



Vision

The North Dakota Hospital Association will take an active leadership role in major Healthcare issues.

Mission

The North Dakota Hospital Association exists to advance the health status of persons served by the membership.

North Dakota Hospital Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 30, 2020

A special meeting by conference call of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Hospital Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Central time, on March 30, 2020, by Dan Kelly, Chair of the Board.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum of directors was present.

Directors Present: Dan Kelly, Jeff Herman, Bryan Nermoe, Andy Lankowicz, Nikki Johnson, Kurt Schley, Alan O'Neil, Michael LeBeau, MD, and Tim Blasl

Others Present: Melissa Hauer and Lori Schmautz

Dan Kelly, Chair of the Board, asked if there were any objections to the meeting or notice. There being no objections, the meeting proceeded.

Mr. Kelly opened the floor for discussion of the draft North Dakota Hospital Association position statement regarding cancellation of elective surgical procedures.

Discussion was held on recommended changes to the position statement. The draft will be modified to refer to scheduling of procedures rather than rescheduling. The reference to version 3.15.20 of the CMS Adult Elective Surgery and Procedures Recommendations Guidelines will be left in the position statement because it does not dictate those guidelines be used but is merely an example of evidence-based guidelines. This leaves flexibility to use guidance from individual specialties, for example, if they are evidence-based. The position statement title will be changed to delete the word "recommending".

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the NDHA position statement regarding cancellation of elective surgical procedures with the recommended changes was approved.

Tim Blasl, President, said NDHA will send the position statement to the Governor's office before noon today and all NDHA members.

Other announcements:

- Mr. Blasl mentioned that the Governor wants to speak to all hospitals. The meeting for PPS hospitals is scheduled for March 30 at 5:15 p.m. and Critical Access Hospitals at noon on Tuesday, March 31. Mr. Blasl requested an agenda from the Governor's office.

- NDHA's membership weekly COVID-19 update conference call is today at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Lori Schmautz _____

Lori Schmautz, Recording Secretary