



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 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 Luciano Crespo, Community Member Allen Howe, 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 Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Erica Huskey, Administrative and Program Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	Nicolas Behrman, Community Member Thomas Thetford, Community Member
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AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:35 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 Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. September 08, 2020	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the September 08, 2020 minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director Rogers and Vice-President Borja to approve the September 08, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
V. New Business	Conrado Bázquez, MD, CEO, explained that at the time the Program Committee agenda was completed, and due to the rapid fashion of events, Riverside County Public Health is requesting a \$1M allocation to the Foundation for COVID-19 testing, education, and outreach, with the District coordinating the sites in unincorporated areas of the Eastern Coachella Valley. Other organizations will be contributing to the outreach and appearing at the testing sites.	



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	<p>The Foundation will play a role with the county, the Foundation will be paid 15% or \$150k for the work on the project, and \$500k must be allocated between now and December 31, with the remaining through June 30; thus, the process is being expedited at the request of Public Health. The contracted organizations will go through the Program Committee for recommendation to the Board. Questions remain concerning deploying the funds to the organizations, and staff will continue to update the committee on activities and guidance that is in place.</p> <p>Public Comment: Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, explained that the project is fast-moving and other community-based organizations are having conversations with the Board of Supervisors on the COVID-19 activities in the Eastern Coachella Valley.</p>	
<p>VI. Old Business</p> <p>1. Homelessness Initiative</p> <p>2. Behavioral Health Initiative</p> <p>a. SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 11:00 am Green Ribbon Committee Meeting</p>	<p>There is no new business on the homelessness initiative.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained a continuation from the prior Green Ribbon Committee meeting with quality feedback from the community.</p>	



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<p>3. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley</p> <p>a. Request for Proposals (RFP) – November 2, 2020 Due Date – Access to Healthcare Strategies - \$575,000 (\$400,000 DHCD + \$100,000 Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) + \$75,000 Lift to Rise)</p> <p>b. Expanding Racial Diversity in the Health Profession Workforce – \$100,000 OneFuture Coachella Valley Black and African American Healthcare Student Scholarships</p> <p>4. Grant Payment Schedule</p>	<p>Public Comment: Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, explained that Roy’s is open, and an update will be provided at the upcoming Green Ribbon Committee, including on Behavioral Health treatment, and the effect of COVID with current data.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that the Request for Proposal (RFP) is released for the access to healthcare strategies for advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella with a due date of November 2, not current submissions, but some organizations are actively working on proposals. Director Rogers suggested a potential bidders conference or informational meeting; however, the timeline maybe too short.</p> <p>Ms. Craig explained the preliminary draft from OneFuture for expanding racial diversity in the health profession workforce, with a more robust scope of work in the final completion.</p> <p>Chair Evett PerezGil reviewed the grant payment schedule with no questions or concerns from the committee or community members.</p>	
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VII. Committee Member Comments	There were no committee member comments.	
VIII. Adjournment	Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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Evet PerezGil, Chair/Director Program Committee

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