

SAN JUAN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Legislative Hearing Room, Friday Harbor

Hybrid Meeting

Both In-person and Via Teams

11:34 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Justin Paulsen, BOH Chair, called the BOH meeting, held January 21, 2026, to order at 11:34 a.m. in the County Council Hearing Room.

BOH Present: Council Members, Kari McVeigh and Justin Paulsen and Board Members Kyle Davies and Richard Geffen were present in the meeting room. Council Member Jane Fuller attended via videoconference.

Also Present: Dr. Amy Harley, Medical Officer; 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. 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 combined November/December meeting held December 10, 2025, as submitted.

By: Kyle, Seconded: Richard Geffen

Motion Carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Board members Dr. Steven Rubey and Lisa DiGiorgio were excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Necia Quast, SJI resident has been the League of Women Voters Observer of the Board of Health for many years. She is going overseas on a Peace Corp assignment. Susan Leff is taking over as Observer.

11:38 a.m.

Committee Updates

ACH – *Mark Tompkins*- Reported that the ACH is in round two of their search for a new CEO. There is a board retreat next week. Mark and Dr. Harley are working with the ACH to get Medicaid data to inform decisions. The ACH has provided funding to create a health network with the Orcas hospital district. SJC is tagging along for the CHIP work.

CCC – *Kyle Davies* – No current meeting. Kristen will report more fully on the CCC dental care grant later in this meeting.

Other Committees –

NSBH-ASO – *Justin Paulsen* reported that there was no meeting. There was an RFP issued for a co-response program with mental health professionals and the Sheriff's office.

NWRC – *Jane Fuller* – Reported that the Northwest Regional Council finished the year in good financial shape. They will continue to receive funding for their Home Health Care program into 2027. Kari McVeigh mentioned the ending of the contract with the Whatcom Jail is resulting in less revenue and less stress.

NOAT – Justin Paulsen relayed that this committee report will be removed from the BOH agenda until there is additional opioid settlement activity.

11:53 a.m.

Election of Officers (Chair & Vice Chair)

Chair – Jane Fuller accepted nomination as Chair

Vice - Kyle Davis accepted nomination as Vice Chair

Both approved unanimously.

REPORTS

11:55 p.m.

Letter of Support – West Coast Alliance

Justin Paulsen, Board member and Dr. Amy Harley, Health Officer presented a draft letter of support of the West Coast Alliances guidance on vaccines.

Motion: To approve the letter prepared in support of the West Coast Alliance guidance on vaccines, with slight wordsmithing.

By: Justin Paulsen, Seconded: Kari McVeigh

Motion passed, will be routed for signature.

12:07 p.m.

Foundational Public Health Services Funding /Resolution

Mark Tompkins, Director presented a Resolution protecting loss of funding for core service as result of tax code changes and State budget shortfall.

Motion: To approve a RESOLUTION recognizing Public Health as essential, maintain Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)

Funding and fix the vapor tax errors to support the FPHS account.

By: Justin Paulsen, Seconded: Richard Geffen

Resolution passed, will be routed for signature.

12:36 p.m.

Lopez Food Center, Food Access and Dental Program Updates

Kristen Rezabek, Health & Nutrition Coordinator presented an update on Lopez Food Center. The County received a \$2,000,000 Community Development Block Grant to support food projects in San Juan County.

She also presented a report on the 2025 activities of the Community Dental Program. A \$30,000 – \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant, in conjunction with Peace Island Medical Center, was received to expand dental clinics on San Juan Island. Ms. Rezabek also discussed the work the SNAP

program in 2025. The funding for the SNAP program was eliminated in September 2025. Successful grant applications have filled in some of the gaps in 2026.

Motion: For the Board of Health to add its endorsement to the letter prepared by Arcora Foundation advocating for Medicaid dental benefits

By: Justin Paulsen, Seconded: Jane Fuller

Motion passed, Jane Fuller will sign and submit on the Board's behalf.

1:15 p.m.

Final comments

Preview of upcoming agenda items

February: Legislative Update and Behavioral Health Updates

March: CHIP and Impact Report

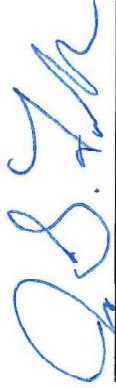
Jane Fuller requested time to discuss access to health insurance including choices such as Crowd Health <https://www.joincrowdhealth.com> or Ambetter Health Insurance Plans.

1:22 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn: Justin Paulson
Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF HEALTH
SAN JUAN COUNTY WASHINGTON

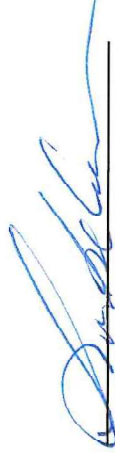


Jane Fuller,
Councilperson, BOH Chair



[Dr. Harley \(Mar 26, 2026 14:13:18 PDT\)](#)

Dr. Amy Harley,
SJC Health Officer



Submitted by: Lori LeCount
Clerk to the Board of Health



Mark Tompkins, Director
Health & Community Services

2026.01.approved.minutes

Final Audit Report

2026-03-26

Created:	2026-03-26
By:	Lori LeCount (loril@sanjuancountywa.gov)
Status:	Signed
Transaction ID:	CBJCHBCAABAAij9UK3YhWZ54iCjHP-3tGAQrzufPW5gu

"2026.01.approved.minutes" History

-  Document created by Lori LeCount (loril@sanjuancountywa.gov)
2026-03-26 - 6:35:12 PM GMT
-  Document emailed to Dr. Harley (amyh@sanjuancountywa.gov) for signature
2026-03-26 - 6:35:16 PM GMT
-  Email viewed by Dr. Harley (amyh@sanjuancountywa.gov)
2026-03-26 - 9:11:09 PM GMT
-  Document e-signed by Dr. Harley (amyh@sanjuancountywa.gov)
Signature Date: 2026-03-26 - 9:13:18 PM GMT - Time Source: server
-  Agreement completed.
2026-03-26 - 9:13:18 PM GMT