

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 25th OF JANUARY 2021 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 11:00a.m. by Gloria Grijlva Valdez and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

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| Chairperson | Gloria Grijalva |
| Vice Chairperson | Norma M. Apodaca |
| Chief Financial | Rodolfo Valdez |
| Secretary | Raul R. Urena |
| Trustee | Hector Martinez |

GUESTS:

Tomas Virgen-Executive District Manager
Tony Pimentel-Public Relations

PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE:

Eduardo Rivera-Attorney
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk

ABSENT:

Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez second by Board Member Martinez to approve the agenda for January 25, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena, Martinez

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and/or Action: Grant Applications/Heffernan Memorial's Request for Proposal: Board recommendations for approval of RFPs for the January 27, 2021 Regular Board meeting.

Board Member Urena's feels that we should approve everybody because we did not set guidelines in what we need. We can set those guidelines next year.

Board Member Martinez asked Board Member Urena if he really thinks the people really need all these programs and he responded that he does not think so but at this moment all the programs are good and thinks we can improve those programs.

Board Member Grijalva did inform Board Member Urena that we do have guidelines that need to be followed. Board Member Urena responded that he did not mean guidelines that what he meant is a vision of what we really need for our community.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that we would discuss each program one by one. We have Hosanna Foundation, Wellness 4 Kids, Dr. Vo's COVID program, Proactive and Nutrition program with Rosa's Plain Food Restaurant.

Hosanna Foundation:

Board Member Martinez thinks that despite us ending the contract with them before right now in the situation we are in he thinks that that a lot of people may benefit the program from the physiological health and that is something more accessible and easier to access via zoom. It is something you can log into and listen to on your own and if it is something scheduled then it could help a lot of people. It is just a matter of how we are going to reach the people that use to come to these meetings or get more people to join. This year he is in favor of this program because there is a lot of depression going on and some people do not reach out for help and this could be something positive.

Board Member Valdez agrees with Board Member Martinez that it is a good program but at this time he does not think that the format that they have will reach the people that we need to reach. Most of the people that were interested in serving like the senior citizens they do not have access to a tablet or a computer. He likes the program but he thinks that at this time we shouldn't accept it.

Board Member Grijalva feels the same way. They use to come in person and they felt comfortable but a lot of people don't have Wi-Fi, computers, Facebook etc. and she is one of them and there more comfortable to do it person to person then doing it over the computer. She feels it is an excellent program but until the program can be person to person.

Board Member Urena feels that do to the circumstances that we are living right now that is the only way they can get to the people at this moment. Maybe next year we can pressure them to do different ways to get to the people but right now that is the only way they can do it. We should think that right now we will help some people and the next time will be more people.

Board Member Apodaca agrees with all and there are a lot of people who do not have access and it is difficult for us to serve them the way we wish to do it.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve making those changes. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Urena, Martinez
NOES: Grijalva, Valdez, Apodaca

Program was not recommended to move forward and will not be placed on the January 27th agenda meeting.

Wellness 4 Kids Program:

Board Member Valdez thinks that again it is the same thing. This program is more beneficial if it is done in person and the other thing is that they do not fill the requirements because they are not serving everybody. They are just serving the under privileged and they do not include the rest of the population. They should include all the population.

Board Member Urena would like to recommend approving this program only if they include everyone.

Board Member Valdez informed Board Member Urena that she already said in her presentation that maybe in the future will try to include everyone.

Board Member Martinez thinks that this program has been going on for a while and has been recognized by other institutions and despite being only for low income families he think we should do it.

Board Member Apodaca agrees with Mr. Martinez. It is a good program but thinks we have subsidizing this program for the last 3 years and believes it should be 50% at least if any monies is allocated to start giving them the opportunity to start growing as their own. That is her recommendation. She does like the program but after 3 years it is time to be independent.

Board Member Grijalva agrees with Mr. Valdez.

AYES: Urena, Martinez, Apodaca
NOES: Grijalva, Valdez

Program was recommended to move forward and will be placed on the January 27th agenda meeting for further discussion.

Nutrition program Rosa's Plain Food Restaurant:

Board Member Valdez thinks that this is a good program not only because we are providing a good meal for those left out from the county but because the restaurant has already been certified and they a nutarianism that checks the meals.

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

Program was recommended to move forward and will be placed on the January 27th agenda meeting for further discussion.

Proactive:

AYES: None

NOES: Valdez, Martinez, Apodaca, Urena, Grijalva

Program was not recommended to move forward and will not be placed on the January 27th agenda meeting.

Dr. Vo's Medical Clinic:

Board Member Apodaca really likes it and appreciates all their work. They are doing a really good job but however she believes that the product she is requesting is too high and if we contribute like 50% or something like that I will agree to the program.

Board Member Urena also thinks that it is also too high.

Board Member Valdez also thinks that it is high but when they clarify about when the time they are going to be seeing the patients and follow ups on the COVID-19 he thinks it's a good program and we should approve it.

Board Member Grijalva thinks we should go forward with it. He does have 3-500 patients every day to go by and see them, he follows up and goes to their homes and takes them food. He does way and beyond what other doctors do.

Board Member Martinez has seen Dr. Vo and good testimonials from some patients on the way he works. His only issue is that it is a good program but for the money he does not think it is that much money. His only concern is that we can get some back fire from other clinics or from other providers. That is his only concern. Board Member Valdez informed Mr. Martinez that at the same time everyone had the same share to apply and they did not apply.

AYES: Martinez, Valdez, Apodaca, Urena, Grijalva

NOES: None

Program was recommended to move forward and will be placed on the January 27th agenda meeting for further discussion.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Second by Board Member Valdez. All in favor.