

Minutes from the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Bolinas Fire Protection District Board  
Special Meeting, Via Zoom.

Pres. Molesworth called the special meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District to order at 7:00 P.M. Vice Pres. Kimball, Dir. Torrey and Dir. Martinelli were present. Also present: Chief Krakauer, Asst. Chief Marcotte, Dr. Anna O'Malley, UCSF Orthopedic Dr. Aenor Sawyer, residents Cyrus Harmon and Simon Dunn.

MSC Kimball/Martinelli (unan.) to Approve the Agenda.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1- Approve Proposal by Cyrus Harmon to Support COVID-19 Testing for Bolinas and Use of Fire House Parking Lot.**

MSC Kimball/Torrey (unan.) to Approve Proposal by Cyrus Harmon to Support COVID-19 Testing for Bolinas and Use of Fire House Parking Lot.

Cyrus Harmon began by explaining that he would like to test Bolinas residents for the SARS COVID-2 virus. He plans on conducting the test over a four-day period and is preparing for close to two thousand people to come get tested. He has initiated collaboration with UCSF, Dr. Aenor Sawyer, as well as doctors in the infectious disease department at UCSF. Cyrus commented that he would like the testing to begin as soon as possible and reminded everyone that the test is free of charge. He added that there would be two tests involved. One test will measure if there is an active viral infection in the individual and one will show if your body has developed an antibody response. Both tests provide different pieces of information.

Dr. Anna O'Malley said that most of her questions that arose had already been answered in Cyrus' presentation. She expressed that she wanted to be certain the tests were validated. She questioned whether there is any way of knowing the positive and negative predictive values of the antibody test so the Coastal Health Alliance can effectively manage communication and provide good counsel as far as what the test means and how it affects social distancing. She said she would like to have more information about the specifics of the test so the Coastal Health Alliance can start developing a script to educate people. Anna also added that she wants to be sure as the community is coming together for testing, that we're being safe with how that's done. It's important to have a good plan in place.

Dr. Aenor Sawyer expressed that this is a great opportunity and has been a great experience talking with Dr. O'Malley and working through how to responsibly test the community. She said that it's important to understand more about this disease and the spread of it by testing people more often. She explained that the PCR for infected people is a clinically validated test used as the basis for clinical decision-making and treatment at UCSF. She said they tried to pick a test people can trust and that Dr. O'Malley and the Coastal Health Alliance can make inferences from. The antibody tests are much newer and are considered valuable; however the inferences received from an antibody test right

now are not clear. None one should change current habits or behaviors whether the antibody tests come back negative or positive.

Chief Krakauer asked Dr. Sawyer what the timeline looked like to get the message piece out. Dr. Sawyer responded that she had met with community member Jyri Engestrom and two other research collaborators. They want to make sure everything is in place before people start asking questions. This critical research is all done under the oversight of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), which “protects the rights and welfare of human research subjects,” and cannot proceed without its prior approval, which will affect the timing of the project. She also said they want to do a lot of messaging, educating, and responding to questions and answers prior to the testing and then, after testing, have the availability to let people ask questions as they please. She said the earliest they would be able to finalize this is by Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Dir. Torrey asked whether messaging would be provided in Spanish. Dr. Sawyer responded that they do plan on providing messages for Spanish speaking residents.

Dr. Sawyer said that the second concern is making sure that by doing this testing we’re not exposing people to each other. The plan is to have a drive thru and the spacing has already been mapped out. The closest someone would get is the person administering tests and they will be in full gear and those being tested will be given masks.

Vice Pres. Kimball commented that since the Coastal Health Alliance is providing advice line capabilities for community members, would those lines only be open to CHA and Kaiser patients or open to everyone? Dr. Anna O’Malley replied that it would be open to everyone that is able to get tested.

Dir. Torrey questioned whether there would be contact tracing for people that test positive. Cyrus Harmon commented that they did not plan on contact tracing. Dr. Sawyer commented that they will not be contacting resident’s employers but they will be providing a message for people that test positive, informing them how to move forward. Dir. Torrey also commented that first responders should not be the only ones that have priority in getting tested but also the essential workers in the community. Dr. Sawyer said that they are working on that capability and an email listing who Dir. Torrey feels would be in that category would be helpful.

Chief Krakauer commented that there should be adequate time between putting out the message for people and doing the testing, so residents don’t feel like it is being pushed on them with no time for questions, planning etc.

The Board discussed whether the firefighters and volunteers should be required to get tested. After discussion it was resolved that this test is completely voluntary and each person should choose whether they want to get tested or not.

The Board thanked Cyrus and Dr. Sawyer for their work putting this study together and helping the community in this way.

### **PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

None.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

No Update.

## ADJOURNMENT

MSC –Torrey/Martinelli (unan.) to adjourn at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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