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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of December 29, 2025 – January 2, 2026

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, December 29, 2025. Present were Commissioners Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner French was excused (appeared for items 1e and 1f).

Items of discussion per the agenda published December 23 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing Janice Wilson to the Planning Commission
- Resolution appointing an authorized representative and alternate for disaster assistance funding and administration
- Open County position review
- Contract amendment 1 with City of Sequim for the criminal justice
- Contract amendment 1 with City of Port Angeles for criminal justice
- Resolution declaring an emergency related to the East Bay Street (Road # 39350) culvert failure
- Approval of a final plat alteration - Wirth Plat Alteration PLDV2025-00002
- Resolution authorizing adoption of new indigent defense caseload, case-weight, and professional standards effective January 1, 2026
- Resolution appointing Kathryn Fenner to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Resolution designating Commissioner involvement on advisory boards

The meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2025. Also present were Commissioner Ozias and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner French was excused.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to adopt the agenda as presented, CRJs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on item virtual system (see attached)
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on item 1a
- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on Charter Review Commission, items 1i and ij criminal justice contract
- Karen Parker, commented on Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe trust lands
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on 1d, 2d
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on item 2e

CONSENT AGENDA – Any Commissioner may remove items for discussion

1a Approval of vouchers for the weeks of December 15 and 22

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Week of 12/15-12/19/25:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9947460-9947668	\$593,506.01
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$593,506.01

Week of 12/22-12/26/25:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9947757-9947937; 9947956-9947980; 9947981-9948026	\$1,697,787.84
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$1,697,787.84

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- 1b Approval of payroll for a period ending November 30
 The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

Payroll	Total
Warrant Numbers	
182379 – 182885, 9947325 – 9947353	\$1,496,529.17
Electronic Payment Date	
12/10/2025 – 12/13/2025	\$1,238,166.01
Total Payroll:	\$2,734,695.18

- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of December 15
 1d Approval of the For and Against form for the Ethics Review Board 2026 Ballot Measure
 1e Approval of a final plat alteration - Wirth Plat Alteration PLDV2025-00002
 1f Resolution declaring an emergency related to the East Bay Street (Road # 39350) culvert failure
 1g Resolution authorizing adoption of new indigent defense caseload, case-weight, and professional standards effective January 1, 2026

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve the consent agenda as presented, CRJs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CRJ reported on Olympic Area Agency on Aging, Winter Ice Village, Chamber of Commerce and United Way

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Contract amendment 8 with Department of Health for various programs under the consolidated Contract

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CRJs, mc

- 2b Agreement amendment 1 with Department of Ecology for the Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CRJs, mc

- 2c Agreement amendment with Facet NW, Inc. for Bullman Beach Water System

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CRJs, mc

- 2d Agreement amendment 1 with Washington Recreation and Conservation Office for the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CRJs, mc

- 2e Agreement with Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe to obtain high resolution topo bathymetric LiDAR Data

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CRJs, mc

- 2f Contract amendment 1 with Department of Fish and Wildlife for the McDonald Creek Fish Screening & Passage Project

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CRJs, mc

- 2g Agreement amendment 1 with Clallam Public Defender for Indigent Public Defense Services

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CRJs, mc

- 2h Agreement with Clallam County Parks, Fair and Facilities for Clallam County Fair Accommodative Initiative

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CRJs, mc

- 2i Contract amendment 1 with City of Sequim for the criminal justice

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve with a modification to the signature page, CRJs, mc

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2j Contract amendment 1 with City of Port Angeles for criminal justice

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to approve with a modification to the signature page, CRJs, mc

BUDGET

3a Resolution for consideration to adopt the following budget revisions:

Parks & Facilities – REET (Real Estate Excise Tax) – Actual project costs were higher than originally planned, and the department is requesting to use anticipated underspend in the Park Road Development expense line to cover the difference/\$3,750

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to adopt, CRJs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on item 2b
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Commissioner French attendance, Charter Review Commission (see attached)
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on item 1a, items 1i and ij criminal justice contract
- Karen Parker, commented on indigent
- Denise Lapio. Sequim, commented on 2026 budget

FINAL ITEM – Commissioner Forum

(This Session will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month when BOCC concludes its other agenda items. The Session will be held for 45 minutes or until there are no further questions. Regardless of the start time, this session will end no later than 11:45 a.m.)

4a Commissioner Forum

- CMO commented on how County expenses are audited, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe follow-up letter, criminal justice contract revenue, harm reduction
- CRJ commented on expense audits, criminal justice contract, harm reduction
- Joe Schmidt, District III, commented on criminal justice
- Jake Seegers, District III, commented on harm reduction, Washington State Association of Counties, budget, levy lid lift
- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on Charter Review Commission, harm reduction, criminal justice, Sheriff’s negotiations with Tribes
- ATM commented on criminal justice
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Elwha lands
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, asked questions regarding interlocal agreement with Tribes
- Karen Parker, Sequim, asked questions regarding Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, agreements with Tribes
- Pepai Whipple,, Sequim, commented on mistakes, tax payers, trust, harm reduction
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, asked questions regarding goals
- Dr. Sarah Huling, District III, commented on what she observed with homelessness, healthcare

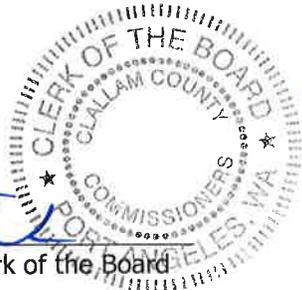
The meeting concluded at 11:55 a.m. and continued until Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual Update during the week of December 29, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of January 2026

ATTEST:


Lori Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark Ozias

December 30, 2025

Denise Lapio
Public Comment
12/30/25

To: Loni Gores, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Forward To: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner French, and
Commissioner Ozias

RE: Public Address System

Dear Commissioners,

At the December 16, 2025 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting, the public address system in the meeting room caused an error in the transcription of my name during public comment. The mechanisms refer to me as "Didn't he slap you as to Quinn Washington." For clarity and correction to the record, my name is Denise Lapio. I am bringing this to your attention because I want the transcripts corrected to properly identify me by my given name. Hopefully this will also expedite the process for purchasing a new and improved public address system. Thank you for your prompt attention to this distressing matter.

Sincerely,



Denise Lapio

Attachment

12/27/25, 1:59 PM

Subject: Re: Proposed
Date: 12/17/2025 7:52:28 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: worthingtonjw2u@hotmail.com
To: dylapio@aol.com, pepalapu@sbcglobal.net



Speaker 2 (MOCC Conference Room)

Didn't he slap you as to Quinn Washington?

Um, I'm going to talk about safety again.

Representative Goal: Benefit to the county and its county tax payers, addresses the reduction in patchwork of lands' jurisdictions, meeting one of the four mandatory goals of the Growth Management Act and its related county Comprehensive Plan in "Public Access to waters of the state" through its Shoreline Master Plan. Currently the state legislation regarding the Elwha watershed, the Elwha Proviso introduced by Senator Chapman the following solution the proviso has been asked to address: (this question posed to the proviso process, not yet answered)

Will the 1082 +/- acres of Federal *Elwha Project Lands* (EPL) be addressed as a tool to offset the many DNR trust lands that have already been "deferred" in the watershed that aren't defined Old Growth, that the legislature could petition for transfer per the 1992 Elwha River Restoration Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act (Public Law 102-495)? Will the proviso process analyze such potential for transfers (federal disposal per the Act) for the legislature to consider, petitioning the federal government for such land transfers (given that the agency failed to make such a request during the Act's requirement for the DOI to make its determination of 1994 that resulted in the two Elwha dams being removed)?

And hence, to this date the Federal administration has failed to properly/timely address the "disposal" of the some-1082 acres as mandated by the 1992 law. These are currently federal deeded lands, managed-only/not designated National Park, purchased from a private landowner for +/- \$29.5 million taxpayer appropriated dollars.

The Elwha River itself is designated Waters of the State, as it relates to such state legislation as the Shoreline Management Act; and now since the removal of the Elwha Dam (Lake Aldwell, lower dam of the two) the waters are designated by the State as "Navigable". That navigable designation extends well upstream from the lake basin and even in to the currently designated Olympic National Park.

Seven parcels were identified to the state WDNR and the county commissioners of past and present

- (1), that captured by the Federal Elwha Restoration Final Environmental Impact Statement, for the use of upland timberland management, that also provides a solution to access and increased state and county trust lands efficiency for such access (re-designating deferred land classification to those of environmental quality upon the EPL parcels putting a portion of those state and county trust lands resource lands back on the operable acres list, in particular interest are those lands in the DNR Special Habitat Areas); in addition the recreational value on one of the parcels

- (2) that replaces the loss the federal upstream recreational holdings lost in their anthropogenic action of removing the dams for which the county is already a fee

simple land owner embedded in the EPL: two federal campgrounds destroyed that could provide a reduced impact in the expansion of three-plus acres embedded in the EPL to create a county park for dispersed camping to capture the value the two NPS lost campgrounds no longer provide (the cost of/availability of real estate in the Elwha watershed being a benefactor of such disposal being a significant factor)

and in addition to eliminate the patchwork effect of jurisdictions (3)

Roughly 450 of the 1086 high/1082 low acres:

073015240000 (1)	*Portion CF
073022210000 (1)	*Portion CF
073022320000 (1)	36.8 CF
073028210000 (1)	36.8 CF
073028110000 (1)	68.8 CF
073021340000 (1 and 2)	191.1 CF
073028130050 (1, 2 and 3)	47.5 CF

073028230000 (3)	25.2 CF
073028430000 (3)	27.8 R5

*Portion: the parcels are large and exist both in the lower river basin and also uplands along Hwy 101 and state lands; the portion (small in scope) that pertains to those uplands should be subdivided out to capture the value of (1) along with jurisdictional issues along Hwy 101.

But to date, no known action, conversation, negotiation that currently has led to a federal bill being acted upon by the US House of Representatives; Does Clallam County and its representative government have an interest in the ELP lands or a portion there of for potential upcoming federal disposal legislation?

In such action, it would be worthy of the BOCC to consider 073015120000 and the ownership the county holds there also, embedded in the EPL tracks.

At a minimum, and consideration, my State and County government has to step up to the plate being representative before State's rights are once again stolen under your watch:

- Did the BOCC attempt successful or not, to negotiate with the 6th Congressional Representative, let alone either of the two US Senators of this era for such a balanced approach to this land disposal action by the Federal government?
- In light of what was testified to in the House committee-May 2025 on 119th Congress HR 2388, claiming the "State has no interest" in the EPL, does the

BOCC question the legitimacy of that testimony when only public record is a letter of support of a "State" claim is from the WA Secretary of Transportation and the Mayor of Port Angeles?

- Who should represent (speak for) the State (and its subagents) in such a position to the US Congress?
- Is the BOCC going to proactively pursue such an interest with Senator Cantwell being the sponsor of the bill 119th Congress S 1513, that is identical in text to the current bill that has passed the House?



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June 24, 2022

The Honorable Derek Kilmer
US House of Representative
2059 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515
Email: mai.nguyen@mail.house.gov

Re: Support for the Transfer of Lands to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Trust and Reservation Status

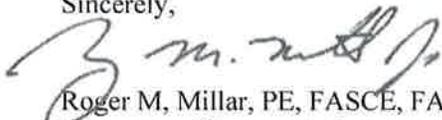
Dear Representative Kilmer:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) respectfully urges Congress to transfer to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, in trust and reservation status, the lands outside of Olympic National Park boundaries that the Interior Department acquired to carry out the removal of the two Elwha River dams. Section 3 of the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act, P.L. 102-495, 10 Stat. 3173, October 24, 1992, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property necessary to carry out the dam removal and the restoration of the ecosystem and fisheries on the Elwha River. That section also directed the Secretary to address the suitability of, among other things, the transfer of those lands to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

WSDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Olympic National Park (ONP) have been working together on a project to replace the U.S. Highway 101 Elwha River Bridge, which passes through the southern end of the Lake Aldwell parcels. WSDOT, FHWA and ONP worked with the Tribe to protect the Tribe's investment in the recovery of the Elwha River and its fisheries, as well as its interest in cultural resources impacted by the bridge project. The Elwha River dams blocked anadromous fish access to 45 miles of pristine habitat. The Tribe performed a large share of the actual restoration work on the Elwha River, both before and after dam removal, by such activities as construction of numerous engineered log jams, revegetation of the former reservoir sites, and operation of on-reservation hatchery programs that have preserved the native Elwha genetics of four species of anadromous fish.

WSDOT is pleased to have this opportunity to support the transfer to the Tribe, in trust and reservation status, those lands outside of Park boundaries that the Secretary acquired in order to accomplish the historic removal of the two dams.

Sincerely,



Roger M. Millar, PE, FASCE, FAICP
Secretary of Transportation

RM:jd



PORT ANGELES
WASHINGTON, U.S.

321 East Fifth Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

July 6, 2022

Representative Kilmer
2059 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kilmer,

Re: Support for the Transfer of Lands to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Trust and Reservation Status

Dear Representative Kilmer:

On behalf of the City of Port Angeles, I respectfully urge Congress to transfer to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, in trust and reservation status, the lands outside of Olympic National Park boundaries that the Interior Department acquired to carry out the removal of the two Elwha River dams. The dam removal project provided the City of Port Angeles with an opportunity to support a worthy conservation effort for the benefit of the environment, its citizens, and its closest neighbor the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

The removal of the dams presented serious challenges for the City: the loss of electrical generation from hydropower, as well as a threat to its municipal and industrial water supply. In partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, the City was able to rise to these challenges and be part of a dam removal and environmental restoration project unlike anything the United States has ever accomplished before. The Tribe, the City, and NPS worked together to co-locate the City's and Tribe's points of diversion on the Elwha River for municipal, industrial, and hatchery water supply to protect the diversions from potential harm that might result from dam removal. It was difficult work that required cooperation, understanding and compromise on the part of all involved, but we are all better for having worked through it.

In addition to the parcels surrounding the Elwha Dam and Lake Aldwell, NPS acquired four parcels of land (3 parcels known as the Hill parcels and 1 parcel known as the Halberg parcel) that are in close proximity to the water intake and treatment facilities that NPS constructed for the City. Those parcels are contiguous with the Tribe's reservation and were acquired for the construction of the pipeline that supplies water to the Tribe's fish hatchery. In 2018, the water intake and treatment facilities were transferred to the City by a settlement agreement between NPS and the City. The City does not have any need for the four parcels and supports their transfer to the Tribe.

Although the City was initially opposed to dam removal, because it perceived dam removal as incompatible with the interests it sought to protect, those perceptions were changed by having worked through the dam removal process. The City is pleased to have this opportunity to support the transfer of the lands acquired by NPS for the removal of the Elwha River dams to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in trust and reservation status.

Sincerely,
DocuSigned by:

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Kate Dexter

Mayor

BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions



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CLALLAM CO. COMMISSIONERS



December 21, 2025

DEC 29 2025

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Dear Commissioner French, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Ozias, and Loni Gores, Clerk of the Board Commissioners Office,

On behalf of the Clallam Resilience Project, thank you for your generous contributions to Resilience Month 2025. Your leadership in coordinating efforts and formally declaring October as Resilience Awareness Month plays an important role in fostering community belonging. This public recognition helps strengthen and normalize community understanding of behavioral health, resilience, and our shared responsibility for wellbeing. Your partnership made a meaningful impact throughout Resilience Month.

Community feedback affirms how valuable the Resiliency Kits were. Elders shared that the kits helped people “break out of their circles,” sparking conversations between introverts, extroverts, and those who might not otherwise connect. Families described using the kits together—often reaching for the snacks first—and then taking time to reflect, write, and talk about mental health. These small but powerful moments of connection are exactly what Resilience Month is meant to nurture.

Resilience Month also seeks to demonstrate that we are stronger together. Attached is the 2025 Resilience Month Impact Report, highlighting how more than 1,700 community members and 37 partners contributed to a month filled with learning, connection, and practical tools for wellbeing. The Clallam County Board of Commissioners’ support and participation are an important part of this collective story.

As we look ahead to 2026 and continue strengthening wellbeing at the individual, organizational, systemic, and community levels, we hope you will consider joining us for the event detailed in the attached invitation—*Collective Hope: Building the Science of Hope on the Olympic Peninsula*. This keynote, led by Dr. Chan Hellman Ph.D., will take place on January 27 from 1:30–3:30 PM at Red Cedar Hall.

Thank you again for your generosity and partnership. We deeply appreciate all the ways you contribute to building resilience and wellbeing in our community.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Minnie Whalen".

Minnie Whalen

Director of Clallam Resilience Project

www.clallamresilienceproject.org



Oct 2025 Impact Report



Resilience Month consists of community-led and culturally-responsive events that provide practical skills, tools, and practices across the lifespan to make connections, buffer stress, and create opportunities for all individuals to flourish.

All residents can learn about hope and help create a community that promotes healing and wellness.



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Resilience Month 2025 Event Schedule

Come together at events that help to "tip the scale" towards positive outcomes for children, families, & community

OCT 1 Heritage Days Screening of "Cuts"
NOLS-Clallam Bay- in-person
6:00-7:30 pm

OCT 2 Huntingford Humanities Poetry
Jefferson County Library- in-person
6:30-8:30 pm

OCT 3 Okee Dokee Brothers
Field Arts and Events Hall
6:30-8:30pm- in-person

OCT 4 Yarn Circle
NOLS- Sequim- in-person
9:30-11:00 am

OCT 4+5 How to Break the Cycle
4th : Port Townsend Farmer's Market
5th: Chimacum Farmer's Market

OCT 6 Heritage Day Screens of "Cuts"
NOLS-Forks- in-person
6:00-7:30 pm

OCT 11 Yarn Circle
NOLS- Sequim- in-person
9:30-11:00 am

OCT 11 Fire Rescue Fest
Station One Port Townsend
10am-2:00pm

OCT 11 Puzzle Contest
NOLS-Port Angeles- in-person
10:30am - 12:30 pm

OCT 11 Compartiendo Esperanza / Sharing Hope- in-person
NOLS- Forks- 3:00-5:00 pm

OCT 11 Night at the Cafe
Recovery Cafe- in-person
4:00-6:00 pm

OCT 12 Free Jazz Sunday
Field Arts and Events Hall- in person
12:00-1:30pm

OCT 13 Indigenous Peoples Day Poetry
7a7k'ustəŋáwtx' House of Learning
Peninsula College Longhouse
5:30-7:30 pm- in person & online

OCT 15 Teen Mindfulness
Jefferson County Library
3:00-4:00 pm- in-person

OCT 16 TANE Fair
Akalat Center, La Push in-person
10:00am-2:00 pm

OCT 16 The Things Around Us
Field Arts and Events Hall- in-person
7:00-9:00 pm

OCT 18 Yarn Circle
NOLS Sequim- in person
9:30-11:00 am

OCT 18 Autumn Arts
Rainforest Arts Center- in-person
Distributing Resiliency Kits
10:00 am-12:00 pm

OCT 18 Celebration of Shadows Fall Festival
Webster Woods, PAFAC- in-person
Distributing Resiliency Kits
5:00-8:30 pm

OCT 21 Domestic Violence Awareness Walk
Klallam Heritage Center
1:30pm- in-person
Silhouettes on display all week

OCT 22 How can I help a friend in an abusive relationship? 1:00-2:00 pm
Jefferson County Library- in-person

OCT 16 PURPLE DAY: To raise awareness about domestic violence & show support for survivors of abuse

OCT 23 Arts & Music Meditation for Adults
Jefferson County Library-in-person
10:15-11:15 am

DEC 4 RESCHEDULED: Creating Common Ground with Carmen Watson-Charles
Peninsula College's Studio Generale
12:35pm- in-person & online

OCT 23 Caregiver Connect
NOLS- Clallam Bay 12-1 pm
NOLS- Forks 3-4 pm- in-person

OCT 24 Brain Injury and Domestic Violence
Online 9:00 am -12:00 pm

OCT 25 Yarn Circle
NOLS- Sequim- in-person
9:30-11:00 am

Proclamations
Elected Officials
Declare Resilience Month

SEP 08 FORKS CITY COUNCIL

SEP 22 SEQUIM CITY COUNCIL

SEP 30 CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCT 06 JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCT 21 PORT ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Thank you to Resilience Month's sponsors and partners. We are grateful for your support.

Scope: Resilience Month 2025 invited residents across the Olympic Peninsula to come together at events throughout the month, explore resources, and help "tip the scale" towards positive outcomes for children, families, and community. Cross sector leaders, collaborators, and contributors supported the design, events, Resiliency Kits, and the Proclamations. **Thank you.**

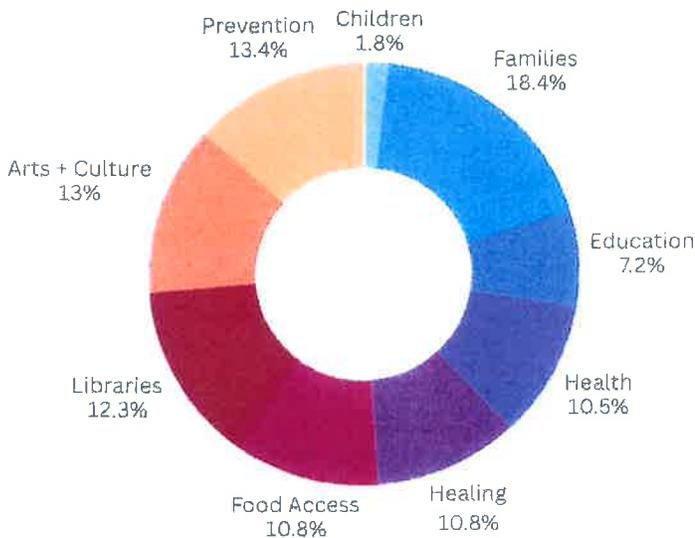
Resiliency Kits



“The conversation cards can be used to really get to know people and you get to start to form relationships.”

The 2025 Resiliency Kit items included mugs, locally sourced and made tea, snacks, beverages, an activity journal, a pen, and conversation cards.

Highlight: 100% report the Kits help strengthen connection



Distributors of Resiliency Kit by Sector

www.clallamresilienceproject.org

Resiliency Kits were designed to create tangible *relational health* opportunities to develop knowledge, practice skills, and build connections.

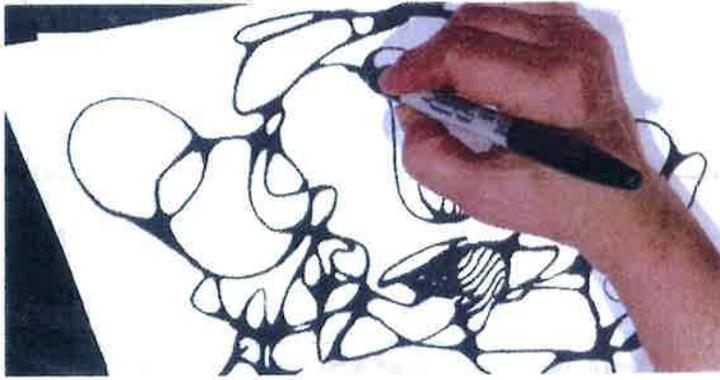


“...a good tool to open that conversation with families about the importance of taking care of their well-being.”

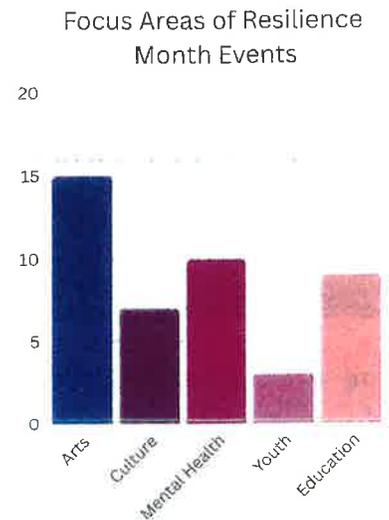
Resiliency Kits were distributed by partners to help strengthen relationships and offer tangible forms for connection.

“All the families that I gave the Resiliency Bags to were intrigued & wanting to learn more about how I saw them as “Resilient.” They appeared to feel valued and appreciated all at the same time.”

Resilience Month Events



"Being a working mom, it's really easy to isolate... And I have found it really difficult to be able to carve out that time, literally- to be able to do those things with my kids. So having that event there... was really cool." -Participant at Event



Highlight: 25 showcased events occurred throughout the Olympic Peninsula, with over 1700 people attending, ranging from creating neurographic art to listening to jazz, and from puzzling to learning more about mental wellness.

"We believe really strongly that the arts have a firm place in our overall community and individual resilience. And so it's been so beautiful to have this committee who is making that message actionable." -Event Host & Partner



"It was nice. I feel good. I don't really get to just sit down and do art." -Participant at Event



Many of the events helped to build a *model of culture* our community could experience and embrace. Left, a journaling workshop held at Mariposa House in Forks, an event also commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Indicators of Success

The descriptions below correlate with the Resilience Month 2025 goals.

Description	Metric
Number of participant engagements	1796+ people
Resiliency Kits distributed in partnership at no cost to the recipient , containing items for relational health tools and practices across the lifespan and cultures	300 kits
Elevate accessible opportunities, at no-cost for the public , across sector & county, and in various platforms	23 events
Shared experiences about harm and healing from different aspects of identity, sector, and geographic location across the lifespan and cultures	25 events
Cultivate shared leadership in orchestrating the month's events and nourish belonging at events	37 partners
County and City Proclamations	5 Resilience Month Awareness Proclamations
In kind deliverables	Worth over \$12,000 from 37 partners
Sponsorships & Grants	Worth over \$8,000 from 6 funders



Acknowledgements



"I pulled out a Resilience Kit and asked if she would like one.

She said "how did you know I need a Resilience Kit?! You don't realize how badly I needed this today." She shed some tears and expressed her gratitude. She is someone who is very tough and has dealt with a lot of battles this year, but always maintains a smile and good attitude.

I'm thankful for this seemingly little kit, it has a MUCH bigger meaning for some. Biggest thanks to the Clallam Resilience Project!!!"

Thank you to Partners, Sponsors, and Funders:

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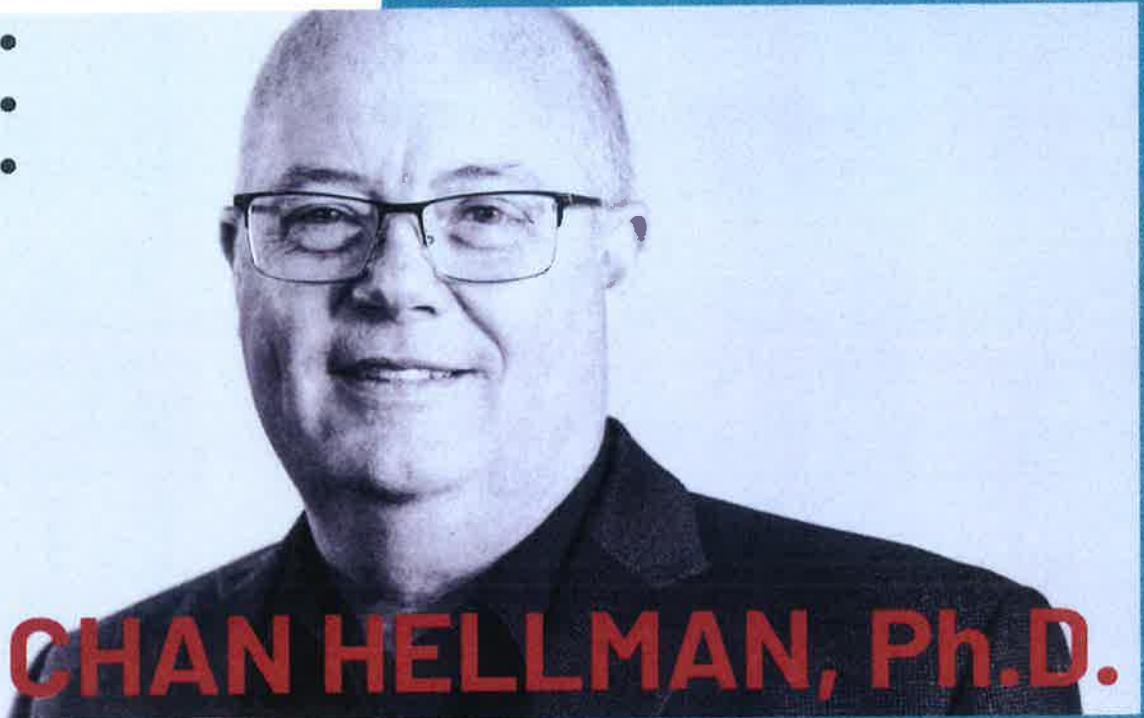
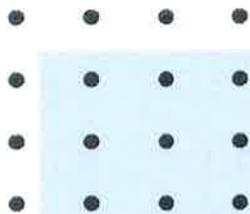
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