



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 28, 2022 @ 6:30 pm
Board of Directors Minutes

1. **Call to order** @ 6:33 pm by Vice President Luis Avila
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Board of Directors Roll Call.**

Directors Present: President, Becky Campo -Virtual
Vice President, Luis Avila
Secretary, George Gallo Mac Master
Treasurer, Anne Stokman - Virtual

Directors Absent: Director, Steve Pittson

Staff Present: Administrative Director/CEO, Karin Hennings
Ambulance Director, Paul Willette
Health Center Manager, Suzie Benitez
Financial Accounting Manager, Maria Reyes Palad
Clerk of the Board, Cheryle Pickle

District Legal Council: Dave Ritchie, Cole Huber, LLP

We have a Quorum

4. **Reading of the Mission Statement**
"The District's primary mission is to deliver quality, personalized, and compassionate health care and build partnerships that expand healthcare services for our West Side communities."
5. **Public Comment Period**
Present: Jose Rodriguez, MD
Lizandro Barragan, PA
Gerald Parente -Virtual _ Joined meeting in progress
Ms. Hennings introduced Lizandro Barragan. He is the new Physician Assistant at the Health Center. He shared his history with the group.
6. **Declarations of Conflict:** There were no conflicts of interest.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** **M/S/C To accept the agenda.** Director Stokman/Director Mac Master
Ayes: Directors Campo, Avila, Stokman, Mac Master
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Passed by roll call vote
8. **Public Hearing #5 – Election Zones [Final Map Selection]**
Opened at 6:37 pm



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Discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of each map. Each of the board members shared their prospective. The maps were found to be very equitable. It was noted that if at a later date there were changes to the population distribution, the Board could go through the process of changing the boundaries. There were no comments from the public.

M/S/C. The Board of Directors to adopt map 102.

Director Mac Master/Director Avila

Ayes: Directors Campo, Avila, Stokman, Mac Master

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Passed by roll call vote

Closed @ 6:51 pm

9. **Consent Calendar** * [Routine committee reports, minutes, and non-controversial items]

- A. * Approve Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022
- B. * Accept Finance Committee Minutes February 23, 2022
- C. * Accept Financial Reports – February 28, 2022
- D. * Resolution 2022-05 Increase Asset Replacement Fund

M/S/C. To accept the Consent Calendar.

Director Mac Master/Director Avila

Ayes: Directors Campo, Avila, Stokman, Mac Master

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Passed by roll call vote

10. **Regular Calendar**

- A. *Any Consent calendar items moved to regular calendar
- B. Salary Scale Increase Proposal

Ms. Hennings stated that the Financial Committee recommended that this proposal be approved. With the recent economic situation the salary scales are much lower than the market. Dr. Rodriguez shared that medical assistants were scheduled to start at \$15.00 an hour and McDonald's is starting cashiers at \$16.00 an hour. This makes it hard to attract and maintain good staff. We have good staff members, and we need to make sure they are fairly compensated if we want to keep them.

Mr. Willette shared that we had lost some candidates due to salary. The market is very competitive. It is very important to be able to staff the ambulance.

Ms. Hennings shared that there is an anticipated increase to the per visit amount we receive for one of our programs. And there will be an increase in the ambulance allowance for Medical in 2023.



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M/S/C. Approve a 13% increase to all hourly employee pay scales effective with the current pay period beginning March 27, 2022.

Director Stokman/Director Macmaster

Ayes: Directors Campo, Avila, Stokman, Mac Master

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Passed by roll call vote

C. Resolution to Oppose Initiative 21-0042A1

Ms. Henning explained that the CSDA asked for Special Districts to join them in opposing Initiative 20-0042A1. This initiative includes provisions that would retro actively void all state and local taxes or fees adopted after January 01,2022 if they did not align with the provisions of this initiative.

CSDA is requestion that we adopt a Resolution opposing this initiative.

Discussion regarding the commitment the District would have if they issued the Resolution. Ms.

Hennings said that there is not financial ask at this time. They are gathering support showing opposition among the Districts.

M/S/C. To Adopt Resolution 2022-06 in Opposition to Initiative 21-0042A1

Director Mac Master /Director Avila

Ayes: Directors Campo, Avila, Stokman, Mac Master

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Passed by roll call vote

11. Reports

A. Employee Anniversaries & New Hires

March

Years

Health Center:

Lizandro Barragan, PA

New

Marisol Juarez-Pinon

New

Jacqueline Palominos

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B. West Side Health Care Task Force – Director Avila

Director Avila attended the meeting. Valley Children’s Hospital presented and gave an overview of their services in the area.

C. Del Puerto Hospital Foundation – Director Mac Master

Director Mac Master informed the Board that they had changed the name to Del Puerto Health Care Foundation. The City of Patterson is going to be asking for grants and they plan to apply.

D. Legislative Advocacy Committee – Director Avila and Campo



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Director Avila told about a bill that would increase the limits on damages. The \$250K cap on medical damages would be removed. This would cause the medical liability insurance rates to skyrocket.

E. Ambulance – Director, Paul Willette

Did not have his monthly report. Will forward report to board members. The ambulance had 222 responses in the month of February with 145 transports. We responded to 24 calls in AMR's district with 14 transports and 36 calls in West Side's district with 25 transports. We were still able to respond to over 90% of calls within our own district.

We continue to staff an extra unit when West Side is unable to staff their 2nd unit.

F. Health Center – Manager, Suzie Benitez

Ms. Benitez reviewed the report for the health Center. They had a total of 1027 encounters for the month of February. Dr. Wahid is closing to all pediatrics soon. They are preparing to be able to accommodate this overflow. With the addition of the nurse practitioner in April we will open the 3rd wing. No show rate is 20%. There were only 5 positive Covid test in the month of February.

G. Administration – Administrative Director/CEO, Karin Hennings

Ms. Hennings said that there was information included in the packet on earmarks for special project funding from state or federal budgets. This may be where we are able to get additional funds for our building project.

She spoke with the attorney regarding the Design Build. It is looking very positive. The next stage would be the written legal memo.

Board members expressed a concern that local contractors be given an opportunity to work on the project. Director Mac Master shared that the City of Patterson is considering a policy that would give local contractors, if they were within 10% of the lowest bid, the ability to rebid the job to meet the low bid.

12. Strategic Planning

Director Stokman proposed that the board consider having another meeting to do strategic planning. Either have another evening meeting or a Saturday morning meeting to be able to focus on the planning. After discussion it was decided to have a meeting on the 23 of April @ 8:30 am. This will be an in-person meeting

13. Director Correspondence, Comments, Future Agenda Items

None

14. Upcoming Regular Board and Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Finance – Wednesday, Apr 20, 2022 @ 8:30 AM

Finance – Wednesday, May 18, 2022 @ 8:30 AM

Finance – Wednesday June 22, 2022 @ 8:30 AM

Board – Monday, Apr 25, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Board – Monday, May 23, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Board – Monday, June 27, 2022 @ 6:30 PM



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The floor was opened to Public Comments There were none.

Adjourned to Closed Session @ 7:28 pm

15. **Closed Session** *[Board of Directors may recess to closed session for discussion of certain matters as legally permitted. Any action taken shall be reported in open session.]*

- A. Gov't Code section 54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Property: APN 0131-024-007

- B. Gov't Code § 54956.9(b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated litigation or
significant exposure to litigation: One (1) potential case

16. **Reconvene to Open Session – Report of Closed Session**

No reportable items. Instructions given to staff.

17. **Adjourn @ 7:41 pm**

Respectfully Submitted By:


George "Gallo" Mac Master, Secretary

5-3-22

Date

