

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 08, 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)
Kim McNulty, Project Manager, CVEP
Mitch Nieman, Redevelopment Project Manager, City of Cathedral City
Elizabeth Toledo, Riverside County 4th District Legislative Aide

Absent Committee members

Clarice Lubel, Registered Nurse

Guests

Blake Goetz, Fire Chief, City of Palm Springs
Jacob Alvarez, Management Analyst, Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Mika Moulton, Christopher's Clubhouse

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am. by Director Rubenstein.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Committee member Toledo and seconded by Committee member Taylor to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010 as submitted. Motion was approved.

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:

- #451 California State University, San Bernardino/Coachella Valley Health Collaborative – Coachella Valley Hunger & Food Insecurity Project

The Committee discussed their expectations of the final report/Strategic Plan. General consensus was the final report did not provide a clear action plan with implementation by the CVHC. It was noted that Lisa Houston, of FIND Food Bank, is addressing many of the goals of the Strategic Plan as part of FIND's mission. HEALNet will work with the CVHC to establish the CVHC's role as the Hunger and Food Security workgroup.

c. Pending requests for consideration

ID#569 The Committee reviewed a request for \$8,620 from Christopher's Clubhouse to support radKIDS Personal Empowerment & Safety Education Training. Director Solomon questioned Ms. Moulton regarding the \$20,000 surplus in the FY10-11 budget. Ms. Moulton explained that the budget was a projection and that she is unsure if all of the fundraising dollars will be received; however, if they are received the monies will be utilized for operational support. The Committee asked Ms. Moulton to revise the budget to reflect these projected expenses. A Motion was made by Community Member Taylor and seconded by Community Member McNulty to recommend approval of this request to the Board upon receipt of a revised budget. Motion was approved.

d. No-cost grant extensions

ID#437 – Project Linus. A one-year, no-cost grant extension was requested by Project Linus for the purchase of materials to produce blankets for children being treated at District Hospitals. A Motion was made by Director Solomon and seconded by Community Member Taylor to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

Of note: Community Member McNulty had brought a Project Linus blanket she had received at the birth of her daughter (who, at the time, had experienced complications and required a hospital stay).

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Chairman Rubenstein informed the Committee that the grant requests reviewed by the Program Committee in May from Family Services of the Desert and Jewish Family Services were approved by the Board of Directors at the May 25th Board Meeting.
- b. Ms. Craig updated the Committee on the Pathways to Success: DHCD Healthcare Professionals Scholarship Recipient Open House held on June 07, 2010. The Open House was very well attended and the recipients were very pleased and grateful to have the scholarship support from the District.
- c. The Program Committee chart of term limits was presented as information.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. In advance of a future grant request, Chief Goetz and Mr. Alvarez presented to the Committee the CREWS earthquake simulation. Discussion ensued regarding the nature of a public/private partnership and the profit gains for the private entity. Questions arose regarding the possibility of providing public earthquake warnings in the form of the “air raid” siren system instead of private, individual subscriptions. The Committee stated they will explore these questions more thoroughly once the formal request has been submitted.
- b. Ms. Craig presented the DHCD Draft Sustainability Program paper to the Committee for review and feedback. The Committee felt their focus for feedback would most appropriately center on the last section, which pertains to Grantee Organizations. They felt it would be helpful to provide grantees a bulleted list of “How to be Sustainable” in an affordable manner. They also discussed the concept of a group purchasing association for non-profits. Bev Greer is very interested in developing such a program, and will work with Staff to research what would be necessary to create a model. FIND Food bank was mentioned as a possible lead agency for this type of program.
- c. Staff updated the Committee on the Desert Healthcare Foundation Social Services Fund.
- d. Ms. Craig asked the Committee for suggestions for future speakers to present healthcare issues to the Board, Committee and Community.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Toledo informed the Committee that she has accepted the position of Program Manager for the California Endowment’s Building Healthy Communities (East Valley Initiative).

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50a.m.