

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District was held in the Arthur H. "Red" Motley Boardroom, Palm Springs, CA

Attendance:

Members

Glen Grayman, MD - President
Kay Hazen – Vice President/Secretary
Mark Matthews - Treasurer
Sidney Rubenstein, DDS - Director
Michael Solomon, MD - Director

Staff

Lenny Pepper, Chief Executive Officer
Peter Young, Chief Operating Officer
Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer
"Bo" Nanna, Grant Program Assistant
Tricia Wheeler, Executive Administrative Assistant

Legal Counsel

Jeffrey Scott, Esq

Guests

Bob Adams, Highmark Capital
Lynn Moriarty, Shelter from the Storm; Jeffrey Kramer, Shelter from the Storm
Terry Green, Pathways to Success; Ernie Rios, Pathways to Success
Robin Johnson, Desert Aids Project; David Brinkman, Desert Aids Project
Mark Turner, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital; Jerome Estes, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital; Coula Ringgold, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital; Carole Dozier, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by President Grayman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Grayman asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

#10-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Solomon and seconded by Director Rubenstein to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted for approval:

1. Board Minutes
 - a. Special meeting-December 15, 2009
2. District December 2009 financial statements.

#10-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Solomon and seconded by Director Rubenstein to approve the consent agenda with the following two changes to the December 15, 2009 special meeting minutes: 1. In the header of the minutes, the words “regular meeting” will be replaced with “special meeting” and; 2. Motion #09-114 the word “nominate” shall be changed to “elect”. Motion passed unanimously.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Bob Adams of Highmark Capital reviewed the quarterly Cash and Investment Summary for the District.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration to approve a short-term (January 2010-February 2010), interim contract from Sheila Thornton for services pertaining to HEALNet.

#10-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Rubenstein to approve the short-term (January 2010-February 2010), interim contract from Sheila Thornton for services pertaining to HEALNet. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Grayman reported on the various activities and functions he attended during the past month, including conversations with District constituents and health organizations.

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Director Rubenstein reported on various activities and meetings he attended during the past month, including conversations with District constituents and health organizations.

DRMC GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Director Rubenstein reported three members of the Governing Board ended their allowable term. The three new members are Richard Grundy, Dr. Cynthia Gail Leichman and Dr. Richard Axelrod. The hospital continues to perform above budgetary projections. Construction to the East Tower, 2nd Floor, to create 20 surgical beds is to begin March 2010 and be completed by the end of the year. Non-structural seismic work continues. Plans for a 3rd Cardiac Cath Lab are awaiting OSHPD approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Finance Committee** – Director Matthews
Director Matthews stated the agenda and meeting minutes of January 12, 2010 were enclosed for review.

The COO/Las Palmas Medical Plaza reports were reviewed as provided in the Board Packet. Discussion ensued regarding rain damage at LPMP. It was noted that once the weather has cleared, Staff will work with the F&A Committee to investigate options for dealing with ongoing problems with the existing roofs, including the potential for replacing the roofs.

Director Matthews presented the following contracts recommended by the F&A Committee for approval:

1. 2010 Audit Engagement Letter proposal from Lund & Guttry.

#10-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the 2010 Audit Engagement Letter from Lund & Guttry. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Amendment 3 to Tenet Lease relating to possible future improvements.

#10-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Solomon to approve Amendment 3 to the Tenet Lease. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consulting agreement with Gwen Walden for the purposes of Strategic Planning.

#10-06 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Hazen to approve the consulting agreement with Gwen Walden for the purposes of Strategic Planning. Motion passed unanimously.

4. As Director Matthews was not in attendance at the January F&A Committee meeting, Director Hazen summarized the discussion regarding the potential for a five year commitment to the scholarship program for health careers working with the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership Pathways to Success program. The District has previously provided multi-year funding to various organizations including HARC, Shelter from the Storm and others. For the scholarship program there could be additional benefits including leveraging local commitments to solidify long term commitments from other funders. Staff sought direction regarding the Board's level of interest in a long term commitment as a matching partner in the healthcare scholarship program.

The Board directed Staff to work with Legal Counsel and representatives of Pathways to Success on creating a 5-year commitment proposal for the District to be a matching partner in the Healthcare Scholarship Program.

2. Program Committee – Director Rubenstein

Director Rubenstein stated the agenda and meeting minutes of January 12, 2010 and the Grant administration report were enclosed for review.

Director Rubenstein stated the following Final Grant reports were included for review:

1. Grant #263 Paws & Hearts

2. Grant #372 Christopher's Clubhouse

Director Rubenstein presented grant requests recommended by the Program Committee for approval:

1. Grant #518: A three-year grant request in the amount of \$56,250 from Shelter from the Storm for the reinstatement of a Domestic Violence Advocate at the Family Resource center in Desert Hot Springs.

#10-07 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve Grant #518, a three-year grant request in the amount of \$56,250 from Shelter from the Storm for the reinstatement of a Domestic Violence Advocate at the Family Resource center in Desert Hot Springs. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant #525: Grant request in the amount of \$38,743 from Bridges of Hope to support the backpack program for students enrolled in the Y BE FIT afterschool program.

#10-08 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve Grant #525 in the amount of \$38,743 from Bridges of Hope to support the backpack program for students enrolled in the Y BE FIT afterschool program. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Grant # 526: Grant request in the amount of \$48,100 from Desert AIDS Project to support the addition of a part-time dental hygienist to the dental clinic staff.

#10-08 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve Grant # 526 in the amount of \$48,100 from Desert AIDS Project to support the addition of a part-time dental hygienist to the dental clinic staff. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Grant #524: Grant request in the amount of \$122,231 from San Geronio Memorial Hospital to support the expansion of the Behavioral Health Center.

#10-09 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve Grant #524 in the amount of \$122,231 from San Geronio Memorial Hospital to support the expansion of the Behavioral Health Center. Dr. Grayman recused himself from the discussion and vote and left the room so as to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Rubenstein presented consideration to approve a resolution R.E.B.E.L. (Regular Examination on Breast Extends Lives).

#10-10 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to table the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Pepper reviewed his report as provided in the Board Packet. Mr. Pepper thanked the Board for their ongoing feedback on the topics covered in his report (which is provided via email on a weekly basis). He expressed that their direction and support is greatly appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Kay Hazen, Vice President/Secretary
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Wheeler, Executive Administrative Assistant