

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 6th OF MARCH 2019 AT 608 HEBER AVE. CALEXICO, CA. CITY OF CALEXICO ON 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 Gloria Romo and Norma Apodaca led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

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

GUESTS:

Tomas Virgen-Executive District Manager
Eduardo Rivera- Attorney
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk
Tony Pimentel-Public Relations

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Grijalva to approve the agenda for March 6, 2019. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

Javier Gonzalez is the volunteer and Director of the Calexico Health and Safety Environmental. He is here to introduce the package for the fair. The fair will be the last Saturday of April. Mr. Gonzalez will need to fill out a grant application for the item to be placed on the agenda.

Blanca Morales from Calexico Wellness Center thanked the Board for supporting the event they had on the Heart Awareness month. They had a real good turnout. They had really good vendors there. They got a lot of patients that signed up for the screening mammograms. They have the 25 they needed and that will be happening this month. Also today they met with the Farmer Workers Coalition of Imperial County and it's actually colon cancer awareness and Martha will be giving the board some goodies that was given to staff over there and that was also a real good turnout. Tomorrow they are going to do career day with Main School. They will be giving the students McDonald's gift cards to get the parents to make an appointment for the kids to get their physicals.

Jose Ramirez from Proactive it is to his understanding that his subject is going to be in executive session so he cannot really talk about it. It is just a response on the 3 page document that was sent to him. To make it short they want to continue the program and move forward. He knows there were some misunderstandings and some issues in the beginning but as the email he sent to Tomas back in September 16, how are we going to fix them, how we are going to get over those hurtles. They have done that and are moving forward. They also now have a medi-care program, silver sneakers and silver fits. They have 2 doctors on staff instead of 1 now. Hopefully they are going to be part of it as well. They have already committed to be part of it if Heffernan would like to move forward with it. He looks forward to hearing from the district.

Javier Moreno is here on behalf of the Calexico Wellness to propose something and hopefully we can work together. April is autism awareness month and it is nationally recognized. They would like to propose the following and he has Karina Kuljacha who is the original AUTI foundation for autism awareness. She is the president and the founder of AUTI Foundation and is a resident her in Calexico as of 10 years. They are organizing an event for autism on April 11th for the families with an autism relative to educate them. They are requesting the help and support of the district for this event in April. Mrs. Romo informed Mrs. Kuljacha that she is sure she will have the districts support and that this item will be discussed at our next meeting and Mr. Virgen will be in contact with her.

Brandy Galvan from Sure Helpline Crisis Center informed the board and the district that on April 12th Gloria Romo will be honored as one of the Imperial County's Recipients for the Leadership Inspiration Award of the year 2019. The event will be held at the Sure Helpline Benefit to Benefit Dinner Gala Event on Friday April 12th at Lohoo Club Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Member Apodaca reported that she attended an event at Jefferson and that event was for wellness and was sponsored by the IID. There were a lot of people and enjoyed being there to provide information on what Heffernan is doing.

Board Member Grijalva reported she will hold her comments until item b.

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel reported that they were at the Health Fair at Jefferson School and actually this fair was hosted by the county. There were about 100 parents and 300 kids because it was a minimum day. Mr. Pimentel showed a picture of the basket they provided and they run out of the bottles. It was a pretty good fair. Mr. Pimentel presented a video of the health and environmental justice tour the board attended.

Mrs. Romo would like to thank the comitee civic for the tour asked Mr. Virgen to do a thank you letter to send them.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

None

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Retreat for March 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Virgen reported that we are scheduled to do our retreat on March 13 at 5:30-8:30. We be discuss what our direction is going to be the next 5 years health wise and it is going to be a an interesting 3 hours as we plan for the next 5 year trip.

2. Farmers Market on March 9, 2019

Farmers Market will be on March 9th from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Crummett Park in Calexico.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and/or action on Carolina Gonzalez's None Disclosure Agreement.

Mr. Virgen reported that this is a non-disclosure agreement so that Mrs. Gonzalez can intern with us and be exposed to our data. This binds her that she will not be release any information that is private. Mr. Rivera drafted this and is in compliance.

Board Member Martinez has no problem with having an intern but he personally has not heard anything about this person. He would like to see her resume or speak to us or something.

Carolina Gonzalez informed the board that she has her bachelor degree in nursing. She comes from Mexico and has been an RN for 5 years. She is working in the Calipatria State Prison as an RN. The reason she is here is because she started working on her master in healthcare administrative and one of her requirements to get her master is to be in an internship in any health organization. She picked this because the first time she came to the United States it was in Calexico for a job and different reasons she moved to Brawley. But she knows Mr. Virgen because he is one of her bosses in the prison and she would be glad to give something back to the first city she resided when first came to the United States.

Board Member Martinez asked Carolina what were her plans to bring to Heffernan during her intern and Carolina replied that she does not only bring her time but her knowledge and experience.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Grijalva to approve Carolina Gonzalez's None Disclosure Agreement. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

2. Discussion and/or action on the Imperial Valley Cancer Support Center grant request for the amount of \$29,010.00.

Board Member Grijalva met with Mrs. Chen and went over the program with her. First she thought all they did was give out wigs and breast prosthesis but it turns out to be a lot more. They also have counseling, provide pamphlets in Spanish, they provide transportation, and they take them to physicians and treatment appointments. They are going to start to come in 5 days a week to the office and they were only providing a 1 day service here at the office. She thinks it great and had only thought it was a 1 item offer. She is in favor of the amount they are requesting of \$29,010.00 for 4 months. Board Member Apodaca agrees with Mrs. Grijalva that it is a great program and should support the program.

Motion was made by Board Member Grijalva and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the Imperial Valley Cancer Support Center grant in the amount of \$29,010.00 for a trial of 4 months. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

3. Discussion and/or action on ratification of purchase of table at the Mardi Gras on March 1, 2019 for the amount of \$250.00.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the purchase of table at the Mardi Gras for the amount of \$250.00. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

4. Discussion and/or action on establishing standing committees for Planning, Finance, Governance and Agenda Committee.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that we have been talking about this for a while and every time we have meetings there is a testimony to the fact that we need some standing committees to review the different components of what we are doing. As we are going to strategic planning session we need different reviews to take your expertise into the programs and what we really need is those committees so that we can run specific items. What we are proposing is to establish some committees by appointing some of the board members for those committees that will be beneficial to the future of our board.

- a. Appointment by board to the standing committee (two members each)

Board Member Romo proposed to the board as followed:

Planning committee: Mr. Valdez and Mr. Martinez

Finance: Mrs. Grijalva, Mrs. Apodaca and Mrs. Romo (they will alternate)

Governance: Mr. Valdez and Mrs. Romo

Agenda: Mrs. Apodaca and Mrs. Grijalva

Board Member Apodaca would like to be part of the finance committee. Mrs. Romo and Mrs. Apodaca decided that the finance department will alternate between Mrs. Romo, Mrs. Apodaca and Mrs. Grijalva.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the appointed members for the planning, finance, governance and agenda committee. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

5. Discussion and/or action on the Board Education.
 - a. Estes Park Institute on March 17-20, 2019 in Phoenix.
 - b. ACHD on April 8-9, 2019 in Sacramento.
 - c. Unidos US 2019 Conference on August 3-6, 2019 in San Diego.
 - d. NRPA 2019 Annual Conference on September 23-27, 2019 in Baltimore.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that as they have talked about there will be a lot of further education and really wanted to thank the board for putting all the time they are putting into it. The agenda review meetings are taking a lot of time but are really reviewing and going over the agenda and he wanted to thank the committee. He also wanted to let the board know that as we are moving forward this set of education classes aligns with what we are doing with our committees and will strengthen the committees as we move forward.

Motion was made by Board Member Grijalva and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve attending all the conferences they need to go to, to further their education. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

Board Member Martinez request for nothing to be purchased for him until he confirms he will be attending. He will be attending the Estes Park but the rest he will need to confirm.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Human Society

Chamber of Commerce

Autism Program (will send in a proposal)

Calexico Health Safety Environment

Sure Helpline

Auti Foundation

Mr. Virgen informed the board that one of their training plans is going to be on the 20th and that is our next board meeting date and what we need is to request to either move our board meeting or to just postpone to the first meeting in April. This will conflict with the training and this training is very crucial. They really talk about governance, health and regulations.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve canceling our March 20th regular meeting and postponing all the items for the April 3rd regular meeting. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

The board gave direction to our legal counsel Mr. Rivera in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.