

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 14th OF JULY 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 5:30p.m. by Gloria Grijalva Valdez and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

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  
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk

**PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE:**

Eduardo Rivera-Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez second by Board Member Valdez to approve the agenda for July 14, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

None

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

None

**REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES**

Mr. Virgen reported that the students are still gathering their documents for the scholarship and as they gather everything they will bring in all proper documents that need to be presented.

### **COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that last week they did about 45 bags of PPE's. They are going to start including flyers that the Imperial County Behavior Health provided. On Friday they are going to start delivering some of the PPE's to some of the medical providers here in Calexico.

### **COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:**

Mr. Virgen reported that they met with the City Manager and was able to share with him the last resolution we have from LAFCO. As you are aware that resolution has been changing over time depending on where we area at. We shared a copy with him to have him distribute to the city council members. Also a couple of research doctors from UCSD are planning to do a research study here in Calexico. They are looking at about 200 patients and are using a new technology that's like an impact that is able to monitor blood pressure, sugar level and heart rate and they can analyze the data and in some point it can tell you, you blood pressure is too high etc. He will share more information down the line. Mr. Virgen had a conversation with Mr. Benduro from the county. In the past the board gave Mr. Virgen direction to find out about the property tax on we should be exempt. Mr. Benduro is helping Mr. Virgen out and helping with all the paper work. We should have that resolved very quickly.

### **COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

None

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Presentation: Imperial County Behavioral Health Services: Providing Quality Professional Services to Imperial County individuals. Community based mental health and substance abuse services and treatment.

Carlos Plazola from Imperial County Behavioral Health gave a brief presentation about all the services they provided to the County.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and/or Action: Response to Mr. A. Perrone comments before the HMHD board of directors under public comments (June 23, 2021).

Mr. Virgen informed the board that this item was placed on the agenda because he thinks there is a lot of misinformation out in the community. We do need to do a better job in communicating to the public. We are communicating but he thinks we are missing a specific target. Now there are a lot of people with misinformation and are saying that misinformation and some comes back to us. Now it is very noble if someone in the community comes back and says they do not know what to be believe and come here and say they have some questions and concerns. At that point he would say if they have those concerns they can do multiple things, they can talk to Mr. Pimentel, they can schedule some time with him and sit down and go over everything with him and the president. We do have a process in place on our website now that was by law because when we went to Sacramento we were told that our policy for grants has to be placed online and we are expected to follow our process just like we are expected to follow our process and our budget and just like we follow our policy for grants and scholarship and he thinks that is not well understood by our community. We have to be open to get criticized and concerns from the public. But he does think that we do need to do a better job communicating to the public.

Mr. Perrone thanked the President putting the item on the agenda. He also would like to say that he did not know anything about this and people were telling him he was on the Heffernan agenda. He did not know if you were going to provide a response for the comments he made that day and that is why he showed up today because he thought it would be disrespectful he did not show up but also he felt that he was not advised that he was going to be on the agenda and because it says in response to Mr. Perrone's comments and he did not see any responses and there were a few comments that he had made that were not addressed so he does not know what was the purpose of putting this on the agenda if there was no response. Mr. Virgen informed him that it was a response for the board. Mr. Perrone will put his last comments in a formal way and would like for it to be addressed.

Maritza Hurtado commented that at the last meeting there were some grant decisions and distribution as we are looking as a community there is a concern as of last year by her party that last year by your strategic plan that was asked of you was presented once again right in the beginning of the pandemic. She was at LAFCO and Mr. Virgen was there too and of course we were a little emotional she guesses but the thing is that was the time the first concern was about the activity that was going on in canceling all the programs which was the goal number one in your 5 year strategic plan that your 5 year tier plan was requested of you in 2018 when you were hiring Mr. Virgen so in 2018 the big thing here in communication towards your senior citizens and that is why she is here and that is a huge concern because now they have been hurt by something that is going on in here in the decision making that happens in these offices and the ones across the street. She understands because there were some comments on how we are shipping over responsibilities of who is supposed to pay for this. If you guys think your confused well the community is very confused too. Your senior citizens woman are gathering right now and trying to understand why this happen and why if the goal number one last year in your strategic plan was programs why don't we have any and right now you have moved to goal number two and your goal number two has now completely canceled out your goal number one. So goal number one is replaced by two programs which is Rosa's Plane Food which replaced a legal program that had a structure with the county. Insurance liability, Rosa's Plane Food has no liability insurance and has not program to follow nor does Dr. Vo. She would like to know right now for our public what insurance is Dr. Vo relying on for our community in case he gets hurt because where he is practicing and doing his work there has been shootings in that area and it is not safe for his staff. Who has the medical insurance coverage, medical liability and male practice for the programs Dr. Vo is maintaining here through the funding of the citizens of Calexico? She hopes she gets that answer.

2. Discussion and/or Action: HMHD Urgent Care update.

Mr. Virgen gave a brief update on Urgent Care update. We have a lot of interest on this from Calexico, El Centro and San Diego. The one thing that we need to make sure is on the RFP's that we ask for everything that we are going to need. Hopefully we are looking for having an RFP ready by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. Discussion and/or Action: Final approval of Rosa's Plane Food Meals Program.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that before them they have the agreement based off the proposal of Rosa's Plane Food and we have received the agreement back if you are okay with it along with the proof of insurance and we have that on file.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Urena to approve the final agreement for Rosa's Plane Food Meal's Program. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

4. Discussion and/or Action: Final approval of Vo Neighborhood Medical Clinic.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the final agreement for Vo Neighborhood Medical Clinic. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Official statement for Mr. Martinez's resignation

Property Tax

Board Vacancy

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Valdez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Second by Board Member Martinez. All in favor.