

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 2nd OF MARCH 2017 AT THE 601 HEBER AVE, CALEXICO, CA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED OR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.

TO CALL ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Sylvia Bernal and Letty led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

Chairperson	Sylvia Bernal
Vice Chairperson	Gloria G. Romo
Chief Financial	Hector Martinez
Trustee	Norma M. Apodaca
Trustee	Rodolfo Valdez

GUESTS:

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney
Brenda Ryan-Board Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Romo and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the agenda for March 2, 2017 Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez
NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

Javier Gonzalez from Kennedy Gardens Neighborhood is organizing the 2nd annual Health and Safety fair. He would like to do a big fair and that is why they are starting early. He is also here to invite the Board to participate in the fair and requesting for this item to be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Gonzalez would also like to invite the Board to participate and celebrate the World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2017 and would like for this item to be placed on the agenda.

Both items will be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Norma Aguilar wanted to express her gratitude to the Board for attending yesterday's meeting and reaching out to the Council to let them know the Board is willing to work help and work together.

REPORTS ON MEETING AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Board Members Apodaca and Romo had a meeting with the School District and discussed on working together to provide the pool for the seniors. That is something they will be bringing to the Board.

Board Member Martinez attended the Fire Department meeting at Willie Moreno on Tuesday and also attended the City Council meeting on Wednesday. Both of those meeting the Board spoke on behalf of the HMHD that they are willing to work with the City to maybe get to an agreement to subsidize the Fire Department.

Board Member Valdez also attended the same meeting as Mr. Martinez.

Board Member Bernal reported that she and Mr. Valdez met with Mrs. Hurtado here at the office and after that met with the Mayor. Both were really happy to know that the Board wanted to help. Mr. Real expressed why the Board didn't say before that they wanted to help and Board Member Bernal responded that we had already told them that the Board wanted to help.

COMMETNTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel reported that he attended the Willie Moreno meeting with the Fire Department. He also informed the Board that the community is very aware of what the HMHD is doing.

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

None

INFORMATION ITEM:

1. Update on 400 Mary Ave.

Board Member Valdez reported that on Friday they met with C-Below. They did a sewer plan because we do not have any drawings for the building. They are going to give us a drawing on the sewer system so we can go ahead and get bids to fix the sewer system to get the building up to date.

2. Update on PMH Transportation

Monica reported that they are glad to report that we have finally started the program. She gave a little background on the reason we had talked about doing the transportation program. The mission was to provide with dependable medical care transportation coordination to ensure all transportation related barriers to care are addressed. In January 2016 a transportation coordinator was hires. Developed NEMT directory including all local transportation services. Trained with the Imperial County Transportation Commission on all the transportations methods available and program requirements. Monthly reporting to PMHD and HMHD will be provided to include: transportation program utilization, statistics such as numbers of patients, transportation destinations and appointment types as well as financial report of approved subsidy expenditures. Cost sharing of subsidies to qualified applicants will be split 50/50 between PMHD and HMHD. Transportation Coordinator office is set up at the HMHD office.

3. Presentation by Peter Mercado from the Calexico Fire Department.

Peter Mercado informed the Board that the City realized in the mid-year that they were in some financial trouble of \$3.9 million and hoping to try and have a balanced budget by the end of this

fiscal year. Every department was given a figure of their total amount. The Fire Department was given a total of \$568 thousand dollars.

Mr. Mercado presented a letter to the Board specifying the need for the Fire Department. The city asked for the Fire Department to provide \$568,224.00 in cuts between now and June 30, 2017. The only possible way to realize these drastic cuts within this time period is to proceed with layoffs and close one fire station. Paying this debt would only cover 4 months until July 1, 2017. After this date that is something they are going to have to talk and figure out. Mr. Mercado is here once again to request assistance from the HMHD.

There will be a special joint meeting with the city on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30pm to discuss this matter.

4. Presentation by Ventanilla de Salud.

This item will be tabled because they were not able to attend.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1 Discussion and/or possible approval of donating \$31, 216.50 to Imperial County Area Agency on Aging.

Rosie Blankship was here on behalf of Norma Saikhon. The Area Agency on Aging is seeking to eliminate 50 seniors on the current Home Delivered Meals Wait List in Calexico. Under the Older Americans Act, the AAA receives federal and state funding, including one time only funding from the Imperial County Community Benefit fund for Home Delivered Meals. However, funding for FY 16-17 is insufficient to meet the growing demand. Only 158 unduplicated seniors are currently receiving a HDM. A total of 211 seniors are currently on the wait list. The proposal seeks to provide home delivered meals to 50 seniors in Calexico that are currently on the wait list. The purpose of the program is to improve the quality of life through the provision of basic nutritional meals while increasing the seniors basic standard of living and alleviating the participant to make a choice between paying bills or purchasing medication and buying food.

Board Member Valdez thinks that we are thinking about the community with the Fire Dept. and seniors are in dying need. We can help them

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Romo to approve helping the 25 most who are most in need. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca Valdez

NOES: None

2 Discussion and/or possible approval of leasing or purchasing a van for the use of HMHD only.

Board Member Martinez created a letter to inform the Board that in the past 3 years HMHD board reimbursed a total \$3,375.85 for claimed mileage. This gives us a total of \$1,115.28 per year. Based on the past trip to Sacramento the average expenses for a conference/trip on transportation are \$412.00, \$336.00 for a car rental, \$31.00 for gas and \$45.00 for parking (\$15.00 per day). There are two more scheduled trips for this year. This will cost the board \$824.00 to cover the transportation cost of those 4 trips. The total expected expenses on

transportation for 2017 are the following: trips \$1,236.00, mileage reimbursement \$1125.28, year total \$2,361.28 and month total \$196.77. From economic perspective it is not feasible to purchase a van due to a fixed monthly payment of \$383.53 for the van, \$118.63 for insurance and a variable cost of gas depending on how much the van is used.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Apodaca to table this item for near future. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

3 Discussion and/or possible approval of Sure Helpline Crisis Center.

This event will be for April 21, 2017 at Club Lohoo and Board Member Bernal will be receiving an Iron Woman of the year Award. Tickets will be \$65.00 per person or \$120.00 per couple or a complete table with 10 seats with 2 complimentary bottles of wine for \$575.00.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Romo to approve attending the event and paying the total amount of \$575.00. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

4 Discussion and/or possible approval of renewing Tony Pimentel/Marketing proposal.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve Tony Pimentel's proposal subject to revision and ratification by the board. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

5 Discussion and/or possible approval of increasing the janitor's maintenance salary.

The Board is paying Maria \$70.00 for a day and is requesting to increase to \$100.00. She does the cleaning once a week but will also come in to clean the office when there are events.

Motion was made by Board Member Romo and second by Board Member Martinez to approve increasing the salary to \$100.00. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

March 11 Retreat.

Moving funds to another checking account to increase dividends

CLOSED SESSION:

No action taken in closed session

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.