

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2010**

Attendance:

Members

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

Staff

Lenny Pepper, Chief Executive Officer
Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer
Tricia Wheeler, Program Manager

Committee Members

Bev Greer, Administrator, Stroke Recovery Center
Robert Taylor, Superior Court Judge (retired)
Mitch Nieman, Redevelopment Project Manager, City of Cathedral City
Elizabeth Toledo, Riverside County 4th District Legislative Aide

Absent Committee members

Clarice Lubel, Registered Nurse
Kim McNulty, Project Manager, CVEP

Guests

Lori Serfling, ACT for MS
Richard DeSantis, ACT for MS
Dave Thornton, Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation
Catherine Rips, Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman 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 Greer and seconded by Committee member Solomon to approve the minutes of March 09, 2010 as submitted. Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Chairman Rubenstein informed the Committee that Tricia Wheeler had been promoted to Program Officer.

b. Ms. Craig informed the Committee that at their March 2010 meeting, the Board of Directors approved a letter of intent to the Riverside County Department of Public Health, Nutrition Services Branch, for the "State Share Match" program. The Board approved "Matching" \$200,000 worth of District funded programs that focus on nutrition and physical activity education to qualifying District residents.

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:

- #258 Borrego Community Health Foundation – clinic expansion
- #260 LifeStream – automated blood machines
- #287 Jewish Family Service of the Desert – Nightengale Manor supportive case management

c. Pending requests for consideration

ID#551. The Committee reviewed a request for \$134,580 from ACT for MS to Enhanced strength training. A Motion was made by Committee member Greer and seconded by Committee member Taylor to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#552. The Committee reviewed a request for \$134,000 from Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation to support a two-year pilot program for Low-Wage Healthcare Worker Life Improvement. After discussion, the Committee advised creating benchmarks to help measure deliverables. A Motion was made by Director Solomon and seconded by Committee member Taylor to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Toledo distributed a flyer announcing the “Home Preservation Summit”, occurring Saturday April 24th at the Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Wheeler invited the Committee to attend the April 21st, 2010 HEALNet meeting. The meeting will highlight how to utilize General Plans and Policy to create health change.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.