



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of May 19, 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: Chair, Commissioner Mike French; Commissioner Mark Ozias; 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; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members absent: Jennifer Oppelt, HHS Deputy Director

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

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

ACTION TAKEN: Agenda approved.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2026

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

Public Comment:

Dr. Sarah Huling asked whether the meeting link included on the agenda could be made clickable within the public portal.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update

Dr. Berry spoke about hantavirus, Ebola, measles and pertussis.

Hantavirus - The risk of hantavirus of this strain from this cruise outbreak is extremely low. It is usually spread from rodent droppings to people and most commonly see it in sporadic cases. When people clean it up, they kick up the dust and inhale it. Hantavirus is a rare disease transmitted primarily through exposure to infected rodent droppings. Dr. Berry noted that severe infections can carry a mortality rate of approximately 50 percent. There is no treatment for it. Best way to prevent it is to wet it down and wear PPE before cleaning it up. Discussion followed.

Ebola – There is a large-scale Ebola outbreak occurring in parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. Very unlikely we will see Ebola here. This has a 50% mortality rate. Discussion followed.

Measles – There have been 44 cases of measles diagnosed in Washington State. Dr. Berry reported that Washington State is now experiencing community transmission, meaning cases are being identified without known links to travel or previously identified infections. People are testing positive that have no known connection to out of state travel or to someone who was known to have measles. We have a preventive tool, the vaccine. Discussion followed.

Pertussis – One pertussis case has been identified in Clallam County and is believed to be associated with out-of-state travel. Discussion followed.

Program Updates / Informational Reports:

- **Public Health Highlights**
Lisa Bridge presented the April 2026 Public Health Highlights report.
Discussion followed.

Discussion Items:

None.

Board of Health Presentations:

- **Public Health Annual Report – Staff**
Chelsea Krouse and Moni Madjdi presented the Public Health Annual Report for 2025.
Discussion followed.

Board of Health Public Hearings

None

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon reported on ongoing Septics 201 educational classes. The Forks combined 101/201 class had 25 people show up. This weekend is the Septics 201 at the River Center and on June 6th is another class at the courthouse. Discussion followed.

The annual beach monitoring program is ramping up in preparation for the summer season, which typically runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Discussion followed.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin LoPiccolo reported he has been involved in interviews for the Board of Health position of Community Stakeholder. Approximately 17 applications were received, and three candidates were interviewed. A recommendation will be presented to the Board at its June meeting.
Discussion followed.

The department had anticipated a 15 percent reduction in Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) funding; however, the final reduction was approximately 28 percent. Current funding levels remain in effect through June 30, 2026. Discussion followed.

Future Agenda Items:

None.

Updates & Announcements:

None.

Public Comment

Teresa Miller thanked everyone for the information and ideas and appreciated the request for data tracking. She asked if there was a way to get together with the hospital to create a wellness center.

Dr. Sarah Huling thanked the Board of Health for the discussion. She is aware of entry points and would like to see more collaborative efforts to make sure we have more local access.

John Worthington commented on topics including marijuana, ketamine, harm reduction supplies, telehealth services, and the methadone program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

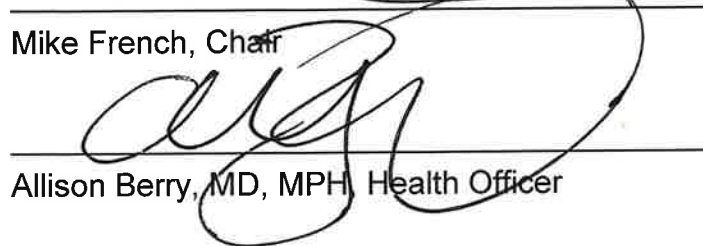
Next Meeting – June 16, 2026

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16 day of June, 2026

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Mike French, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board