



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2023**

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

| AGENDA ITEMS | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| I. Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Chair PerezGil. | |
| II. Approval of Agenda | Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda. | Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. |
| III. Meeting Minutes 1. January 10, 2023 | Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the January 10, 2023, meeting minutes. | Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the January 10, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously |
| IV. Public Comment | There was no public comment. | |
| V. Old Business | | |
| 1. Grant Payment Schedules | Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions related to the grant payment schedules. There were no questions or comments. | |
| 2. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative a. Vaccination, Education, and Outreach | Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, did not provide an update on the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative due to his absence. | |



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| <p>3. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley – Update</p> <p>a. Access to Healthcare – Borrego Health Foundation</p> <p>b. Black and African American Healthcare Scholarship Program</p> | <p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about Borrego Health Community Foundation’s December report for improving access to healthcare in Desert Highland Gateway Estates.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the timeline for the OneFuture Coachella Valley scholarship grant, detailing the application process, scholarship committee, the student’s participation in the scholarship leadership program, and the projected June awards ceremony.</p> <p>In response to the committee’s inquiry, Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the efforts of a more comprehensive nursing program in collaboration with the College of the Desert and other local agencies seeking to hire nurses. Staff will present a Board report once additional information is available.</p> | |
| <p>VI. Program Updates</p> <p>1. Progress and Final Reports Update</p> | <p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions related to the progress and final reports update.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> | |



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| VII. Behavioral Health Initiative | <p>Jana Trew, Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, described the Behavioral Health staff report and inquired with the committee concerning any questions.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> | |
| VIII. Committee Member Comments | <p>Director De Lara reported on the January 27 Farm Worker Appreciation Event in Mecca, thanking the staff and Director Barraza for attending. Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, accompanied Director De Lara to the Galilee Center’s groundbreaking ceremony in Mecca to expand agricultural workers dormitory.</p> | |
| IX. Adjournment | <p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.</p> | <p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p> |

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

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