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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 7:18 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.	#18-77 MOTION WAS MADE by Director PerezGil seconded by Director Zavala 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 – January 26, 2021</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Approval of the January 2021 Financial Statements – F&A Approved February 09, 2021</p> <p>3. AGREEMENTS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. No-cost extension agreement between CONCUR, Inc. and the Desert Healthcare Foundation through June 30, 2021 to continue addressing air quality in the Eastern Coachella Valley</p> <p>4. MATCHING CONTRIBUTION</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Consideration to approve the recommendation to contribute a match of \$150,000 to the Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) to support the organization’s Health/Mental Health Initiative (2021.01)</p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director Zendle pulled item D.4. for discussion, and President De Lara recused herself from the discussion.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the second request from the Regional Access Project Foundation’s (RAP) initiative for a contributing match of \$150k for the health and mental health request for proposals. Several organizations have applied, totaling over \$400k with 14 invites to submit proposals managed by RAP with support from the District as an opportunity to leverage additional funding of the District’s behavioral health initiative as a collective impact approach to assist with the needs throughout the Coachella Valley.</p>	<p>#18-78 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Shorr to pull D.4. from the consent agenda and approve the remaining items. 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>#18-79 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the recommendation to contribute a match of \$150,000 to the Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) to support the organization’s Health/Mental Health Initiative (2021.01). 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</p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, highlighted the work of the partners providing education and PPE in the Eastern Coachella Valley to address equity, removing</p>	



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<p>Vaccination Distribution</p>	<p>barriers with COVID-19, such as linguistics, testing site locations, and internet access. The testing events at packing houses, churches, and community centers throughout the Valley, including in Cathedral City and Desert Highland Gateway Estates, providing over 4,400 COVID-19 tests to date, further highlighting the shared leadership, including District staff – Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director.</p> <p>Mr. Espinoza outlined the efforts of the community-based organizations in creating the groundwork to address the demands, and introduced the following collaborative partners that provided public comments on the positive aspects of the cooperative endeavors, such as the interactions, the promotoras’ achievements with the farm working communities, mental health, and support services, focus groups, campaigns, and other preventive efforts:</p> <p>Janell Percy, Executive Director, Growing Coachella Valley</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) – February 12 Deadline – Access to Healthcare Strategies - \$575,000 (\$400,000 DHCD Contribution - \$100,000 Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) - \$75,000 Lift to Rise)</p>	<p>Melinda Cordero-Bárzaga, Associate Director, Vision y Compromiso</p> <p>Alexander Fajardo, Executive Director, El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center</p> <p>Claudia Castorena, CFO, Galilee Center</p> <p>Silvia Paz, Executive Director, Alianza</p> <p>Sergio Carranza, Executive Director, Pueblo Unido</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the background and request for proposals for the District's role in addressing the health needs of Black communities in the Coachella Valley. Staff is collaborating with the community members for an upcoming meeting to discuss and review the proposals.</p>	
<p>F.1. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021</p>	<p>Director PerezGil, Chair, Program Committee,</p>	



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<p>2. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>3. Expanding Racial Diversity in the Health Profession Workforce – Consideration to approve Grant #1148 OneFuture Coachella Valley: Black and African American Healthcare Scholarship and Student Success Initiative – \$200,000 for two (2) years.</p> <p>F.2. F&A Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – February 09, 2021</p>	<p>inquired on questions from the Board concerning the meeting minutes of the January 12 meeting, including the grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the details of OneFuture Coachella Valley’s two-year grant request to support the District’s expansion of racial diversity in the health profession workforce for the planning phase of development to a sustainable structure and the initial launch that addresses disparities and obstacles in college enrollment and attainment and entry into health careers among our region’s African American student population.</p> <p>Director Shorr provided an overview of the February F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p>	 <p>#18-80 MOTION WAS MADE by Director PerezGil seconded by Director Rogers to approve Grant #1148 OneFuture Coachella Valley: Black and African American Healthcare Scholarship and Student Success Initiative – \$200,000 for two (2) years.</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>G. Homelessness Initiative</p> <p>1. Tom Kirk, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), Homelessness Presentation Update</p>	<p>Tom Kirk, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) congratulated the District on the collaborative and extensive efforts of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, further acknowledging Director</p>	



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	<p>Rogers for inviting him to provide a presentation.</p> <p>In conjunction with Mr. Kirk's detailed presentation on CV 200, the history of CV Housing First, rapid resolutions, stabilization units, the number of clients housed, successful exits, mobile access centers, partnerships, and Tom Cox, Management Analyst, formerly staffed at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, also provided an overview of CVAG's efforts with the CV 200 platform.</p> <p>Director Rogers challenged the county and cities to identify places to house people experiencing homelessness on an interim basis and use case management for permanent housing.</p> <p>Director Zendle suggested a communication plan to advise the community on the work, such as addressing the \$10M for a shelter on the westside, tiny homes, and other ideas that have come forth.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez explained that the county has communicated with</p>	
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	<p>the city of Palm Springs on the \$10M allocation to leverage with Project Room Key for the Ivy Palm, which fell through due to the bankruptcy court matter; however, the county-funded three affordable housing projects of 69 supportive housing units and discussions with the city are ongoing to augment the access center CVAG is operating at the boxing center and developing other housing units or emergency overnight shelters. \$1.5M yearly operating costs is also a challenge with continuing discussion underway. The county is furthering its efforts with its communications and marketing, such as community presentations, van wraps, and updating the public through all collaborative methods.</p> <p>President De Lara acknowledged Tom Cox's work to advance and bring attention to the problem with and genuine solutions.</p>	
<p>H. Old Business</p>	<p>There was no old business; however, Directors provided the following comments:</p> <p>President De Lara described the support for Fr. Valdovinos and a bench</p>	



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	<p>at the church with a plaque acknowledging his contributions to the community in addition to a \$10k financial contribution to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.</p> <p>Director PerezGil explained that the Board should not move around agenda items as it is not fair to other attendees that are presenting matters to the Board. President De Lara specified that in the future, as the Board President, she will adhere to the agenda unless there are other circumstances.</p> <p>Director Zendle suggested moving items, such as presentations to the beginning of the agenda as presented in the past.</p>	
<p>I. New Business</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a partner commitment to support the work in the East Coachella Valley Promise Neighborhoods Collaborative grant – a coordinated “Cradle to Career” pipeline to help better serve all students and families in the East Coachella Valley</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO described the framework of the MOU as an opportunity to bring the cradle to career model to the community which is a nationwide effort to provide support to young children at early stages for success and opportunities, recommending the District’s partnership and commitment to assist the community in fulfilling the promise.</p>	<p>#18-81 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Rogers to approve entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a partner commitment to support the work in the East Coachella Valley Promise Neighborhoods Collaborative grant – a coordinated “Cradle to Career” pipeline to help better serve all students and families in the East Coachella Valley after review by legal counsel. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Rogers, Director</p>



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	<p>Public Comments supporting the MOU and partnership with the Promise Neighborhoods Collaborative were provided by the following:</p> <p>Neftali Galarza, City of Coachella, City Councilmember</p> <p>Joanne Lauer, Assistant Superintendent, Riverside County Office of Education</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez</p> <p>Sheila Thorton, President/CEO, OneFuture Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Miguel Romero Ochoa, Field Representative, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia</p> <p>President De Lara explained that the grant is a good opportunity to support funding in the East Valley communities, for staff to identify in-kind services through the grants the District is providing, while highlighting the supportive efforts.</p>	<p>PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>I. Adjournment</p>	<p>President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>



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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