



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2023**

| <b>Directors Present via Video Conference</b>  | <b>District &amp; Legal Counsel Staff Present via Video Conference</b>  | <b>Absent</b> |
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| President Evett PerezGil<br>Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD<br>Director Leticia De Lara, MPA | Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer<br>Chris Christensen, CAO<br>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer<br>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement<br>Jana Trew, SPO, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health<br>Meghan Kane, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Public Health<br>Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer |               |

| <b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>   | <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | <b>ACTION</b>  |
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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>   | The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the agenda.<br/>Motion passed unanimously.</b>  |
| <b>III. Meeting Minutes</b><br>1. <b>December 13, 2022</b>  | Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the December 13, 2022, meeting minutes.  | <b>Moved and seconded by Vice-President Zavala and Director PerezGil to approve the December 13, 2022, meeting minutes.<br/>Motion passed unanimously (Director De Lara abstained)</b> |
| <b>IV. Public Comment</b>   | There were no public comments.  |  |
| <b>V. Old Business</b><br><br>1. <b>Grant Payment Schedule</b><br><br>2. <b>Grant Applications and RFP Proposals Submitted and Under Review</b> | Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the grant payment schedule and grant applications and RFP proposals submitted and under review.<br><br>There were no questions or comments. |  |
| <b>VI. Program Updates</b>  |   |  |



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| <p><b>1. Progress and Final Reports Update</b></p> | <p>Chair PerezGil inquired if the committee had any questions concerning the progress and final reports.</p> <p>Director De Lara inquired about the upcoming grantee meetings and whether there is any renewed interest since the \$5k increase in mini grants, and if staff is contacting agencies, including potential applicants awaiting completed financial audits.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described communicating with agencies applying for mini grants at the prior amount to increase their request. The District's assistance with organizations that have on no occasion had audited financials, the limitations on solicitations related to AB 2414, and organizations the District has previously funded. After the conclusion of the grant reports, agencies have the option to reapply for funding. Ms. Craig also described the upcoming annual report and a partnership with the Regional Access Project Foundation with NPO Centric for grantee capacity building.</p> <p>The committee also inquired about Alianza Nacional de Campesinas' final grant report, which excludes collaborations with FIND Food Bank. Ms. Craig described Alianza's partnership</p> |  |
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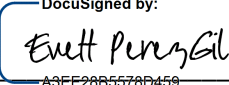
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|   | with Food Forward – a statewide organization that gathers discarded food from agricultural areas.  |  |
| <b>VII. Grant Funding Requests</b>  |  |  |
| <p><b>1. Grant #1363 Pegasus Riding Academy – Pegasus Equine Assisted Therapy - \$60,092 – Goal #2 – Expand Community Access to Primary Care and Specialty Services</b></p>   | <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, highlighted the site visit at Pegasus Riding Academy, the clients receiving the equine-assisted therapy, and the volunteers from Phoenix Rising, a recovery center on the property. The committee inquired about the strategies for cultural competency and staffing challenges for expanding to the east Valley for additional outreach. Ms. Craig described the limited staff while relying on volunteers and educators as a resource, and a more diverse board of directors.</p> | <p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve Grant #1363 Pegasus Riding Academy – Pegasus Equine Assisted Therapy - \$60,092 – Goal #2 – Expand Community Access to Primary Care and Specialty Services and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>2. Grant #1333 Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas: Healthcare Equity for ECV Farmworker Women and Families - \$150,000 (24 months) Goal #3 – Community Access to Behavioral Health Services</b></p> | <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the agency's work with the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative, previous denial due to the lack of audited financials, and reapplying for funding.</p>  | <p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve Grant #1333 Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas: Healthcare Equity for ECV Farmworker Women and Families - \$150,000 (24 months) Goal #3 – Community Access to Behavioral Health Services and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> |
| <b>VIII. Committee Members Comments</b>   | <p>Director De Lara thanked Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, for meeting with her to develop an understanding of the grant review process and thanking President PerezGil for the</p>   |  |



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|                        | opportunity to serve on the committee.            |  |
| <b>IX. Adjournment</b> | Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m. | <b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b> |

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 Evett PerezGil, Chair/ President, Board of Directors  
 Program Committee

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