



**OPEN MINUTES
EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE MEETING - APRIL 3, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kyle Ulveling, M.D., Chair
Ronald Kolegraff, Vice Chair, M.D.
Diane Cortese, Secretary
Mary Jo Romanco
Joyce Vista-Wayne, M.D.
Nikhil Wagle, M.D.
Brian Wilson, D.O.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Warren Gall, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Kent Nebel, Executive Director
Joseph Fraioli, Director of Legal Affairs
Chrissy Greco, Assistant to Executive Director
Anaghat Dixit, Assistant Attorney General

At 7:41 a.m., Kyle Ulveling, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken.

At 7:33 a.m., on a motion by Kyle Ulveling, M.D, seconded by Mary Jo Romanco, all members present voted to approve the agenda.

In attendance on the public call in line:

Daniel Sunne	The Family Leader
Kent Hurley	The Family Leader
Tom Benzoni	Newton, Iowa
Dr. Zalinski	Fairfield, Iowa
Dennis Tibben	Iowa Medical Society
Katie Reissel	Attorney for Iowa Medical Society
Pam Willaims	Iowa Academy of Family Physicians
Dr. Petunia Salisbury	

The Board met to discuss the Governor's emergency declaration pertaining to nonessential or elective surgeries and procedures that utilize personal protective equipment - listed below:

Gov. Reynolds signs new proclamation continuing State Public Health Emergency Declaration - Office of the Governor of Iowa

NONESSENTIAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

SECTION ONE. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 135.144(3), and in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Public Health, unless otherwise modified by subsequent proclamation or order of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I hereby order that effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2020, and continuing until this disaster proclamation expires:

A. All nonessential or elective surgeries and procedures that utilize personal protective equipment (PPE) must not be conducted by any hospital, outpatient surgery provider, or outpatient procedure provider, whether public, private, or nonprofit.

B. A nonessential surgery or procedure is one that can be delayed without undue risk to the current or future health of a patient, considering all appropriate factors including, but not limited to any: (1) threat to the patient's life if the surgery or procedure is not performed; (2) threat of permanent dysfunction of an extremity or organ system; (3) risk of metastasis or progression of staging; and (4) risk of rapidly worsening to severe symptoms.

C. Each hospital, outpatient surgery provider, and outpatient procedure provider shall limit all nonessential individuals in surgery and procedure suites and patient care areas where PPE is required. Only individuals essential to conducting the surgery or procedure shall be present in such areas.

D. Each hospital, outpatient surgery provider, and outpatient procedure provider shall establish an internal governance structure to ensure that the principles outlined above are followed.

Next, the Board discussed submitting a request to the Governor asking her to issue an emergency declaration with a Shelter in Place Order for the state of Iowa due to the risks to healthcare providers.

Mr. Nebel, Executive Director for the Board, said that he would prepare a joint statement in favor of the Order and submit it to the Governor for consideration.

On a motion by Nikhil Wagle, M.D. seconded by Joyce Vist-Wayne, M.D., all Board members in attendance voted in favor of the joint statement to the Governor.

At 8:25 a.m., on a motion by Brian Wilson, D.O., seconded by Mary Jo Romano, the teleconference meeting was adjourned.