



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 08, 2022**

<b>Directors &amp; Community Members Present</b>	<b>District Staff Present via Video Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chair/Vice-President/Secretary Evett PerezGil President Karen Borja Director Zavala	Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, Chief Executive Officer 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 Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
<b>II. Approval of Agenda</b>	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>Moved and seconded by President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.</b>
<b>III. Meeting Minutes</b> <b>1. January 11, 2022</b>	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the January 11, 2022, minutes.	<b>Moved and seconded by President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the January 11, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.</b>
<b>IV. Public Comment</b>	There was no public comment.	
<b>VI. Old Business</b>  <b>1. Grant Payment Schedules</b>  <b>2. Grant #1034 City of Palm Springs: Consideration to forward to the Board a recommendation to approve a request for a second no-cost grant extension through June 30, 2022</b>	Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee about questions concerning the grant payment schedules.  Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provided a brief overview of the city of Palm Springs' second no-cost grant extension request through June 30, 2022, to support the Homeless Mental Health Housing Crisis Teams and Wrap Around Services.	<b>Moved and seconded by President Borja and Director Zavala to approve and forward to the Board Grant #1034 City of Palm Springs request for a second no-cost grant extension through June 30, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.</b>



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<p><b>3. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative Vaccination Education and Outreach</b></p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, described the first vaccination clinic with the Coachella Valley Unified School District (CVSUD), the parents’ signatures on consent forms for students to obtain vaccinations without their approval, and providing approximately forty (40) student vaccinations. The event opened to the public after school hours, and additional vaccination efforts will continue with ten (10) other school districts. Dr. Ann Cheney, University of California Riverside (UCR), Facility Supervisor, Coachella Valley Free Clinic, is working in partnership with the Equity Collaborative to provide free testing in Mecca, as well as testing collaborations in Thermal on the reservation of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.</p>	
<p><b>4. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley – Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. One Future Coachella Valley Scholarship Fund</b></li> <li><b>b. Access to Healthcare – Borrego Health Foundation</b></li> </ul>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, highlighted the communication outreach and the Desert Highland Gateway Estates community residents’ COVID testing. Conrado Bázquez, MD, CEO, explained that the numbers have increased with more clients in the community, including 30% of uninsured individuals, and Borrego Health exploring opportunities for insurance enrollment. President Borja pointed out that Blacks are lagging in services even though the access is for that particular population while applauding</p>	



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<p><b>5. Behavioral Health Initiative</b></p> <p><b>a. Steering Committee Meeting</b></p> <p><b>b. Joint School Districts Superintendents Meeting on Mental Health</b></p>	<p>Borrego Health for reaching out to the youth population. Dr. Bárzaga further described the demographic shift in Desert Highland Gateway Estates to Latino families and the clinic services visited by communities to the north of the area that also receives services.</p> <p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, provided an overview of the most recent Behavioral Health Steering Committee meeting describing the areas of focus on the working group and obtaining guidance on the continuation of the meetings, as well as the challenges in the Coachella Valley mental health workforce.</p> <p>Ms. Trew also provided an update on the joint school district's mental health meeting with the Coachella Valley superintendents, including representation from the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to discuss the needs and experiences in a structured environment for broader access to services.</p>	
<p><b>VI. Committee Member Comments</b></p>	<p>There were no committee comments.</p>	
<p><b>VII. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.</p> <p>DocuSigned by: <i>Eveitt PerezGil</i> A3EE28B5578D459...</p>	<p><b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b></p>

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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