



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
President Karen Borja Vice-President/Secretary Evett PerezGil Director Arthur Shorr Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara Director Carmina Zavala	Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Meghan Kane, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Public Health Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Borja called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors' present.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President Borja asked Director Shorr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#21-83 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	There was no public comment for items not listed on the agenda.	
E. Consent Agenda		



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<p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p> a. Board of Directors Meeting – December 21, 2021</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p> a. Approval of the December 2021 & January 2022 Financial Statements – F&A Approved January 11, 2022</p> <p>3. GRANT FUNDING</p> <p> a. Grant # 1301 – UCR Regents of the University of California at Riverside – Community-Based Interventions to Mitigate Psychological Trauma and Mental Health Disparities in Immigrant Communities in the COVID-19 Pandemic: \$113,514 – STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL & STRATEGY ALIGNMENT: Goal #3 Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services; Strategy 3.7 Collaborate/partner with community providers to enhance access to culturally sensitive behavioral/mental health services</p> <p> b. Grant #1302 – Vision To Learn – Vision to Learn – Palm Springs, Desert Sands, and Coachella Valley School Districts: \$50,000 – STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL AND STRATEGY: Goal #2 Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty health care services; Strategy 2.3 Provide funding support to</p>	<p>President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#21-84 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p>
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<p>community organizations providing expanded mobile primary and specialty care services</p> <p>c. Grant #1303 – CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation – Nursing Street Medicine Program: \$54,056</p> <p>STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL AND STRATEGY: Goal #2 Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty health care services; Strategy 2.2 Provide funding to support an increase in the number of clinics and needed programs in geographically targeted markets and the days and hours that they operate</p> <p>4. LEASES</p> <p>a. Las Palmas Medical Plaza – New Lease Agreement – Arthritis and Rheumatic Care Clinic – 1-year lease with a 1-year extension option</p> <p>5. RESOLUTIONS</p> <p>a. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-01 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings</p> <p>b. Resolution #22-02 – December 21, 2021, Board-approved Redistricting Hummingbird Map</p>		
<p>F. Appointment of Committees</p>	<p>President Borja described the modifications to the committees explaining that she will shift positions with Director De Lara by serving on the F&A Committee. Director De Lara</p>	



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<p>3. 2022 Palm Springs Black History Month Awards Gala Award – Saturday, February 5, Palm Springs Hilton</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, CAO, described the Palm Springs Black History Month Awards Gala recognizing the district for advancing the district’s role in addressing the healthcare needs of Black communities in the Coachella Valley, which also includes scholarships, further explaining that tickets are available for any directors interested in attending.</p>	
<p>4. 2022 City of Palm Springs Human Rights Commission Community Service Award, Monday, February 14, City Council Chambers</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, CAO, described the city of Palm Springs Human Rights Commission community service award to the district for the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative. President Borja and Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, will be in attendance to receive the award.</p>	
<p>I. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</p>	<p>Michelle Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network (DCN), Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), provided an overview of the most recent developments with over 100 COVID patients at DRMC and JFK Memorial Hospital explaining the challenges at the census level, in addition to the length of stay, increasing staffing shortages, and bed capacity challenges. Sixty-two percent of COVID positive patients are unvaccinated, thirty-two percent are vaccinated, and six percent are boosted with the majority of the critical care patients unvaccinated. Thirty-five to forty percent of the COVID</p>	



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	<p>positive are asymptotic and received a positive diagnosis for different reasons. DCN has encountered a historical high at DRMC with JFK Memorial managing steadier with the conversion of pediatric and medical-surgical units, which are reported to the state, as well as using pack care units for additional patient care.</p> <p>There were fourteen (14) documented flu cases of A & B, with one a combination of the flu and COVID. Cases are reported twice a day to the state when toggling in and out of ratios with mitigation measures and traveling response agencies.</p> <p>DRMC is represented by the California Nurses Association, and on January 13, a state-wide COVID Day of Action rally was held with 20-25 nurses, which did not affect patient care.</p> <p>The visitor policy is updated and requires a negative test or boosted vaccination for hospital entry. Additionally, there are modified visitations with no one allowed in the emergency room, one visitor per patient, and special rules for other areas, such as the end of life, and the NCIU.</p> <p>The deadline for California hospital staff to receive their booster vaccination is February 1, if eligible. PPE supplies are</p>	
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	adequate, including testing with some blood supply shortages.	
<p>J. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p>	<p>Director Zendle described the two new community members of the Governing Board from the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership and the Palm Springs Visitors Bureau. A report by the Tenet Director of Government Affairs provided an update on seismic and the potential for a single-payer healthcare system. The DRMC CEO report had similar details as provided at the District Board meeting, and an update provided on the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) closed and open cases.</p> <p>The Governing Board received an overview on the lines of service and capital improvements. The Quality report on the Leapfrog Safety quality measures revealed a score improvement from a C to a B, as described by the Chief Quality Officer, Christine Langenwalter, who will provide an update at the district’s next Hospital Oversight Committee meeting. An update on the medical staff credentials and peer review was also provided at the Governing Board meeting.</p>	
<p>K. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>K.1. Strategic Planning Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2022</p>	<p>Director Zendle provided an overview of the strategic</p>	



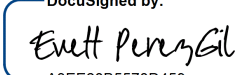
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<p>K2. Finance, Legal, Administration & Real Estate</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2022</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. Las Palmas Medical Plaza Leasing Update</p> <p>K.3. Program Committee</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2022</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3. Progress and Final Reports Update</p>	<p>planning committee meeting minutes highlighting the strategic goals and the priorities with the strategic planning committee prioritizing the staff recommendations for goals 1, 2, & 3 as a priority.</p> <p>Director Shorr highlighted the F&A Committee meeting minutes with Chris Christensen, CAO, describing the updates to the Las Palma Plaza and the Board-approved 1 – year lease in the consent agenda with one suite currently vacant and available.</p> <p>Vice-President PerezGil provided an overview of the Program Committee meeting minutes, grant payment schedule, and progress and final reports.</p>	
<p>L. Old Business</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. CV Link</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, CAO, described the Q4 CV Link report detailing the \$1.6M reimbursement to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)</p> <p>Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, provided details of the Q4 report and additional updates related to CV Link.</p>	
<p>M. Legal</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Governor Newsom’s 2022-2023 State Budget Highlights</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided a brief update on the single payer and seismic</p>	



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2. January 2022 Healthcare Related Laws	legislation to extend the due date for the hospital requirements with strong opposition from organized labor with the California Nurses Association taking the lead.	
N. Immediate Issues and Comments		
O. Adjournment	President Borja adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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 ATTEST: _____
 Evett PerezGil, Vice-President/Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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