



# CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of August 15, 2023 @ 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

223 E. 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Mike French; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Randy Johnson; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Consumer of Public Health, Helen Kenoyer; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members excused: City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell

### **Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda**

Shahida Shahrir made a motion to approve the agenda, none opposed, agenda approved.

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

### **Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2023**

Shahida Shahrir made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, none opposed, minutes approved.

### **Public Comment for Agenda Items:**

Ed Bowen from the West End via Zoom – Asked about updates regarding Covid and the roll out of Arris and the plan and how Clallam County will address this.

### **Board of Health Hearings: None**

### **Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update – Dr. Berry**

Dr. Berry reported that we are seeing a rise nationally and at local levels of Covid-19. There will be an increase and it will continue in the coming weeks. There is no serious surge. Some new variants have popped up with the most dominant one targeted in the booster.

RSV impacts the elderly population, not just our kids. This fall there will be a new vaccine for RSV and a separate one for newborns coming in the next month or so. Discussion followed.

### **Old Business and Information Items**

None.

### **Board of Health Presentations: None**

### **Discussion Items: Public Health Indicators - 2023 Community Health Assessment Update – Moni Madjdi**

Dr. Berry introduced Moni Madjdi, Epidemiologist for Clallam County Public Health. Moni introduced Alyssa Wyrsh (via Zoom), shared Epidemiologist with Jefferson County, based primarily in Jefferson County. Moni shared a slide presentation of the 2023 Community Health Assessment Update: Health Status Assessment. Discussion followed.

### **Environmental Health Director-Jennifer Garcelon**

Jennifer Garcelon reported the Clallam County Fair has about 22 food vendors and that Clallam County has a booth at the fair this year. Annual invoicing of food service establishments and pools is currently happening. They are working on incentives for the O&M program used for homes at Ennis Creek with about half of them taking them up on their offer.

In relationship to the Heat Dome report from the UW that was mentioned in the June meeting, they can now do a little outreach and education regarding cooling and warming centers with some FPHS funds. Discussion followed.

**HHS Director- Kevin LoPiccolo**

Kevin announced that Environmental Health and WIC are partnering with Juvenile Services and the Auditor to staff the Clallam County Fair booth.

Out of 500 tickets available there are 384 participants registered for the Project Safer event at the Clallam County Fair. Project Safer is a group that helps individuals with developmental disabilities to not fall into inappropriate situations with law enforcement. Discussion followed.

Kevin stated that Health and Human Services will be hiring a Public Health Nurse Manager. Her start date will be September 18, 2023.

**Public Comment**

None.


**Adjournment**

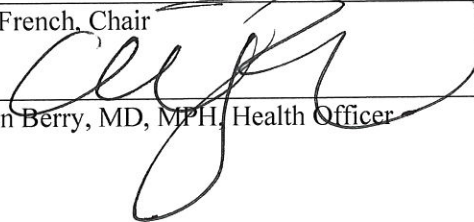
Meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

**Next Meeting** – September 19, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19 day of September, 2023

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

  
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Mike French, Chair

  
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Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board