

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2011**

Attendance:

Members

Director Sidney Rubenstein, DDS – Chair
Director Glen Grayman, MD

Staff

Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer
Tricia Wheeler, Program Manager
Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer
Peter Young, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Brown, Executive Assistant

Committee Members

Bev Greer, Administrator, Stroke Recovery Center
Robert Taylor, Superior Court Judge (retired)
Kim McNulty, Project Manager, CVEP
Elizabeth Toledo, Program Manager, Building Healthy Communities
Allen Howe, City of Cathedral City

Absent Committee members

Mitch Nieman, Community Member
Matthew Keane, PA-C, ICON

Guests

Joseph Pradetto, Board Assistant to 4th District Supervisor John Benoit, Riverside County
Kathy Barton, Director of Communications, UCR School of Medicine
Jocelyn Nakashige, Sr. Assoc. Dean of Finance & Administration, UCR School of Medicine
Phyllis Guze, MD, Senior Executive Dean, UCR School of Medicine
Donna Wick, Sr. Director of Development, UCR School of Medicine
Paul Lyons, MD, UCR School of Medicine
Michele C. Coyle, Campus Counsel, UCR Office of the Chancellor
Peggy Bilous, Executive Director, Desert Cancer Foundation
John Brown, Executive Director, Family Services of the Desert

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Director Rubenstein.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion was made by Director Grayman and seconded by Committee member Toledo to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Committee member Taylor and seconded by Committee member Howe to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011 as submitted. Motion was approved.

GRANTS

a. Grant administration reports

Members received the latest update of current active grants.

b. Grant progress reports

Chairman Rubenstein reviewed the grant progress reports from:

- Shelter From the Storm, Grant #518
- Cielo Vista Charter School, Grant #608
- Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties Inc (LifeStream), Grant #630

c. Final grant reports

Chairman Rubenstein reviewed the final grant reports from:

- Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, Grant #270
- Project Linus, Grant #437
- Alzheimer's Association, Grant #488
- College of the Desert, Grant #489
- Act for MS, Grant #551
- Palm Springs Unified School District, Grant #582
- Desert Cancer Foundation, Grant #596

The Committee discussed the closing of Project Linus, and suggested that the District work with the retiring Chapter Coordinator (Ms. Durkton) to reach out to the Community in order to identify another person and/or organization willing to continue to the work. Ms. Craig will contact Ms. Durkton to discuss this possibility.

Committee evaluations of the final reports will be included in the September 27, 2011 Board of Directors packet.

d. Pending requests for consideration

ID# 694. The Committee reviewed a request for \$5,000,000 from the Regents of the University of California at Riverside to support A Partnership to Expand Health Care Access & Improve Health Outcomes in Desert Healthcare District. A presentation was given by Dr. Phyllis Guze (attached) outlining the changes made to the original grant request. Key differences include the removal of salaries for the School of Medicine leadership members, the focus on establishing a residency program within the District (which is not dependent upon the School of Medicine receiving accreditation), and a change to the request amount.

The Committee expressed support for the new funding request; one point of discussion centered around the proposed Student Pipeline Program. Ms. McNulty stated she would like to encourage a more formal collaboration with the District-funded Healthcare Industry Council (CVEP HIC). Ms. McNulty stated that the District has supported this model over the years, at significant funding. It has proved success, and currently has the systems already in place to assist UCR with their proposed needs (student tracking, collaboration with local schools from k-16, local healthcare providers, the Employment Development Department, etc.). Director Grayman concurred, stating that such an agreement should be mandatory to the funding request.

Director Grayman asked Ms. Greco if the concerns brought forward by Mr. Scott (District Legal Counsel) had been satisfactorily addressed. Ms. Greco replied that yes, they have, however there are additional questions to be answered. Ms. Greco will continue to work with Mr. Scott to ensure that all questions are answered prior to the District Board Meeting.

A Motion was made by Committee member Greer and seconded by Committee member Taylor to recommend approval of this request to the Board, with the inclusion of a more explicit agreement with CVEP regarding the Career Pathways Initiative and all legal concerns addressed. Motion was approved.

ID# 691. The Committee reviewed a request for \$660,000 from the Desert Cancer Foundation to support Integrated Healthcare Assistance Program (2 years). A Motion was made by Committee member Howe and seconded by Committee member McNulty to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID# 692. The Committee reviewed a request for \$225,000 from the Family Services of the Desert to support Gap Funding for Mental Health Services in Desert Hot Springs (2 years). A Motion was made by Committee member McNulty and seconded by Committee member Taylor to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

e. Pending Grants Under Review and Discussions with CBOs

Members received the latest update of meetings and conversations with potential grantee organizations.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration to revise Desert Healthcare District Program Committee Criteria and Policies to include one representative from the Office of the Supervisor, Riverside County 4th District.

Ms. Craig informed the Committee that the Office of the Supervisor has traditionally held a place on the Program Committee, enhancing communications between this office and the Desert Healthcare District. When Ms. Toledo joined the Committee, it was in this capacity. As Ms. Toledo is no longer with the Supervisor's Office, it is requested that the number of members on the Committee be expanded to add one additional member to fill this role.

Motion was made by Director Grayman and seconded by Community member Howe to recommend approval to the Board of the revision to the Desert Healthcare District Program Committee Criteria and Policies to include one representative from the Office of the Supervisor, Riverside County 4th District. Motion was approved.

- b. Grant process review and suggested revisions.

Ms. Craig informed the Committee that Program Staff is working with the CEO on possible modifications to the grant process – such as accepting application requests during specific time periods and modifications to the scoring mechanism.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55a.m.