



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of March 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 1:30 p.m.

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

Members absent:

None

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

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

ACTION TAKEN: Agenda approved.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2026

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

Public Comment:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update

Dr. Berry presented an update on respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, influenza, and RSV. Case numbers are declining overall; however, RSV continues to persist. Measles

cases remain at 26 statewide, with outbreaks occurring in other states. No sustained spread has been observed in Washington.

Discussion followed.

Program Updates / Informational Reports:

- **Public Health Highlights**

Lisa Bridge presented Public Health highlights for March 2026, summarizing activities from February.

Discussion followed.

Discussion Items:

- **Environmental Health Fee Schedule** – Jennifer Garcelon presented proposed fee changes. Call for Public Hearing for April 2026.

Jennifer Garcelon spoke about the fee changes. Board discussion followed.

Motion by Commissioner Ozias, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to call for a public hearing on the updated Environmental Health Fee Schedule at the April 21, 2026 Board of Health meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Health Presentations:

- **Food Security – Washington State Extension Office**

Clea Rome and Danielle Larson presented on food security efforts.

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None.

Environmental Health Director – Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon reported:

- Staff participated in the NPBA Show (February) and KONP Home Show (March), engaging with community members on septic systems and rabies.
- The *Clean Water Herald* will be released in early April.
- Upcoming Septic 101 classes:
 - April 18 (Port Angeles)
 - May 2 (Forks)
- Pollution Identification & Correction (PIC) meeting scheduled for April 23, 5:30–7:00 PM in Sequim.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin LoPiccolo discussed the state's projected \$21 million budget shortfall for fiscal year 2027, including a \$4 million shortfall/reduction impacting public health in 2026. Clallam County receives approximately 2.1 million dollars from the state. Depending on the scope of the reductions, Clallam County will be experiencing a shortfall in funding. Discussion followed.

Future Agenda Items:

None.

Updates & Announcements:

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Next Meeting – April 21, 2026

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21ST day of APRIL, 2026

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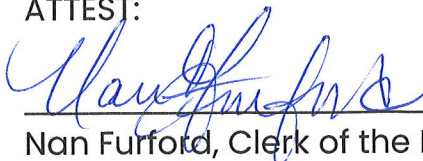


Mike French, Chair



Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board