



# CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES of September 19, 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 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: Commissioner Mark Ozias; City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell

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

Dr. Stephanz made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Johnson seconded, agenda approved.

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

### **Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2023**

Paul Cunningham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Gerald Stephanz seconded, minutes approved.

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

Kathy Zelenka spoke about Covid-19 vaccinations.

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

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

Dr. Berry reported that there is a resurgence in Covid-19 and an increase in outbreaks in healthcare and school settings. The primary driver is not taking the necessary Covid-19 precautions. There is a rise in hospitalization, especially those individuals over 70. The Covid-19 new vaccine variant will be coming in the next few weeks and will be available through one’s primary care provider or pharmacy. Flu shots and RSV vaccine will also be available, and you can take all of them at the same time. Dr. Berry encourages individuals to get the vaccine update and mask in crowded indoor spaces. Discussion followed.

### **Board of Health Presentations:**

#### **1. Clallam County Housing Issues – Timothy Dalton**

Timothy Dalton shared a presentation on current housing issues and what the Housing Solution Committee is doing to address all housing types within Clallam County. Discussion followed.

#### **2. Food Supply/Food Safety – Clea Rome and Jessica Pankey**

Clea Rome and Danielle Carson from Washington State University/Clallam County Extension program shared a presentation on SNAP-ED and Community Health. Discussion followed. Jessica Pankey will report on Food Safety next month.

### **Discussion Items:**

None.

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

None.

**Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon**

Jennifer Garcelon announced they hired Abbey Kindall for the Drinking Water Lab position. They are filling the currently empty Customer Service position. It is Septic Smart week, and in-person DIY Septic classes are filling up for this month and next month.

**HHS Director- Kevin LoPiccolo**

Kevin introduced Madison Gallentine as the new Public Health Nurse Manager. The Board welcomed her. Two new Public Health Support Specialists were also recently hired.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

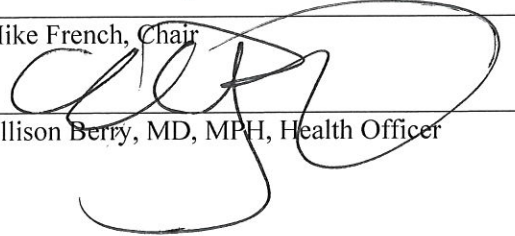
**Next Meeting** – October 17, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of October, 2023

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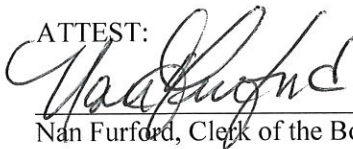


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Mike French, Chair



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Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:



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Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board