



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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April 27, 2021**

Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
President Leticia De Lara Vice-President/Secretary Karen Borja Director Arthur Shorr Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Les Zendle, MD Director Evett PerezGil Director Carmina Zavala	Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer 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 7:00 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present.	
B. Approval of Agenda	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#18-86 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Shorr to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director PerezGil, and Director Zavala NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0



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<p>C. Public Comment</p>	<p>There was no public comment.</p>	
<p>D. Consent Agenda</p> <p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Board of Directors Meeting – March 23, 2021</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Approval of the March 2021 Financial Statements – F&A Approved April 13, 2021</p> <p>3. SERVICE AGREEMENTS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Consulting Services Agreement – MYDuarte Strategy Group – Online Registration Tool for Vaccination Events – NTE \$25,000</p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#18-87 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 6-1.</p> <p>AYES – 6 Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zandle, Director PerezGil, and Director Zavala</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p> <p>ABSTAIN – 1 President De Lara</p>
<p>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</p> <p>1. Eastern Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative: COVID-19 Community Support, Outreach, Education, Testing, and Vaccination Distribution</p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, described the access to the vaccine with 20k doses administered to date, the partnerships that have assisted with the increase of 350 to 500 vaccinations each day, event coordination with Rite Aid and Desert Care Network, the gaps in vaccinations especially in Cathedral City, delivering vaccines to employees at the Coachella Valley Water District, further describing the upcoming events in North Shore, surpassing the \$3M grants for the collaborative efforts with the Public Health Institute</p>	



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<p>2. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley Update – Request for Proposals (RFP) – 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>providing an additional \$350k.</p> <p>President De Lara congratulated Dr. Bárzaga for the additional funding of support.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described working with the Desert Highland Gateway Estates community to determine their choice to provide access to healthcare services, identifying two semi-finalists with interviews and site visits, a final determination at an upcoming meeting, and a recommendation to the Board in May.</p>	
<p>F.1. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2021</p> <p>2. Grant Payment Schedules</p> <p>F.2. F&A Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2021</p>	<p>President De Lara inquired on questions from the Board concerning the April 13 Program Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>Director Shorr, Chair, F&A Committee, described the meeting minutes and the recommendation for consulting services for the development of the software program for vaccination registration purposes.</p>	
<p>G. Behavioral Health Initiative</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, as introduced in the District meeting, described Ms.</p>	



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<p>1. Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health</p>	<p>Jana Trew's job description as detailed in the packet, and the enthusiasm for the work ahead with the Behavioral Health Initiative.</p>	
<p>H. Homelessness Initiative</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve \$20,000 for utilities and supplemental costs of the Summer Cooling Centers</p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion and a second to approve the \$20k for utilities and supplemental costs of the Summer Cooling Centers.</p> <p>In response to Director Zendle, Chris Christensen, CAO, explained that the remaining \$18k from the Homelessness Summer Survival Fund that will be used as a resource funding for the Summer Cooling Centers utilities and supplemental costs, then the uncommitted funding from the Homelessness Initiative.</p> <p>Director Zendle described the upcoming hot weather and suggested that staff contact Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Officer of Supervisor Perez, if the county plans to open the cooling centers sooner than June, that the District has funding to use toward air conditioning costs.</p>	<p>#18-88 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Borja to approve \$20,000 for utilities and supplemental costs of the Summer Cooling Centers.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director PerezGil, and Director Zavala</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p>



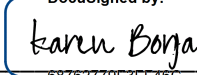
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	<p>Before exiting the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m., Director Rogers expressed her yes vote.</p>	
<p>I. Old Business</p> <p>1. Memorandum of Understanding between the Desert Healthcare Foundation and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) 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>2. Donation to Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Church in honor of Fr. Francisco Valdovinos</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Board-approved \$500k allocation, as reported by Tom Kirk, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) in the District meeting, the CVAG Executive Committee approved the funding and the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, described Fr. Valdovinos untimely passing, his role in the community, the partnership with the District in combating COVID, and the Board's approval of a donation to the Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Church in his honor, detailing the letter specifying the use of funding.</p> <p>President De Lara thanked the Board and Staff and welcomed Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health.</p>	



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J. Adjournment	President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents
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 ATTEST: _____
 Karen Borja, Vice-President/Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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