

SAN JUAN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Legislative Hearing Room, Friday Harbor

Hybrid Meeting

Both In-person and Via Teams

11:34 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jane Fuller, BOH Chair, called the February meeting to order held February 18, 2026, to order at 11:34 a.m. in the County Council Hearing Room.

BOH Present: Council Members, Jane Fuller, Kari McVeigh and Justin Paulsen and Board Members Kyle Davies and Richard Geffen were present in the meeting room. Board Members Lisa DiGiorgio and Dr. Steven Rubey 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 Jami Mitchell, Human Services Manager were present in the hearing room. Ethna Flanagan, Early Learning Manager; attended via videoconference.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved by agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, meeting, as submitted.

By: Kari McVeigh
Motion Carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

No absent members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11:37 a.m.

Committee Updates

ACH – *Mark Tompkins*- ACH is beginning round two of their search for a new CEO. There was a board retreat, new members were brought on and goals were reviewed.

CCC – *Kyle Davies* – No current meeting. Kari McVeigh will be briefed for participation in the CCC prior to its next meeting in March.

Other Committees –

NSBH-ASO – *Justin Paulsen* reported that work is ongoing on a co-response program with mental health professionals and the Sheriff's office.

Ongoing discussion on reserve funds. Justin Paulsen was appointed Chair of the NSBH-ASO.

NWRC – *Jane Fuller* – No meeting, no report.

NOAT – *Jane Fuller* – No meeting, no report.

REPORTS

11:42 a.m.

Health Insurance Discussion

Dr. Amy Harley, Health Officer and Mark Tompkins, Director presented an update on health insurance, focusing on uninsured, Apple Health and exchange plan coverage, pending legislation HB6210 (protecting and increasing access to health insurance), identifying partners who may provide health care navigation, the Rural Health Transformation Program award, and the role of the BOH in advocacy. Discussion followed.

12:12 p.m.

Behavioral Health Co-Response Program, Peer Support Program Updates

Jami Mitchell, Human Services Manager, and Richard Uri, Behavioral Health Program Coordinator, provided an update on the Behavioral Health Co-Response Program, funded by the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization. The model will essentially imbed a behavioral health professional in the Sheriff's office, initially piloted on San Juan Island. The Peer Support Program was an idea from the Human Services Advisory Board to 1/10th of 1% mental health funds to support peer work at the Recovery Cafes. Contracts are underway.

12:32 p.m.

Opioid Settlement – Program Updates

Mark Tompkins, Director and Richard Uri, Behavioral Health Program Coordinator provided an update on how the opioid settlement funds have been utilized including Naloxone kit distribution, Lopez Youth Prevention services and OARS – supporting persons and their families who are impacted by opioid use disorders provided individuals are in active recovery back to community involvement. OARS contracts are underway.

12:45 p.m.

Bills of Interest Update – State

Mark Tompkins, Director presented information on vape tax bills reallocating money that was funding FPHS (perhaps leading to a 40% reduction in funding) and State budget. Justin updated on HB2720 concerning mental health funding. Jane queried whether any advocacy could be offered on SB6129 and SB6210. The County lobbyist may be used to register support for SB6210, SB6210 and HB2720.

12:55 p.m.

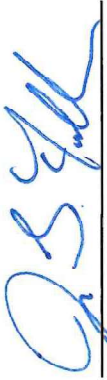
Looking forward – Next meeting: March 18, 2026

Ellen Wilcox will update on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Updated on Island Hospital convening. Kyra will provide an Impact Report.

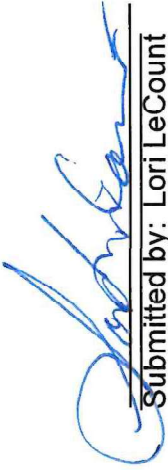
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Adjourn Meeting

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Jane Fuller,
Councilperson, BOH Chair

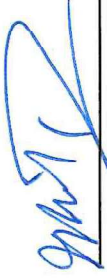


Submitted by: Lori LeCount
Clerk to the Board of Health



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Dr. Amy Harley,
SJC Health Officer



Mark Tompkins, Director
Health & Community Services

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