



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of April 21, 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 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were; Chair, Commissioner Mike French; Commissioner Randy Johnson; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Representative, Paul Cunningham; Pete Tjemsland, City Council Member; 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: Commissioner Mark Ozias

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

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

ACTION TAKEN: Agenda approved.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2026

Motion by Shahida Shahrir, seconded by Paul Cunningham, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Written comment from Kathy Zelenka.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update

Dr. Berry reported that the community is moving out of the viral respiratory season and out of flu season, with no current outbreaks. She noted that there were 37 measles cases in Washington State, with outbreaks occurring in other states and some local spread. Most outbreaks were occurring in Utah, Texas, and South Carolina. Dr. Berry emphasized that the best practice is to stay up to date on vaccines. She also reported a cluster of pertussis in Jefferson County and encouraged staying current on Tdap vaccination. Discussion followed.

Program Updates / Informational Reports:

- **Public Health Highlights**

- Lisa Bridge presented the March 2026 Public Health Highlights, summarizing activities from March. Discussion followed.

Discussion Items:

None.

Board of Health Presentations:

- **Clallam County Sheriff's Office Clinical Services – Madison Gallentine**

Madison presented the Sheriff's Office Clinical Services. Discussion followed.

Board of Health Public Hearings:

- **Environmental Health Fee Schedule**

Staff presented the proposed amendment discussed at previous meetings. One letter in opposition was provided to Board of Health members. Discussion followed.

Public comment: Jake Seegers spoke in opposition to any tax or fee increase affecting affordable housing.

The public hearing closed at 2:52 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Paul Cunningham, to repeal and replace the current Environmental Health fees using the 2.7% CPI column and excluding the technology fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon reported that she will return in July or August to begin discussion of the next fee revision, which will align with the calendar year of January through December. She reported that a Septic 101 class held at the Port Angeles Library had 65 attendees. A Septic 101 class is scheduled in Forks for Saturday, May 2, with no attendees currently registered. She noted that the food team is busy with temporary events and routine inspections. The drinking water lab passed its annual accreditation, allowing routine water testing to continue. She also announced an open house on Thursday evening at the Dungeness River Nature Center for the PIC program. Discussion followed.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin LoPiccolo discussed the budget shortfall.

Jennifer Oppelt reported on a tabletop exercise involving Public Health, Environmental Health, local tribes across the state, and other local public health partners. The exercise focused on highly pathogenic avian influenza. Discussion followed.

Future Agenda Items:

None.

Updates & Announcements:

None.

Public Comment

Theresa Miller asked whether Harm Reduction distributes drug-use supplies without parental consent beginning at age 13, and whether a 13-year-old involved in re-entry could receive Suboxone or methadone without parental consent.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

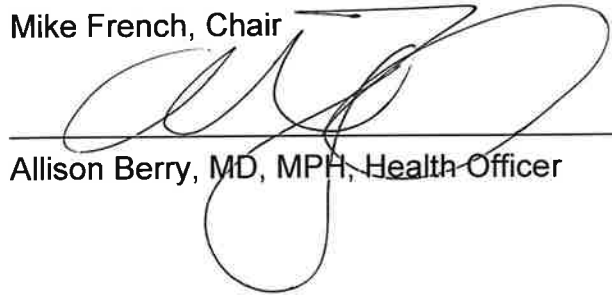
Next Meeting – May 19, 2026

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19 day of May, 2026

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Mike French, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board