

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 15th OF MAY 2018 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 Hector Martinez and Mr. Moreno led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

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

GUESTS:

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Bernal to approve the agenda for May 15, 2018. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

Terri Gonzalez, Club President from the Lions Club and Larry Hudson, Original Director from the Lions Club. They turned in two letters of inquiry and are waiting for a response from the board but they still have not received a response for the grant request they were making and are here to see why they have not received a response. They mailed in the request on April 10 and had also dropped off a hard copy and have not received a response of any. The board informed them that they had not received anything of their request and we will place them on the next agenda with all the information they are providing the board now.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Valdez to approve the minutes for April 4, 2018 and April 18, 2018. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

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

Board Member Romo reported that she attended two meetings with Javier Moreno with the Calexico School Safety Coalition.

Board Member Bernal reported that Mrs. Apodaca and she had two meetings today. They met with Yuma Rehab Hospital and then we met with Dr. Edwards from ECRMC. Board Member Martinez reported that it was a very brief conversation. It was an interdiction between the staff of Yuma Rehab Hospital and CEO of ECRMC and himself. It was just to see how we could collaborate and see what we can bring to Calexico as a joint commission. Other than that it was just talks and said we would get in touch again in a more formal matter.

Board Member Bernal also reported that they met with the Superintendent of schools and discussed the pool and the summer. He said that the City Manager was going to be put on our agenda for the month of June and would come up with plan A and plan B.

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel presented images of when they went to visit Yuma Rehab Hospital. He reported that there was an invitation from the Wellness 4 Kids for an event on Wednesday a Patty will be talking more about this. Also tomorrow the Mariachi Festival starts at 6pm.

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

Mr. Rivera reported that he passed out the Executive Officers report for the LAFCO meeting that is scheduled for the 24th of May. It's a fairly extensive report and detailed report and a very impactful report in regards to their recommendations. He just downloaded it this afternoon and we had not yet been provided with a copy or a copy of the agenda either. We are on the agenda and he urges the board to consider attending the meeting on the 24th. It is going to be at the El Centro City Council Chamber at 8:30am. There are a lot of items on the agenda but this is an item that is of concern to the district. It basically makes recommendation for a restructure of the operation of the district. He thinks it's very important for the board to #1 read the document, familiarize yourself with the document and to be very frank with you either set a meeting for either Monday or Tuesday for discussion but some of the recommendations are extremely forceful and it's going to have an impact if you except them on how you operate the district so he thinks it's important to consider setting a special meeting to discuss this item. This is already distributed to the public and already distributed to the board members and is already on their website. We are a little bit late because we were never provided with a copy at the earliest. It is dated May 1st and today is the 15th and the meeting is the 24th. It is very important that the board becomes familiarized with the document and the recommendations.

The board agreed to have a special meeting on Monday at 5:30 to discuss this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. PMH Transportation report.

Mr. Lewis the CEO of PMH gave a brief update and went over the report for the PMH Transportation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Reconsideration/Discussion and/or action on HW4Ks request for consideration and authorization to rent new and bigger facilities at no additional cost at 439 E. Birch Street for the HW4Ks grant program.

Board Member Martinez placed this item on the agenda. He knows that this item was discussed at the last meeting but kind of wanted to see where everyone was at on this and to express his support for this program. Basically all they were asking was to just move to a bigger facility so that they could expand the program and wanted to see what everyone's incite was.

Board Member Apodaca feels that it is the right thing to do and we should allow them to and should not be any problem or barrier in telling them to because it is no extra expense for Heffernan and she do not see why not.

Board Member Bernal informed the board that in the first report there was an expense and that was \$1,200.00 and Mr. Martinez you were not here and she had asked him to please listen to the recording that in no time did any of us here say anything negative about the program. The only thing was that her opening her big mouth what she said was that we were going to have special meeting to discuss 400 Mary Ave and she had asked her if she could wait until then because we were going to make a decision on what we were going to do and that is all that was said and then Dr. Tristan can on real strong and came on strong to her and was standing right here and the same people that are here were here at the last meeting that can witness what she is saying if she is lying. Dr. Tristan was very rude and very upset and do not know why she was upset because at no point did we say and she know what Mr. Valdez said that we are not going to renew contracts until June 30th and how can we be doing this if we have to wait until we renew the contract. Board Member Valdez said that yes this was his point of view. Then she gave the board this confidential paper and there we said that we needed all backup information because it was like 10 pages and that is what we have been trying to do, to handle the agenda the correct way as you all know and then she just got upset and went off.

Board Member Apodaca feels that she was not mad or upset that she was just frustrated because we did not approve the transfer to moving to the other place but she never saw her out of place. She is sorry but that is the way she saw it.

Board Member Martinez informed the board that by the way it is being described and he is not here to defend anyone's attitude. But he does understand the frustration in asking her to wait for 400 Mary Ave and that building has not been in service for a couple of years. Board Member Bernal informed Mr. Martinez that she asked Dr. Tristan to wait until Monday and that after Monday we were going to tell her what we were going to do with the building. Board Member Martinez reminded the board that she was still instructed to wait 2 months for the consideration of the program when we were going to evaluate all the programs. For him it was no brainer. It was a bigger space where the kids could get trained better and maybe even expands the program and that's his opinion.

Board Member Bernal expressed that it is not a brainer. She is part owner of that building and that is a conflict of interest and if that is not a conflict of interest then she does not know what you call a conflict of interest. Dr. Tristan said it was going to be reduced by \$1,000.00 and she

was only going to be charging us \$1,200.00. Now this comes back here with no backup information again and nothing for the public to see what is going on. Board Member Bernal is very disappointed with her because she directed herself to her and she was going at her. Board Member Bernal was not here at the prior meeting and that is why she was asking her the questions and she had not right to be disrespectful to her and go off. Nobody told her that we were going to do away with the program. She herself said it. She said that she was not going to be doing the program and is just going to work the last 2 months and we were all surprised that she took this action. She was not raising her voice and she talks loud. She was just trying to explain to Dr. Tristan that we were still undecided about 400 Mary Ave and we were going to find out what we were going to do and asked her to wait until Monday.

Maria Camacho was a prior board member and expressed that she was not here at the last meeting but she was going to express her opinion concerning this matter. Every time Dr. Tristan has attended or presented to the board she has always been polite, decent and honest. She has never heard her be disrespectful but she has heard and it bothers her that all ways Dr. Tristan has been given traps for this program. This is a magnificent program and is working good and helping the children of the residents of Calexico and that is the duty of Heffernan to help the community. Always she is the one that is given traps and she is the only one coming in to give her monthly reports on time and if she a \$1.00 left she comes and gives it back. She is the most honest person that has been here and she is one person that is always being questioned the most. Every time she comes she is always being questioned on why this or why that. Mrs. Camacho has never heard anyone tell them good job on what they are doing or what good program they have.

Board Member Valdez does not know why we are seeing this program again when Dr. Tristan in a public meeting stated that she's quitting the program in 2 months. So he does not see why we are discussing having her move to a bigger facility if in 2 months she is no longer going to run this program.

Board Member Martinez knows that out of what he has heard from different people was that she said that out of frustration and he would hate to see that program go somewhere else because someone might be able to pick it up and its already running and there. Heffernan was the sponsor of that program and started it from step zero to where they are at now. Since it is already up and running she can easily take it to someone else and she's a doctor and knows a lot of doctors that can get together and keep it running. He knows that in us reconsidering this and if approved she might be able to stay with Heffernan and with our support or bigger support she might be able to stay with us. That is why he put it on the agenda.

Board Member Valdez expressed that Dr. Tristan is not the one requesting to stay with Heffernan and she already quit. If she would have wanted to stay with Heffernan she would of came or sent a letter or request to be placed on the agenda and she didn't and she is not here. He has a different perspective of the program and what Mrs. Camacho said. He does not see the way she sees us treating the program. We have bent over backwards for the program and we have given her everything even when she had done things that she wasn't supposed to be doing and so on the report she doesn't report everything. She only reports expenses. He wants to see how the kids are doing and how much weight they have lost and what the benefits they have gotten from this program. Patty interrupted to informed Mr. Valdez that she is the one that b rings in the only report and she does include a narrative of the presentation that they have and is more than welcome to go and ask for them. Mr. Valdez also reported that it is our job to question the programs to see how they are doing.

Board Member Romo informed Mrs. Camacho that we have attended to the Doctor good. We have visited the program plenty of times and she has been after them with Mr. Pimentel to advertise the program more. We working more in more fairs and more things and they have responded really well. The problem here is that they asked to be placed on the agenda 2 months before finishing their contract to change facilities and since only 2 months were left we said well what is first the contract or the facility. In 2 months that was left of the contract we could not authorize a change of facility if there were only 2 months left. Mrs. Bernal only informed Dr. Tristan that we needed to see where this program was going to stay if at 400 Mary Ave or elsewhere but Dr. Tristan got bothered because she wanted to be in the facility that she owns and the problem here is that Dr. Tristan is the one that cancelled the program. Being here discussing the facility she said she will end the programs in 2 months and that is where Mr. Valdez is asked her if he understood correctly that she wants to end the program in 2 months and she responded yes. Mrs. Romo asked Patty if she thinks Dr. Tristan can reconsider the cancellation of the contract and Patty responded with yes. Mrs. Romo informed the board that we have nothing in writing from Dr. Tristan requesting the reconsideration because she is the one who canceled this contract. The board did not cancel this program. If Dr. Tristan wants that she would of sent a letter to reconsider and if she does we would added it to the agenda with much pleasure and she is willing to listen to her again. We all make errors and what she believes is that we had one board member who was offended. In the past it was Mr. Valdez and now was Mrs. Bernal and she apologizes because at that time she had the table and she should have stopped Dr. Tristan for the way she expressed herself towards Mrs. Bernal. That was not good but the program is really good and can be something we can reconsider. Board Member Romo asked Mr. Valdez since Dr. Tristan publically ended the program what can be done. Mr. Rivera responded that nothing can be done the program is ends. Mrs. Romo ends because she ended it. Mrs. Romo asked if the program can be reconsidered and Mr. Rivera responded with yes it can.

Board Member Martinez asked Mr. Rivera if his recommendation concerning all these items on the agenda is to hold off until July 1st. Mr. Rivera informed the board that more importantly is that the board needs to review the LAFCO directives and you have not prepared a budget and the board decision is that all funding will be on the fiscal year. You can't fund anything now unless you decide to fund now without a budget and without taking in account the LAFCO directive. That just does not make any practical sense to do it in this fashion. To answer the question the answer is yes none of these are going to be funded until the budget is done, after July 1st and after public hearings to consider whether or not the funding is appropriate.

Board Member Bernal informed the public and those who are applying for a grant. This was just put on our desks by Mr. Rivera and the public may look at it. This was sent from LAFCO and they are requesting some changes and we better follow them because they have the right to dissolution us. She is sorry this had to happen. We did not know this and we just received this from Mr. Rivera and we are going to have to table all these items. We are going to LAFCO on the 24th and for those of you requesting a grant it would be nice of you to go and attend as support again. The Board will really appreciate it if you could all attend.

No action was taken on this item.

2. Discussion and/or action on the Asthma Management Program proposal for the amount of \$136,844.

Luis Olmedo gave a presentation on the Asthma Management Program and requested a grant for the amount of \$136,844.00.

We will not be taking action on this item and this item will be placed on the agenda for our first or second meeting in July after we adopt our budget and for the next fiscal year.

3. Discussion and/or action on the Calexico Wellness Center proposal for the amount of \$375,000.00.

Board Member Bernal will be removing herself for this item because there is a conflict.

Blanca Morales is here again giving a presentation on the Calexico Wellness Center and requesting a grant for \$375,000.00.

We will not be taking action on this item and this item will be placed on the agenda for our first or second meeting in July after we adopt our budget our budget and for the next fiscal year

4. Discussion and/or action on Architect Javier Diaz scope of work.

Board Member Bernal informed the board that he was not able to attend because he did not now the meeting was switched.

This item will be placed on the next agenda.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve tabling this item. Motion not passed by the following wit:

AYES: Martinez, Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

5. Discussion and/or action on donating \$141.00 to the Calexico Schools Safety Coalition for flyers.

Motion was made by Board Member Romo and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the donation of \$141.00 to the Calexico Schools Safety Coalition for flyers. Motion not passed by the following wit:

AYES: Martinez, Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

6. Discussion and/or action on the Treasurer Report.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the treasurer report. Motion not passed by the following wit:

AYES: Martinez, Romo, Bernal Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Calexico Orthopedic Clinic

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Bernal made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm.
Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.