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Subject: Public comment: misinformation threat

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Dear Jefferson Board of Commissioners,

Public comments were truncated from 3 to 2 minutes each at the last two Board of Health meetings, despite only having 2-3 local commentators on queue. Both meetings included a ringer from out-of-county during the public comment period, which is your call, but shouldn't detract from comment opportunities for actual county residents.

So my own comment had to be fast-talked before being cut off by the chair. To recapitulate, I was asking Health Officer Berry for clarification of her confusing public accusation that a Port Townsend Free Press "article claims that a person in Jefferson County has suffered a long-term disability because of their vaccine, and that is actually not true. We have not had any cases of that."

<https://media.avcaptureall.cloud/meeting/ff87cb9d-7fa4-4f1f-a457-a606cf1df03c>

<https://www.peninsuladailynews.com/news/three-die-from-covid-19-in-clallam-county/>

But a 27-year-old Port Townsend resident is on record with documentary evidence from Virginia Mason that she had 2 heart attacks and 70% loss of function caused by Covid vaccination. So I'm trying to understand precisely what Dr. Berry is attacking as "truly false". Is she claiming this event didn't happen? Or is she parsing words and claiming loss of heart function doesn't constitute "long-term disability"? Contrary to her mistaken statement, neither "long-term" nor "disability" appears in the original article.

<https://www.porttownsendfreepress.com/2021/11/21/young-heart-damaged-by-pfizer-vaxpt-woman-27-now-has-heart-of-an-80-year-old/>

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/news/report-part-ii-young-womans-heart-believed-to-have-been-damaged-by-pfizer-vaccine/>

I also find troubling Dr. Berry saying she "can't confirm or deny any individual patient's experience" due to "very stringent rules around patient privacy", but then goes on to say "what we do know" is that the "long-term disability" experienced by an individual patient is "truly false". Frankly, I don't know what to make of her self-contradictory statements, but it appears that Dr. Berry is trying to have it both ways by publicly accusing a patient of being a liar while pretending it would violate "patient privacy" to present any evidence for her privacy-violating accusation.

Dr. Berry regularly campaigns against what she calls "misinformation", but from what I've seen, she may be the number one misinformation super-spreader on the peninsula.

<https://www.porttownsendfreepress.com/2021/10/03/health-enforcers-catch-misinformation-fever/>

Commissioners, it is not good enough simply to say you "back Dr. Berry" regardless of whatever she says or does. Please attend to the specifics of the questions I have raised. I am trying to give you and your employee an opportunity to clarify or retract statements that on their face appear to be actionable slander, violation of HIPAA privacy rights, and abuse of public office.

Yours truly,
Stephen Schumacher
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