



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2022**

Directors & Community Members

Present

President Karen Borja
Director Zavala

District Staff Present via Video Conference

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

Absent

Chair/Vice-President/Secretary
Evet PerezGil

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:26 p.m. by President Borja in Chair PerezGil's absence.	
II. Approval of Agenda	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by Director Zavala and President Borja to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. March 08, 2022	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the March 08, 2022, minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director Zavala and President Borja to approve the March 08, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
V. Old Business		
1. Grant Payment Schedules		
2. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative a. Vaccination, Education, and Outreach	Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagements, described the outreach efforts with the school districts and postponing some testing and vaccination events due to the Coachella Music Festival.	
3. Supporting the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative Beyond	Conrado Barzaga, MD, CEO, described the Equity Collaborative endeavors from	



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<p>COVID-19: A Facilitated Conversation</p>	<p>the onset of the pandemic, responding to the COVID emergency, and the value of maximizing the Collaborative for wellness resources to increase vaccination rates, safeguards, and services to communities that are traditionally left behind. Once the grant writing consultant is engaged, staff will begin exploring dates to discuss the Collaborative, which applies to the strategic plan, and align the work of the partnerships with that of the district.</p>	
<p>4. Update – 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 – Goal #6 - Strategic Goal Priority 6.1</p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, explained the three proposals of interest received for review and selection with an update to the Program Committee at the May meeting for a recommendation to the Board.</p>	
<p>5. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley – Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. One Future Coachella Valley Scholarship Fund b. Access to Healthcare – Borrego Health Foundation 	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Desert Highland Gateway Estates Black and African American advisory committee meetings summarizing the tactical plan workgroup broadened into four additional groups that include a financial plan workgroup to assist students with the scholarship process, a fund development workgroup, a holistic support workgroup, and a mentor resources</p>	



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	<p>development workgroup to work with the local hospitals to establish mentorships.</p> <p>Meghan Kane, Senior Program Officer, explained that for the One Future Coachella Valley scholarship fund of the 262 applicants, only 5 identified as Black or African American which requires additional outreach efforts in the community.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the January report from the Borrego Health Foundation that aligns with their initially presented goals and objectives.</p> <p>Conrado B�razga, MD, CEO, explained at the inquiry from President Borja concerning the significant number of uninsured (30%), that Borrego Health is assisting to provide the uninsured with coverage, and Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (CVVIM) will be opening an office in the Las Palmas Medical Plaza as an additional resource for access to healthcare. President Borja also inquired about the high rates of teen patients and the possibility of an organization establishing a school-based clinic for teens. Ms. Craig explained that the Borrego Health staff is dedicated to teen clinics in other cities as outlined in their initial proposal, further describing the teen event on April 20 at Desert Highland Gateway Estates Unity Center.</p>	
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<p>6. Homelessness Initiative</p> <p>a. CVAG CV Housing First DHCD \$500K contribution: PowerPoint presentation by Greg Rodriguez</p>	<p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, provided a quarterly update on the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, CV Housing First program describing the CV 200 progress report for the most chronically homeless of clients housed, individuals moved into permanent housing, and those housed through rapid resolution. Statistics on referral to behavioral health or substance use treatment and linkages to medi-cal with the majority already on a waiting list to a recovery center. An overview was provided of the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) partnership MOU, data sharing, client management, and CalAim. Additional details included Cal State San Bernardino & Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine partnerships with street outreach, UCR psychiatric residents, and working to prevent a duplication of efforts. Discharge Planning with Eisenhower Medical Center, Tenet Health, and CV 200 Cross References. Mr. Rodriguez provided a status update on the Palm Springs Navigation Center healthcare lens with a medical, dental, behavioral health clinic, and future respite/recuperative care.</p>	
<p>7. Behavioral Health Initiative</p>	<p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Advisor, Behavioral Health, provided an overview of the key</p>	



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<p>a. BHI Request for Proposals: Improving Access to Mental Health Prevention Services to Children (0-18 years) and Their Families NTE \$500K/2 years</p> <p>b. Health Career Connection Summer 2022 Intern</p>	<p>areas that need addressing for improving mental health access and prevention services for children ages 0-18, including their families with COVID increasing the need for visibility, such as isolation and anxiety. The district recommends releasing a Request for Proposals focused on behavioral health non-physical access barriers, and physical access barriers for release on April 27 and a deadline of June 3. The grant award is 2-years not to exceed \$500k.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the partnership with Health Career Connections for summer internship projects through the behavioral health initiative to recruit an intern that matches the initiative. Interviews will soon commence for \$4,100 to the student, the remainder to Health Career Connections for operating support totaling \$7,100, and a final report to the Board.</p>	
<p>VII. Committee Member Comments</p>	<p>There were no committee member comments.</p>	
<p>VIII. Adjournment</p>	<p>President Borja adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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ATTEST: _____

Karen Borja, Acting Chair/President Board of Directors
Program Committee

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