



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
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<b>Directors Present</b>	<b>District Staff Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Secretary Carole Rogers, RN Treasurer Arthur Shorr 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, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	Vice-President Zavala called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present except President PerezGil, who joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.	
<b>B. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Vice-President Zavala led the pledge of allegiance.	
<b>C. Approval of Agenda</b>	Vice-President Zavala asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#23-32 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Barraza to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed 6-1.</b> <b>AYES – 6 Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 1 President PerezGil</b>
<b>D. Public Comment</b>	There were no public comments.	
<b>E. Consent Agenda</b>		



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<p><b>1. BOARD MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 01, 2023</b></li> <li>b. <b>Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 04, 2023</b></li> <li>c. <b>Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 22, 2023</b></li> <li>d. <b>Board of Directors Meeting – May 23, 2023</b></li> </ul> <p><b>2. FINANCIALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Approval of the May 2023 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved June 14, 2023</b></li> </ul> <p><b>3. PROPOSALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>TWC Healthcare Consulting, LLC, dba The Walker Company – Board Governance-Building – Effective July 1, 2023 - December 1, 2023 – NTE \$38,000</b></li> </ul>	<p>Vice-President Zavala asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p><b>#23-33 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the consent agenda.</b>  <b>Motion passed 6-1.</b>  <b>AYES – 6 Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT – 1 President PerezGil</b></p>
<p><b>F. Strategic Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Consideration to approve Grant #1393 – DAP Health: DAP Health Expands Access to Healthcare – \$1,025,778 Strategic Plan Goal #2 – Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services. Strategy 2.2 – Provide funding to support an increase in the number of clinics and needed programs in geographically-targeted markets and the days and hours that they operate.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Vice-President Zavala recused herself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provided an overview of the DAP Health grant request and the acquisition and transfer of Borrego Health, further describing the funding gap.</p> <p>The Board inquired about contracts related to billing and expenses, cash flow, operating budget, and non-reimbursable services, also thanking DAP Health for their service to the community.</p>	<p><b>#23-34 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Barraza and seconded by Director De Lara to approve Grant #1393 – DAP Health: DAP Health Expands Access to Healthcare – \$1,025,778.</b>  <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>  <b>AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Secretary Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT –</b>  <b>ABSTAIN – 1 Director Shorr</b>  <b>RECUSE – 1 Vice-President Zavala</b></p>



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<p><b>2. Consideration to approve Grant #1398 – Desert Healthcare Foundation: General Operating Support – \$750,000 – applies to all Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies.</b></p> <p><b>3. Consideration to reserve the remaining \$395,524 from the District grant budget to the</b></p>	<p>David Brinkman, CEO of DAP Health, thanked the District for their partnership with Borrego Health and their prior investments with DAP Health, describing the details of the grant request, operations, revenue, creditors in the bankruptcy, licensing, employees, timeline for accomplishing their goal, barriers to access to care, and investments.</p> <p>Public Comments: Corinna Velasquez, COO, Borrego Health, expressed her support for the grant request and thanked the Board for their consideration.</p> <p>Drew Hildreth, patient, DAP Health provided remarks in support of the grant request.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, CAO, provided an overview of the request for general operating support from the District to the Foundation.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the remaining funding in the grant budget with a request to</p>	<p><b>#23-35 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve Grant #1398 – Desert Healthcare Foundation: General Operating Support – \$750,000. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</b></p> <p><b>#23-36 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Rogers to approve rolling over the \$395,524 to the next</b></p>
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<p><b>Mobile Unit Program or other grant funding</b></p>	<p>expand the mobile unit program given the success of the current program and the addition of sites and services and the ongoing partnership with the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District and returning to the board with additional information in September.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion and consideration of Dr. Kim’s report on the current operations of the mobile medical unit and plans for the new unit Director De Lara motioned to approve reserving the remaining \$395,524 from the District grant budget to the Mobile Unit Program, with a second from Director Barraza.</p> <p>The Board further discussed reserving the funds for an initiative placing any unused resources in the general fund, with Director Zendle, MD offering an amendment to Director De Lara’s motion to roll over the funds to the next fiscal year, direct the staff to provide as soon as possible, the specifics for a proposal to proceed with the acquisition of another mobile unit and seconded by Director Rogers.</p> <p>Public Comments: Dr. Tae Kim, Desert Care Network, described the current mobile unit services and the timing of obtaining a new mobile unit for pharmacy and</p>	<p><b>fiscal year, direct the staff to provide as soon as possible, the specifics for a proposal to proceed with the acquisition of another mobile unit.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed 5-2.</b> <b>AYES – 5 Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, and Director Barraza</b> <b>NOES – 2 Director De Lara and President PerezGil</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
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<p><b>4. FOUNDANT Technologies New Grantmaking Platform</b></p> <p><b>a. Grant Applications – Consideration to approve a Board and Staff Demographic Matrix</b></p>	<p>mental health, while expanding the current services, and the component of the residences.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the Districts' commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and consideration to include the voluntary submission of the demographic matrix with the grant applications.</p>	<p><b>#23-37 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Carmina to approve a Board and Staff Demographic Matrix. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice- President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>G. Reports</b></p> <p><b>1. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report – Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO</b></p> <p><b>a. Certification – Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD)</b></p> <p><b>b. UC Riverside School of Medicine (UCR SOM) Donor and Honorary Recognition Wall – DHCD Display</b></p> <p><b>c. FY2021-2026 Strategic Plan</b></p> <p><b>i. Strategic Plan Assessment – Fall 2023</b></p> <p><b>d. CEO Community Engagements and Media Visibility</b></p> <p><b>2. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report – Michele Finney, CEO</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the CEO report, as illustrated in the packet on pages 103 – 110.</p> <p>The Board inquired about AB 869 Seismic, which is currently in the Senate with a hearing on July 5 and ongoing conversations for modifications to the bill.</p> <p>Michele Finney, CEO of Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center, provided an overview of the most recent</p>	



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<p><b>3. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board Meeting – President Evett PerezGil and Director Les Zendle, MD</b></p> <p><b>4. Legal – Jeffrey G. Scott, Esq., Law Offices of Jeffrey G. Scott</b></p>	<p>updates on certifications, graduating residency celebration, volunteers, nursing recruitment, capital projects at DRMC and JFK Memorial, and community involvement.</p> <p>Director Zendle, MD, described the written report inquiring with the Board concerning any questions.</p> <p>Jeff Scott, Esq., explained that he will provide a report out of the closed session during that time.</p>	
<p><b>H. Committee Meetings –</b></p> <p><b>H.1. Strategic Planning Committee</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2023</b></p> <p><b>b. Results-Based Accountability</b></p> <p><b>c. Updates and Developing Grants Allocated to the Strategic Plan Goals</b></p> <p><b>H.1.2. Program Committee</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2023</b></p> <p><b>b. Progress and Final Reports Update</b></p> <p><b>c. Grant applications and Request for Proposals Submitted and Under Review</b></p> <p><b>d. Grant Payment Schedule</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the June Strategic Committee meeting minutes,</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the June Program Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	



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<p><b>H.1.3. Finance, Legal, Administration, &amp; Real Estate Committee</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2023</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the June F&amp;A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p><b>I. Board Member Comments</b></p>	<p>Director Rogers highlighted her reports on the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and Lift to Rise homelessness meetings.</p>	
<p><b>J. Adjournment to the Desert Healthcare Foundation</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Audio recording available on the website at</b> <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></p>
<p><b>K. Convene to Closed Session of the Desert Healthcare District Immediately Following the Desert Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors Meeting</b></p> <p><b>1. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957: Public Employee Evaluation pursuant to Government Code 54957 Title: Chief Executive Officer</b></p>		
<p><b>L. Reconvene to Open Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors Meeting</b></p>		
<p><b>M. Report After Closed Session</b></p>		

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Carole Rogers, RN, Secretary, Board of Directors  
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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