

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 18th OF MARCH 2020 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	Gloria Grijalva
Secretary	Hector Martinez
Chief Financial	Norma M. Apodaca
Trustee	Gloria G. Romo

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 Romo second by Board Member Martinez to approve the agenda for March 18, 2020. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Grijalva, Martinez, Apodaca, Romo

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and/or action: Authorize the purchase of respiratory protection equipment/system against airborne particulates in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Mr. Virgen presented a list of the equipment to purchase. They did request several quotes but the quotes take more than 48hrs because even though the lenders have a way to put in the order they do not know when they are going to be released and they ran out yesterday morning. So what they are doing is in order to give a quote they have to give him a time line and a price and they cannot give him a time line and that is why it is taking a little bit longer.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Romo to approve purchasing the respiratory protection equipment/system and to not exceed the amount of \$25,000.00t. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

2. Discussion and/or action: Authorize the participation with a local medical provider for use of the respiratory protection equipment/system in conducting infectious viral diseases examinations.

Mr. Virgen reported to the board that once we find this equipment very few people are going to want to participate. There are still a lot of confusion on what is going on and everyday there a lot of new stuff coming out. There is nobody else fighting for the equipment. This is the equipment that he would like to have to be our part to participate and use our way as a healthcare district to see if we can get some masks also. It has been a challenge and he has never seen this before because the last time something like this happen was probably 1918. It is amazing how the mask just disappeared because bought them all. There has been a lot of fear and his concern is he does not want to give misinformation and that is why we are referring people to proper authority to get that information. In working with the local provider are plan is a noble one. It sounds like a good plan but we need a provider, the provider said we can do this as a community to the service because they want to show Calexico that they care but this is what we need. They have the hardest part and the hardest part believe it or not a few days ago was not the PAPR's it was getting the tests and if you go on media you are going to see there is a shortage everywhere. We still have the laboratory that is interested and saying they will be doing 30-40 test per day but obviously they want to see the people wearing the right protection. In the meantime Mr. Virgen did reach out to the county to see if we can work together if they could bring their equipment and we put our test and then we do something meaningful. He is going to contact them again after the meeting to see if we can work something out. Like he said no other provider has expressed any interest and there is some liability in doing the testing because you can get your staff sick if you do not have the equipment and one of the things is that most of the time people don't buy that equipment because it is pricey and you are going to use it once in a lifetime.

Motion was made by Board Member Grijalva and second by Board Member Romo to approve the local medical provider who has his own lab. Motion passed by the following wit:

Mr. Virgen informed the board that this does not get processed at his lab. All they do is swab and then the company has to come pick up the lab or take custody of it. He cannot even transport it.

Motion amended was made by Board Member Grijalva and second by Board Member Romo to approve the local medical provider. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

3. Discussion and/or action: Authorize the preparation of a written agreement and appropriate waivers for the use of the respiratory protection equipment/system with a local medical provider.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that the reason for this is that if we are going to allow him to use our equipment and we are going to get it back he wants to make sure that there is something that protects us should they not put it on right and get infection etc.

Motion amended was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Romo to approve the preparation of agreement with local medical provider. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

4. Discussion and/action on review, analysis or suspension of the grant funding by Heffernan Memorial due to the coronavirus outbreak and the State of California and CDCP guidelines of:
 - a. City of Calexico's Senior Wellness Program (City of Calexico has suspended all City organized events and Recreation programming).

Board Member Romo asked Mr. Rivera if it is possible for the suspension and Mr. Rivera informed her that we have not suspended the programs. They suspended the programs. The city of Calexico suspended the program and now it seems that the district would not want to fund no program because they are not in existence. Board Member Romo asked for how long and Mr. Rivera informed her that this is until further notice. Since they suspended everything and we are paying a good portion of that and we can pro-rate if necessary. We have no programs so what are we funding. They have suspended them because of state guidelines.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve suspending grant funding for the City of Calexico Senior Wellness Program until further notice. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

- b. Proactive program.

Mr. Virgen informed the board they pay rent on their own gym. They are not going to be paying their trainers etc. so he believes that if it was at a standalone that has different things like core expenses. In reality gyms are a bad place to go because of sweat etc. and people are going to get exposed. We do not want people getting exposed and people going to these programs are more prone to this disease than anybody else. Tony and Mr. Virgen are going to call everybody to make sure they all know what is going on and they suspend services. The last thing he wants is that they are not aware of all this and start saying they have to be strong and healthy so you avoid the coronavirus. Mr. Rivera informed Mr. Virgen that we have actual guidelines saying that they should close. It would be against the interest of the district to be funding activities that have been ordered to close and not only that but more importantly what Mr. Virgen said just the exposure to possible illness of this sort and he thinks that is the determinate factor for the board to act.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve suspending the Proactive program until further notice. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

- c. Comite Civico monitoring program (CUSD has suspended classes for 30 days)

Mr. Olmedo informed that they are working on some projects on how to continue the services. They have been in contact with Mr. Virgen to see how we can continue the monitoring of asthma. They do have programed calls of 3-6 months with families they have already visited. This is the way they are going to communicate with the families to make sure that their concerns and questions are being answered.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that he does not know what they are going to be doing under the grant given the fact that the schools are closed for possibly the remaining of the school year. He asked Mr. Olmedo if he could clarify on what they do for the program. Mr. Olmedo responded that what they do is provide asthma self-management services to families here in Calexico and in that they do home visitations. They provide home visits for whether indoor assessments, provide them with how to remove triggers in the home, how to utilize the medication. They have a lot of information and intervention that they provide the families so that they could have a better ability to manage their asthma. They are not going to be doing home visits right now because they have been doing this for over 12 months when he says we now have as part of the curriculum doing the 3 month check-in and a 6 month check-in. In that 12 month cycle they are still working to reach those families who already reached a 6 month and 3 month follow up. His team is still calling the families. Mr. Rivera asked if in between those 3-6 months there is no action in between those calls and Mr. Olmedo replied with yes, there are three steps and one is they have on going visitation for the whole family, but those families who have already gone through the program they get a 3 and 6 month follow up. Mr. Rivera asked if there are home visits after they go through the program and Mr. Olmedo replied with no, after they go through the program they do a 3 and 6 month call follow up. What he is saying is that there are more families coming in through that process. Board Member Valdez asked that they will not be going in to visit those families because of what is happening and Mr. Olmedo replied with exactly.

Board Member Martinez thinks that as of now we have been suspending the programs. Mr. Olmedo has some good points and maybe the board or the CEO should meet and then discuss what exactly could be done and what cannot be done and by then we can see if we cut the program down or we keep it the same.

Mr. Virgen thinks that what Mr. Rivera is trying to point out is that and thinks what we want to know of the services that we are doing on the grant which ones continue and from going to visits to phone calls then you need to be aware if that is the same value. Let us put that together for you and put a quick summary and then you decide what you want to do.

Direction was given to the Executive Director to provide a report for the next meeting.

d. Dr. Tristan's HW4K's program.

Board Member Martinez thinks this would be the same thing.

Board Member Romo opinion is that they need payment for rent, water and electricity.

Board Member Martinez main question is that, because obviously the services are going to be suspended.

Mr. Rivera thinks that the strongest issue here is that she has a gym like program that kids show up in one place and she should have stopped it. But the boards question is about rent and you could stop the program just like Mr. Olmedo's you can stop it and refer it to Mr. Virgen because she can't have the kids in one room doing what they are doing that we see on those programs there. Now on the medical part he is not sure how much of the exams for the kids body weight can be done but he thinks that a suspension on the gym part and a negotiation instruction to Mr. Virgen to bring it back but that might be appropriate to suspend it pending further review.

Board Member Valdez believes that the same thing on the rent issue if she is making money on seeing the kids she can make arrangement for that rent on that building.

Board Member Martinez thinks we should give the same direction as the previous one. Mr. Rivera informed the board that they do need to suspend the gym part at minimum.

Board Member Valdez asked that if we are suspending the other program rent, why we are not going to suspend this program rent. Mr. Rivera replied that the only problem is the difference they own the gym and this person has a rent agreement and maybe he does have a rent agreement with himself and that is subject for the boards discuss.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve suspension of the gym portion of the program and direction was given to the Executive Director to discuss the other particulars of the contract. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Grijalva, Martinez, Apodaca

NOES: Romo

- e. County of Imperial senior's meal program (which appears not to be impacted by state wide guidelines).

Rosie Blankenship is presenting for the County of Imperial Area Aging Agency. She gave a brief update on what the program is doing through this coronavirus situation. She is urgency for the board to continue funding this program because these people are the most vulnerable.

Board Member Apodaca opinion is that they should continue with the services. Board Member Romo agrees with Mrs. Apodaca.

Board Member Martinez thinks that if all this impacts the seniors that they are more than welcome to come back and ask for more funds if needed. Mr. Rivera recommended to the board that because of the crisis if there is an ability to provide more meal a request can be made by the board and they can consider adding it to the next agenda.

Motion was made by Board Member Romo and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve continuing the County of Imperial Area Aging Agency program. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Grijalva, Martinez, Apodaca, Romo

NOES: None

- f. Any other programs funded by Heffernan Memorial.

Mr. Virgen wants to talk about the AA program. The program is covered under other programs. Mr. Rivera does not know how many people attend.

Board Member Martinez suggested giving them instruction to have no more than 10 people at a time in building. Board Member Romo agrees with Mr. Martinez.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that we do not have anyone monitoring and Mrs. Apodaca asked who is going to be taking the precaution of temperature and all the things that need to be checked. She also remembers that last year when they started it was presented liability insurance and she has not seen one for this year. The medical center where she works was responsible for that and they have not come by to request there support and she does not know if they are getting support from somewhere else but she does not want to be liable. That support was from last year.

Mr. Virgen's recommendation is he likes happy meetings and he likes giving advanced notice. We can give them till the end of the month. They should not be meeting anyways because they are at very high risk population also and our intent is to protect the district. He would like to give them advance notice and hopefully they can find a temporary place to meet.

Board Member Grijalva thinks we should suspend them. Board Member Apodaca feels we should give instructions to the Executive Director to find out the same as the other people. Mr. Rivera informed the board that what they can further do is give Mr. Virgen because of the emergency situation to take executive action subject to the board's ratification at the next meeting. In other words if he determines that it is a health risk he should suspend it and then review his action at the next meeting and then we go from there.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve having the Executive Director take executive action subject to the board's ratification at the next meeting. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Grijalva, Martinez, Apodaca, Romo

NOES: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Wellness 4 Kids

Comitee Civico

Area Aging Agency

AA

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Romo made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Second by Board Member Martinez. All in favor.