



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
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**April 26, 2022**

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

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President Borja called meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present.	
<b>B. Approval of Agenda</b>	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#19-21 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara seconded by Director De Zendle to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b>
<b>C. Public Comment</b>	There were no public comments.	
<b>D. Consent Agenda</b>		



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<p><b>1. BOARD MINUTES</b>  <b>a. Board of Directors Meeting – March 22, 2022</b></p> <p><b>2. FINANCIALS</b>  <b>a. Approval of the March 2022 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved April 12, 2022</b></p> <p><b>3. RESOLUTIONS</b>  <b>b. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-09 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings</b></p>	<p>President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p><b>#19-22 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director De Lara to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>E. Homelessness Initiative</b>  <b>a. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV Housing First (\$500K contribution) Presentation by Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez</b></p>	<p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, provided an extensive presentation on the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV Housing First program describing the CV 200 program outcomes, IEHP MOU, CSUSB, and CVVIM Street Medicine programs, discharge planning, the Palm Springs Navigation Center, and Respite/Recuperative Care.</p>	
<p><b>F. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</b>  <b>1. Consideration to Approve Alianza’s Proposal in Response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) –</b></p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, described the background of the RFP release for the</p>	<p><b>#19-23 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Shorr to approve Alianza’s Proposal in Response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – South Coast Air Quality Management</b></p>



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<p><b>South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) – Partnerships for Air Quality Community Training in Rural Communities in the Eastern Coachella Valley – Goal #6: Strategic Goal Priority 6.1</b></p>	<p>South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Partnerships for Air Quality Community Training in Rural Communities in the Eastern Coachella Valley as it relates to the strategic goal priorities. A proposal was received from Alianza to implement the air quality project with a contract award of \$40k for the partnership.</p>	<p><b>District (SCAQMD) – Partnerships for Air Quality Community Training in Rural Communities in the Eastern Coachella Valley.</b>  <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>  <b>AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>2. Consideration to Approve Riverside University Health Systems (RUHS) \$750,000 Contract Amendment Contingent on Legal Counsel’s Review</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, described the \$750k contract amendment with Riverside University Health Systems (RUHS) as an extension of the current grant funding agreement to support local nonprofit organizations in the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative to continue to mitigate issues related to COVID-19.</p>	<p><b>#19-24 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara seconded by Director Zendle to approve Alianza’s Proposal in Response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) – Partnerships for Air Quality Community Training in Rural Communities in the Eastern Coachella Valley.</b>  <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>  <b>AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>3. Inland Empire Healthcare (IEHP) ConnectIE Service Agreement Update</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, described the prior conversations related to the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) and ConnectIE further detailing the \$83k service agreement. Vice-President PerezGil recused herself from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest.</p>	<p><b>#19-25 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara seconded by Director Zendle to approve Inland Empire Healthcare (IEHP) ConnectIE Service Agreement.</b>  <b>Motion passed 6-1.</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 – 0</b></p>



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<p><b>4. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative: COVID-19 Community Support, Outreach, Education, Testing, and Vaccination Distribution</b></p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, described the most recent developments of the Equity Collaborative explain the testing at various school districts, and testing sites in the Eastern Coachella Valley. Testing has increased due to spring break and music festivals, and additional education efforts are underway for the appropriate administration of the home test kits. Vaccination efforts are still underway with new partnerships with the Palm Springs Unified School District and the Borrego Health Foundation.</p>	<p><b>RECUSAL – 1 Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil</b></p>
<p><b>5. Expanding the District’s Role of the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative (CVEC) Beyond the COVID-19 Response</b>  <b>a. California Consulting Services Agreement – Expanding Opportunities to Continue the CVEC to Advance an Equity Framework and to Improve Access to Healthcare</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, expanded on Mr. Espinoza’s remarks concerning the Collaborative and removing barriers to healthcare resources. Internal discussions are underway for the Collaborative expansion, including with the member organizations describing an upcoming facilitated conversation to explore how the Collaborative can infuse the equity framework to align and advance the strategic</p>	



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	<p>priorities. A \$5k agreement is executed with California Consulting in compliance with the CEO Discretionary Fund to explore the expansion.</p>	
<p><b>G.1. F&amp;A Committee</b></p> <p><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022</b></p> <p><b>G.2. Program Committee</b></p> <p><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022</b></p> <p><b>2. Grant Payment Schedules</b></p> <p><b>3. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley – Update</b></p> <p><b>a. One Future Coachella Valley Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p><b>b. Access to Healthcare – Borrego Health Foundation</b></p>	<p>President Borja inquired with the board concerning any questions related to the April F&amp;A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>President Borja inquired with the board concerning any questions related to the April Program Committee meeting minutes.</p>	
<p><b>H. Behavioral Health Initiative</b></p> <p><b>1. Behavioral Health Initiative (BHI) Request for Proposals – Improving Access to Behavioral Health Education and Prevention</b></p>	<p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, highlighted the working group convenings and outreach efforts to the school district leadership and the upcoming release of an RFP for improving</p>	



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<p><b>Services for Children (0-18 years) and Their Families NTE \$500K/2 years</b></p> <p><b>2. Health Career Connection Summer 2022 Intern</b></p>	<p>access to behavioral health education and prevention for children and their families.</p> <p>In the past, the Foundation was instrumental with a Health Career Connection summer intern to grasp additional knowledge and work with the team on the Behavioral Health Initiative. A new intern will join the Foundation in the Summer of 2022.</p> <p>President Borja congratulated Director Zavala on the completion of her dissertation in the Doctor of Psychology program.</p>	
<p><b>I. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>President Borja adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b></p>

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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*