



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
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<b>Directors Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>District Staff Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Karen Borja Director Arthur Shorr Acting Vice-President/Secretary Carole Rogers, RN Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara Director Carmina Zavala	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO 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	Vice-President/Secretary Evett PerezGil

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>A. Call to Order</b>	President Borja called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors' present.	
<b>B. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President Borja asked Director Shorr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.	
<b>C. Approval of Agenda</b>	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#21-84 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 6 President Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 1 Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil</b>
<b>D. Public Comment</b>	Hank Goodrow, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center, described a letter and flyer for	



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	distribution to the Board. Mr. Goodrow was encouraged by Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, to provide the letter to Andrea Hayles, Board Relations Officer for distributing to the Board.	
<b>E. Consent Agenda</b>  <b>1. BOARD MINUTES</b> a. Board of Directors Meeting – January 25, 2022 <b>2. FINANCIALS</b> a. Approval of the January 2022 Financial Statements – F&A Approved February 08, 2022 b. Transition and Letters of Engagement with Coachella Valley Accounting and Auditing (CV A&A) for the District, Foundation, and Retirement Protection Plan for FY2022-2023 <b>3. GRANT FUNDING</b> a. Grant #1306 Olive Crest: General Support for Counseling and Mental Health Services to Vulnerable Children and Families in the Coachella Valley – \$123,451 – Strategic Plan Alignment - Goal #3: Proactively expand community access to behavioral/mental health services. Strategy #3.3 – Provide funding to CBOs enabling an increase in the number and the geographic dispersion of sites providing behavioral/mental health services (consider co-location with other health services) <b>4. LEASES</b> a. Las Palmas Medical Plaza – Lease Extension Addendum #3	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.	<b>#21-85 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the consent agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 6 President Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 1 Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil</b>



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<p>– Eyecare Services Partners Management, LLP</p> <p><b>5. POLICIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Policy #OP-16 – Chief Executive Officer Discretionary Funds</li> <li>b. Policy #PROC-01 Purpose of Board Policies</li> <li>c. Policy #BOD-01 Swearing in of Board Members</li> <li>d. Policy #BOD-04 Attendance at Meetings</li> <li>e. Policy #BOD-05 Basis of Authority</li> <li>f. Policy #BOD-08 Board Meetings</li> <li>g. Policy #BOD-11 Board Actions and Decisions</li> <li>h. Policy #BOD-17 Compensation &amp; Performance Evaluation of the CEO</li> <li>i. Policy #OP-05 Grant &amp; Mini Grant Policy</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLUTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-04 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings</li> </ul>		
<p><b>F. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) Trustee of the Year Award Presented to Director Carmina Zavala by Cathy Martin, Chief Executive Officer, ACHD</li> </ul>	<p>Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, welcomed and introduced Cathy Martin, CEO, Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD). Ms. Martin, on behalf of ACHD, awarded Director Zavala with the Trustee of the Year Award, providing an overview of the lifelong Coachella Valley</p>	

	<p>resident, Director Zavala, dedicated to the community in addressing COVID, homelessness, and working to achieve equity for disadvantaged communities. Ms. Martin thanked Director Zavala for her service and dedication to the community.</p> <p>Director Zavala thanked ACHD, describing the honor and privilege of receiving the award.</p>	
<p><b>2. COVID-19 in the Coachella Valley</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided details on the COVID response in the state while continuing to promote vaccines with 75% of the Coachella Valley population fully vaccinated, describing the potential for a third and fourth dose of the vaccine for effectiveness and the highest level of protection against COVID.</p>	
<p><b>3. Mobile Unit Progress and Community Partnerships</b></p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, discussed the next steps for utilizing the mobile unit and the Mobile Health Care Services Act related to licensing for the district or as a partnership option. Mr. Espinoza presented the budget for the annual operating expenses and his interaction with Borrego Health Foundation for guidance since the organization currently operates a mobile unit.</p>	



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<p><b>4. 2022 Palm Springs Black History Month Awards Gala Award Honoree</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of the Palm Springs Black History Month Awards Gala Award and the district as this year's honoree due to the initiative to address racial inequities in healthcare and health professions for Black communities in the Coachella Valley.</p>	
<p><b>5. 2022 City of Palm Springs Human Rights Commission Community Service Award</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the district's Community Service Award at this year's Palm Springs Human Rights Commission virtual event.</p> <p>President Borja thanked the staff for their work and the recognition as a collective.</p>	
<p><b>6. CEO Community Engagements and District Media Visibility</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, highlighted the staff's invitation to present at the Grantmakers in Health annual meeting given the district's COVID response and collaboration with Riverside County Public Health. UC Berkeley showcased the district in a documentary To Live for the Harvest emphasizing the district's educational and testing awareness in the Agricultural communities of the Coachella Valley. Additionally, Dr. Bárzaga is invited to speak at the launch of National Public Health Week presented by the Public Health Association on the importance of public health.</p> <p>President Borja thanked the staff for their work as an</p>	



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	acclamation to the recognitions, including the Board as change-makers throughout the Coachella Valley.	
<b>G. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</b>	<p>Michelle Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network (DCN), Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), provided an overview of the most recent developments with the COVID census level declining. DRMC has twenty (20) positive cases per day and JFK Memorial with seven (7) compared to last month with one hundred (100) at DRMC and JFK Memorial with triple digit numbers. Since September, there are twelve (12) diagnosed Flu A and three (3) Flu B cases with a high acuity level of in-house patients, while continuing to serve the community and accepting patient admissions.</p> <p>DCN is has progressed with the March 1<sup>st</sup> booster shot compliance date for eligible health workers in the state of California.</p> <p>Some key positions have been filled with additional resources to the quality department, a supplemental patient safety officer, and a new infection preventionist. RN recruitment fairs have been successful with new onboarding and its importance to care for patients at the facility.</p>	



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	<p>In celebrating Black History Month in collaboration with Catherine Finch Elementary School, DRMC is co-hosting a float with a theme of black health and wellness with additional messaging for encouraging careers in healthcare.</p> <p>DRMC is supporting the FIND Food Bank Circle of Giving on March 4 with fundraising and community education events of various partners.</p> <p>An assessment of the landscaping is underway with an arborist's opinion of the palm tree removal and replacement for the row outside the Stergios building at the entry way to the facility and considering another opinion for alternatives of removal.</p> <p>Residence appreciation day is upcoming at the Stergios building for their work and efforts.</p>	
<b>H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</b>	<p>Director Rogers, RN, provided an overview of the most recent Governing Board meeting describing the Residence Appreciation Day, the Bariatric Service Program weight management team service of excellence award, and the obesity medicine qualification. The Board discussed issues with patient discharge to skilled nursing facilities and staffing and onboarding</p>	



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	shortages in the Coachella Valley.	
<b>I. Committee Meetings –</b>  <b>I.1. Finance, Legal, Administration &amp; Real Estate</b>  <b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – February 08, 2022</b>  <b>I.2. Program Committee</b>  <b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – February 08, 2022</b> <b>2. Grant Payment Schedule</b> <b>3. Progress and Final Reports Update</b>  <b>I.3. Board and Staff Communications and Policies Committee</b>  <b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2022</b>	<p>Director Shorr highlighted the F&amp;A Committee meeting with Chris Christensen, CAO, providing an overview of the audit firm transition from Lund &amp; Guttry to Coachella Valley Accounting and Auditing.</p> <p>President Borja provided a brief overview of the Program Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>Director De Lara President Borja inquired with the Board concerning any questions of the Board and Staff Communications and Policies Committee February 10, meeting minutes.</p>	
<b>J. Legal</b>	Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, did not provide a legal report but explained that a legislative report is forthcoming at the March meeting.	
<b>K. Immediate Issues and Comments</b>	Director Rogers, RN, described the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and Lift to Rise (LTR) developments on affordable housing and homelessness efforts. LTR received \$3.5M for the catalyst fund and construction for units with	

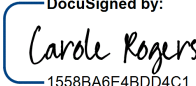




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	<p>projects initiating developments on permanent supportive housing funded through the catalyst fund. Riverside County submitted a grant to the state for Project Room Key and identified two hundred (200) chronically homeless in 2021, with seventy-five (75) placed in permanent supportive housing.</p> <p>Director Zendle expressed returning to in-person Board meetings possibly in April, with public access and staff recommendations to discuss next month. President Borja and Director De Lara favor Director Zendle's recommendation.</p> <p>President Borja requested in April at each committee level for Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, and Chris Christensen, CAO, to provide a detailed overview of the financials to each committee for any questions on specific line items.</p>	
<b>L. Adjournment</b>	President Borja adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.	<p><b>Audio recording available on the website at</b>  <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></p>

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 Carole Rogers, RN, Acting Vice-President/Secretary  
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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