

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 8th OF MARCH 2023 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 Rodolfo Valdez and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

Chairperson	Rodolfo Valdez
Vice Chairperson	Sylvia Bernal
Secretary	Raul R. Urena
Treasurer	Paloma Sanchez
Trustee	Adriana Armendariz

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 Bernal second by Board Member Sanchez to approve the agenda for March 8, 2023. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approve minutes for meetings of February 8, 2023.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Armendariz to approve the minutes for February 8, 2023. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- b. Approve Treasurer Report

Motion was made by Board Member Sanchez and seconded by Board Member Urena to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

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

Board Member Valdez reported that he had a walk-thru with Dr. Tyson, Mr. Virgen and Mr. Pimentel on the 22nd of February. There is a lot of improvement and lot of things that have been done but there are also a lot of things that need to be done. Mr. Valdez also reported that on the 27th of February they had a zoom meeting with Assembly member Garcia representative from PMHD, ECRMC, USCSD and basically what they wanted this meeting for is to see if we all agree in one single district for the valley and that he could help with the bill at the state level. On March 6th they had another zoom meeting with Assembly member Garcia, PMHD, ECRMC and USCSD and that was to see if we had talk to occurred and we were supposed to of met to see what the structural was going to be but we didn't meet at all so they sent us another email asking for a meeting on the 22nd or 23rd between the three entities ECRMC, PMHD and HMHD, the whole boards to meet and discuss.

Board Member Sanchez reported that she took the liberty to meet with UniCare. She would like to keep in mind the programs and services for the community. She met with Bev and took advantage to look at some grants that we can apply and to see if we qualify to apply for senior programs. She knows right now that HMHD has not the funds but maybe we can start applying for these grants so we can start providing those services for the citizens of Calexico.

Board Member Urena reported that he went to the Imperial Valley Mental Health Advisory Board on February 21st and it was a very good meeting. They talked about the supporting the veterans for an exercise program. The exercise will help them with mental health problems and they had a little discussion about the exercise being for the mental for a better mental health and he asked the directors what they thought about the exercise being for mental health and they said it was very important and what they do is promote the exercise to their clients and they have a grant but they give it only to the people that ask for it. They do not promote it. Mr. Urena requested to have them promote it little bit more to everyone. He spoke with Dr. Tristen about the program and she was really excited because she has some clients that are overweight with mental problems and she is going to send them to that program.

REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES

Board Member Armendariz reported that the scholarship committee met and talked about giving them a backpack for those that are going to be granted the scholarships. Paloma and she are going to be working with the school district, IVC and San Diego State on getting out the applications to them.

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel presented a video on the work that is being done on 400 Mary Ave.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

Mr. Virgen reported that the last month they have had a lot of meetings with the local health care state holders, everyone but Inner care. There is a lot of interest in having one healthcare district. We believe that it is a little premature because we are getting calls from one party specifically that they do not want to work with the other one and they want to know if they can work with use and extend the district all the way to Calexico. Our thing is that we are not going to tell them we can do anything because we have a board to report to but pass on the information. Just so you know there is a lot of concern because we are very limited with services. A lot of the money for healthcare goes outside of our district to San Diego. What you are going to be hearing at the meetings is that we had signed a task of three people and the is the CEO of Pioneers, CEO of El Centro and himself to have a meeting and start working on a blue print of what the future will look like and will be presented to all he boards when we meet next month if that is what we decide to do. What the CEO's want to sit down together and talk about a business plan and that is where they are at and this meeting will hopefully happen at the end of the week and we are going to have another meeting with all three boards on March 22nd or 23rd and those dates have not yet been confirmed.

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

Mr. Rivera informed the board that on the agenda and how the board handles it is the consent calendar is being handled as an individual item. The method to approve a consent agenda is to make a motion to approve the consent agenda, the two items in one motion. If all board members agree then you pass it and so forth but if one of you wants to pull an item for further discussion then that item is pulled but you vote on the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. (6:00 pm) Presentation: The Procopio Law Firm's presentation and workshop on the California Brown Act and current 2023 changes.

A presentation was given by Adriana Ochoa on the California Brown Act.

- b. Discussion and/or Action: 400 Mary Modernizations.
 1. Discussion and selection of 400 Mary color scheme for exterior/interior of Urgent Care Clinic building.

Mr. Virgen reported that he met with Dr. Tyson and they had a meeting and a walk-thru. Dr. Tyson did like the colors on the outside and thought it looked modern. He also suggested making the doors black. Mr. Virgen concern is that black doors show too much finger prints but that is the only request from him.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal to approve the colors shown but to make the doors burgundy color.

Board member Armendariz would like more options on the colors for the outside. She thinks the building needs to stand out.

The board does agrees with the interior.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Urena approve the exterior and interior and wait on the door. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez

NOES: None

UBSTAIN: Armendariz

2. Status and update report from 400 Mary contractors on the modernization project.

Mr. Virgen did not ask them to attend because the only hold up is that they are having issues with the support for the AC and are waiting for the company. Once they have this they will have a better understanding of the timeline and will have a report.

- c. Discussion and/or Action: Presentation on Heffernan Memorial's surplus property inventory for review and direction on disposition.

Mr. Virgen reported the board was presented with a list of the surplus list of exercise equipment that was having from a health program that we had. The equipment is not being used and it is storage in a warehouse.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Armendariz to approve the surplus list and to post as surplus. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- d. Discussion and/or Action: Scholarship Program status report and committee recommendations.

Mr. Virgen reported that the scholarship committee met and they recommended adding a backpack with school supplies totaling \$100.00. The GPA's will remain the same as last year. There will be 25 scholarships totaling 20 thousand dollars, Calexico High School 10 scholarships with GPA 3.0 or higher \$1,000.00, Calexico High School 10 scholarships with GPA 2.7/2.8/2.9 \$500.00, IVC and SDSU 5 scholarships with 3.0 or higher \$1,000.00.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Urena to approve the scholarship proposal including the \$100.00 backpack supplies. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Bernal, Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: None

- e. Discussion and/or Action: Treasurer's report content and backup material format.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that the reason this item is on the agenda is because at the last board meeting is that there was comments concerning what the board wishes to receive in the treasure report. This is where the board decides how specific they would

like the report to be and depending on what the board majority vote is that will be complied with any future reports.

Motion was made by Board Member Armendariz second by Board Member Urena to approve a detailed roster with the financial report. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Urena, Sanchez, Armendariz

NOES: Valdez, Bernal

- f. Discussion and/or Action: Board and committee meal expenses review and discussion.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that this item was brought to the board because at the last board meeting there was discussion concerning this. The code health and safety code provides for all board members to receive reimbursement for all expenses that are incurred in the fulfillment of your duties, attending meetings, going to El Centro etc. and you are all entitled for mileage but no one ever claims the mileage. Now if you have a board meeting and you wish to have a meal here it is up to you. It is authorized by the health and safety code and it has been practice that boards have authorized that and you can continue that or you can change it and that is up to the board.

Board Member Bernal finds it hard to believe that some want to take this away when everything that we do here and every penny that is spent here are sent to LAFCO. We are under LAFCO and they look at every expense we have and if we were doing something wrong they would be the first to tell us.

Board Member Sanchez requested that it needs to be specified total amount of meetings equal total amount of meals.

Board Member Armendariz would like to add she was the one that had the concern because if she is seeing something that says a board meeting for 4 hundred something dollars that is a red flag to her. Now that we discussed it and said that we want back up she is okay with it. But also the only way she is going to be okay with it is if we give the opportunity to other businesses. Now if you are getting it at Rosa's and she can't give you a ticket and she wants business then provide it because that is what we are asking for and if she can't provide it then we look for business somewhere else but also lets give the opportunity to other restaurants.

No action taken.

- g. Discussion and/or Action: Request for monthly itemized service report from Borderline Services.

Board Member Armendariz has a concern on this. We pay Borderline \$2,800.00 a month regardless if marketing is done or not. She would like to take action that it is only as needed. She would also like to bring it out to bids and having other people and using when needed and not be paying \$2,800.00 a month regardless if you did or didn't do any marketing.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that whenever there is an issue with performance he would like to know about it because he manages performance and performance should be

discussed in closed session. Another one is that if you are not happy with the service it will be brought up as I was expecting this and that is not what I am getting and before he does that he goes over the agreement. We have agreements and those are salary. Now we are working on new agreements for the new fiscal year for the board to review. Another thing is if you feel we are not having enough branding in the community that is a conversation to have with him so he can address it. Now if the board is having issues with performance that will need to be discussed with him and it will be brought up in closed session.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that first you as a board can request a proposal for these services; second you can ask for a report from a contractor Mr. Pimentel to report his activities. Now as an individual board member you cannot do that. Now the last thing is that Mr. Virgen touched on is that the contracts that you have with your independent contractors have different length of service. Rosario and Brenda are annual starting on July 1st; Mr. Pimentel is ending this coming month so you are going to have to deal with that anyway almost immediately along with the budget consideration. Mr. Virgen's contract is a two year contract and that won't come up until next year and Mr. Rivera's contract is month to month. Now you have those options, you can do it or you have to do it because the contract is going to expire for Mr. Pimentel and Rosario and Brenda's contract are going to expire at the end of the fiscal year and that is why Mr. Virgen is tying in everything into the budget. At the budget discussion you can say we want to go out to bid for anybody and you can renegotiate the contracts.

Board Member Bernal informed the board that Mr. Pimentel falls under Mr. Virgen and she knows that Mr. Virgen is strict about what goes on not just Mr. Pimentel but with Rosario and Brenda. Now she does not want to micromanage and that is why she hired him to do the job and Mr. Virgen will tell us if they are not doing their job. During the COVID when there was nothing going on Mrs. Grijalva, Mr. Valdez and Mr. Pimentel were going to every single senior home which there are seven of them and were passing out information, passing out stubs to go see Dr. Vo. They were not sitting around. They were out there risking their lives during the COVID pandemic. She does not question what any of our staff does because she has known them for years and if it is not broken then why fix it. That is why we hired Mr. Virgen because before everything was our responsibility here and we were going like chickens all over the place asking did you do this or do that and everything fell on the President of the board because we did not have a CEO so when we hired him it was a relief because in the first place we were like the new board members coming in, that we didn't know too much about the policies for Heffernan Memorial and we had to learn but slowly but surely began to see how things were done. She was like all of you asking questions left and right.

Board Member Armendariz expressed that she is knew and she is going to ask questions until she gets to the point that she feels comfortable.

Board Member Armendariz would like to wait for when the contracts are coming up and will not be taking any action.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Online meeting removed

Have a community member on committee meetings

Budget

Grants to be updated

Training for new board members

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Bernal made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Second by Board Member Armendariz. All in favor.