



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of February 17, 2026 @ 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 1:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Randy Johnson; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Representative, Paul Cunningham; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Representative, Tia Skerbeck; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members absent: Chair, Commissioner Mike French

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Paul Cunningham, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION TAKEN: Agenda approved.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025 and January 20, 2026

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

Public Comment:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update and Interlocal Agreement for Acting Health Officer Coverage

Dr. Berry presented an epidemiological update. She noted that universal masking in healthcare facilities is currently recommended due to increased respiratory illness activity. Influenza activity remains elevated, with increased hospitalizations reported across the region.

Dr. Berry also reported that measles outbreaks continue to occur in Washington State. Discussion followed regarding monitoring and response efforts.

Program Updates / Informational Reports:

Harm Reduction Presentation – Dr. Berry & Staff.

Dr. Berry provided an overview of harm reduction strategies and current initiatives underway in Clallam County.

Lisa Bridge presented highlights from Public Health activities for January 2026. Discussion followed.

Discussion Items:

Environmental Health Fee Schedule Update.

Environmental Health Director Jennifer Garcelon presented several metrics related to the Environmental Health fee schedule and discussed potential updates. Board discussion followed.

Board of Health Presentations:

None.

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Director LoPiccolo reported that there is an At-Large position currently open on the Board of Health. An interview committee will be convened to review applicants and make recommendations.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Environmental Health staff are currently preparing the annual report, which will be released soon.

Staff will also be participating in outreach activities at the KONP Home and Lifestyle Show this upcoming weekend. The outreach will focus in part on education regarding unpermitted food vendors.

Discussion followed.

Action Items: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair 2026

Election of 2026 Chair and Vice-Chair

A motion was made to approve the reelection of Commissioner Mike French as Chair for 2026.
The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the reelection of Shahida Shahrir as Vice-Chair for 2026.
The motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items:

Update on new and ongoing efforts for affordable housing.
State of Public Health in Washington State and Federal Government.
Presentation by Lisa Bridge next month.
Madison Gallentine on Clinical Services next month.
Add Communications Update as a standing agenda item.
Water Quality/PIC update.
OMC to present on the state of healthcare in Clallam County.

Updates & Announcements:

Public Comment

John Worthington commented on the Harm Reduction policies.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

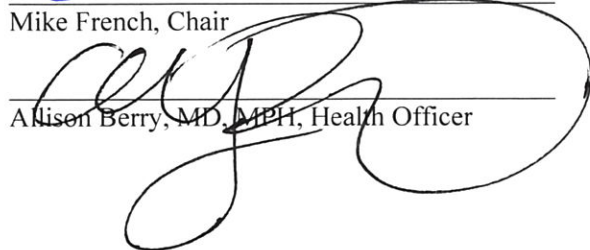
Next Meeting – March 17, 2026

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of March, 2026

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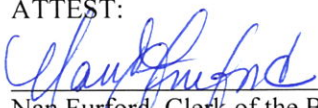


Mike French, Chair



Alison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board