

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes
March 27, 2020**

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| | Savoonga | |

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| Introduction to Meeting – Angie Gorn, NSHC CEO | <p>Angie gave an introduction regarding the purpose, standing agenda, and frequency of the call. The daily call will be at 11 am Monday through Friday and will include NSHC administration and Medical Staff. The Standing Agenda includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Prayer 2) Medical Staff Briefing 3) Quarantine updates 4) Question's <p>Note- Any questions may be sent to Reba Lean at rlean@nshcorp.org anytime or text to 907-434-1927 and they will be answered during the 11:00 am call.</p> |
| Prayer | Prayer was given by Wales. |
| Medical Staff Briefing – Dr. Mark Peterson, Medical Director | <p>Dr. Mark Peterson gave a briefing and also went over the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 69 COVID-19 cases in Alaska, majority in Anchorage - No COVID-19 in our region - 14 tests that have been done at NSHC, majority have been negative, and a few pending - Little over 500 test kits available in our Region, in Nome and Village Communities - As we see more cases in Alaska, we do expect cases in Nome and villages as well - Another week we don't have cases is another week of preparation and great for our region - Response team is in action - Dr. O'Malia does the ER and Acute Care, and Dr. Kulka does inpatient and Telemedicine, Dr. Lemaire does public health and village education, - Every day we educate and communicate is another good day |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay home, isolate, take care of our elders, wash your hands ➤ Dr. Peterson also wanted to mention that with all the scenarios for patient travel we would request that Norton Sound determine the right piece for the patients to get back to their villages and that the village travel personal would work with us. We wouldn't let patients travel back to the village if they are high risk. We want to make sure that patients are receiving appropriate care. |
| <p>Remarks – Angie</p> | <p>Angie had a couple of housing remarks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Would like to thank BSRHA. They opened up several units for us to use during this time. 2) NSHC is working with national park service to use their space. 3) We have personnel that are assessing those units to make sure there are essentials for the patients and families to use for the 14 days. 4) Looking for donations for those units. |
| <p>Quarantine Update – Amy Hollis</p> | <p>Amy gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal is evolving on the base of the need of our community - 434-0654 if someone has travel needs - Working on houses for placement - We have accommodated a total of five individuals - 2 patients have made it home - More patients coming in tomorrow - Reach out to patients to educate and update them when it comes to quarantining - Working with leaders to follow their community recommendations |
| <p>Quarantine - Megan</p> | <p>Megan gave some recommendations for quarantine self-isolating:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Two different types of quarantine isolating. Those people who have actually been exposed to something and people who have traveled somewhere that may have a risk. 2) Most of the people in the region we are talking about are those who have traveled somewhere where there may be a risk. 3) If they are coughing wear a mask if they are not coughing do not need to wear a mask. 4) Travel from airport and go home and make all effort to stay in the home and self-isolate and not sharing anything with anyone else in the home. 5) Call the nurse call line if they start developing symptoms 6) The other members of that household should keep ideally 6 feet from that person. 7) There is no requirement for isolation or restriction for the other members of the household. 8) If there are no confirmed cases in the household and there is not a need for isolation for anyone else in the household they can continue to go to work. |
| <p>Questions – everyone</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Charlene gave a reminder for the communities to get their community assessment sent back to her and that Dr. Kelso will be contacting the City to receive them. ○ Can someone clarify what is happening at the airport with people arriving? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NSHC has quarantine in place for its patients traveling or providers and |

- we are following the forms in place by the City.
- **Who is monitoring the city of Nome form?**
 - Anyone and everyone traveling to Anchorage must fill out permit if traveling to Nome. All individuals have to complete the form.
 - **Recommendation to have a health provider to go to airport to do temperature checks.**
 - Appreciate the concern but the virus does not show symptoms until about day five.
 - **All of this looks good on paper but if it is not enforced it is useless. Challenge Norton Sound to have a list of patients that travel back and forth and have someone at the airport to document at the airport and where they are going, and to contact the clinic and let them know they are going back. Norton Sound should take leadership.**
 - Norton Sound follows all patients and where they are going and are aware of the patients and getting appropriate testing and appropriate quarantining. We are managing our patients very well and making sure our community is safe and their community is safe. We are stepping up to monitor our people closely.
 - **We are required to have permit and are they being monitored?**
 - Trying to work with Alaska Airlines so they can cooperate with us.
 - **Would like email for Glen to send community information to.**
 - gsteckman@nomealaska.org
 - **Glen gave an update of what the City requires and what they are working on for the travel with Alaska Airlines.**
 - **Can the VPSO go hands on and arrest people that are not following the travel ban in the communities?**
 - they cannot go hands on and can only enforce state laws
 - Glen will pass along to governor's office
 - Melanie Bahnke gave an update about what Kawerak will be doing starting Monday will be closed down everywhere and will have people working from home no more than 4 hours a day.
 - **Recommendation that employers be in contact with their employees to make sure that if they are coming back from somewhere that they self-quarantine.**
 - **In the community when someone passes away and want to pay respect how do we do so?**
 - The CDC has a guideline for no more than 10 people in a group and some people are waiting to hold services until a later time.
 - **How many test kits are available are in the villages?**
 - 15 test kits were issued to every village. We get them to wherever they need to go.
 - **How long does it take for test results?**
 - About 5 days.
 - **Is it possible that COVID-19 was released to the united stated before they made it aware?**
 - Think it's possible that people within the US were developing the symptoms but weren't getting tested. It is possible. Do not think it was

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| | <p>here in Alaska until now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anyone who has been traveling and has a cough should be advising them to call the nurse call line. ▪ If people traveled more than a month ago it may not be coronavirus but there were other virus that have been going around Nome and they could have had those. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kawerak gave an update that they will be closing all locations as of Monday March 30th and some employees may be working four hours at home. They will also be doing closures in the villages and tribal coordinators will only going to the building if no one else is in the building for their safety. ○ Recommendation to take travel ban and quarantine seriously. ○ If people test positive will they need to be tested again? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If they are positive they would not get a false negative and if they develop symptoms again they would get tested again. ○ Whose are enforcing the travel bans in the villages? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charlene is sharing with village leaders and gathering documents as tribe pass them. ○ If managers can please speak to the store workers at the ANICA store to not hoarder supplies like tissue. It's not in our region yet and households still need supplies. ○ Reba Lean with NSHC is working on cheat sheet will information that will go out to the villages and once it is prepared she will distribute that. ○ Communities that have VPSO or other village leaders that maybe they meet the planes to hand out flyers of what they can do. ○ There was a request for masks for agents in the villages who meet the planes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We are not recommendation masks for people that are not coughing. Another option is homemade masks and if you would like some gives a list of name to Reba. ○ Also a request for patients to be picked up from airport with NSHC vehicle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our understanding was that this was happening and will follow up on it. ○ Diomedes last passenger plane will be Monday. They will continue to bring mail but no packages from the stores in Nome. Also will be doing emergency flights. ○ Can we consider in our region a complete travel ban for one month? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each village can put restrictions of travel bans. ▪ Neal Foster has asked for a travel ban and something may be getting put in place. ○ Discussion was held and recommendations were made on what should happen in the villages and what type of travel bans and actions should be taken around the villages. ○ Charlene can hold a conference meeting for tribal members who want to host a meeting and would rather call in. |
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Ending remarks – Angie