From the President’s Desk
Maria Aguilera, PMHD, Board of Directors-President of the Board

First of all I would like to thank all of our staff for the excellent work they have done in order to make Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District No. 1 in the Imperial Valley! All the accolades we are receiving are due to the hard work of our entire staff and their dedication to our patients. Recently the patient experience has been positive. As you can see, we continue to be under construction in order to better meet the needs of our patients. We are working on creating a new cardiac cath unit, an endoscopy unit, have added a new MRI unit and now we will have two new ultra sound units. Through these efforts, we aim to provide our community with state-of-the-art healthcare and continue to maintain our reputation as the best in the Imperial Valley. Additionally, we have completed the first phase of the expansion at our Calexico Health Center and are now working on upgrading the older part of the building. When completed, we will be providing other specialty services. We have also created many outpatient services, pediatric care down Main Street, and our wide array of specialty clinics across the street from our hospital. As you can see, through our partnership with medical staff and all of PMHD’s dedication we are diligently working to fulfill our mission of “Providing quality healthcare and compassionate services for our families of the Imperial Valley”. Once again thank you from all the board members!
   -Maria Aguilera, President of the Board

Project PRIME Corner
Higher Care for All

One of our recent PRIME accomplishments was to implement the All Readmission Prevention Team to support the efforts of the Care Transition Program. PMHD developed a collaborative process in which our Registration staff identifies all patients that have been an inpatient in the last 30 days or less.

The information is then passed on to the Emergency Department team and the Access Case Managers to work together on prevention efforts toward all patients at high risk of readmission.

The PMHD Access Case Managers work with closely with our physicians, patients and family on the potentially preventable readmission to set up resources at home or other level of care appropriate for the patients such as skill nursing placement, rehab, hospice, follow-up appointments or home health.

Our Prime efforts have successfully decreased our readmissions and improved the quality of care for our Medi-Cal members.

It’s Heart Health Month at PIONEERS MEMORIAL Hospital Takes Lead on promoting heart related efforts

Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District, an affiliate of Scripps Health Network, took action this February to raise awareness in the community about heart disease during this Heart Health Month.

PMHD kicked things off on Feb. 1 with a campus photo at Pioneers Memorial Hospital and the PIONEERS Calexico Health Center, with employees coming together and wearing red to help start the campaign.

The hospital’s efforts went beyond our campus and onto social media with the help of fact sheets posted to PMHD’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

The fact sheets help illustrate ways to take care of one’s heart through a balanced diet, exercise and monitoring one’s blood pressure and also promote our weekly blood pressure clinic, which was covered by a local television station.

The media exposure continued on Feb. 15, when PMHD along with the Mexican Consulate and our Ventanilla de Salud partners held a Heart Health Resource Fair on the grounds of the Mexican Consulate in Calexico.

The third annual Ama tu corazón or “Love you Heart” event united more than 20 local healthcare agencies, who provided services like blood pressure checks and flu shots. The campaign was all in line with our mission and vision of being a community leader in quality healthcare and customer service.
Our New Calexico Clinic
Investment for Expanded Services
Currently our Calexico Health Center is being housed in the new addition off 10th Street in Calexico since December 2018, which consists of 14 exam rooms. With the future construction it will reach 30 exam rooms when completed.

Currently we have 2 primary care providers--Dr. Padron and Dr. Lara, 1 Nurse Practitioner Susan Dean for Women’s Health and 3 urgent care providers, Alba Gutierrez, Salma Forozan and David Theuret.

Calexico Health Center is open 7 days a week, Monday-Friday 07:00 to midnight and Saturday and Sunday 10 am-10 pm. Our Calexico Clinic has the capabilities of drawing labs and minor X-rays. The full completion of the clinic is slated for July, 2019 which will expand care such as pediatric services to the community as well.

DATES TO REMEMBER
March 21
Employees Awards Banquet

March 30
5th Annual Employee Picnic-Imperial

May 6-12
National Nurses Week

May 12-19
National Hospital Week

April 18
Employees Benefits Fair

April 27
17th Annual Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament

Women’s Auxiliary of PMH
Committed to Better Care
The Women’s Auxiliary of Pioneers Memorial Hospital was established the same year the hospital opened in 1950 by a group of community-minded women, primarily residing in the north-end of Imperial County. Their goal was to make Pioneers Memorial Hospital the best and most modern healthcare facility in the region.

The Women’s Auxiliary strongly believe they have accomplished their goal and continue to support PMH to insure that it remains the premiere hospital in the region focused on women’s health and pediatric care.

The Women’s Auxiliary has donated more than $1,206,709 since 1952 for scholarships, medical equipment and furnishings for the Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District.

Just recently PIONEERS employees were spoiled to a sweet morning on Valentine’s Day thanks to the Pioneers Memorial Hospital Women’s Auxiliary. We are so appreciative for the yummy treats and everything the Auxiliary does for our hospital and community!

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
Every Wednesday
About 1 in 3 American Adults have high blood pressure and many do not know it. PIONEERS MEMORIAL is proud to offer FREE BLOOD PRESSURE Clinics every Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Hospital Front Lobby in Brawley.

Please have you and your family take a few minutes for a Blood Press check--it could help save your life.

We’re off to a busy start of the New Year! While November and December were somewhat slower than expected, January and February are seeing extraordinary volumes. We truly appreciate the hard work and care everyone is providing to our patients and to each other.

We’re hearing truly positive comments from the community and the results are showing. The efforts you all make to truly engage our patients and anticipate their needs mean a great deal to them and all of us. Currently there are multiple efforts under way to build for our future and enable us to provide the best healthcare to the people of the Imperial Valley.

The endoscopy lab continues to move forward with interior walls, ceilings and lights. The new surgical suite and cath lab are now coming out of the ground. The new 3T-MRI and CT rooms are set and expected to open within weeks and our PIONEERS Calexico Health Center remodel is moving very quickly. Thank you all for continuing your work to care for the community, our patients and Pioneers.

Your work is important to all. We are all part of ONE great team.

--Larry Lewis, CEO