DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
May 09, 2023

Directors & Community Members Present	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, 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 5:57 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	**Moved and seconded by Vice-President Zavala and Director De Lara 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 Vice-President Zavala and Director De Lara to approve the April 11, 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	Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, described modifications to the Collaborative strategy to	

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a. **Vaccination, Education, and Outreach**	participate in hosted events by other entities, outlining the recent events and a partnership with CV Pharmacy to connect with the senior centers for the booster shots.	
3. **Advancing the District's Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley**	Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the March 2023 Borrego Health Foundation report.	
a. **Improving Access to Healthcare in DHGE – March 2023 Report – Borrego Health Foundation** b. **Black and African American Healthcare scholarship program**	Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described Borrego Health's 3-year open grant with $452k remaining in the second year and payments on a reimbursement basis. DAP Health will assume the staff, transfer the assets by July 1, and with the recommendation of legal counsel, the Foundation will transfer the assignment of the grant from Borrego Health Foundation to DAP Health at the appropriate time, which will avoid any interruption of services at Desert Highland Gateway Estates. There are no new updates on the Black and African American scholarship program until the July meeting. Scholarship applications are currently open through August.	
VI. **Program Updates**		
1. **Progress and Final Reports Update**	Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the progress and final reports.	

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	There were no questions or comments.	
VII. Behavioral Health Informational Updates		
1. **Mental Health Awareness Month**	Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, highlighted mental health awareness month and Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Mental Health Awareness Health Fair, the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission Art Festival hosted by RUHS with expressions of mental health, and the District's participation.	
2. **Fentanyl Crisis Reduction Efforts in the Coachella Valley – Riverside County University Health Systems (RUHS) Riverside Overdose Data to Action (RODA) Community Action Plan**	Ms. Trew provided an update on the fentanyl crisis reduction efforts initiated in May and throughout the summer, with a potential program expansion. Director De Lara highlighted her attendance and Director Barraza's presence at the Riverside Latino Commissions hosted mental health awareness event in Coachella, including District representation.	
3. **RAP Mental Health RFP – DHCD matching partnership – results of RAP board approval of grant allocations.**	Director De Lara recused herself from the discussion. Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provided an update on the matching $500k partnership, the grant award allocations and technical assistance, with $24k remaining in grant awards and $15k remaining for the technical assistance. RAP and the District staff will recommend to RAP's	

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	Grant Committee and RAP's Board of Directors to allocate the remaining funds to organizations initially approved, expending all the $1M total grant funding awarded.	
VIII. Committee Member Comments	There were no committee member comments.	
IX. Adjournment	Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.	*Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents*

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

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