



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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September 22, 2020**

Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
President Leticia De Lara Vice-President/Secretary Karen Borja Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Carole Rogers Director Les Zendle, MD Director Arthur Shorr	Conrado E. Bázquez, 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	Director Evett PerezGil

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President De Lara called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present except Director PerezGil.	
B. Approval of Agenda	President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#18-61 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director PerezGil



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<p>C. Public Comment</p>	<p>There was no public comment for items not listed on the agenda.</p>	
<p>D. Consent Agenda 1. BOARD MINUTES a. Board of Directors Meeting – July 28, 2020 2. FINANCIALS a. Approval of the July and August 2020 Financial Statements – F&A Approved September 08, 2020</p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#18-62 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Borja seconded by Director Rogers to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director PerezGil</p>
<p>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report 1. Environmental Health in the Eastern Coachella Valley – Emergency Response Communication Plan Update</p>	<p>Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, CEO, described the work of CONCUR, Inc. working on the final states of the briefing paper to include the Eastern Coachella Valley environmental justice issues, a chronology of the Thermal fires, tribal land use and jurisdiction challenges, the breakdown in communication and response, the initial list of key stakeholder entities, and potential representatives. The next steps are to convene a series of six collaborative meetings with key stakeholders with the objective of establishing a clear problem statement, improving communication amongst agencies and other collaborative members, identifying proactive steps to reduce</p>	



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<p>2. Oasis Mobile Home Park – Water Arsenic Challenges</p>	<p>risk of toxic waste burning, and developing an agreed upon emergency communication plan.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, emphasized that the work is a considerable move by the District with an encouraging report received by the county task force working on the fires and illegal dumping that is a real success. It is complimentary to Dr. Bárzaga and Director Zendle’s point concerning the need for entity involvement on a holistic level, which is coming to fruition and is a good move by the District.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, explained the new attempt by the EPA to control the levels of arsenic and exploring collaborations with nonprofit organizations to improve the quality of life for the Oasis Mobile Home Park community.</p> <p>President De Lara described Vice-President Borja and Pueblo Unido’s involvement with the point of use systems for funding the mobile home park, the</p>	
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	<p>owners lack support, pressure for more cooperation, and a position from the Board to encourage Pueblo Unido for a better system, which should be known through the county that the District is pushing the filtration systems until there is a permanent solution, a strategy for the filtration systems effectiveness, and a partnership solution to improve the quality of water if the park owner is not supportive.</p>	
<p>F.1. Program Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Meeting Minutes – September 08, 2020 2. Grant Payment Schedule 3. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley – Strategic Focus Area: Healthcare Infrastructure and Services <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request for Proposals (RFP) – Access to Healthcare Strategies - \$500,000 b. Expanding Racial Diversity in the Health Profession Workforce - \$100,000 	<p>President De Lara inquired on any questions of the Board concerning the minutes and grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga described the District’s role in addressing the healthcare needs of black communities in the Coachella Valley, the request for proposals November timeline, OneFuture Coachella Valley’s concept paper for expanding racial diversity in the health profession workforce, the additional funding from Inland Empire Healthcare Plan’s (IEHP) \$100k contribution, including \$75k from Lift to Rise.</p>	



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<p>F.2. F&A Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – September 08, 2020</p>	<p>President De Lara thanked the CEO for reaching out to other organizations for their contributions to black communities in the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>President De Lara inquired on any questions of the Board concerning the F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p>	
<p>G. Homelessness Initiative</p> <p>1. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee – Coachella Valley Homeless Engagement & Action Response Team (CVHEART) Subcommittee Updates</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) traditionally outsourced services through Path of Life Ministries using the Coachella Valley Housing First model. The recommendation from the CVHEART subcommittee is to draft an in-house model for the Coachella Valley Housing First program.</p> <p>Public Comments: Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Care Network, explained that she made a motion in Homelessness Committee meeting to shift from Path of Life Ministries to CVAG for a 12-month temporary transition to take the program to the next level, exit the Path of Life relations, and using local resources for service gaps</p>	



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<p>2. Summer Cooling Centers Update</p>	<p>and partners to determine the needs for placing people experiencing homelessness in a permanent home.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained the cooling center’s staff report as illustrated in the packet, answering questions of the Board.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, described and inquired about the possibility of a \$90k allocation to continue the 90 day operations of the cooling centers through October 31 with intense resources for permanent housing. Otherwise, the centers would have to shut down on Sept. 30 as originally proposed.</p> <p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained that the matter is not on the agenda and does not qualify for a special or emergency meeting.</p>	
<p>H. Adjournment</p>	<p>President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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

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