



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of March 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; 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: City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell

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 February 18, 2025

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

Public Comment:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update – Dr. Berry

Dr. Berry went over the weekly respiratory disease update report. Dr. Berry stated that the county was seeing a decrease, but did see a spike in hospitalizations in the last week. Children can get very sick, and best protection is for everyone over 6 months of age get vaccinated. Discussion followed.

We are still seeing ongoing Avian flu transmission in wild birds, and sporadic poultry and cattle outbreaks across the country. We don’t have any current poultry or cattle outbreaks in Clallam or Jefferson Counties. There have been 70 human cases in the country at this point. We have not seen any person-to-person transmission. Discussion followed.

We haven’t seen any secondary measles cases related to the Seattle case and no further transmissions in Western Washington. Unfortunately, the large outbreaks in Texas and New Mexico continue to spread. There is up to 300 cases of measles in the United States at this point. As of March, we have got more cases than of all last year. Of the cases, 75% have been school-aged children and 95% of them were unvaccinated. We have a very good vaccine for measles. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items:

1. On-Site Septic Code Update – Jennifer Garcelon and Janine Reed
Reviewed code revision handouts to the On-Site Septic Code. Discussion followed.
2. HRHC Data/Update – Siri Forsman-Sims
Siri spoke about the Harm Reduction Health Center. Discussion followed.
3. Public Health 2024 Annual Report - Madison Gallentine and Moni Madjdi
Madison and Moni presented the Public Health 2024 annual report. Discussion followed.

Discussion Items:

None

Board of Health Presentations:

None

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon informed the BOH that the new Water Quality Specialist position has been filled. The Environmental Health Specialist I and II positions open in April. Janine Reed retires on May 23rd. Sandra is taking her Wastewater Inspector test on Friday. Discussion followed.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Jenny Oppelt noted that they are keeping up to date on the budget cuts. Kevin LoPiccolo provided an update on pursuing sites in Clallam Bay for harm reduction outreach. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

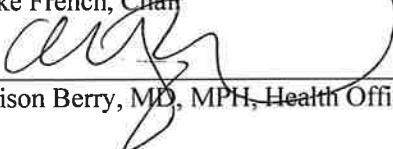
The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next Meeting – April 15, 2025

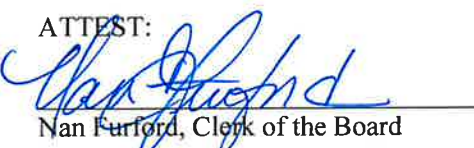
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of April, 2025

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Mike French, Chair


Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:


Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board