



**THE MAVERICK COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**February 26, 2019**  
**Minutes**

**CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Jesus Casas called the meeting to order at 12:02pm

**ESTABLISHING QUORUM:** Chairman established quorum by calling roll.

**PRESENT:** Jesus Casas, Chairman; Aaron Valdez, Secretary/Treasurer (arrived at 12:05pm); JM Farias, Trustee; Adolfo Olivares, Trustee.

**ABSENT:** Rebecca Robinson, Chairwoman

**OTHER:** Alma Martinez, District Administrator; Nestor Bonilla, CFO; Marissa Soto, Executive Administrative Assistant, Gloria Hernandez, Legal Counsel, Marcos Trevino, Ryan White Director, Luiza Garza, MFAP/BCCS Director; Robert Benavides, Co-Clinic Manager; Yaraida Diaz, TPP Coordinator; Lizella Rodriguez, Chief Accountant.

**VISITORS:** Ruben Salazar, Ronald Hixson, Diana Cruz Montoya-Maverick County VSO; Jose Landa (Media), Abdon Horta (Media); AD Ibarra, (Media) Carlos Gracida (Media)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Jesus Casas requested all present to join in Pledging Allegiance to the Flag.

At this time Mr. Casas requested a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Roberto Olivares, late brother of Mr. Adolfo Olivares, Trustee.

**VISITOR:** Mr. Casas asked if there were any visitors present that would like to present information to the Board. Mr. Roberto Ruiz, Commissioner Precinct Number Four, elected official and veteran commend the Board for structuring efforts in finding ways to assist local Veterans in the community. Mr. Ruiz presented Mrs. Diana Cruz Montoya, Veteran Service Officer. Mrs. Montoya expressed concerns that veterans are experiencing with local physicians. One being that the reimbursement process is lengthy and two being that the disability forms are not being properly filled out for veterans claims. Mr. Casas thanked them for their time and stated that their input was very important. At this time visitor, Mr. Facundo Ibarra addressed the Board regarding a concern he had towards Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center services. Mr. Casas clarified that these services must be addressed to the hospital and that there was personnel present representing the Hospital that could address his concern too. Mr. Ibarra thanked the Board for listening and asked if the Hospital District could help out with this. At this time Mr. Ruben R. Salazar, addressed the Board to speak about concerns on services provided to the veterans. He stated that a program had been looked into but had never been implemented to service veterans in the surrounding counties. Mr. Casas assured Mr. Ibarra the District would

definitely look into what type of services were available in the Community and necessary improvements would be made. Mr. Farias stated that he recalls this program being addressed sometime in the past years but was never implemented. He also took the time to thank all veterans for their service.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Casas, proceeded with the acceptance of minutes for Special Board Meeting of January 03, 2019 and Regular Board Meeting. At this time Marissa Soto, Executive Administrative Assistant requested permission to update the Minutes off January 03, 2019, for which will require additional time and present them at the next Regular Board Meeting in March. Mr. Casas agreed to table this item with Mrs. Hernandez's clarification that more time was required to complete the Minutes. Mr. Farias motioned to present these minutes in the next meeting seconded by Mr. Aaron Valdez.

Ayes: 04

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

All in favor; Unanimous

At this time Mr. Alan Gonzalez, COO and Mr. Joel Morales, CFO from FDRMC presented the Board with the Indigent Program Quarterly reports. They also thanked everyone for attending the Cath Lab ribbon cutting that took place last week.

Mr. JM Farias addressed a Point of Order regarding the video conference not being accepted during Board Meetings and it appeared that Miss Robinson was on video conference. He stated he would like to request clarification in writing that this could take place. He also stated that there was a contradiction to this matter. Mrs. Soto stated that there was technical difficulties therefore Miss Robinson was not logged on to the Video Conference. Mrs. Soto also mentioned Video conference was allowable but not phone conference. Mrs. Gloria Hernandez, Legal Counsel assured the Board that she would verify this information and inform the Board as soon as this information is available.

Mr. Casas then introduced Mr. Ramiro Marmolejo with Wealth Watch Advisors. Mr. Marmolejo presented investments reports to the Board.

Mr. Casas then proceeded to the presentation and possible approval of Fiscal Year Ending 2018 Audit by BKD. Mr. Bonilla added that due to flight delays Mrs. Daniel Zimmerman was not able to present the information in person but would be contacted via phone conference. Mrs. Zimmerman apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. Mrs. Zimmerman presented the Board with a clean Audit and congratulated Mr. Bonilla for his hard work and efforts. She then proceed with her presentation. Chairman, Casas requested a motion to approve the Fiscal Year Ending 2018 by BKP. Mr. Olivares made the motion, seconded by Mr. Farias, Trustee.

Ayes: 04

Nays: 0

All in Favor, Unanimous

**Presentation of Reports:**

At this time Mr. Bonilla thanked the Board and all of his staff including Lizella Rodriguez, Chief Accountant for all of their hard work. Mr. Bonilla reviewed all reports with the Board and mentioned that Hilda De Leon, PA was fully credentialed with all carriers. He also added that collection efforts are focusing on all aged Accounts Receivable Accounts. Mrs. Martinez began her report by stating that the Billing department had employed a part time employee to assist with the collection efforts, this person has made a tremendous difference. Payments are being collected and insurance information is being documented to increase collections Eligible Patients are being routed to the MFAP for assistance. Mrs. Martinez also mentioned that business office staff will be working on Saturdays in order to clean out the accounts receivable accounts. Mrs.

Martinez also shared with the Board that Mr. Elias Diaz will be joining the Physician Specialist Group as our Mental Health Clinician starting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Mr. Diaz informed the Board about his services such as individual and group counseling. He will continue to consult all Ryan White patients and is eager to be able to work with other partnering agencies. Mr. Casas was concerned about the staffing in the medical records department. He stressed that he would like to have enough manpower in that department to service the needs of the patients as well as the doctors. Mrs. Martinez assure Mr. Casas that the Co-clinic managers are definitely looking into that and if the need were to arise they would definitely look into adding additional staff. Mrs. Luiza Garza presented her reports and informed the Board that the Program numbers continue to increase. She also briefed the Board on outreach efforts in the surrounding counties. Mrs. Garza also mentioned that they recently hosted a Cervical Cancer Awareness event with assistance from Helen Ohene, NP. Mr. Trevino presented Ryan White information regarding the state audit for medical case management and improvements in policy and procedures was noted during the audit. Mr. Casas stated he would like to keep referrals in-house to our providers. Mr. Trevino added that all the referrals have been sent to our providers with only a minimal of referrals going to San Antonio. Mrs. Yaraida Diaz presented her reports and informed the Board that they have recently started servicing the DAEP program. This program tends to service students on a preventative level therefore they are very proactive about our services. Mrs. Martinez mentioned that Mrs. Diaz and she have recently visited with the Uvalde School District. The plan is to start with one class this school year and start the entire school in the fall of this year. Mrs. Diaz also mentioned that they have requested additional funding from Texas A & M and are also looking into a possible granting opportunities.

**Presentation of Committee Reports:** Mr. Casas addressed the Board and expressed that he would like to explore options and viability to provide services to U.S. veterans in our area. Mr. Olivares mentioned that he believes this is an excellent idea and believes that establishing a Committee for this purpose would be beneficial. Mr. Casas asked the Board member for permission to begin this Committee. Mr. Olivares made a motion to authorize Mr. Casas in forming a committee to help our veterans in our community, seconded by Mr. Valdez, Secretary Treasurer.

Ayes: 04

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

All in in favor, Unanimous

Mr. Casas concluded with the presentation on the Open Meeting Act with the Office of the Attorney General. Mrs. Soto informed the Board that she had gathered information in regards to the PIA and the OMA. All Board members were provided with the web link for the video and once the courses were completed, a certificate would be printed for our records. She also informed the Board that a Video conference will be scheduled once everyone has completed courses to answer any questions or concerns the Board may have. The Board agreed to schedule the Video conference for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at eleven o'clock before the Regular Board Meeting.

Moved into **Executive Session** at 1:40 pm.

Mr. Olivares motioned to move into Executive Session, Seconded by Mr. Aaron Valdez, Secretary Treasurer.

Ayes: 04

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

All in Favor, Unanimous

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board will announce it will convene into Executive Session, pursuant to Government Code Section, 551.101

Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.071

Deliberation by Governing Board on Personnel Matters 551.074

Deliberation by Governing Board of Providers of Healthcare Services, Section 551.085

Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations, Section 551.087

Mr. Casas motioned to reconvene to **Open Session at 3:45pm.**

Mr. Casas stated that there were no motions or actions being taken.

Mr. Farias made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron Valdez, Secretary/Treasurer.

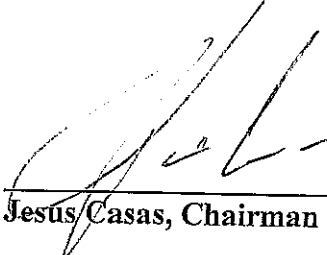
Ayes: 04

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0


All in favor, Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm



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Jesus Casas, Chairman



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Rebecca Robinson, Vice-Chairwomen