



## Board Meeting Minutes

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 9:00am

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### I. Open Meeting

[\(00:01:16\)](#) Kevin Germain called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

A. Public Comment: *None*

B. Regular Agenda

a. Testing Committee Update: Discussion

[\(00:01:51\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale gave an overview of the Testing Committee's suggestions. Danny discussed the different organization and options to support surveillance testing.

[\(00:06:46\)](#) Daniel discussed conversations with the State, they have not made definitive decisions for surveillance testing funding; many communities in Montana are considering surveillance testing.

[\(00:07:09\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed funding options including VBS who has offered \$250,000 in CARES funding they received for community testing, reserve funds, and summer collections.

[\(00:09:51\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale discussed symptomatic testing and contact tracing being done currently with Bozeman Health.

[\(00:10:41\)](#) The committee recommended proceeding with Bozeman Health option and continue to explore other options.

[\(00:13:10\)](#) Daniel Bierschwale explained same day results and mitigating outbreaks quickly could be worth the extra costs.

[\(00:14:20\)](#) Kevin Germain explained timelines and costs. Kevin shared concerns with economic impact if businesses have to shut down and need to be proactive.

[\(00:17:16\)](#) Sarah Blechta asked employer contributions and Daniel Bierschwale explained funding.

[\(00:19:35\)](#) Ciara Wolfe asked questions related to commitments if things are closed down and base costs for testing; Kevin Germain discussed.

[\(00:24:01\)](#) Sarah Blechta asked about personal costs to those being tested and offering testing community wide. Board members discussed dedicating a number of tests to community members in general and businesses. Testing would be free to individuals.

b. Testing Funding Resolution: Action

[\(00:29:10\)](#) **Motion:** to accept the resolution for surveillance testing: Sara Blechta

**Seconded:** Ciara Wolfe/Steve Johnson

[\(00:30:59\)](#) **Vote:** Passes Unanimously

[\(00:31:11\)](#) Ciara Wolfe requested to see contract prior to signing; Kevin Germain will circulate it to everyone. Daniel Bierschwale explained need for transparency.

C. Public Comment: *None*

[\(00:34:11\)](#) Motion to Adjourn: Sarah Blechta

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