



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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March 28, 2023**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Kimberly Barraza	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	Secretary Carole Rogers, RN Treasurer Arthur Shorr

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Evett PerezGil called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present except Director Rogers, RN, and Director Shorr.	
B. Approval of Agenda	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#23-10 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Barraza to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Zendle, Director De Lara and Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Secretary Rogers and Director Shorr
C. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
D. Consent Agenda		



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<p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p>a. Board of Directors Meeting – February 28, 2023</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p>a. Approval of the February 2023 Financial Statements – F&A Approved March 15, 2023</p>	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#23-11 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Barraza to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Zendle, Director De Lara and Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Secretary Rogers and Director Shorr</p>
<p>E. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p> <p>1. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative: COVID-19 Community Support, Outreach, Education, Testing, and Vaccination Distribution</p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, provided an update on testing and vaccination events describing the upcoming events throughout the Valley, including the mobile medical unit. The Board recommended outreach to the community for no cost vaccinations and women’s health with the mobile unit. Staff is collaborating with the Pink Foundation for mammograms and will provide an update.</p>	
<p>F. Behavioral Health Initiative</p> <p>1. Fentanyl Crisis Reduction Efforts in the Coachella Valley</p>	<p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, provided an overview of the fentanyl crisis reduction efforts highlighting the collaboration with Riverside University Health Systems (RUHS), the</p>	



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<p>2. Consideration to approve an additional \$100,000 matching contribution to the Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) in partnership with the organization’s Request for Proposal (RFP) January 2023 Mental Health Initiative – Strategic Plan Goal #3: Proactively Expand Community Access to Behavioral and Mental Health Services</p>	<p>Riverside Overdose Data to Action (RODA), the partnerships, and an upcoming Mental Health Awareness Fair on May 3.</p> <p>Director De Lara recused herself from the discussion and noted her recusal from consideration for approval at the Program Committee meeting.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Board-approved \$400k match in partnership with the Regional Access Project Foundation for the Mental Health Initiative RFP, the applicants received, the remaining thirty applications, and a request for a \$100k match to support more programs and projects with the grant award totaling \$1M.</p>	<p>#23-12 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Vice-President Zavala to approve an additional \$100,000 matching contribution to the Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) in partnership with the organization’s Request for Proposal (RFP) January 2023 Mental Health Initiative. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 4 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Zendle, and Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Secretary Rogers and Director Shorr ABSTAIN – 1 Director De Lara</p>
<p>G.1. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2023</p> <p>2. Grant Payment Schedules</p> <p>3. Advancing the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the March Program Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired on any questions concerning the grant payment schedule, and Borrego Health</p>	

