

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2009**

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

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

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, with the modification of "Election of Officers" moved to after "Old Business" as Legal Counsel would not be present until that time.

#09-111 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Rubenstein to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted for approval:

1. Board Minutes
 - a. Regular meeting-November 24, 2009

2. District November 2004 financial statements.

#09-112 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ms. Thornton presented an update on the progress of HEALNet (attached).
2. Consideration to extend Ms. Thornton's Consulting Services Agreement by 30 days for continuity while Phase II of HEALNet is being planned.

#09-113 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hazen and seconded by Director Matthews to approve a no-cost 30 day extension to Ms. Thornton's Consulting Services Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Ms. Wheeler presented the new DHCD website to the Board. Implementation of the new site is expected prior to the first of January 2010.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Director Rubenstein nominated Director Grayman as President and Director Hazen as Vice-President/Secretary.

#09-114 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to elect Director Grayman as President and Director Hazen as Vice-President/Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

President Grayman appointed Director Matthews as Treasurer.

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

The DRMC Governing Board for December has not yet been held for December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Finance Committee – Director Matthews**

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

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

The Retirement Protection Plan update, the Grants Payment Schedule and the Strategic Plan Report were reviewed as provided in the Board Packet.

2. Program Committee – Director Rubenstein

Director Rubenstein stated the agenda and meeting minutes of December 08, 2009 and the Grant Admin Report were enclosed for review.

Director Rubenstein stated the Final Grant report for Grant #239, Act for MS, was enclosed for review.

Director Rubenstein informed the Board that Program Committee Community Member Gayle Biondi has informed him that she is no longer able to serve on the Committee, effective after the January 2010 Program Committee meeting. Director Rubenstein recognized Ms. Biondi's contribution to the Committee through her years of service.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Pepper informed the Board that Borrego Community Health Foundation (BCHF) had not received a Federal Grant enabling them to build the anticipated clinic in Desert Hot Springs at the location of the former Jewish Temple; however, Mr. Pepper and Ms. Craig have met with representatives from BCHF and the City of Desert Hot Springs to discuss alternative options for the proposed clinic. At this time, the possibility of modifying the existing Wellness Center architectural plans to accommodate a clinic is being explored.

Mr. Pepper informed the Board that he has been in contact with RxAssist, an organization that assists with the creation of discount prescription drug programs. Mr. Pepper distributed a handout to the Board (attached), outlining the possible options available through this organization. He requested that the Board review the information over the next few weeks and provide feedback.

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02p.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 4:25p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 4:25p.m.

REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Board in Closed Session directed Counsel Scott to take appropriate action concerning the Trade Secret matter and no direction was given concerning the Real Property item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25p.m.

ATTEST: _____

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tricia Wheeler, Executive Administrative Assistant