



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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December 15, 2020**

| Directors Present – Video Conference | District Staff Present – Video Conference | Absent |
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| President Leticia De Lara Vice-President/Secretary Karen Borja Director Carole Rogers Director Evett PerezGil Director Les Zendle, MD Director Arthur Shorr Director Carmina Zavala | 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 | |

| AGENDA ITEMS | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| A. Call to Order Roll Call | President De Lara called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present. | |
| B. Approval of Agenda | President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda. | #18-71 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 Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0 |
| C. Public Comment | Gary Rotto, Consultant, Borrego Health, thanked the Board given that it will | |



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| | <p>be his last meeting for quite a while, and described his work with Borrego for many years. Mr. Rotto explained his appreciation for the work of the District, Staff, and the Board and the welcoming of input and responsive to the needs of the community collectively, further explaining that he accepted a position with the Supervisor’s office in San Diego as the policy director.</p> <p>The Board thanked Mr. Rotto for his work and provided well wishes.</p> <p>On behalf of Supervisor Perez, Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisory, Office of Supervisor Perez, congratulated Director Zavala as the newly elected Board Member. The Supervisor and Mr. Rodriguez look forward to working with her considering her background in mental health.</p> | |
| <p>D. Consent Agenda</p> <p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p> a. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – November 24, 2020</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> | <p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> | <p>#18-72 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers seconded by Director Shorr to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala</p> |



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| <p>a. Approval of the October 2020 Financial Statements – F&A Approved November 10, 2020</p> | | <p>NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> |
| <p>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</p> <p>1. Eastern Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative: COVID-19 Community Support, Outreach, Education, and Testing – Consideration for the CEO to accept a \$500,000 grant and sign the agreement between the Public Health Institute and Desert Healthcare Foundation with Legal Counsel’s consent of the agreement</p> <p>2. AB 617 South Coast Air Quality Management District Community Steering Committee – Update</p> | <p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, provided an update on the collaborative, explaining that the Public Health Institute (PHI) contacted the County of Riverside Department of Health to provide additional financial support to the Collaborative. PHI will allocate \$500k for outreach, education, and messaging to the Collaborative with the District as a fiscal intermediary.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisory, Office of Supervisor Perez, thanked Dr. Bárzaga and Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director for the increase in testing with the Collaborative and the District’s overall assistance.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that the community action plan is complete despite the challenges with AQMD. New changes and modifications will move forward through May to</p> | <p>#18-73 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Vice-President Borja to approve the CEO to accept a \$500k grant and sign the agreement between the Public Health Institute and the Desert Healthcare Foundation pending review and approval by legal counsel. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala</p> <p>NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> |



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| | <p>reduce emissions in Eastern Coachella Valley.</p> <p>President De Lara congratulated the CEO and the community partners for continuing efforts despite the differences, and she’s looking forward to progress in the coming year.</p> | |
| <p>F.1. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – December 08, 2020</p> <p>2. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <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) – Updated Timeline – Access to Healthcare Strategies - \$575,000 (\$400,000 DHCD Contribution - \$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</p> | <p>Director PerezGil inquired on questions from the Board concerning the meeting minutes of the December 8 meeting and the grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the equity fund RFP for access to healthcare strategies and the proposal received by Desert AIDS Project. The community convened to discuss the proposal with the District’s ultimate rejection. The RFP process has reopened with an extended timeline.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga further explained that at the next Board meeting the health profession workforce portion will be presented for approval.</p> | |



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| <p style="text-align: center;">Healthcare Student Scholarships</p> <p>F.2. F&A Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – December 08, 2020</p> | <p>Director Shorr described the meeting minutes of the December 8 meeting.</p> <p>Concluding the meeting, the Board wished the staff a Merry Christmas reminding everyone to wear a mask.</p> | |
| <p>H. Adjournment</p> | <p>President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.</p> | <p>Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p> |

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A digital signature of Karen Borja, consisting of her name written in a cursive script. Below the signature is a blue rectangular stamp containing the text "68762779E3FE46C".

ATTEST: _____

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

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