

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2010**

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Attendance:

Members

Director Sidney Rubenstein, DDS – Chair  
Director Michael Solomon, MD

Staff

Lenny Pepper, Chief Executive Officer  
Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer  
Tricia Wheeler, Executive Administrative Assistant

Committee Members

Clarice Lubel, Registered Nurse  
Bev Greer, Administrator, Stroke Recovery Center  
Robert Taylor, Superior Court Judge (retired)  
Kim McNulty, Project Manager, CVEP  
Mitch Nieman, Redevelopment Project Manager, City of Cathedral City

Absent Committee members

Elizabeth Toledo, Riverside County 4<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Aide

Guests

Cindy Stillman, Director of Marketing and Development, United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire  
Sofia Campos, Director of Program Services, United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire  
Nance Allende, Supervising Nutritionist, Riverside County Department of Public Health  
Nora Ward, Administrative Services Officer, Riverside County Department of Public Health

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Director Rubenstein.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Community member Taylor and seconded by Community member Lubel to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Committee member Lubel and seconded by Committee member Taylor to approve the minutes of February 09, 2010 as submitted. Motion was approved with Committee member Nieman abstaining.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Chairman Rubenstein reviewed the draft revision of the Program Committee Policies. This draft revision will be presented to the Board of Directors for their review/approval.

## **GRANTS**

### **a. Grant administration reports**

Members received the latest update of current active grants.

### **b. Final grant reports**

Chairman Rubenstein reviewed the final grant reports from:

- #279 Angel View paratransit bus
- #241 Mizell Senior Center Meals on Wheels

### **c. No cost grant extension request**

ID#451. CSUSB/Coachella Valley Health Collaborative requested a no-cost, three month extension until March 31, 2010 in order to complete the strategic plan and an update to the Levinson report. A Motion was made by Committee member Taylor and seconded by Director Solomon to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#455. CVAG - requested a no-cost, two month extension until February 28, 2011 due to the delay in the recruitment of public health nurses to staff the Desert Resource Center Nurse's Station. A Motion was made by Committee member Taylor and seconded by Director Solomon to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

### **d. Pending requests for consideration**

ID#545. The Committee reviewed a request for \$26,008 from the United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire to support the Palm Springs Community Integration Program (April 2010 – March 2011). Community member Lubel, who is a Board Member for United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire, recused herself from the discussion and vote due to conflict of interest. A Motion was made by Committee member Taylor and seconded by Director Solomon to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ms. Wheeler updated the Committee on the progress of HEALNet and the efforts underway to “spin off” the Network.
- b. Ms. Allende and Ms. Ward of the Riverside County Department of Public Health, Nutrition Services, (DPH) presented the concept of a “State Share Match”, leveraging District dollars. The concept outlined how the DPH can receive Federal funding should the District commit dollars to programs and services that address nutrition education and physical activity promotion to residents who are SNAP eligible, at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, or schools where 50% or more of the children participate in Free & Reduced Meals. The funding would be equal to a 50% match of District dollars expended and be utilized by the DPH to provide nutrition education and services to the above targeted population. This concept will be presented to the Board at the March 23, 2010 meeting.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.