



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
September 08, 2020**

**Directors & Community Members Present via
Video Conference**

District Staff Present via Video Conference

Absent

Chair, Evett PerezGil Vice-President Karen Borja Director Carole Rogers, RN Nicolas Behrman, Community Member Luciano Crespo, Community Member Allen Howe, Community Member Thomas Thetford, Community Member	Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, Chief Executive Officer Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Director of Outreach Eric Taylor, Accounting Manager Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Vanessa Smith, Special Projects and Programs Manager Erica Huskey, Administrative and Program Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	
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AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:20 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. July 14, 2020	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the July 14, 2020 minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director Rogers and Vice-President Borja to approve the July 14, 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
V. New Business	There was no new business.	
VI. Old Business		
1. Homelessness Initiative	Conrado Bázquez, MD, CEO, explained that the next Coachella Valley Homeless Engagement & Action Response Team (CVHEART) Subcommittee meeting is on 09/09, and additional information will be available at the next meeting.	
2. Behavioral Health Initiative	Dr. Bázquez, explained the Senior Program Officer position and the	



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<p>a. EVALCORPS Research and Consulting Proposal for Behavioral Health Consulting Services</p>	<p>challenges beginning with COVID-19. While staff continues the search, in the interim, staff recommends hiring EVALCORP for the implementation of the Behavioral Health Plan. The Committee inquired on the multiple candidates that have been interviewed with staff explaining the additional challenges of the interviewed candidates.</p>	
<p>3. Advancing the District's Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley a. Request for Proposals (RFP) – Access to Healthcare b. Expanding Racial Diversity in the Health Profession Workforce</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for advancing the District's role in addressing the healthcare needs of black communities in the Coachella Valley is a work in progress with various drafts and completion by the end of the month. The health professional workforce section has a draft concept paper component from One Future Coachella Valley that will be discussed in the coming week.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja inquired on, prior to the release of the RFP, to determine the nonprofits that may require financial assistance with financial audits.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that one portion of funding is for the scholarships and the other for health professions. The Foundation will review the organization's capacity to assess the entities, and if the agencies have an interest, they should inquire about the support of</p>	



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<p align="center">4. Grant Payment Schedule</p>	<p>financial audits. The Foundation is also seeking established healthcare providers with sustainability and capacity for access points in those communities.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired on separating the communities such as Golden Sands, the Santiago Village Mobile Home Park and the Coyote Run area, with Dr. Bárzaga explaining that the Foundation cannot segregate the communities, but if there are other individuals coming from neighboring communities, it would be unfair to decline services to those communities.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that the grant payment schedule is a summary of the grants and their payments.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja inquired on the amount expended for the Avery Trust with Chris Christensen, CAO, describing the \$81k expended to date.</p>	
<p>VII. Committee Member Comments</p>	<p>There were no committee member comments.</p>	
<p>VIII. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 12:39 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