

Lincoln County Board of Health

March 25, 2020

Remote meeting

Jan Ivers called the meeting to order at 4 PM.

Jenn McCully said there are zero cases in Lincoln County currently. 73 people have been tested and 29 of those results have come back so far. If anyone needs to be tested, they need to either go through their primary care provider or contact the EOC and speak with the health nurse. There is now drive up testing available at the CARD Clinic between 10 AM and 3 PM. Jenn said there is an established COVID-19 taskforce that has been meeting for the last three weeks. She also updated the board on the commissioner's approval of up to three additional nurses. They have already hired one for the Eureka area. She said they are still in need of PPE and testing supplies, but Commissioner Peck and Dr. Black are working to secure both.

Kathi said she has had questions on extending the local orders the health board has in effect but after discussing it they do not need to as the Governors order covers it.

Carol Sugar asked if local salons need to close by Saturday. Kathi said the Governors order does not include that. They may need to alter how they operate to maintain social distancing guidelines.

DC Orr asked if it would be possible to post agendas on the health boards website. Kathi responded that they already are.

Gary Beach said he is hearing concern from the public about concerns over an influx of people from out of state coming to our area to ride out the storm and wondered if there was any discussion about this. Jan said this was the first she had heard about it. Brent Teske said it was the first he had heard about it but he has heard of an influx of shoppers coming in. Commissioner Peck said it would be worth while to check with the sheriff and the police chief on the issue.

Jan asked the board members about scheduling two standing meetings a week on Mondays and Thursdays at 4 PM. George Jamison said he would be against that and he thinks rolling it back to only two meetings would interrupt the flow of information. Jan said they can always meet more if needed but two have two scheduled meetings would be beneficial. The group agreed to have two regularly scheduled meetings and add additional ones if necessary.

Dr. Black said he would like to see an increase in sampling. He would like to do testing with medical providers, law enforcement and grocery workers who are dealing with the public the most. George asked if there are any critical needs. Dr. Black said the hospital has 8 ventilators, but the real challenge is having enough trained staff to run them. George said if staffing is the challenge that needs to be part of the request from the county. Dr. Mertes said the hospital is also looking at that and providing training to those that have not run a ventilator for a while.

MOTION by George Jamison to adjourn the meeting. Second by Laura Crismore, motion carried.

Adjourned at 4:45 PM.