



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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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 Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Eric Taylor, Accounting Manager Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Erica Huskey, Administrative and Program 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 5:31 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present except Director Zavala who joined the meeting shortly after approval of the agendas at 5:37 p.m.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President De Lara led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#21-46 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-1. AYES – 6 President De Lara, Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director PerezGil NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Zavala



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D. Public Comment		
E. Consent Agenda 1. BOARD MINUTES a. Board of Directors Meeting – May 25, 2021 2. FINANCIALS a. Approval of the May 2021 Financial Statements – F&A Approved June 08, 2021 3. SERVICE AGREEMENTS a. Satellite Office Conference Room Buildout at the Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) – INPRO-EMS Contract for Construction – \$24,980 b. Consulting Services Agreement Addendum #2 - Magdalena Martinez dba Personnel 411 Consulting – Compensation Increase to \$900/month	<p>President De Lara pulling item 3.a. – Satellite Office Conference Room Buildout at the Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) – INPRO-EMS Contract for Construction - \$24,980 from the consent agenda asking for a motion to approve the remaining items.</p> <p>President De Lara recused herself from the consent agenda for item 3.a. Vice-President Borja asked for a motion to approve consent agenda item 3.a.</p>	<p>#21-47 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the consent agenda excluding item 3.a. Motion passed 6-1. AYES – 6 President De Lara, Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director PerezGil NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Zavala</p> <p>#21-48 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve item 3.a. on the consent agenda. Motion passed 5-2. AYES – 5 Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director PerezGil, and NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Zavala ABSTAIN – 1 President De Lara</p>
F. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report 1. COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign for Underserved Communities in the Coachella Valley	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, explained that the county moved into the next tier phase the same day as the state reopening, describing that the 18-44 age group is lagging in vaccination rates, further detailing the strategies from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other approaches in the Coachella Valley. Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, La Quinta, and Indio currently</p>	



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	<p>have the lowest vaccination rates in those age groups.</p>	
<p>2. National Vaccine Month of Action Kick-Off Events</p>	<p>Will Dean, Communications and Marketing Director, described the upcoming virtual phone bank event for National Vaccine Month to support the Biden Administration’s efforts for more vaccinations by July 4, also inviting the community partners to participate.</p>	
<p>3. Months of May & June District Media Coverage</p>	<p>Will Dean, Communications and Marketing Director, summarized the May and June media coverage, including the local independent media outlets.</p>	
<p>4. Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Pilot Program</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained the grant from the California Wellness Foundation to the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) to assist Healthcare District’s with Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion by selecting six applicants for the pilot program, requesting feedback from the Board who expressed their support for the opportunity in hopes that the District is one of the six selected by ACHD.</p>	
<p>5. Consideration to approve a \$20,000 sponsorship from the CEO Discretionary Fund (exceeding the \$5,000 balance) to the Association of California Healthcare Districts</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) annual meeting in September with national speakers on diversity, equity and inclusion, the racial-ethnic disparities in</p>	<p>#21-49 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director PerezGil to approve a \$20,000 sponsorship from the CEO Discretionary Fund (exceeding the \$5,000 balance) to the Association of California Healthcare Districts</p>



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	<p>A dedication ceremony bench for staff and their loved ones who have lost loves to COVID as a symbol of respect and admiration will be held mid-morning June 23, on the lawn between the Stergios Building and the Emergency Department.</p> <p>May 17 was the opening of the epilepsy monitoring unit for the development, diagnosis, and treatment plan. The epilepsy unit has been well-received as it is the only unit between the Coachella Valley and Loma Linda.</p> <p>The Desert Care Network received an award from the California Department of Public Health for preventing the development of resistant diseases, such as clostridium difficile (C DIFF), which demonstrates the positive work in the network's quality outcomes.</p> <p>During the annual Healthy Over Hungry Cereal Drive, DRMC collected cereal and cash donations distributed to families by FIND Food Bank with awards to various departments that created various structures with the cereal boxes, such as a replica of the Palm Springs Tram.</p> <p>The capital improvements continue with the electronic medical records, the two CT</p>	
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	<p>scanners at DRMC, and the JFK Memorial MRI replacements will continue for several months.</p> <p>The OB department refurbishing is delayed due to the high delivery volume but will commence in the next month.</p> <p>Director Shorr inquired on the Networks readiness for potential ransomware hacks with Mrs. Finney explaining the extensive assessment, modifications, and upgrades to systems for the past eight months to ensure the integrity of the systems.</p>	
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p>	<p>Director Rogers provided a brief report of the Governing Board describing the accreditation reports on personnel, the compliance officer's report out on patient rights, privacy, provisions of care, and patient confidentiality, explaining DRMC's internal quality scoring of 99% in 2020.</p> <p>The patient experience report was provided on the mission, vision, and values of the patient experience that involved a patient survey and looking for more family members to join the patient advisory board. Details about the new 3-bed epilepsy unit were provided, and the Arcadia psychiatric hospital in</p>	



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	<p>Indio will open in February 2022.</p>	
<p>I.1. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 08, 2021</p> <p>2. Funding Requests Update</p> <p>3. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>4. Consideration to approve Resolution #21-01 to Carry-Over the Remaining \$1,841,498 from the FY 2020/2021 Grants Budget to the FY 2021/2022 Grants Budget</p>	<p>President De Lara inquired on any questions from the Board concerning the minutes, funding requests updates, and grant payment schedule.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, CAO, described the grantmaking process and partnering organizations with the county and federal funding related to COVID that would normally receive grant dollars from the District. The current grant budget has a remaining balance of \$1.8M of the overall \$4M to preserve the monies with a carry forward to the new fiscal year and a resolution outlining the remainder of the carryover funding.</p> <p>Hank Goodrow, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), inquired if the carryover monies could be used towards a future hospital fund, which is needed to add to DRMC’s future budget since it is an aging facility.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained the District’s facilities replacement fund for DRMC with a portion for a rainy day fund for any emergencies at the hospital.</p>	<p>#21-50 MOTION WAS MADE by Director PerezGil and seconded by Director Shorr to approve Resolution #21-01 to Carry-Over the Remaining \$1,841,498 from the FY 2020/2021 Grants Budget to the FY 2021/2022 Grants Budget 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>



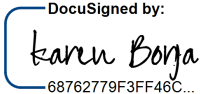
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<p>I.2. Finance, Legal, Administration & Real Estate</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 08, 2021</p>	<p>President De Lara inquired on any questions from the Board on the June F&A Committee meeting minutes with Director Shorr providing a brief update.</p>	
<p>J. Legal</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, described the Governor’s executive order dated June 15 – NO8-21 addressing the expiration and to rescind on several executive orders during the pandemic, including the Brown Act to conduct virtual meetings that will continue in effect until September 30 to allow an orderly transition back to in-person meetings.</p>	
<p>K. Immediate Issues and Comments</p>	<p>Director Zendle inquired if there are plans related to transitioning to in-person meetings.</p> <p>The Board discussed in-person meetings in September with the opportunity for members to participate in-person or via Zoom similar to a hybrid model. President De Lara explained that the Board will continue with virtual meetings until September.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga also suggested resuming in-person meetings in September explaining a few of the challenges with some Board members participating virtually, and others in-person. If the Board is not comfortable meeting in person, we should continue with the virtual meetings.</p>	



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	<p>Director Rogers explained that she spoke with Dr. Brzsaga about the mobile unit purchase and moving forward as quickly as possible given the community need, her enthusiasm with the Blue Zones the conversation with Palm Springs Councilman Korrs who is bringing the matter forward to a planning meeting, and she will keep everyone apprised.</p>	
<p>L. Adjournment</p>	<p>President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

ATTEST: _____

 Karen Borja, Vice-President/Secretary
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Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board