



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2021**

Directors & Community Members Present	District Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
Chair, Evett PerezGil Vice-President Karen Borja Director Carmina Zavala	Conrado E. Bázquez, 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 5:40 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. April 13, 2021	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 minutes.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the April 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
VI. Old Business		
1. Progress and Final Reports Update	Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee on any questions concerning the progress and final reports and the grant payment schedules.	
2. Grant Payment Schedules		
3. 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)	Conrado Bázquez, MD, CEO, described the most recent meetings with the community members, the four proposals received, the two final candidates selected by the community, and the request for interviews and site visits for additional information with a	



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<p>DHCD plus \$100,000 Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), and (\$75,000 Lift to Rise)</p>	<p>recommendation to move forward with Borrego Health’s proposal to advance to the Board with the provision of mobile services as a permanent unit, which requires licensing and other components, and an access point in Desert Highland Gateway Estates 30-days after the execution of the service agreement.</p> <p>Deiter Crawford, Desert Highland Gateway Estates resident thanked the District for the time and consideration to create the health access point for the DHGE community looks forward to the work ahead.</p>	
<p>VII. New Business</p> <p>1. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative</p> <p>a. Public Health Institute (PHI) Together Toward Health (TTH) \$225,000 Grant Award</p>	<p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, described the additional \$225k for the collaborative and the ongoing work to provide vaccination services to the residents of the Coachella Valley, which has evolved from merely testing and outreach.</p>	
<p>VIII. Behavioral Health Initiative</p> <p>1. 2019 Mental and Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Recap and Highlights</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provided background on the 2019 Behavioral Health Needs Assessment developed by EVALCORP, and the needs assessment will serve as a model for Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health to develop a behavioral health improvement plan.</p> <p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health</p>	



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	<p>detailed the collective work of the needs assessment to advance and improve the community experiences, looking forward to structuring a document with a collective impact model, and working with the Community Engagement Officer on an interactive process to move ahead with the goals.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil expressed her enthusiasm for moving forward with the needs assessment, especially with the numerous mental health implications of COVID.</p> <p>Mr. Trew also shared that May is Mental Health Awareness Month with a theme of Recovery, Replenishment, and Resurgence with a different theme each week with links on the website for mental health assistance, including a self-assessment.</p>	
<p>IX. Committee Member Comments</p>		
<p>X. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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ATTEST: _____
 Evett PerezGil, Chair/Director Program Committee

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