

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2009**

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
Samantha Prior, Operations Support Manager
"Bo" Nanna, Grant Program Assistant
Tricia Wheeler, Executive Administrative Assistant

Legal Counsel

Jeffrey Scott, Esq

Guests

Kim McNulty, CVEP
Sheila Thornton, CVEP
Lynn Moriarty, Shelter From the Storm
Jeffrey Kramer, Shelter From the Storm
Robin Montgomery, Pegasus Riding Academy
FIND Representatives: James Houston, Jim Houston, Jr, Dr. Bud Craine, Keith Harwood,
Sam Hook, Joanne Vilardi, David Paradine, Dan Johson

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.

#09-81 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted for approval:

1. Board Minutes
 - a. Regular meeting-July 28, 2009
2. District July 2009 and August 2009 financial statements.

#09-82 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hazen and seconded by Director Rubenstein to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

A demonstration was given of the District's newly installed Board Room media equipment. This technology will further enable the District's sustainability efforts by: allowing, when appropriate, meeting attendance via webcast; and displaying documents on the monitor allows for less use of paper during meetings.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

DRMC GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Rubenstein reported hospital admissions are under-budget, but out-patient visits remain strong; Administration is actively engaged in physician recruitment; community outreach continues to be strong; employee turnover is down over last year; the auxiliary recognized the 102 "volunteer" participants in an award ceremony; and the hospital continues to ensure patient protection from identity theft via participation in a new Tenet program targeting this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Program Committee – Director Rubenstein

Director Rubenstein stated the agenda and meeting minutes of September 08, 2009, and the active grant requests with grant balances schedule and Final Grant reports were enclosed for review.

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

1. Grant request in the amount of \$250,000 from the Shelter From the Storm to support the operations of the Emergency Shelter.

#09-83 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the grant request in the amount of \$250,000 from the Shelter from the Storm. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant request in the amount of \$311,552 from the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership for continuing support of the Health Industry Council.

#09-84 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the grant request in the amount of \$311,552 from the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership. Motion passed 4-0, with Director Hazen abstaining from the discussion and vote.

3. Grant request in the amount of \$42,151 from the Pegasus Riding Academy for the Handicapped for the provision of equine therapy to severely/multiple disabled District residents.

#09-85 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the grant request in the amount of \$42,151 from the Pegasus Riding Academy for the Handicapped. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Finance Committee – Director Matthews

Director Matthews stated the agenda and meeting minutes of September 08, 2009 were enclosed for review.

The COO/Las Palmas Medical Plaza reports and the Retirement Protection Plan update, as prepared by Ms. Prior, were enclosed for review.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the FIND contract.

#09-86 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hazen and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the funding of the FIND Grant in the amount of \$1.7 million on or before September 30, 2009, conditioned upon insuring that the District's financial interests are adequately protected in a form acceptable to Counsel, subject to approval of the Finance and Administration Committee, including the condition that there no further encumbrances shall be recorded against property without the consent of the District and that the Guarantees are in place for the \$2 million loan from Palm Springs National Bank as represented by FIND. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Pepper reviewed his report as provided in the Board Packet.

Mr. Pepper introduced the concept of working with Borrego Medical Foundation on a cost saving prescription medication program for District residents. It was decided that Director Grayman and Director Solomon would work with Mr. Pepper on formulating the concept with Bruce Hebets of Borrego Medical Foundation.

COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Scott provided an update on Hospital Related Legislation (handout). Mr. Scott discussed the possibility of the District participating in a Prop 1A Securitization plan. It was decided that the District would enroll at this time as enrollment does not require the District to participate.

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35.m.

RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to closed session. Topics were:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 32106 concerning a report involving trade secrets. Discussion will concern possible new services.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 4:03p.m.

REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Board in closed session directed staff and counsel to take appropriate action concerning the closed session matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03p.m.

ATTEST: _____

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Wheeler, Executive Administrative Assistant