



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
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<b>Directors Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>District Staff Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Leticia De Lara Vice-President/Secretary Karen Borja Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Carole Rogers Director Evett PerezGil Director Les Zendle, MD Director Arthur Shorr	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Eric Taylor, Accounting Manager Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Vanessa Smith, Special Projects and Program Manager Erica Huskey, Administrative and Programs Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President De Lara called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present.	
<b>B. Approval of Agenda</b>	President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#18-57 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director Zendle to approve the agenda.            Motion passed unanimously.            AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr            NOES – 0            ABSENT</b>
<b>C. Public Comment</b>	There was no public comment for items not listed on the agenda.	



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<p><b>D. Consent Agenda</b></p> <p><b>1. BOARD MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>a. Board of Directors Meeting – June 23, 2020</b></p> <p><b>2. FINANCIALS</b></p> <p><b>a. Approval of the June 2020 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved July 14, 2020</b></p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p><b>#18-58 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Director Shorr approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT</b></p>
<p><b>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</b></p> <p><b>1. Environmental Health in the Eastern Coachella Valley – Emergency Response Communication Plan Update</b></p> <p><b>2. AB 617 South Coast Air Quality Management District Community Steering Committee Reassignment</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, described last year’s fire in the Thermal/Mecca area and additional background on the request of the residents for the District to assist. CONCUR, Inc. is assisting with an emergency communications plan in the eastern Coachella Valley, and a draft briefing paper is underway to include several stakeholders.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, described AB 617 to address environmental justice, outlining the background of the assembly bill. The Board appointed President De Lara to represent the District on the steering committee, the committee is drafting a charter, there are some challenges with obtaining stipends for community members, and</p>	



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	<p>the desire of the community for the charter to include Brown Act requirements.</p> <p>President De Lara explained that Vice-President Borja will now represent the District on the steering committee as the issues are in her zone boundaries. President De Lara will serve as an alternate.</p>	
<p><b>F.1. Program Committee</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2020</b></li> <li><b>2. Grant Payment Schedule</b></li> <li><b>3. Consideration to accept the \$500,000 from the District to the Foundation for FY 20-21 Grant Budget to further Advance the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley – Strategic Focus Area: Healthcare Infrastructure and Services</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Expanding Racial Diversity in the Health Profession Workforce - \$100,000</b></li> <li><b>b. Access to Healthcare Strategies - \$400,000</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Director PerezGil provided an overview of the meeting minutes and the grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that the agenda item is a formal acceptance from the District to the Foundation to move and grow the initiative.</p>	<p><b>#18-59 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Director Shorr to accept the \$500,000 from the District to the Foundation for FY 20-21 Grant Budget to further Advance the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley – Strategic Focus Area: Healthcare Infrastructure and Services. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT</b></p>



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<p><b>F.2. F&amp;A Committee</b></p> <p><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2020</b></p>	<p>Director Matthews described the minutes of the July 14, F&amp;A Committee meeting.</p>	
<p><b>G. Homelessness Initiative</b></p> <p><b>1. Consideration to approve a budget modification for Grant #1034 – City of Palm Springs Matching Grant for the Mental Health Housing Crisis Team and Wrap Around Services</b></p> <p><b>2. Summer Cooling Centers Update</b></p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the letter from David Ready, City Manager, City of Palm Springs, concerning COVID-19 and the negative financial impacts; thus, requesting a budget modification for the mental health housing crisis team and wrap-around services.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, explained that the county is working with Dr. Chang, Riverside University Health Systems (RUHS), for a long-term commitment to regionalize the outreach teams and access other sources of revenue.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, described the updates for the cooling centers and linking people experiencing homelessness to services. Over 600 persons are housed, with Project Room Key, other collaborations</p>	<p><b>#18-60 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers seconded by Director Rogers to approve a budget modification for Grant #1034 – City of Palm Springs Matching Grant for the Mental Health Housing Crisis Team and Wrap Around Services Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT</b></p>



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	with the cooling centers for transfers, and an action plan for permanent supportive housing.	
<b>H. Old Business</b>		
<b>1. Coachella Valley Information Place (CVHIP) – Analytics and Trends</b>	Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director, described the marketing campaign for the Coachella Valley Information Place (CVHIP), outlining the increase in users from March and April at approximately 750 encounters per month.	
<b>I. Adjournment</b>	President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.	<b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b>

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Karen Borja, Vice-President/Secretary  
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board*