

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2009**

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
Mitch Nieman, Redevelopment Project Manager, City of Cathedral City

Absent Committee members

Gayl Biondi, Business Consultant
Bev Greer, Administrator, Stroke Recovery Center
Kim McNulty, Project Manager, CVEP
Elizabeth Romero-Toledo, Riverside County 4th District Legislative Aide

Guests

Robert Taylor, retired Superior Court Judge
Peggy Bilous, Executive Director, Desert Cancer Foundation
Dianne Russom, Program Director, McCarthy Family CDTC, COD
Rachel Gubman, Consultant, McCarthy Family CDTC, COD
Sharron Simon, Director Program Operations, Bridges of Hope
Betty Fernandez, Executive Director, Bridges of Hope
Ernie Rios, Program Director, Pathways to Success
Chris Thompson, MAS Coordinator, Pathways to Success

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Director Solomon and seconded by Committee member Lubel to approve the minutes of September 8, 2009 as submitted. Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Chairman's remarks

Chairman Rubenstein reminded Committee members of the conflict of interest policy and suggested members review materials well in advance of meetings and raise concerns about potential conflicts with staff and/or the Chairman or Director Solomon.

b. RAP's TAP

CPO Craig reviewed a proposal to help District non-profit organizations through Regional Access Project's Technical Assistance Program. A motion was made by Committee member Lubel and seconded by Director Solomon to recommend for approval by the Board reimbursing RAP for technical assistance to approved District organizations not to exceed \$72,500 for twelve months. Motion was approved.

GRANTS

a. Grant administration reports

Members received the latest update of current active grants.

b. Pending requests for consideration

ID#483. The Committee reviewed a request for \$150,000 from Desert Cancer Foundation for Comprehensive Patient Assistance Project. Executive Director Peggy Bilous requested that the matching component of this request be allowed to continue throughout the grant term to assist their fundraising campaign for the Suzanne Jackson Breast Cancer Breast Cancer Fund. A Motion was made by Committee member Lubel and seconded by Committee member Nieman to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#489. The Committee reviewed a request for \$79,050 from Desert Community College District to fund the NAEYC Accreditation Facilitation Project for the McCarthy Childcare Education Center. A Motion was made by Committee member Lubel and seconded by Director Solomon to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#488. The Committee reviewed a request for \$71,000 from Alzheimer's Association to fund the Latino Healthcare Project. A Motion was made by Committee member Lubel and seconded by Director Solomon to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#494. The Committee reviewed a request from Bridges of Hope for \$39,000 to purchase a walk-in Cooler/Freezer for their Cathedral City facility. A Motion was made by Committee member Lubel and seconded by Director Solomon to recommend approval of this request to the Board. Motion was approved.

ID#495. The Committee reviewed a request for \$105,000 from the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) to fund Pathways to Success: Mentors Advising Students in Healthcare Related Majors, a program to link scholarship recipients to local mentors in their areas of interest. 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.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee member Lubel asked about progress on Borrego Community Health Foundation's grant to expand the Cathedral City clinic. CEO Pepper announced the project is completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, October 15, 2009.

Committee member Nieman reported that the City Council of Cathedral City voted to adopt the Healthy Eating Active Living resolution.

Chairman Rubenstein noted that he, Director Solomon, CEO Pepper and CPO Craig had met with Mr. Taylor to discuss his appointment to fill a community member vacancy on the Program Committee. The matter will be brought before the Board at the regular meeting October 27, 2009.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.