

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 13th OF MAY 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 Apodaca second by Board Member Romo to approve the agenda for May 13, 2020. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Valdez, Grijalva, Martinez, Apodaca, Romo

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Maribel Padilla from the Brown Bag Coalition reported that still during the COVID-19 they are still going out there to feed the homeless. They have given them bags with hand sanitizer, face mask, toilet paper, and soap and hand cloth. Mrs. Padilla is asking what the procedure is to ask for funds to help the homeless during the pandemic. Mr. Virgen just heard about this last night and thinks it is great. Mr. Virgen informed her that we are going to open up a new cycle for grants but appears that this cannot wait. The way we get things on the agenda is we need a formal proposal and you submit it and the agenda committee does over the items every two weeks. Now because we are in a state emergency and it is up the board to address it and if not we have so many days to get back to you. Things like this take a while to get back to you because they still have to read it and obviously it is a good for the community and this is a very vulnerable population you are dealing with and very high risk. You need money to support your program and is willing to do a proposal now the cycle for grants is closed right now but that doesn't mean they will not look over because it is an emergency out of the normal. He will submit and give the board a chance to talk about it and hopefully on our agenda. Mrs. Padilla will send Mr. Virgen a proposal.

Jose Ramirez from Pro-Active health and is very proud to say that they have started another grant from the Alliance Healthcare District. He thanked the board because they couldn't have done it without the district. Some of the members were disappointed because the program was suspended and they receive many calls so this is a big positive plus from that big program that they have and the grant they just received. He is here hoping they can bring an RFP soon to bring Pro-active. They want to finish it and bring back soon as quickly as possible and move forward. He informed the board that he sent a letter to Thomas and Rodolfo to in regards to hopefully unsuspending the programs and hopefully we can bring them back somehow. He knows that when it comes to the San Diego Alliance Healthcare Foundation Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation they believe the work can be done during COVID-19. They are still looking for support in some sort of way we can still work together and bring some of these programs back.

Blanca Morales from the Calexico Wellness Center is here for Imperial Valley Health Coalition to inform the board that they meet every day at 7pm via Zoom and talk about their goals and the different organizations that are joining them. They give each other updates on what they are doing. She is here to invite the district to join to help the community.

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

Board Member Romo reported on the phone last week she called several seniors to ask about their health and what is offered. Most of them want not to be alone and they miss the events in the community Center. They are concerned about having to go to a hospital. Mrs. Romo wants to thank Mr. Pimentel for attending the emergency phone calls for COVID, which we have on our website.

Board Member Valdez reported that they have been putting together kits to give to the senior citizens. He thanked those are that participating and helped. They have delivered 2 PPE's to two buildings.

### **REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES**

Mr. Virgen reported that the agenda committee met to put together this meeting. He reported that we just received equipment. There is a shortage on N95 mask and are very hard to get. All orders from here on will be hard to get and will be a delay and high price on shipping.

### **COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that they have been busy the last month. They gave out over 500 masks to the Calexico Senior Apartments. He also put together a video that will run on the Univision channel every Friday. He is also talking to channel 66 to see if they can run it too. They put together the labels for the hand sanitizers and that was about 2000 pieces. They delivered flyers to the Calexico Unified School District.

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

Mr. Virgen reported that he had a meeting video call with LAFCO and he also had a call with a Calexico citizen and Mr. Heuburger where we address some of the issues on the letter. There were a lot of assumptions on the letter that were clarified and provided facts against the assumptions. Mr. Virgen just

wanted to make sure that the record was clear. After that he hasn't received anything from LAFCO. Another thing is that we received a message from another community members asking about the tax payers money but are not leaving any other information to call back. What they have notices over the last several weeks is that people call and as soon as we answer they hang up and that has happen multiple times and when calls back no one answers. We do have an answering machine and Rosario checks those messages daily. Mr. Virgen will be getting a message book and is asking the board that whenever there is a message for the board he will leave it in their box for them to return call if needed. If it is an emergency we will call back if no then it will get placed in your box for you when you come in the office.

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

Mr. Rivera reported that we have had gentlemen for the last 6 months has kept emailing about these meetings concerning posting of our agenda. He has given him the information concerning posting but he gets on his computer of how ever he is getting them and looks for the posting of the agenda on our website and unfortunately on this website the agenda did not get on the website at the same time as the posting or the agenda at the office. So we have gotten several emails and Mr. Rivera sent him a copy of the posted agenda. The man basically made some accusations to him on how Mr. Rivera was not being truthful with him. The actual agenda that Mr. Rivera sent to him has a certification by Brenda of the time, date and location of the postage and that is what is required under the law. The problem is that in future Mr. Rivera believes that Brenda adds the emails of our agenda to the news medical but in the future maybe we should make it appoint that once the agenda is posted by Brenda at the office that the website also have the agenda posted. If the backup material is not on the agenda on the website that is fine that can be posted a little later but at least have the agenda. This gentleman emailed Mr. Rivera four times as of Monday concerning the posting of the agenda. He just wanted to bring this up to the board. This is the same person we discussed several months ago about the same thing. The agenda was properly posted and everything is fine and he needs to under that he is mistaken under his assumption as to what the law requires. In the future maybe Tony, Brenda, Mr. Virgen and himself go over this and just find to what we are doing with the agenda and the posting and the emailing of the agenda to the news media.

Mr. Rivera also reported that we are going to get the draft response he thinks Mr. Virgen has already addressed it. He has not seen one email that came from a different person so we have got to incorporate those into a response but he thinks that it is important that we try to make a formal response to these allegations.

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

1. Discussion and/or action: Ratification of Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District and Pioneer Memorial Healthcare 2 year agreement to provide pediatric care at the Calxico Healthcare Clinic.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that this is an agreement that we worked on before and we want to ratify that we make this effective December 1 when we did the meeting. Mr. Valdez and he did have a phone conference with Mr. Lewis and we agreed to the 2 year agreement and the date. Obviously whenever you start a new physician there are a lot of expenses that do come up front but this is what our board voted on and we agreed to and he was going to take that back.

Motion amended was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve accepting the ratification agreement with Pioneers. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

2. Discussion and/or action: Amendment of Area Agency on Aging recurring contract in the amount of \$8720.00 for the Calexico Senior resident meals.

Motion amended was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve the recurring contract in the amount of \$8,720.00. Motion passed by the following wit:

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

3. Discussion and/or action: Letter to LAFCO from Maritza Hurtado and response by Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that they have all received a draft letter but that letter does not incorporate the comments made on the most recent letter from Mrs. Hurtado to Mr. Heuburger where there are some errors and that the letter contains. What he was going to suggest unless the board decides otherwise is that you accept the draft for further review and discussion and then allow one of the committees to meet and review this letter for formal adoption and sending off the Mr. Heuburger and the other people that were CC on the original letter. Mr. Virgen and he have not had a chance to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter and then this 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from another party which parallels a lot of the misinformation containing in this letter might be good to look at and maybe incorporate some of those allegations but he leaves it to the board. It's a draft letter you can accept it, amend it, change it or table it for further review by Mr. Valdez and Mr. Virgen and so forth but whatever you want to do is fine and have any question he will be glad to answer.

Maritza Hurtado resident of Calexico is here to speak on this item in case anyone had any questions. She did inform Mr. Rivera that a formal response may not be necessary because that is not what she was looking for. What ended up happening was the conversation with LAFCO which she did not expect. The reason why she went to LAFCO that day is that people kind of wait for the public hearing so that the public can approach you the way that it can usually be where communities come to people like yourselves, agencies who have health savings for us for a very long time. It's been three months the day that the board had decided to do a lot of shifting and decisions COVID related. A lot of us here in Calexico have had the same 3 months with the same devastation and she is not going to go into who she is Thomas because that day he made sure that they knew she did not have a position in that city and she understands that and he did tell her many times that she did not have a position. She did though and held it for 8 years and she was the Mayor so she does have a pretty good catch as far as what her community is about. She also has a business that has been here for 30 years and she speaks to quit a bit to her costumers on a daily. Those costumers are the ones crossing over here from Mexicali right those that can and that are transporting this concern and why she comes out to tell you all that there is a bit concern in our community because we do have the highest numbers. She does not know where we are at anymore but when she wrote that letter we were at 100. She thinks that we are at 147 and obviously Calexico has a very different situation then your other cities. Other cities want to reopen and that is great we need to reopen. She has been doing PPP's applications and she

reaches out to everyone and makes sure that she helps them as a volunteer and does not expect to be paid but she wants to see money and the business to start circulate again. She has 10 staff members that are gone because they do not want to work with her because it is exposed downtown and the type of cliental that has been coming in. They know they come in internationally so one day till the next she lost her 10 staff members in the middle of tax season because that is what she does. She informed Mr. Virgen that she is not educated. She only has a high school education and proud to say she is a bulldog. She graduated in 1983 and Mr. Rivera know that he was her first boss and that is how she knew what was going on in her community because she has always been very connected and because she cares. The one thing she said to Mr. Virgen is that he kept telling her she was a nobody and does not have anything to represent does not have a degree to come here and tell you that people consistently contact her to tell her their concern. They are afraid of approaching this place but you know she is not afraid and she had told him this when she first met him. At the time she had met she had already gone through quite a bit of struggle it was 8 officers that decided to be corrupt when she held office at the city of Calexico. She faced that by herself and that was really rough but she also know that government need to serve their community and she knew that having officers that were not worried about their job and wanting to run our government she knew that was not right. She stood there by herself and that is why she is willing to come here because she is already experienced enough to know. She does not fear that or fear this but she does not come here to bother you because she figures that by the time that you were here she told you so that it was good that they were going to have a director and that director was going to help them to directing. But it has been 2 years and right now it has been 3 months since everything has been canceled or terminated whatever you want to call it. But the question here is that if herself this woman that grew up in Calexico that does not have the money that you have. She made her office virtual. She the research she needed to do. She could not sleep. She cried every day because she does not have the money that you have. You have so much potential with the money you have and you are not doing it because for 3 ½ months people are dying. The first person that died was her uncle Joe and that was in Mexicali and it was a little over a month ago and she thinks you all know that the numbers in Mexicali are out of control. She also owns leadership to say that Calexico is different and you need to pay attention. They wanted to open without pretended what is happening here. The stuff she is hearing is something the community is doing. This whole community is doing things. The masks that you are asking about the 6 thousand or 3 thousand that you are looking for all over the country she needs you to know that the city of Calexico has other actually of super stars and super heroes themselves who are right now assisting the El Centro Regional Medical Center. Those people are Mr. Pacheco and Sergio Martinez. These people run already in our community helping that way but it's in the background around you but you are not seeing that. She asked that day in front of the LAFCO juror what your hours were and she did not use any negative tone. It was a very sincere in asking a very simple question and you responded that she needs to ask the board what are their times available and so she is here now asking what is he available to our public to answer because for three months he has not answered. She hears him say two things and that is I am doing this and I am doing that and three months later people are already dying. The COVID is already extended out but you can still do a lot and your community wants to see that. You mentioned something look what happening today her ears are piercing with this problem that we can't hold a meeting when everybody else is using Zoom. A zoom meeting was done with her and the question here is why are we not modern? Her intention here is for you all to understand that three months is sufficient time to be modern and transition another environment which is what was just said right now that we are trying to get there. The crisis is going to blow by the time you are already there. You just say that there is a great campaign with all that information out there no there is not, not like this. People have struggled out here. No one can hear you out here. There is no speaker. What if you had the community out here that wanted to hear? The district is not prepared for that but yet you are paying a good price for it. What is happening right now that

when people know that there is this kind of funding and you shut that door to them and yet Mr. Virgen is not in this community because she asked him if he had a relationship with his council? There is not relationship here. There are a lot of issues and the fact that she is not an elected official does not mean anything. The decision that she made not to run was hers and if she decides to run again she shall but at the same time you cannot fight the voice Thomas because she is somebody here. She is a good citizen and she is only looking for what this community deserves. Today what she wanted to say was to not bother writing back to her and she does not expect that and does not expect the juror to write her back either and she didn't expect the juror to follow up on the programs that you terminated because that is what they need to know that what these program provider are working their butt off. When your community sees that you guys are actually going to want to start to embarrass again we will be there with you. She is here to help but at the same time you can't do what you are doing. For three months you have not talked to anybody. There is a lot of depression going on why can't you have an amazing website where people can watch videos and some kind of access and at this moment there is no access.

Mr. Virgen recommended taking the letter to the governance committee and then they will bring back to the board before they send it out. Board Member Martinez agrees with Mr. Virgen.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that if they want to approve the response of the draft letter all they need is a motion. If you want to approve it an then have it revised with the content of a legal letter included in there we can do that also or you can just refer it back to Mr. Virgen, himself and Mr. Valdez to prepare an amendment response and maybe we can incorporate somethings that were said in the public comments portion that was said by Mrs. Hurtado into the letter. But the fact still remains that a lot of the actual information that was presented to LAFCO at the last meeting without the letter being circulated to the board or without the board being asked were any of the actual allegations were true all that still remains. It was basically an ambush letter. It was sprung on at the last minute and we have not had a chance to review and incorporate a second letter and this third letter that is floating around he just doesn't know what it says but he leaves it to the board to adopt or table on pending modification and they will send out the modification out to you within the next 24-48 hours.

Board Member Martinez thinks we should send to the governance committee for review and whatever they decide and bring back to the board for review. It is obvious that it is important those facts are written down and give a response back.

Board Member Valdez thinks that it is important that the facts be provided to the public so they know what is exactly what we are doing and not believe many of the things that are unclear and untruthful.

Mr. Rivera recommended that he really thinks it should be approved with modifications requested because one of the things that is in that letter and we didn't amplify on it until he heard some of the things that were said today is that you know that letter did an impression that the 400 Mary property was purchased just the other day and that property has been in our possession for at past 3-4 years if not longer. We bought that property when Mrs. Hurtado was still on the city council. We provided a substantial amount of money for the city of Calexico fire department and so forth for the non-closer of station 2 and all that stuff and he thinks that she is confused on when that property was bought. She is thinking that we bought that property during the COVID situation was acquiring. We bought that property 3-4 years ago. That has to be amplified because we don't want that type of misinformation out in the public without us putting the record straight on some of the allegations that are in the letter. She gets very emotional about a lot of stuff that really has nothing to do with governance by the district and has nothing to do with the fact that every item is

a legitimate policy decision that you have made whether she agrees with your decisions or not it is irrelevant. You have made legal policy decisions on all of the issues that have been brought up and have been mischaracterized or contains errors and mistakes without any back ground investigation as to whether or not the facts are true or not. Mr. Rivera urges the board to consider tabling it and sending it out to Mr. Valdez, Mr. Virgen and himself and for them to get something out to the board almost immediately. The board can approve it with modifications requested and clarifications requested if you so desire or you can send it to the governance committee and we will get work on it right away.

Motion amended was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve with modifications. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Grijalva, Martinez, Apodaca, Romo

NOES: None

4. Discussion: Acknowledgement of receipt from Dr. Vo's proposal for medical equipment-supplies. No action to take.

Dr. Vo gave a brief presentation on the status of the COVIC-19 and what are the procedures and how his office is doing during this pandemic and the shortage of testing. He presented a letter of proposal requesting medical equipment supplies.

Mr. Virgen informed everyone that one of our board members suggested that we get all providers and there are about 17 providers in Calexico and we can set up a meeting on Zoom or something to that effect so we can work out a plan and maybe we can kind of centralize the way we do things that way it is the something and with your leadership we can pretty much get them together and invite them to a meeting time and make sure that we are all talking the same language, give ideas and brain storm what we are going to do. That way we don't just help Mr. Vo but we help the community out. One of the board members and him got to talking about this and he thought it was a good idea to get everybody together. Maybe some will want to and some won't but maybe with the ones that are interested we can pitch in and see what we can do as a community.

Board Member's Valdez and Apodaca thanked Dr.Vo what he doing for the community.

Mrs. Hurtado wants to make a comment on what Dr.Vo is proposing to the healthcare district. Dr.Vo has indicated a testing center at his location on highway 98 which is almost on the outside of Calexico. When she read that she thought wow there is a lot of advertising going on about a testing clinic in the city of Calexico. The city that has no hospital and the most disadvantage of all. Which means to her that why did the city of New York or New Jersey worry about shutting their boarder again because the traveling of the virus. Then she thought of course it's a good deed. Dr.Vo is doing a good deed and at the moment she understood and again from her experience she saw that you were giving monies to a private agency she believes. However when she spoke with Dr.Vo he mentioned that it was a gift from Heffernan Memorial. But there is still the question on why the agenda had the \$25 thousand dollar amount and what was that related to because they were little confused because there were also reports that indicated that Dr.Vo had a search in Mexicali for supplies. So the citizens don't know where their money is being spent on and that is also a very important issue is that we understand where these supplies are coming from because there reports that she also looked up that the California records shows that our director district director here Mr. Virgen does own a PPE supply company and so we want to know if there is access to any of the receipts of where they are coming from and who is handling this. One thing that she has always questioned is that if we are going to provide so much to one favorite

doctor but what do the citizens of Calexico get back from that? And she wants us to know that she is not emotional she is angry and if this is what you want to call a person that is angry about things that are happening in the community where money is being spent with no transparency call her what you want to call her.

Board Member Martinez informed her that the board has not decided on this yet on Dr. Vo's matter but obviously if his money does get approved to Dr. Vo it would obvious be for test of the city of Calexico so why is she saying that the citizens of Calexico would not get benefit from that? Mrs. Hurtado replied that the tax payer monies the benefit that this board should feel that should exchange for the private assistance for things like that no matter what it is as a provider. The problem was that there was a lot of talk about this problem that we were seeing and a lot of the initial started it all and in particular one of our community members nephew approached this center and he was rejected and he had just come back from New York and he heard some talking going on and he was concerned and he approached the site and he was rejected and so his relative is concerned and you know how social media is where they talk a lot and that is what happen. Now Dr. Vo she guesses was upset enough to contact that citizen directly and chancier her for asking a question about pricing and these are people from Calexico and that is not right. So the attitude right now is that citizens don't get anything and right now what it is that she is very shocked that Dr. Vo because she had actually just spoken with him last night knowing that this was on the agenda.

Board Member Martinez asked Mrs. Hurtado what is her suggestion to the board and she replied when developers come to the city and they come in to ask to build so what does the community want back from that well some type of benefit. Board Member Martinez informed her that he gets that but the matter right now is COVID-19 and asked her what did she thing the board should do? She replied is where are the supplies, where is the spending happening with the receipts because they don't know what is happening and it might be happening in Mexicali or maybe in China. Board Member Valdez informed Mrs. Hurtado that he believes that was answered at the meeting she had with Mr. Hueburger and Mr. Virgen. Mrs. Hurtado informed Mr. Valdez that it did not clarify the \$25 thousand dollars that was on the agenda and believes it was for a local doctor. She believes it was an item on the agenda that placed 3 months ago. Board Member Valdez informed her that it was not a donation it was to purchase equipment. Board Member Martinez also informed that the equipment was going to be borrowed not donated and equipment that Dr. Vo received was from the county. Board Member Martinez again asked Mrs. Hurtado what is her suggestion to the board besides the transparency that we should be doing so the public let's say their monies worth from their taxes? Mrs. Hurtado's response was that unfortunately at this time she thinks that the best thing to do but it's really hard it's about building relationships and we are at zero right now. It's what communities do. All you guys can do what she used to do as council and that is select a sub-committee and comes and works with you. Board Member Martinez did inform her that he understands that there should be more communication but you had said that there are a lot of people dying and what he trying to say is that we have to take action in some way. There is testing but other than that what else can we do? This is a virus and there is no antibiotic for it. Mrs. Hurtado replied with information and Board Member Martinez replied that yes that is what we are here for and at first it was hard and obviously at first our response was to practice social distancing. All this takes some time. Mrs. Hurtado's response was that is why she mentioned before that she is a single parent, single business owner and she lived already so honestly anything after what she went through is an excuse to her because if she could do it than anybody else can do it. Board Member Martinez replied that well there is a different responsibility that every board member has and you obviously did it because it was your likely hood. Mr. Hurtado replied that no not necessarily it is because she care and she tried harder than was expected of her and she does try harder. Board Member Martinez responded that so do we



and what if we kept the programs going and many people got infected and Mrs. Hurtado replied that she gets that but you know what happen there was no communication to the public to understand that and address it. So how do you know how you are doing to solve those kinds of problems when the door is shutting on you and there is no addressing? Board Member Martinez replied that it happen to everyone and it happen to all local business. Mrs. Hurtado replied that like he said one we need to transition over to a virtual world but no so sir it's already been three months it going to be awhile let's do it now. There are a lot of modern people and she heard what Dr. Vo said and that was the community lives six people in one bedroom. Come one we are not like that. At one point we do have half a million dollar homes being sold in this city. So we do have individuals that realize that there is something going on here that is lacking and there are a lot of people out there that care. This is their concern how are we spending this money, where is this equipment coming from? If it is for Dr. Vo and if you want have Dr. Vo as your favorite that's great but you other providers. One thing she did not get to say before is that the fact the City of Calexico School District just lost 30% of their students and Clinicas de Salud probably lost 50% of their patients so what does that mean? We were servicing Mexicali a lot. Board Member Martinez replied that or maybe people are actually staying home. Mrs. Hurtado replied that she asked questions how they are handling telemedicine too because if they have telemedicine clients and taking care of the other side internationally is that even legal? They have a lot of unique problems. What we need right now is that we need to have faith and comfort that the money we have saved all this time is going out to the citizens. No negotiation has happen here with Dr. Vo to get free testing for the citizens like a solid plan like this is how much you are going to give and on the contrary he gets mad because we ask him how much he going to charge. Now that is not good. This is her house, this is our home, this is where we live and he is a provider coming here and you guys are supporting that and we all support that but that is our money and its every right for us to ask exactly what it is that is happening, ask for receipts, ask for transactions and ask for everything. The citizens of Calexico and including herself would like to know the amounts that are being paid the true amounts and where they go. Board Member Valdez informed her that she can request the expenditures from the district and we will provide them to you. Mrs. Hurtado informed Mr. Valdez that she has already requested it in the letter and Board Member Valdez replied that ok all you had to do was request and we will provide it to you.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that at the meeting they had with LAFCO she was informed that the equipment that we gave out we got it from the county through the offices of emergency medical services and he doesn't understand why this continues to come up but as you aware it is very difficult to get that equipment we had to petition it and then we showed Dr. Vo and anybody else that had asked us for it we have given the forms so they could petition it from the county. There is a process to get it. They gave us two boxes of masks, 1 box of surgical masks and little of equipment which we gave out to several. It was not just to one provider. Moving on if you have any questions about the individuals, all the equipment was purchased here so far and some of the equipment is not here because we can't even get it. We ordered three months and we are just equipment that we ordered over two months ago.

Board Member Martinez would like to know when we would take action on this item, will it be taken to the governance committee to discuss or how are we going about? Mr. Virgen thinks that we need to have a meeting with the rest of the providers to ask how they are managing their testing because today and speaking with some of the doctor's offices they have two requests that keep coming out from everywhere N95 masks and disinfecting materials those are really hard to find.

Board Member Romo thinks it is very important to take action on Dr. Vo because at this moment we need to test. It is very important for Heffernan Memorial to support Dr. Vo at this moment and is requesting for the board to take action please it is very important in her opinion.

Board Member Valdez thanked Mrs. Romo and informed her that we are trying to get in touch with different providers so they can participate with testing and that is why we are not taking action today.

Mr. Rivera informed that board that when they attempt to contact the providers let's make sure that the district has written proof that the providers were contacted and were given the opportunity to meet with Heffernan so that there would be no misunderstanding in the future when someone comes back to the board that somebody was not contacted within the district and it is going to be the district's decision not position from outside of the district and later on in the discussion there has to be some discussion about residence protocol because of the fact as you mentioned Mr. President you have people coming in left and right but that is for further appoint. What he thinks the district needs to do is make sure we have written proof that all healthcare providers within the healthcare district were given the opportunity to participate in a discussion and whether or not they wish or decline to participate because with written proof that you contacted everybody to avoid being subjected to allegations that people were not included and so forth.

Board Member Valdez does agree with that.

No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Virgen will be sending a formal letter invite to all the providers.

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Update on all doctors

A budget of what we have spent on COVID-19 supplies

Preliminary budget

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Second by Board Member Romo. All in favor.