



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2022**

Directors & Community Members Present	District Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
Chair/Vice-President/Secretary Evett PerezGil President Karen Borja Director Zavala	Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Meghan Kane, Senior Program Officer Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health Erica Huskey, Administrative and Program Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. December 07, 2021	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the December 07, 2021, minutes.	Moved and seconded by President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the December 07, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
VI. Old Business 1. Grant Payment Schedules	Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee about questions concerning the grant payment schedules. The committee inquired about the Program Assistant hired to assist Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement. Mr. Espinoza reported hiring Sergio Rodriguez who has been working with the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative.	



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<p>2. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative</p> <p>a. Vaccination Education and Outreach</p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, described the testing and vaccination efforts with more of a focus on testing resulting in long wait times. The school districts are providing testing through the pop-up events. Testing has resulted in over 1,000 individuals in a span of 4 hours.</p> <p>Additional PCR testing events in the east and west Valley are underway with 48-hour results and good responses in the community. Vaccinations and testing are also scheduled in agricultural communities, and other partnerships with Borrego Health.</p> <p>Public Comments: Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Officer of Supervisor Perez, explained that the county is opening and extending testing sites in Indio and in Desert Highland Gateway Estates due to the demand.</p>	
<p>3. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley – Update</p> <p>a. One Future Coachella Valley Scholarship Fund</p> <p>b. Access to Healthcare –</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, reported on the Black and African American Healthcare Scholars Advisory Committee meeting, providing an update of sixteen (16) scholars with a few that were ineligible; six (6) were approved to move forward, and four (4) more are in the process of review. A news release announcing the applicants is forthcoming. Will Dean,</p>	



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<p align="center">Borrego Health Foundation</p> <p align="center">4. Behavioral Health Initiative - update</p>	<p>Communications and Marketing Director is working with the staff regarding a future celebration event and interviews with the scholarship recipients.</p> <p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, explained that the initiative work continues to advance, with the working groups focused on refining the strategic ideas for presentation to the Steering Committee at their February meeting. A behavioral health survey was sent to the Coachella Valley behavioral health service providers to assist with the strategic alignment of the planning, which also includes mobile unit services, telehealth, and workforce expansion.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil explained that she is delighted with the progress of the Behavioral Health Initiative, and she looks forward to outcome of the surveys.</p>	
<p>VI. Committee Member Comments</p>	<p>President Borja explained that if staff has any other matters to suggest that will assist in the community networks, such as volunteers or additional assistance at events, to advise the CEO who will contact the Board.</p>	
<p>VII. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DocuSigned by:</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

ATTEST: _____

Eveett PerezGil

Eveett PerezGil, Chair/Vice-President/Secretary
Program Committee

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