



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2020**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
Chair Evett PerezGil Vice-President Karen Borja Director Carole Rogers, RN Nicolas Behrman, Community Member Allen Howe, Community Member	Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, Chief Executive Officer Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Director of Outreach Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Eric Taylor, Accounting Manager Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	Community Members Thomas Thetford and Luciano Crespo

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Community Member Howe to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. February 11, 2020	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the February 11, 2020 minutes.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Director Rogers to approve the February 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion passed.
IV. Public Comment	No public comment	
V. Old Business 1. Funding Requests 2. Grant Payment Schedule	Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the funding requests and answered questions of the committee members, specifically Loma Linda's request for funding. Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the most recent grant payment schedule and the available funds.	
VI. New Business		



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<p>1. Consideration to approve Grant #1042 FIND Food Bank: Ending Hunger Today, Tomorrow, and for a Lifetime - \$401,380</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the grant request from FIND Food Bank for support with Project Produce for access to healthy food to end hunger, coinciding with FIND Food Banks’ strategic plan.</p> <p>Debbie Espinosa, Executive Directors, FIND Food Bank, provided an overview of FIND Food Bank, Project Produce, and the various studies to understand the cycle of poverty relating to the grant request.</p> <p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, explained that there is a public health crisis to contain COVID-19, and the District is working with Public Health, Clinics, Homeless Shelters, and others. The District is unsure of the magnitude of funding, recommending waiting to fund or reducing funding to FIND Food Bank until we determine the resources necessary for COVID-19.</p> <p>Mrs. Espinosa explained that FIND would accept modifications to the grant, and she understands the need, but if there is a point where funding is available, that the committee and board reassess.</p> <p>Director Rogers suggests an investment fund of possibly \$1M to assist with COVID-19 and motioned to approve the grant.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director Rogers and Vice-President Borja to approve Grant #1042 FIND Food Bank: Ending Hunger Today, Tomorrow, and for a Lifetime - \$401,380, and forward to the Board for approval.</p>
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<p>VII. Committee Members Comments</p>	<p>Director Rogers distributed information on advisory committees of other healthcare districts, and the modifications to the volunteer committee policy, advising the volunteer members that their roles will be disbanded with a recommendation for volunteer committee members to sign a petition for submission to the Board.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil suggests waiting on signing the petition to determine how the Board will move forward.</p>	<p>Motion passed.</p>
<p>V. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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 ATTEST: _____
 Evett PerezGil, Chair/Director
 Program Committee

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