



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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March 23, 2021**

Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
Acting President Karen Borja Acting Vice-President/Secretary Carole Rogers, RN 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	President Leticia De Lara

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	Acting President Borja called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present.	
B. Approval of Agenda	Acting President Borja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#18-82 MOTION WAS MADE by Director PerezGil seconded by Director Zendle to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 Acting President Borja, Acting Vice-President Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 President De Lara
C. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	



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<p>D. Consent Agenda</p> <p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p> a. Board of Directors Meeting – February 23, 2020</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p> a. Approval of the February 2021 Financial Statements – F&A Approved March 09, 2021</p> <p>3. COST GRANT EXTENSION</p> <p> a. Acceptance of Grant #1134 from the District to the Foundation for an additional allocation of \$100,000 towards Expanding Racial Diversity in the Health Profession Workforce for a total of \$200,000, increasing the total grant amount from \$500,000 to \$600,000</p>	<p>Acting President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#18-83 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 Acting President Borja, Acting Vice-President Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 1 President De Lara</p>
<p>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</p> <p>1. Update – Eastern Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative: COVID-19 Community Support, Outreach, Education, Testing, and Vaccination Distribution</p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, detailed the equity collaborative reaching 10,000 vaccine doses, thanking the county, the Department of Public Health, the new partners Rite Aid, and the staff for uplifting the vaccination efforts. 5,000 people have had access to testing with increasing numbers of the vaccine doses of 350 per day at a variety of packing houses to farm workers with 500 doses each day, further announcing an upcoming interview with Larry Mantle, KPCC. A plan</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. Update – Request for Proposals (RFP)</p> <p>– Access to Healthcare Strategies - \$575,000 (\$400,000 DHCD plus \$100,000 Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), and (\$75,000 Lift to Rise)</p>	<p>for full vaccination to reach herd immunity in the most disadvantaged communities is in progress.</p> <p>The Board congratulated the CEO and the staff for their work with the Equity Collaborative.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, on behalf of the Supervisor thanked the District for the leadership outlining the issues that have been addressed by the District and appreciation for the partnerships.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an update of the District's Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of the Black Communities in the Coachella Valley describing the meeting with community members to review the proposals concerning access to healthcare strategies for input and a robust conversation resulting in the selection of two proposals to explore with site visits and presentations with a forthcoming selection.</p>	
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<p>3. Consideration to approve the contract amendment with Riverside County Public Health Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) Funding to extend and expand COVID-19 Outreach and Education efforts to increase the number of at-risk community members who are fully vaccinated – \$1.2M</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained the amendment to the contract with Riverside County Public Health with an additional increase of \$1.2M to expand on the collaborative vacation activities.</p>	<p>#18-84 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Rogers to approve the contract amendment with Riverside County Public Health Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) Funding to extend and expand COVID-19 Outreach and Education efforts to increase the number of at-risk community members who are fully vaccinated – \$1.2M. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 Acting President Borja, Acting Vice-President Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 President De Lara</p>
<p>F.1. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – March 09, 2021</p> <p>2. Grant Payment Schedules</p> <p>F.2. F&A Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – March 09, 2021</p>	<p>Director PerezGil, Chair, Program Committee, inquired on questions from the Board concerning the meeting minutes of the March 09 meeting, including the grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Director Shorr, Chair, F&A Committee described the meeting minutes and inquired with Board concerning the March 9 meeting minutes.</p>	
<p>G. Homelessness Initiative</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Desert Healthcare Foundation and the Coachella Valley</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, detailed the staff report, history, and the continued partnership specific to the</p>	<p>#18-85 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Shorr to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Desert Healthcare Foundation and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments in the</p>



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<p>Association of Governments in the amount of \$500,000 for the period of April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to support the current homelessness programs through the CV Housing First program</p>	<p>healthcare nexus of the CV Housing First program.</p> <p>Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, thanked the District on behalf of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), the tribes and other collaborative entities, primarily eight cities, and the possibility of all nine on board for the \$100k match, and CVAG welcoming the continued support, explaining the services, and expanding CV Housing First.</p> <p>Director Rogers recommended funding of \$800k; however, the fund has been nearly depleted, and the District must consider other agencies request for funding with the Homelessness Initiative.</p> <p>Tom Kirk, CEO, CVAG, thanked the Board for the continued contributions.</p>	<p>amount of \$500,000 for the period of April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to support the current homelessness programs through the CV Housing First program.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 6 Acting President Borja, Acting Vice-President Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, Director Shorr, and Director Zavala</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 1 President De Lara</p>
<p>H. Old Business</p> <p>1. Public Health Institute Grant #1046 – Coachella Valley Air Quality and Health Analysis Progress Report and 2017-2019 Air Pollution Trends in the Coachella Valley</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided details of the grant before the pandemic for the Public Health Institute's Air Quality and Health Analysis Report from the Avery Trust funding allocation</p>	



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	<p>through 2023 describing the interim air quality reports for air pollution trends, highlighting the improvements in air quality for the Coachella Valley; however, concluding that vulnerable populations are lacking air quality monitoring stations that will be featured in a future report. Dr. Bárzaga provided an overview of the second report, which outlines the rates of respiratory and cardiovascular disease and emergency department hospitalization rates in the Coachella Valley with analyzed data from 2016-2018 with an equity lens and upcoming conversations with the community concerning the disparities.</p> <p>Acting President Borja thanked the Board, staff, and legal counsel for their diligence of the productive committee and board meetings.</p>	
I. Adjournment	Acting President Borja adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

ATTEST: _____
 Carole Rogers, RN, Acting Vice-President/Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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