

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
November 24, 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

Beverly Greer, Stroke Recovery Center
Mike Russell, Family Services of the Desert

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.

#09-104 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-October 27, 2009
2. District October 2009 financial statements.

3. Desert Regional Medical Center – Consideration of a one-time exception to the *Rules and Regulations of the Local Governing Board* will be processed according to Article XVII, Section 1 to permit Mr. Coston to serve as Chairperson on the DRMC Governing Board for an additional one year term (ending December 31, 2010) for the purpose of continuity given a relatively new CEO.

#09-105 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Matthews 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.

President Grayman proposed a Strategic Plan review/update meeting to be held during the first months of 2010. After discussion, staff was directed to contact Gwen Walden (facilitator) to determine her availability for a meeting in January.

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 the hospital continues to perform near budget (outpatients visits are up, inpatient visits are down). Administration continues with their high level of community outreach. The seismic upgrades to the Administration Department will be completed and staff will move back into that space by December 14th. Administration is awaiting the certificate of occupancy for the 3-T MRI; it should arrive “any day”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee – Director Matthews

Director Matthews stated the agenda and meeting minutes of November 10, 2009 were enclosed for review.

The COO/Las Palmas Medical Plaza and Retirement Protection Plan reports were reviewed as provided in the Board Packet.

2. Program Committee – Director Rubenstein

Director Rubenstein stated the agenda and meeting minutes of November 10, 2009 and Grants Administration report were enclosed for review.

Director Rubenstein presented one grant amendment request recommended by the Program Committee for approval:

1. Grant #382 Family Services of the Desert – modification of the payment schedule from monthly to weekly.

#09-106 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the Family Services of the Desert grant amendment request, changing their payment schedule from monthly to weekly. Motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Grant request in the amount of \$148,000 from the Stroke Recovery Center to support rehabilitation services for approximately 200 Desert Healthcare District Residents. Director Hazen asked whether the grant amount was restricted to certain activities or whether the funding was intended to support core operating expenses. Staff stated that the funding was not restricted.

#09-107 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the grant request in the amount of \$148,000 from the Stroke Recovery Center to support rehabilitation services for approximately 200 Desert Healthcare District Residents. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant request in the amount of \$68,544 from Desert ARC to secure new buses through a two-year lease. Board members raised questions regarding sources for funding other replacement buses and terms for leases. Staff provided clarifications.

#09-108 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the grant request in the amount of \$68,544 from Desert ARC to secure new buses through a two-year lease. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Rubenstein presented the following final grant reports for review:

1. Grant #134, Coachella Valley Child Care Council
2. Grant #237, Family YMCA of the Desert (Y BE FIT year 1/pilot program)
3. Grant #440, Family YMCA of the Desert (Summer Swim Program)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Pepper updated the Board on the usage to date of the CEO Discretionary Fund. He requested continued Board participation as to identifying need within the District for use of these funds.

Ms. Craig updated the Board on the status of her communications with Blood Systems/United Blood Services regarding a previous grant awarded to the Community Blood Bank for equipment that is no longer in use following the merger of the two organizations. Blood Systems has stated they will make a "significant" donation to an organization of the District's choice as a showing of good faith. Ms. Craig will confer with Legal Counsel as to options and then continue her discussions with Blood Systems in order to bring this to resolution.

Ms. Wheeler updated the Board on the status of the Healthy Eating Active Living coalition, now called "HEAL Net". The Network has continued to have a high level of participation; work continues on expanding the membership. The Network is now in the process of identifying existing programs, and identifying "gaps". At the December 16, 2009 meeting the Network will set goals for the upcoming year and begin to create a plan to implement those goals. Ms. Thornton will attend the December Board meeting to update the Board on current progress, as well as make recommendations for the next 12 month phase of the project.

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12p.m.

RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to closed session. Topics were:

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Property – 1100 N Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA. Under negotiation – Price and terms.
2. 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 4:06p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 4:06p.m.

REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Board in closed session directed staff and counsel take appropriate action concerning the Trade Secret and Real Property matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07p.m.

ATTEST: _____

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Wheeler, Executive Administrative Assistant