



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
February 09, 2021**

Directors Present via Video Conference		District Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
Chair Evett PerezGil Vice-President Karen Borja Director Carmina Zavala		Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer Chris Christensen, Chief Administration Officer Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Director of Outreach Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Erica Huskey, Administrative and Programs Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	
AGENDA ITEMS		DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order		The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
II. Approval of Agenda		Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. January 12, 2021		Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Director PerezGil to approve the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment		There were no public comments.	
V. New Business 1. COVID-19 Recovery Grant in Collaboration with Regional Access Project Foundation (RAPF): Consideration to forward to the Board the recommendation to contribute a match of \$100,000 to a joint pool for nonprofits in the CV and Blythe (for RAP's benefit only) negatively impacted by COVID-19 to apply for funding.		Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Board's prior approval of \$100k for collaborative action with the Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) in March 2020 for emergency funding to organization's clients impacted by COVID-19. The Board discussed at the January meeting ways to present additional funding in another collaborative effort. RAP's board already approved another \$100K and would like to collaborate once	Moved and seconded by Director Zavala and Vice-President Borja to forward to the Board the recommendation to contribute a match of \$100,000 to a joint pool for nonprofits in the Coachella Valley and Blythe negatively impacted by COVID-19 to apply for funding. Motion passed unanimously.



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	<p>again with the District. District staff met with the RAP staff, determined the possibility of a COVID Recovery Fund to assist organizations with capacity support, discussed two options for vetting by RAP and the District, and discussed and reviewed with the Program Committee.</p> <p>Staff proposes expediting the process to review the applications for funding to RAP (option 2), and the District staff would make the recommendations for approval, which would save approximately 3 weeks of timing for distribution of funding, that the Program Committee approved.</p>	
<p>VI. Old Business</p> <p>1. Funding Requests Schedule</p> <p>2. Grant Payment Schedule</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired on any questions of the committee concerning the funding requests and grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Director Zavala inquired on the Coachella Valley Parks and Recreation pending application and the grant guidelines, further questioning where the grant guidelines are located. Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the details of the guidelines, which are located on the website, also explaining that the District is not funding capital projects at this time.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the activities of the Coachella Valley</p>	



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	<p>Parks and Recreation and the need for a swimming pool, explaining that a large number of funds are remaining to support the Eastern Coachella Valley organizations.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja inquired on the LOI for Lift to Rise and the \$2.5M to the Housing Catalyst Fund and the process now that the LOI is received. Staff will evaluate the LOI and if the review process is effortless, a proposal will be presented to the Program Committee.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja requested legal counsels' presence at the next committee meeting since he has been a part of the process and is available to answer any questions on both ends. Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that legal counsel was involved in the recoverable grant and program-related investments (POI) questions, but at the request of the committee, staff will invite legal counsel to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>VI. Program Staff Updates</p> <p>1. Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Plan</p>	<p>Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst, explained that Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC) completed the prioritization based on the focus areas with the focus groups, all data is compiled following a tool kit for the District's specific needs with a well-rounded scoring of five</p>	



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	priorities, and sharing with the Strategic Planning Committee. The detailed needs assessment abbreviated report with the major themes and findings are in progress, and HARC continues to develop an infographic for presenting to the Board.	
VII. Grant Funding Requests		
1. Consideration to approve Grant #1170 Jewish Family Service of the Desert: Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved Coachella Valley Residents - \$80,000	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the request for mental health counseling from Jewish Family Service of the Desert as a continuation of last year's grant award for personnel of five licensed marriage and family therapists and three licensed clinical social workers.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, clarified that the allocation is for Behavioral Health/Mental Health in the current District funding strategic focus area.</p> <p>Kraig Johnson, Executive Director, Jewish Family Service of the Desert was available to answer any questions of the committee.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director Zavala and Vice-President Borja to approve Grant #1170 – Jewish Family Service of the Desert: Mental Health Counseling Services for Underserved Coachella Valley Residents - \$80,000 and forward to the Board for approval.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
VII. Committee Members Comments	There were no committee member comments.	
V. Adjournment	Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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Evett PerezGil, Chair/Director
Program Committee

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