



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
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November 22, 2022**

<b>Directors Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>District Staff Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Karen Borja Vice-President/Secretary Evett PerezGil Secretary Carmina Zavala, PsyD Director Arthur Shorr Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA	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 Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President Borja called the meeting to order at 7:09 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>#19-42 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director Zendle to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 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></p> <p><b>a. Board of Directors Meeting – October 25, 2022</b></p> <p><b>2. FINANCIALS</b></p> <p><b>a. Approval of the October 2022 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved November 16, 2022</b></p> <p><b>3. RESOLUTIONS</b></p> <p><b>a. Resolution #22-28 Riverside County Public Health Grant Award – Initiative to Address COVID-19 Disparities – \$1,218,000</b></p> <p><b>b. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-29 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>Director Zendle pulled item 3.a. requesting clarification and a summary of the Riverside County Public Health grant. Chris Christensen, CAO, described the incorporation of the CBOs related to COVID-19 after the district’s response to the RFP with preliminary approval pending the Board of Supervisors vote.</p> <p><b>Public Comment:</b> Greg Rodriguez, deputy director of Housing and Workforce Solutions, Riverside County, described the outgoing disparities of COVID and continuing to leverage and build upon the relationships with the partnerships and the District and Foundation in addressing the healthy places index.</p>	<p><b>#19-43 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Rogers to approve the consent agenda except item 3.a. – Resolution #22-28 Riverside County Public Health Grant Award – Initiative to Address COVID-19 Disparities – \$1,218,000.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b></p> <p><b>#19-44 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Rogers to approve Resolution #22-28 Riverside County Public Health Grant Award – Initiative to Address COVID-19 Disparities – \$1,218,000.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>E. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</b></p> <p><b>1. 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 5,300 individuals serviced in the COVID testing incentive program providing an overview of the locations throughout</p>	



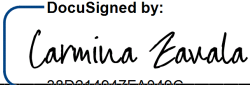
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2. Save the Date – Mobile Unit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – December 2</b></p>	<p>the Coachella Valley. COVID vaccination partnerships with CVS Pharmacy and the San Bernardino Archdiocese are ongoing.</p> <p>Dr. Barzaga, CEO, described the save the date invitation to the Board for the December 2 mobile unit ribbon cutting ceremony and open house.</p>	
<p><b>F. Behavioral Health Initiative</b></p>	<p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, described the collaborations with the RFP grant recipients while tracking their progress, an upcoming convening with the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative on their behavioral health project focus, and the next steps.</p> <p>The Board had a brief discussion on workforce development and the work of the Initiative Working Groups – an ongoing priority and ways to increase practitioners while residing in the Valley.</p>	
<p><b>G.1. F&amp;A Committee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2022</b></p> <p><b>G.2. Program Committee</b></p>	<p>President Borja inquired on any questions concerning the November F&amp;A Committee meeting minutes.</p>	



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<p><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – November 15, 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</b></p> <p><b>a. Access to Healthcare – Borrego Health Foundation Monthly Report</b></p> <p><b>b. Progress and Final Reports Update</b></p>	<p>President Borja inquired on any questions concerning the November Program Committee meeting minutes, grant payment schedule, Borrego Health Foundation’s monthly report, and the progress and final reports update.</p> <p>The Board inquired about the financial liability of Borrego Health with Dr. Bázquez, CEO, describing the media reports on their process for bids of the facilities for sale to other entities. The district is concerned with the continuity of services and workforce challenges.</p> <p>Director Zendle requested a more complex update on the Desert Highland Gateway Estates monthly report and future meetings beyond the current data.</p>	
<p><b>H. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>President Borja adjourned the meeting at 7:41 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carmina Zavala, PsyD, Secretary  
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer*