

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 22, 2011**

A Special 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

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

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer
Peter Young, Chief Operating Officer
Samantha Prior, Operations Manager
Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer
Tricia Wheeler, Program Manager
Steve Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant

Legal Counsel

Carlos L. Campos

Guests

Chris Jacobs, The Benefit Bank
Matty Hart, The Benefit Bank
Carlos Campos, Best Best & Krieger
Robert Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger
Robert Patterson, Best Best & Krieg

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Matthews.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Matthews asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

#11-81 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Grayman and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted for approval:

1. Board Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting – October 25, 2011
2. a. District October 2011 Financial Statements.
 - b. Consideration to Approve Agreement for General Counsel Legal Services Between the Desert Healthcare District and Best Best & Krieger LLP.
3. Consideration to Approve a Name Change on Grant for University of California Riverside School of Medicine.

Carlos Campos, Robert Hargreaves, and Robert Patterson provided a brief biography including their education, experience and community service. They will be the team working directly with the District. Carlos Campos will be the lead and direct contact, Robert Patterson has direct healthcare district experience, and Robert Hargreaves is a partner with the firm.

#11-82 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Grayman and seconded by Director Rubenstein to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously with President Matthews abstaining from the Minutes, since he was not present and Vice-President Hazen abstaining from Warrant Register #11440 for business related reasons to avoid any appearance of a conflict.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of Disbursement of \$650,000 to the Riverside County Housing Authority for the Construction of the Desert Hot Springs Family Care Center in Support of Clinical Youth Mental Services and Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Services.

Ms. Greco reported that she met with Rob Field, Executive Director for Riverside County EDA, to discuss a compromise for the \$1 million dollar DHCD support for the Desert Hot Springs Family Care Center. Mr. Field outlined to Ms. Greco that mental health services (psychiatrist, counseling, medications) and WIC Services will be provided at the DHS Family Care Center. The County believes these services satisfy the requirement for clinical services. They have included the financial support in their construction budget and \$650,000 would be what they need to meet their budget. Director Grayman commented that at the previous meeting, President Matthews suggested that the County sell County owned property to the District and then use the proceeds of the sale for their construction budget. Vice-President Hazen reminded the Board that the arrangement with the County started as a land deal. She suggested that the matter be referred back to the F&A Committee for a recommendation to the Board on the direction to proceed. The Board directed the matter back to the F&A Committee.

STUDY SESSION

1. The Benefit Bank Presentation.

A power-point presentation was given to the Board by The Benefit Bank (copy attached). By utilizing The Benefit Bank in our District, the Coachella Valley and the Inland Empire, individuals and families can build a platform of financial stability that supports health, wellness and (in some cases) can provide the tools for educational/vocational advancement. At the community presentation on November 21st hosted by the District, the response from the agencies and the County of Riverside

was very positive. As a result of the presentation and discussion that followed, staff suggested and the board agreed that the next step be:

At the December 13, 2011 meeting of the Desert Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors, a six-month plan will be presented for the Board's approval. The plan will outline how staff, working with community partners, will continue to explore the feasibility of bringing The Benefit Bank to our region; identify funding options; identify the District and/or Foundation role; identify partners and/or an Affiliate; and develop (if appropriate) a realistic long-term strategy and budget. During the six-month period, meetings with community partners will be held both one-on-one and in groups; a collaborative approach will be utilized.

2. Process for Funding \$4,890,006 to the City of Desert Hot Springs for Construction of the Desert Hot Springs Health and Wellness Center and the Procedure for the Desert Healthcare District to Become the Owner and Operator Upon Completion of Construction.

A power-point presentation on the Desert Hot Springs Health and Wellness Center was provided by Ms. Greco (copy attached), which included the progress of the construction, the redesign of the clinic and cardio rehab gym. Staff has been meeting with the Boys & Girls Club as to the dual use of the facility. Additionally, Staff has been meeting with the Desert Recreation District and will talk with the YMCA as potential operators for the aquatic center.

The principal at Desert Hot Springs High School has expressed interest in using the center for their swim team, basketball team, and for an afterschool program (if awarded a federal grant).

The Borrego Community Health Foundation (BCHF) has expressed interest in providing oral healthcare at the center in the clinic space. The revenue generated from the oral healthcare services for the under 19 years of age population could support the operational support for the entire wellness center. BCHF is preparing a proposal to provide oral healthcare at the center and the amount of revenue that could be generated. Staff will be looking for grant funds to build out the dental operatories.

The capability to have solar power for the entire center is being designed. Vice-President Hazen suggested looking for grants and partners to fund the cost for the solar component.

Vice-President Hazen requested to make a final comment on The Benefit Bank presentation. Since this proposal could include and benefit the entire County of Riverside, perhaps the \$1 million dollar support for the Desert Hot Springs Family Care Center could be redirected toward the cost of The Benefit Bank program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 pm.

ATTEST:



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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Brown, Clerk to the Board