



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 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	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, Grants Manager Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:38 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. June 13, 2023	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the June 13, 2023, meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the June 13, 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, described the collaboration with FIND Food Bank for vaccination efforts and the Word of Life	



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<p>b. Mobile Medical Unit</p> <p>3. Improving Access to Healthcare in Desert Highland Gateway Estates (DHGE) – April 2023 Report – Borrego Health Foundation</p>	<p>Fellowship Center partnership for the mobile medical unit to assist with the unhoused population in Desert Hot Springs.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions related to the Borrego Health April 2023 report.</p> <p>Given the committee's concern with the dwindling numbers, Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the decline in patient visits and the new marketing and outreach plan of DAP Health to increase patient visits.</p>	
<p>VI. New Business</p> <p>1. Consideration to forward to the Board for approval a contract with the U.S. Administration for Community Living – US Aging: Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative – \$341,648</p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, provided background on the grant for extending the COVID-19 vaccination clinics to expand services to seniors and people with disabilities.</p> <p>The committee inquired about indirect costs; however, staff and the promotoras', are included in the budget with a stipend for organizations to host the vaccination clinics. The subcontractors will receive \$120k per organization with up to a \$5k stipend for hosting the clinics as sub-awardees and summarizing the use of the funding. The grant award is 9 months with an April 2024 end date.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve a contract with the U.S. Administration for Community Living – US Aging: Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative – \$341,648 and forward to the Board for approval.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>VII. Program Updates</p>		



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<p>1. Progress and Final Reports Update</p> <p>2. Grant #1046 Public Health Institute – final deliverable: Policies and Strategies to Improve Air Quality and Public Health in the Coachella Valley</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the progress and final reports and the Public Health Institutes final deliverable on air quality and public health in the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the near-mid- and long-term actions and developing Board and Staff strategies to advance the final deliverables of policy and approaches to support a meaningful impact.</p> <p>The committee also inquired about other agency involvement, such as Alianza and community experts, which is integrated into a more detailed environmental health response collaboration with the CONCUR emergency communications plan final report and SQAMD for the next phase as described by Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement.</p>	
<p>VIII. Behavioral Health Informational Updates</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the Behavioral Health Informational Updates.</p> <p>Jana Trew described parents of substance abusers contacting the District to thank the Board and Staff for their efforts on the fentanyl crisis, while also illustrating the Desert Sun article on the District’s fentanyl education campaign. The committee recommended a Spanish transcription of the</p>	



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	Desert Sun article for informational purposes on the website.	
VIII. Committee Member Comments	Director De Lara described the fentanyl session at the National Association of Elected Officials conference and other communities working to address the need while thanking staff.	
IX. Adjournment	Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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Evet Perez Gil

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

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