

**COVID-19 Tribal Leadership Session Minutes  
March 30, 2020**

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| Chase Gray                           | John Kitchens                              | Megan MacKiernan                         |
| Dr. Mark Peterson                    | Kelly Bogart                               | Angie Gorn                               |
| Dr. Timothy Lemaire                  | Mary David                                 | Andrew Norris, Kawerak                   |
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| Katie Hannon, CAMP                   | Jessica Ivanoff, CAMP                      | Tom Vaden, LEPC                          |
| Robert Keith, Native Village of Elim | Kimberly Gooden                            | John Waghiyi, Savoonga                   |
| Glenn Steckmen, City of Nome         | Melanie Bahnke, Kawerak                    | Sistuk, Diomede                          |
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| AGENDA ITEMS   | DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION   |
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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"> <li>1) Prayer</li> <li>2) Medical Staff Briefing</li> <li>3) FAQ's</li> <li>4) Question's</li> </ol> <p>Note- Any questions may be sent to Reba Lean at <a href="mailto:rlean@nshcorp.org">rlean@nshcorp.org</a> anytime or text to 907-434-1927 and they will be answered during the 11:00 am call.</p>  |
| Prayer   | Prayer was given  |
| 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"> <li>- 114 COVID-19 cases in Alaska, majority in Anchorage and Fairbanks</li> <li>- No COVID-19 in our region</li> <li>- 16 tests that have been done at NSHC, 12 are negative and 4 are pending</li> <li>- Little over 500 test kit's available in our Region, in Nome and Village Communities</li> <li>- We are preparing the communities for when we get cases not if we get cases</li> <li>- Continuing to prepare hospital for patients for when start to get hospitalized patients</li> <li>- In Nome we are working on isolating and quarantine places, and also in villages</li> <li>- Another week we don't have cases is another week of preparation and great for our region</li> </ul> <p>➤ Dr. Peterson went over the difference between isolation and quarantine meaning. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No symptoms but has a risk(traveling) = quarantine</li> <li>- Symptoms = isolation</li> </ul> |

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| <p>FAQ's – Angie</p>        | <p>Angie went over some FAQ's. Please see attached.</p>   |
| <p>Questions – everyone</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Can we live stream this meeting on the radio?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are working with the radio and would love to air it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Are the employees for the disability services RAINBOW been working with the patients?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes the employees have been working the patients and who they are watching over. If they are sick they do not go there and Christine Schultz has been working with that department.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Can we get rapid 5 minute testing?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are following and it would be ideal to be testing locally. The lab is researching and we will pick the quickest test that is reliable. We are hopefully that we could have it here by the end of April. We will get them when they come.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>IHS received a lot of funding will we have access to that funding?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes Norton Sound will receive funding from this.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Where are we at on getting more ventilators?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bethel has 5 and they have a larger region</li> <li>▪ We have 11 in NSHC. We are sitting well with ventilators and NSHC will transfer if necessary to Anchorage</li> <li>▪ We can take care of 8-15 patients with some being on ventilators</li> <li>▪ We are going to try and get more</li> <li>▪ ANMC/ANTHC/State meeting every week and will bring it up at the next meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>We need to be aware that there will be an impact on care especially for the elders that go to Anchorage. Going into the future we need to expand our system and care.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are closely monitors the patients that need to go to Anchorage and that ANMC is changing those appointments to VTC so they still get seen. We are also working to get infusions in Nome for patients that usually go to Anchorage.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>What type of advice would you give to people at the Children Home and Bering Sea Women's Group? It would be nice if the Managers would be in this call.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keep social distance, wash hands a lot, if someone has a cough wear a mask. If patients from region we are not aware of the virus in our region. Follow protocol as best can, if you have any concern talk to employer. Also can certainly encourage managers to attend the call.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>We have 500 test kits available so we only used 16 do we subtract from the 500?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We have a little over 500 available</li> <li>▪ We want to save them for those that meet criteria</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Discussion was held about protecting our region.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City of Nome will issue an emergency order on cab drivers to pick up people that do not have a travel permit</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Can the City of Nome give us a run down on how applying for it, detail on how it is handled?</b></li> </ul> |

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|                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Asking for information for person wanting to travel, why they are wanting to travel. We are trying to restrict nonessential travel. Contacting the application to discuss and if they are approved they are being informed to quarantine.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Discussion was held about moving the day and NEST shelter from Rec Center, to the Mini Convention Center.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Recommendation to make have open communication between the airlines and the villages.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Angie will have Reba contact the airlines to have communication with villages.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>A village is looking for help with ordering glass and recommendation. Also would like pictures emailed to the tribes.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Can order from home depot and recommendation was given for the glass and supplies.</li> <li>▪ Will email pictures to Reba and link to send out to the tribes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Kawerak needs the village assessment to be completed and emailed back to Charlene and Dr. Kelso.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Do all employers know about the mandates?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes the IRA, Corporations, and City should all know.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Discussion was held about further education with the locals in the villages.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Discussion was held about village concerns, and expectations, and forms.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Wondering what the status will be for the Diomedes Clinic for construction?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the cut of date for a go or no go on the clinic construction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p>Ending remarks – Angie</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Norton Sounds homework will be to call the local airlines to see if we can get a representative to call in for tomorrow.</li> <li>➤ Reba is still missing a couple of community information about their travel restrictions. She is requesting the most up to date Teller, Gambell, and Diomedes’ meeting since they do not have a resolution.</li> <li>➤ Angie wanted to thank everyone for their participation and our minutes are always posted on our website and if you have been calling in we have your email out prior to the next day meeting. Thank you and stay safe and thank you for educating your communities, your families and we will talk tomorrow.</li> </ul>   |