



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of September 16, 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; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members absent: Commissioner Randy Johnson; City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Ozias, seconded by Gerald Stephanz, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Ozias, seconded by Shahida Shahrir, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

K Zelenka submitted an email (see attached handout).

Ed Bowen provided comments regarding the new COVID-19 vaccine and shared FDA information with the Board. He also discussed local air quality and smoke concerns.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update

Dr. Berry reported that COVID-19 emergency visits are increasing locally, reflecting an end of summer surge transitioning into the fall. Transmission has been higher among adults but is now increasing among school-aged children. Updated vaccines are available and show good protection against current strains. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items:

None.

Discussion Items:

None.

Board of Health Presentations:

1. Opioid Gap Report Request - Staff.

HHS Deputy Director Jennifer Oppelt and Moni Madjdi presented an overview of the proposed *Opioid Gap Report*.

The Board of Health approved recommending allocation of \$25,000 from the Opioid Settlement Funds to support development of the report. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon reported that it is *Septic Smart Week* and encouraged residents on septic systems to ensure inspections are current. Environmental Health staff will participate in *Riverfest* on Friday. Food Program invoices were mailed last month, with about half returned to date. *Crab Fest* will be the final major food event of the year. The Onsite team continues training, and information about current smoke and air quality is posted on the Clallam County Public Health Facebook page.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Director Kevin LoPiccolo reported that the department's budget meeting with the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for October 9, 2025, and the department anticipates having a new Nurse Manager hired by that time. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

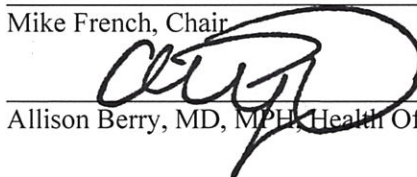
Next Meeting – October 21, 2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21 day of October, 2025

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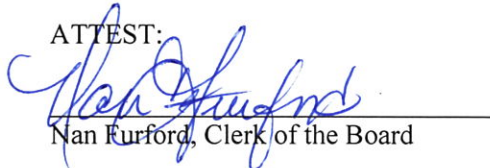


Mike French, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:


Nan Kurford, Clerk of the Board