

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2010**

Attendance:

Members

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

Staff

Lenny Pepper, Chief Executive Officer
Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer
“Bo” Nanna, Grant Program Assistant

Committee Members

Clarice Lubel, Registered Nurse
Gayl Biondi, Business Consultant
Bev Greer, Administrator, Stroke Recovery Center
Robert Taylor, Superior Court Judge (retired)
Mitch Nieman, Redevelopment Project Manager, City of Cathedral City
Kim McNulty, Project Manager, CVEP
Elizabeth Toledo, Riverside County 4th District Legislative Aide

Absent Committee members

None

Guests

Marilyn Engel, Community Member
Dorothy Ellis, Chair, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital District
Carole Dozier, Director, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health Center
Lynn Moriarty, Executive Director, Shelter From The Storm
Mark Turner, Chief Executive Officer, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital District
Jerome Estes, RN, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health Center
Coula Ringgold, Community Member
Betty Fernandez, Executive Director, Bridges of Hope

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 Director Solomon to approve the minutes of December 8, 2009 as submitted. Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

a. CPO Craig updated the Committee on status of refund offer from the Community Bloodbank.

GRANTS

a. Grant administration reports

Members received the latest update of current active grants.

b. Final grant reports

Chairman Rubenstein reviewed final reports from:

- #263 Paws & Hearts
- #372 Christopher's Clubhouse

c. Pending requests for consideration

ID#518. The Committee reviewed a request for \$56,250 from Shelter From The Storm to support Desert Hot Springs Outreach Domestic Violence Advocacy over the next three years. A Motion was made by Committee member Lubel and seconded by Committee member Toledo to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#524. The Committee reviewed a request for \$137,231 from San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital (SGMH) to support expansion of the hospital's Behavioral Health Center to serve District residents for outpatient mental health care. Representatives from SGMH described their operation. CEO Turner noted that their Foundation board had pledged \$15,000 toward this expansion so the amount requested from the District has been reduced to \$122,231. A Motion was made by Director Solomon and seconded by Committee member Greer to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#525. The Committee reviewed a request for \$38,743 from Bridges of Hope to fund the Backpack Program for Y Be Fit. CPO Craig reviewed the program's year-one success and Ms. Fernandez noted ongoing need for 81 participants identified in the Y Be Fit afterschool program at three Desert Hot Springs schools. A Motion was made by Committee member McNulty and

seconded by Committee member Lubel to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#526. The Committee reviewed a request for \$48,100 from Desert AIDS Project to fund a part-time dental hygienist at their clinic. Director Rubenstein and CEO Pepper described the benefits of this service. A Motion was made by Director Solomon and seconded by Committee member Lubel to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Committee members discussed the Resolution Regarding Regular Examination of Breasts Extends Lives (REBEL) initiated by Supervisor Stone. A Motion was made by Director Solomon and seconded by Committee member Lubel to forward the proposed resolution to the Board recommending their approval and advocacy on this important healthcare issue.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

None

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Director Rubenstein noted that this is the final meeting for member Gayle Biondi and thanked her for her valuable service to the Committee and the District.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.