias 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 it’s been a bad flu year. It has turned around in the last month, and we are seeing a slight decrease at this time. Discussion followed.

Avian flu is in the news. There have been at least 68 cases reported in the United States in humans, fortunately no reports in Clallam and Jefferson counties. Thankfully we are not seeing human to human transmission. No current poultry outbreaks in Clallam or Jefferson counties and no known dairy outbreaks. In Nevada a dairy herd contracted avian flu from wild birds. Discussion followed.

Measles was declared eradicated from the United States 25 years ago, but we are seeing more cases of. We don’t have any current cases in our area. It’s possible we could get measles through travel. The best way to prevent this is to stay up to date on vaccinations and having your children vaccinated.

Old Business and Information Items:

1. Opioid Settlement Fund Uses (One WA MOU) – Jenny Oppelt
This is a placeholder in preparation for the March 11th joint Board of Health and Behavioral Health meeting.
2. Local Overdose and HRHC Data – Jenny Oppelt
This will be discussed at the joint meeting on March 11th.

Discussion Items:

1. OCH Olympic Connect – Olympic Region Community Care Hub
Lauren Garrett spoke about and presented on Olympic Connect. Discussion followed.
2. Forks Community Hospital Update – Heidi Anderson, CEO.

Heidi spoke about Forks Community Hospital. Discussion followed.

Board of Health Presentations:

None

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon updated that the code revision for onsite is at the prosecutor's office for review and was also sent out to the professional industry for feedback. The Water Quality Specialist started today and hopefully soon an Environmental Health Specialist. Discussion followed.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Two new hires at HRHC and one WIC Specialist position for the Forks office is posted. We are moving forward with our Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator position funded through FPHS. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

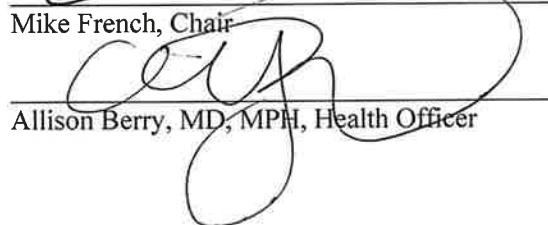
The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Next Meeting – March 18, 2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18 day of March, 2025

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Mike French, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board