



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2023**

Directors Present via Video Conference	District Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
Director/Chair Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Les Zendle, MD Director Kimberly Barraza	Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Meghan Kane, Senior Program Officer, Public Health Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer	Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	Chair De Lara called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with all directors present.	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	It was moved by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Barraza to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Approval of the Minutes – June 14, 2022	Chair De Lara asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022, meeting.	It was moved by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Barraza to approve the June 14, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
V. Old Business 1. FY2021-2026 Strategic Plan a. Grants Allocated to the Strategic Plan Goals	Conrado Bázquez, MD, CEO, provided an overview of the strategies in the grants allocated to the strategic goals commencing with strategic goals 1.1 – 1.6. The committee requested the inclusion of the collaborative networks assisting in the response efforts with Riverside University Health Systems (RUHS) for the fentanyl crisis, grant funding requests, and funded grants in the project description for Behavioral Health and the collective funding between the District and the	



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	<p>Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP).</p> <p>After discussion, the committee agreed recommending to the Board moving forward with the existing high priority strategic planning items and not prioritizing the development director position. The committee recommended reassessing the senior development director position after the lease negotiations, including other low priority matters.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the instability challenges of Borrego Community Health Foundation and the outcomes with the three FQHCs impeding some funding matters in strategic goals #2; however, the staff is exploring other matters, such as implementing a residency program for primary care providers to expand the FQHC workforce. Staff is also exploring with College of the Desert on expanding the nursing students in the Coachella Valley to increase the graduation rate of local RNs. There is an estimated shortage of at least 400 nurses amongst the three hospitals in the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>The committee discussed staff providing strategies to assist with advancing and improving nursing programs and modifying strategy 2.5 from a moderate to high priority to address the nursing shortage and provide the recommendation to the Board.</p> <p>Staff will provide direction on the committee’s inquiry for allocating strategy 3.7 instead of strategy 6.2 to</p>	
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	<p>Pueblo Unido CDC related to the Interim Drinking Water Program (IDWP).</p> <p>Staff will amend the allocations report to include the internal Goals in #4 with the Results-Based Accountability and additional ongoing efforts in progress not aligned to funding, including the annual report.</p>	
<p>VI. New Business</p> <p>1. 2022 Annual Report</p>	<p>Dr. Barzaga, CEO, provided an overview of the grant funding illustrated in the 2022 Annual Report highlighting the significant amount of grant funding.</p> <p>Staff will present to the Board a summarized report highlighting the six strategic goals with the suggested revisions.</p>	
<p>VII. Committee Member Comments</p>	<p>There were no committee member comments.</p>	
<p>VIII. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair De Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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 ATTEST: _____
 Leticia De Lara, Chair/Director, Strategic Planning Committee
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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