



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

Directors & Community Members Present	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, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Director of Outreach Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Erica Huskey, Administrative and Program Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:40 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 minutes.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
V. New Business 1. Behavioral Health Initiative a. Consideration to forward to the Board of Directors 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	Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) of the Regional Access Project (RAP) Mental Health Initiative for \$150,000. RAP is requesting that the Foundation, through the Behavioral Health Initiative funds, consider forwarding to the Board a recommendation of a \$150k match allocation totaling \$300k. To date, over \$400k in requests have been submitted and reviewed by RAP and District staff. The \$150K additional allocation will strengthen the behavioral	Moved and seconded by Director Zavala and Vice-President Borja to forward to the Board of Directors 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.



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	health needs from the \$2M Behavioral Health Initiative Collective Fund. Out of the \$150K match it is requested that \$10k is set aside towards training organizations for RBA or Results-Based Accountability that will enhance and improve evaluations of the organizations' program's community impact.	
VI. Old Business		
1. Homelessness Initiative	Donna Craig, Chief, Program Officer, detailed a meeting with Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez to discuss the District's Homelessness Initiative and focus areas of alignment with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) efforts in response to the Board's direction to combat homelessness in the area.	
2. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative		
a. Vaccination Distribution Plan – Update	Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the vaccination efforts and applying the equity lens to eliminate barriers for access to healthcare. An underserved community impacted by COVID is the farm working community that staff is anticipating and advocating for the county to consider farmworkers as a priority and identify the first batch of vaccines and organizing events that are now moving forward every day to the fields and packing houses. Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy	



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<p>3. Advancing the District's Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley</p> <p>a. 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>Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, stated that on behalf of the Supervisor and the public, Mr. Rodriguez thanked the staff as a vital partner with the Supervisor advocating for testing and vaccinations and the efforts would not be possible without the District, a model for other organizations throughout the state to address the equity disparities. Using community members to assist with the efforts there is less vaccine hesitation and targeting the necessary areas for more effectiveness.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that although the Request for Proposals to access the healthcare strategies is not on the agenda, the Foundation has not received any proposals to date with the deadline approaching in the coming days.</p> <p>Ms. Craig described the concept presented to the committee and recommendation to the Board for an additional \$100k for access to healthcare services, allocating funds, and creating scholarships and a student initiative as a grant to OneFuture Coachella Valley. Funding to OneFuture addresses the planning phase of development for a sustainable structure and the initial launch to address disparities and obstacles based on prior preparations, such as advisory groups.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Vice President Borja and Director Zavala to forward to the Board of Directors the recommendation to approve Grant #1148, \$200,000 for two years, to One Future CV.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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	<p>Vice-President Borja explained that the Zone she represents in parts of Indio has a traumatic history of land use in the Black community and inquired she is how OneFuture is reaching out to Black students in Indio, further explaining that the timeline is not sustainable beyond 2 years.</p> <p>Sheila Thorton, President/CEO, OneFuture Coachella Valley, described the work of the organization over the past 15 years with the nonprofit partners, referrals, and host coordination that are in touch with the students and not targeting just one city, such as Indio. OneFuture works closely with the students in the school district as early as Freshman year working with the teachers and counselors with the OneFuture staff presenting on the scholarship process. Two years of assistance with building the structure in the key strategic areas and it's a driver and connection to the students and support systems to engage and remain involved in a pathway to enrollment, financial aid, assessment of affordability, and a connection after college. Peer mentors and a sustainability plan are the backbones for alignment teams.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja described sustainability grants, such as support from the United Negro</p>	
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4. Grant Payment Schedules	<p>College Fund (UNCF) and the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, explaining that this particular program is not as long term as other organizations.</p> <p>Ms. Thorton clarified that it is an area the collaborative has not placed attention to as the criteria have been focused on low-income Latinx students. When the opportunity arose OneFuture moved forward with the proposal to assist Black and African American students.</p> <p>Kim McNulty, Vice President of Regional Strategy, OneFuture Coachella Valley, and Ernie Rios, Vice President of College Success, OneFuture Coachella Valley, were available to answer any questions of the committee members.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil described the grant payment schedule and inquired on any questions of the committee.</p>	
VII. Committee Member Comments	Chair PerezGil explained that she is proud of the staff's work with the vaccinations receiving positive feedback from members of the community who are appreciative of the resources.	
VIII. Adjournment	Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 1:17 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