



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
May 09, 2023**

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

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:04 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 and to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. April 11, 2023	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the April 11, 2023, meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the April 11, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
V. CEO Report 1. 75th Anniversary – History Book Release Launch – May 18	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, described the May 18 History Book Release Launch hosted at the El Mirador building on the campus of Desert Regional Medical Center with an anticipated 150 attendees.	



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<p>VI. Old Business</p>	<p>There is currently no old business.</p>	
<p>VII. Program Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress and Final Reports Update 2. Grant Applications and RFP Proposals Submitted and Under Review 3. Grant Payment Schedule 	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the progress and final reports, grant applications and RFP proposals submitted and under review, and the grant payment schedule.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p>VIII. Grant Funding Requests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant #1392 Galilee Center – Galilee Center Extended Shelter: \$268,342 one-year term – Goal #2 Access to Primary and Specialty Care; Strategy 2.7 Increase equitable access to primary and specialty services and resources in underserved communities in CV; Strategy 5.1 Reduce the negative impacts of social determinants of health on homelessness in CV. 	<p>Director De Lara disclosed at the advice of legal counsel that she sits on the advisory committee of the Galilee Center with no financial interest.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Galilee Center’s \$268,342 grant request for funding extended shelter to individuals and families seeking asylum while awaiting transportation to their final destinations and providing wraparound support services as one of the only facilities in Riverside County providing refuge to asylum seekers.</p> <p>The committee inquired about the increase and impact of families with the end of Title 42 on May 11, families staying longer in the Coachella Valley, the financial strain, and the delivery of other services due to the tremendous need.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve Grant #1392 Galilee Center – Galilee Center Extended Shelter – \$268,342 one-year term and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>



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<p>2. Grant #1391 Lift To Rise – Driving Regional Economic Stability Through Collective Impact - \$900,000 over a 3 year term. – Goal #5: Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the economic stability of the District residents (on a situational basis) – Strategies 5.1;5.2;5.3; and 5.4</p>	<p>Claudia Castorena, CFO and Founder, Galilee Center, described the anticipated increased capacity and preparations for 250-300 persons daily for 30-60 days, with a contingency plan for maximum capacity. Ms. Castorena provided an overview of the financial impact with partial support from the state and federal funding through Riverside County.</p> <p>Public Comments: Greg Rodriguez, deputy director of Housing and Workforce Solutions, Riverside County, described the support for the Galilee Center’s work and the ongoing partnership and funding not provided by FEMA in the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP).</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Lift to Rise \$900,000 grant request for operating support of the Housing Community Action Network (CAN) to continue the work of the 10,000 units by 2028 and reduce the rent burden of Coachella Valley residents.</p> <p>The committee inquired about the reduced costs for the consultant fees by the grants review staff, the financial review and funding for one year and reviewing the grant in year two and year three, including the</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve Grant #1391 Lift To Rise – Driving Regional Economic Stability Through Collective Impact – \$900,000 over a 3 year term with modifications of the inclusion of deliverables and milestones achieved at the end of the first and second years. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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	<p>role of prior awarded multi-year grants.</p> <p>The following individuals provided public comments supporting Lift to Rise’s grant request: Alejandro Aguilar, Coachella Valley Organizer Greg Rodriguez, deputy director of Housing and Workforce Solutions, Riverside County Annalisa Vargas, Lead Community Advisor, Communities for New California (CNC) Rick Saldivar, Outreach Pastor, Local Community Leader, Cathedral City Carla Rosas, Coachella Resident Aliana Chappa, Coachella Valley Resident Asilia Gomez, Community Advocate, Coachella Resident Dieter Crawford, Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Action Association</p> <p>Heather Vaikona, Chief Executive Officer, Lift to Rise, thanked the committee for the opportunity and addressed the amount of the grant request over a 3-year period and seeking matching grants from national funders.</p> <p>Director De Lara motioned to forward the 3-year grant request to the Board with modifications of the inclusion of deliverables achieved at the end of the first and second years.</p>	
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IX. Committee Members Comments	There were no committee meeting comments.	
X. Adjournment	Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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 ATTEST: _____
 Evett PerezGil, Chair/ President, Board of Directors
 Program Committee

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