

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING INFORMATONAL  
MINUTES**

**March 24, 2020 AT 2:15 pm**

**Council Chambers, Carnegie Town Hall**

**Present:** Via Phone-Liz Wheeler, David Meyer, Teresa Miller, Present - Jo Pankonin, Ranae Vink, Michael Pekas

**Absent:** Jonathon Ott,

**Staff Present:** Jill Franken, Sandy Frentz, Regan Smith, Stacy Kooistra, Lisa Stensland

**Guests:** Dr. Mike Elliot, Dr. Mike Wilde

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Liz Wheeler.

**New Business:**

A current situation update was given regarding COVID-19.

Dr. Mike Elliot from Avera Health Systems reported that the entire system is focusing on their readiness and maximizing conservation of PPE. They are also bringing on board testing onsite, which will be up and running soon. They are using E-care for virtual appointments when appropriate and have started a no visitor policy at the hospital.

Dr. Mike Wilde from Sanford Health also confirmed the readiness of the health care system, and will be bringing their testing capabilities on line soon. As the tests are completed it is expected the number of confirmed cases will rise. The community needs to continue to be vigilant with personal hygiene and social distancing to flatten the curve.

Jill Franken introduced the newest board members and thanked them all for their service. She explained the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and those on the team and some of the community action plan that was developed.

The Executive Order from Governor Noem was reviewed and still trying to understand the impact it will have on Sioux Falls and surrounding areas. Some examples were given of other cities and communities in the area and what they have done to prevent community spread. With this comes the question of the authority of the Board of Health. Last week the board took action to limit the number able to gather with in city owned buildings to 250 and is now down to 10. The board must act within the codified laws of the state and under the direction of the State Department of Health. Per city ordinance 92.053 the Board of Health has full power to take steps to take all steps and use all measures necessary to promote the general cleanliness and healthfulness of the city and the general health and well-being of the people and community served. The board shall adopt any regulations, rules or measures deemed advisable in order to carry out these charges.

Next steps will be to continue to slow the spread and maintain access to healthcare. The EOC will continue to work through the governor's executive order for further action with another meeting soon.

**Public Input:**

Sierra Broussard- Medical massage therapy

Council Woman Theresa Stehly- where does the ultimate decision lie and what to do about the upcoming election

Mayor Paul Ten Haken- Thanked the board for their service and the next meeting will have recommendations to bring to council due to likelihood of community spread.

With there being no new business or further discussion, a motion to adjourn was supported by Dave and seconded by Teresa, Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Stensland".