



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
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
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President De Lara called the meeting to order at 7:08 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.	#18-74 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers seconded by Director PerezGil 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	There was no public comment.	



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<p>D. Consent Agenda</p> <p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Board of Directors Meeting – December 15, 2020</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Approval of the December 2020 Financial Statements – F&A Approved January 12, 2021</p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#18-75 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director Zendle 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> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. Update – Eastern Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative: COVID- 19 Community Support, Outreach, Education, Testing, and Vaccination Distribution – \$500,000 grant agreement between the Public Health Institute and Desert Healthcare Foundation</p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, described the recent updates of the equity collaborative highlighting and thanking Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director and Director Zavala for supporting and assisting at events. 3,761 individuals were tested throughout the East Valley, further detailing the promotoras’ role with the testing, and inviting Board members to see the efficiency of the testing.</p> <p>Director Rogers suggests publishing the dates and times of testing events for Board members to volunteer.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, outlined the promotoras’ in other states billing for insurance, but with the current model, as a District and a</p>	



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<p>2. 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</p>	<p>government agency, Ms. Craig inquired if there is a way the District could advocate for promotoras' recognition as administrators of healthcare for billing through Medicare.</p> <p>Per legal counsel, Jeff Scott, the District could pass a resolution, but cannot finance the promotoras' who are not licensed for billing.</p> <p>Seeing as the National Association of Community Health Workers are supporting certifications for promotora's as noted by Director PerezGil, President De Lara directed the CEO to research and determine a plan for the steps to take to move forward and support the current work of the District.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the Request for Proposals (RFP) as an access point to Desert Highland Gateway Estates, explaining reopening the RFP process, conversations with two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and additional proposals are forthcoming to review, analyze, and assess.</p>	
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<p>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 Healthcare Student Scholarships</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that additional information is forthcoming at the next Program committee meeting concerning OneFuture Coachella Valley’s Black and African American healthcare student scholarships.</p>	
<p>F.1. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021</p> <p>2. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>F.2. F&A Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021</p>	<p>Director PerezGil inquired on questions from the Board concerning the meeting minutes of the January 12 meeting, including grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Director Shorr described the meeting minutes of the January 12 F&A Committee meeting with specifics concerning the CARES ACT funding of 20% for overhead allocations and the benefit of utilizing funds more efficiently.</p>	
<p>G. Homelessness Initiative</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve Grant #1034 to the City of Palm Springs for a 7-</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the \$225k grant to continue supporting the</p>	<p>#18-76 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers seconded by Director Zendle to approve Grant #1034 to the City of Palm</p>



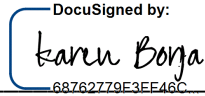
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<p>month no-cost grant extension</p>	<p>homelessness mental health housing and crisis team services, which concluded on November 30, requesting a no-cost grant extension due to the CARES Act funding.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, encouraged approval of the no-cost grant extension. The county has hired additional behavioral health outreach workers for a more regional approach as more staff is hired, and the extension will assist until the county can determine how to expand coverage and preserve the gap.</p>	<p>Springs for a 7-month no-cost grant extension.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>H. Behavioral Health Initiative</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained an update in the District meeting, which was discussed to hire the senior program officer using MVP Consulting, and in the meantime, there may be additional opportunities to advance the collective impact approach to work with the Regional Access Project (RAP) and partner on Request for Proposals that will be presented to the Program Committee and potentially the next Board meeting.</p>	



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I. Adjournment	President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.	<i>Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</i>
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 Karen Borja, Vice-President/Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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