

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 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
Steve Brown, Executive Assistant

Committee Members

Clarice Lubel, Registered Nurse
Elizabeth Toledo, Riverside County 4th District Legislative Aide
Bev Greer, Administrator, Stroke Recovery Center
Robert Taylor, Superior Court Judge (retired)

Absent Committee members

Mitch Nieman, Consultant
Kim McNulty, Project Manager, CVEP

Guests

Linda Barrack, Jewish Family Services of San Diego
Eileen Diaz, Jewish Family Services of San Diego
Bobbi Cain, Family Services of the Desert
Mike Russell, Family Services of the Desert
Blake Holiday, O'Bayley Communications

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Rubenstein.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion was made by Community Member Taylor and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Chairman Rubenstein and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the minutes of April 13, 2010 and the minutes of the special meeting of April 26, 2010 as submitted. Motion was approved.

GRANTS

a. Grant Administration Report

Committee Member Lubel asked about the status of the Arthritis Foundation Grant June 2009. Staff stated that the grant was progressing satisfactorily.

b. Final Grant Reports

ID#266 – Jewish Family Services – Desert Horizon Transitional Housing. Chairman Rubenstein was pleased that the grant exceeded the goals remarkably. Linda Barrack, Director of Operations, Riverside County, Jewish Family Services reviewed the need for and success of the transitional housing for the homeless in the District.

c. Pending Requests For Consideration

Grant #562. The Committee reviewed a request for \$40,198 from Jewish Family Services of San Diego (JFSSD) for the Desert Horizon Transitional Housing. This is a continuation (Year 2) for the grant which just completed. Funding will be used for the same purpose as Year 1. The funds are part of a local match (\$75,549) required for a \$408,234 HUD grant JFSSD receives for the project.

A Motion was made by Chairman Rubenstein and seconded by Committee Member Toledo to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

Grant #563. The Committee reviewed a request for \$128,137 from Family Services of the Desert (FSOD) for year two of gap funding for the Desert Hot Springs Office. Bobbi Cain, representing FSOD, stated that the community has developed a trust for services with the organization. They are providing services in the evening hours as well. FSOD is in discussions to collaborate with the City of Desert Hot Springs for additional services.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Lubel and seconded by Chairman Rubenstein to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Grant #552 – Angel View Crippled Children’s Foundation

Chairman Rubenstein explained that when this request got to the Board, there were questions, and the request has been put on hold.

Ms. Craig explained that Staff will be working with other entities as well, Riverside County Workforce Development Department, Bridges of Hope and Bev Greer to develop a stronger program and more measurable deliverables. Staff will also be taking this to the Health Industry Council, for review and suggestions. This is a request for a pilot program and it is not time sensitive. Staff will be meeting with Angel View on May 24th.

Update on Board Approved Resolution 10-01

Chairman Rubenstein explained how the Board and legal counsel developed this resolution which includes membership, qualifications, requirements, and conflict of interests. Committee Member Toledo asked if the term limits would begin when the committee member agreement is signed or will it be retroactive to the date the members started on the committee. Chairman Rubenstein and Staff will confer with legal counsel on that issue.

Update on Board Grant Approvals:

Chairman Rubenstein is including this update so that the Program Committee is aware of the Board action taken from this committee's recommendation.

Act for MS and Borrego Community Health Foundation grants were approved by the Board at the April 27th board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CREWS:

There will be a CREWS earthquake simulation presentation at the June 8th Program Committee Meeting. Committee Member Toledo asked if this type of request falls within the DHCD Strategic Plan. Chairman Rubenstein and Staff responded that this would fall under Goal #3 of the Strategic Plan, Innovative Practices. A grant request will be coming to the committee for recommendation to the Board.

Grant Request in the Pipeline:

Grant requests slated for June and July Program Committee meetings were included in the packet.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Member Lubel inquired if RAP has utilized any funding for technical assistance to the grantees. Ms. Craig stated that there will be a "Lunch & Learn" for the organizations in June. Committee Member Toledo commented that the Palm Springs Fire Department is very happy with the CREWS program.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.