

SAN JUAN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Legislative Hearing Room, Friday Harbor

Hybrid Meeting

Both In-person and Via Teams

11:38 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Justin Paulsen, BOH Chair, called the combined Nov/Dec BOH meeting, held December 10, 2025, to order at 11:38 a.m. in the County Council Hearing Room.

BOH Present: Council Members, Kari McVeigh and Justin Paulsen were present in the meeting room. Council Member Jane Fuller and Board Members Dr. Steven Rubey, Richard Geffen and Kyle Davies (arrived after role call) attended via videoconference.

Also Present: Mark Tompkins, Director, Health & Community Services; Ellen Wilcox, Deputy Director/Health Communities Manager; Jessica Nye, Manager, Disease Prevention & Environmental Health and Lori LeCount, Clerk to the Board were present in the hearing room. Dr. Amy Harley, Medical Officer; Ethna Flanagan, Early Learning Manager; and Jami Mitchell, Human Services Manager attended via videoconference.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved by agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting held October 15, 2025, as submitted.

By: Kari McVeigh, Seconded: Richard Geffen

Motion Carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Board member Kyle Davies was excused but was able to join after the meeting was underway.

PUBLIC COMMENT

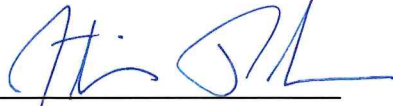
None

- 11:40 a.m. Committee Updates
ACH – *Mark Tompkins*- Reported that the ACH is reinitiating their search for a new CEO.
CCC – *Mark Tompkins* - Reported, in Kyle Davies' absence, that the Community Collaboration Committee is going to approach Kari McVeigh re becoming the back-up liaison and that the CCC is providing funds to allow the Dental Access program to continue on San Juan Island.
Other Committees –
NSBH-ASO – *Mark Tompkins / Jami Mitchell* reported that an RFP for a co-response program with the Sheriff's office is expected early in 2026.
NWRC – *Jane Fuller* – Reported that the Northwest Regional Council will be stepping back from providing services to the Whatcom Jail. The NWRC is looking for continued funding for their Home Health Care program. In general, they are feeling the instability of our current times.
NOAT – *Jane Fuller* - No update.

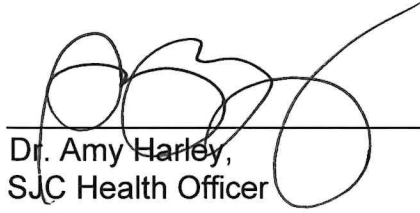
REPORTS

- 11:50 a.m. Youth Prevention Programs
Next Generation, a member of the Coalition for Orcas Youth, the Lopez Island Prevention Coalition and the Friday Harbor Middle School HOTS (Helping Out Teen Society) Club presented an update of their work in 2025 and answered the Board's questions.
- 1:11 p.m. Countywide Prevention Work & Budget Updates
Ellen Wilcox, Deputy Director/Healthy Communities Manager, and Mark Tompkins, Director presented budget updates for the prevention work specifically, and Health & Community Services generally and answered the Board's questions.
- 1:40 p.m. Avian Influenza Update
Dr. Harley, Health Officer Jessica Nye, Disease Prevention & Environmental Health Manager presented an update on avian flu cases in San Juan County and answered the Board's questions.
- 1:50 p.m. Individual Health Insurance/Health Insurance Market
Jane Fuller, Councilmember and Mark Tompkins, Director presented an update on the challenge of equitable access to health insurance and answered the Board's questions.
- 1:59 pm A review of the draft letter from San Juan County BOH supporting the West Coast Alliance science-based approach to immunizations was deferred to the January meeting.
- 2:03 p.m. **ADJOURN MEETING**

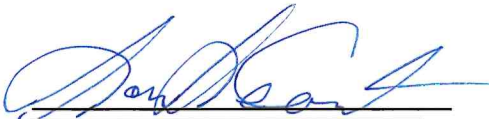
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Justin Paulsen,
Councilperson, BOH Chair



Dr. Amy Harley,
SJC Health Officer



Submitted by: Lori LeCount
Clerk to the Board of Health



Mark Tompkins, Director
Health & Community Services