

# DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Program Committee Meeting October 10, 2023 5:30 P.M.

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Page(s) **AGENDA** Item Type I. Call to Order - President Evett PerezGil, Committee Chairperson 1-2 II. **Approval of Agenda** Action III. **Meeting Minutes** 3-5 1. September 12, 2023 Action IV. **Public Comments** At this time, comments from the audience may be made on items not listed on the agenda that are of public interest and within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the District. The Committee has a policy of limiting speakers to not more than three minutes. The Committee cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. Public input may be offered on an agenda item when it comes up for discussion and/or action. ٧. **Old Business** Information 6-7 1. Grant Payment Schedules Information 2. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative 8-9 a. COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations 10-11 3. Medical Mobile Unit Operations Information **Program Updates** VI. 1. Progress and Final Report Update 12-17

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VIII. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting November 14, 2023

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this agenda was posted in the front entrance to the Desert Healthcare District offices located at 1140 North Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California, and the front entrance of the Desert Healthcare District clocated at the Regional Access Project Foundation, 41550 Eclectic Street, Suite G 100, Palm Desert California at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If you have any disability which would require accommodation to enable you to participate in this meeting, please email Andrea S. Hayles, Special Assistant to the CEO and Board Relations Officer, at <a href="mailto:ahayles@dhcd.org">ahayles@dhcd.org</a> or call (760) 567-0298 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Andrea S. Hayles

Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer



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

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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 President PerezGil to approve the agenda.  Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. July 18, 2023	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the July 18, 2023, meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and President PerezGil to approve the July 18, 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.	



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	September 12, 2023	
2. Candid – formerly	Donna Craig, Chief Program	Moved and seconded by Director De
Foundation Center and	Officer, outlined the email	Lara and President PerezGil to
GuideStar-Foundation	request from The California	approve the Desert Healthcare
Profile Update	Endowment (TCE) in	Foundation Candid Profile Update.
·	collaboration with other	Motion passed unanimously.
	nonprofits concerning their shift	,
	to demographic data and the	
	request from Candid to update	
	the Foundation's organizational	
	demographic profile, such as	
	race and ethnicity, gender,	
	disability, and sexual orientation.	
3. Coachella Valley Equity	Alaiandra Fanings Chief-f	
3. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative	Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of	
Collaborative	Community Engagement,	
- COMP 40 Tolder	described the new booster shot	
a. COVID 19 Testing	approval from the FDA and	
and Vaccinations	temporarily pausing the	
b. Medical Mobile Unit	vaccination events until the new	
Operations	booster vaccination is	
	distributed.	
	The mobile medical unit, in	
	partnership with other	
	nonprofits and government	
	entities in Desert Hot Springs has	
	commenced an outreach	
	program similar to Palm Springs'	
	RISE program for people	
	experiencing homelessness as a	
	monthly outreach event.	
	monthly odd each event.	
4. Improving Access to	Chair PerezGil inquired with the	
Healthcare in Desert	·	
Highland Gateway	committee concerning any	
	questions related to the Borrego	
Estates (DHGE)-	Health July 2023 report.	
July2023Report-		
Borrego Health	There were no comments or	
Foundation	questions.	
VII. Program Updates		
Progress and Final	Chair PerezGil inquired with the	
Reports Update	I	
Reports Opdate	committee concerning any	



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	questions about the progress and final reports update.	
	There were no comments or questions.	
VIII. Behavioral Health	'	
	Chair PerezGil inquired with the	
Informational Updates	committee concerning any	
	questions about the Behavioral	
	Health Informational Updates.	
	Jana Trew, Senior Program	
	Officer, Behavioral Health,	
	highlighted the Fentanyl Harm	
	Reduction Awareness Project,	
	further describing the	
	presentation to the attendees at	
	the Association of California	
	Healthcare Districts (ACHD)	
	Annual Meeting. The Coachella	
	Valley Behavioral Health	
	Collective will hold its final yearly	
	meeting in October with	
MILL Committee March	designated speakers.	
VIIII. Committee Member		
Comments		
IX. Adjournment	Chair PerezGil adjourned the	Audio recording available on the
	meeting at 5:58 p.m.	website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-</a>
		<u>and-Documents</u>

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

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

	DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION										
	OUTSTANDING GRANTS AND GRANT PAYMENT SO	HEDULE									
	September 30, 2023										
	TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2024										
				6/30/2023	New Grants		9/30/2023				
A/C 2190 and A/C 2186-Long term				Open	Current Yr	Total Paid	Open				
Grant ID Nos.	Name			BALANCE	2022-2023	July-June	BALANCE				
Health Portal	Remaining Collective Funds-Mayor's Race & DHCF			\$ 1,49	6	\$ 1,496 \$		\$ 1,496 \$		HP-cvHIP	
BOD - 04/24/18 & 06/28/22	Behavioral Health Initiative Collective Fund + Expansion			\$ 1,932,90	3	\$ 44,229	\$ 1,888,674	Behavioral	Health		
BOD - 06/26/18 BOD	Avery Trust Funds-Committed to Pulmonary services			\$ 532,24	3	\$ 24,960	\$ 507,283	Avery Trus	it		
BOD - 6/25/19 BOD (#1006)	DHCD - Homelessness Initiative Collective Fund			\$ 71,55	7	\$ -	\$ 71,557	Homelessr	ness		
BOD - 07/27/21 BOD (#1288)	Borrego Community - Improving Access to Healthcare - 3 yrs			\$ 423,97	1	\$ 14,301	\$ 409,670				
F&A - 6/11/19, 6/09/20, 6/22/21 Res. NO. 21-02, 22-17	Prior Year Commitments & Carry-Over Funds			\$ 1,544,15	6	\$ -	\$ 1,544,156				
TOTAL GRANTS				\$ 4,506,32	6 \$ -	\$ 84,986	\$ 4,421,340				
Summary: As of 09/30/2023			Uncommitt	ed & Available							
Health Portal (CVHIP):	\$	-	\$	-							
Behavioral Health Initiative Collective Fund	1,8	88,674	\$	622,33	0						
Avery Trust - Pulmonary Services	\$ 5	07,283	\$	485,28	3						
West Valley Homelessness Initiative	\$	71,557	\$	71,55	7						
Healthcare Needs of Black Communities	\$ 4	09,670	\$	-							
Prior Year Commitments & Carry-Over Funds		44,156		1,544,15	6						
Tota	4,4	21,340	\$	2,723,32	6						
Amts available/remaining for Grant/Programs - FY 2023-	24:			FY24 Grant E	udget	Social Service	es Fund #5054				
Amount budgeted 2023-2024			\$ 30,000	\$ 30,00	0	Budget	\$ 120,000				
Amount granted year to date			\$ - \$ -		- [	DRMC Auxiliary	\$ 6,000	Spent YTD			
Mini Grants:						Eisenhower		Spent 110			
Net adj - Grants not used:	1046		\$ 40	)	Bala	ance Available	\$ 114,000				
Contributions / Additional Funding											
Prior Year Commitments & Carry-Over Funds	FY19-20 \$284,156; FY20-21 \$730,000; FY21-22 \$530,000		\$ 1,544,156	3							
Balance available for Grants/Programs			\$ 1,574,190	6							

DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION													
OUTSTANDING PASS-THROUGH GRANTS AND GRANT PAYMENT SCHEDULE													
September 30, 2023													
				2024									
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024  TOTAL 6/30/2023 9/30/2023 Remaining								Remaining				
			_	Grant		Open	Current Yr		Total Paid		Payable		Funds
Grant ID Nos.	Name				Е	BALANCE	2023-2024		July-June		BALANCE		BALANCE
BOD - 11/22/22 - Resolution 22-28 Approval*	Covid Disparities RFP								-				•
Contract #22-323B*	Total CBOs		\$	822,096	\$	657,769	\$ -	\$	130,966	\$	126,893	\$	530,876
Contract #22-323B	Total DHCF		\$	443,871	\$	301,323	\$ -	\$	47,807	\$	62,787	\$	238,536
		TOTAL	\$ ´	,265,967	\$	959,092	\$ -	\$	178,773	\$	189,681	\$	769,411
BOD - 02/28/23 - Riverside Overdose Data to A	Action (RODA) Community Harm Reduction Education Plan												
Contract #23-108*	Grant #1379 - ABC Recovery		\$	25,000	\$	22,857	\$ -	\$	11,197		2,997	\$	10,806
COMMUNE #20 100	Total DHCF		\$	24,000	\$	15,807	\$ -	\$	11,665	\$	7,817	\$	4,518
TOTAL GRANTS		TOTAL	\$	49,000	\$	38,664	\$ -	\$	22,863	\$	10,814	\$	15,324
								Acco	ount 2183	\$	129,890		
Amts available/remaining for Grant/Programs	- FY 2023-24:									\$	-		
Pass-Through Organizations billed to date		\$ 138,944								Grant Funds			
Foundation Administration Costs		\$ 74,076									RFP		
Contributions / Additional Funding	Reimbursements received and pending	\$ (213,021)					Total Grant			\$	1,314,967		
Balance available for Grants/Programs		\$ -					Received to Date			\$	422,699		
*Contracts are on a reimbursement basis and will	reflect expenses as they are invoiced and receivable from County of Riverside.						Balance Remaining			\$	892,268		



To: Program Committee

Subject: CV Equity Collaborative: COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Update

**Staff Recommendation:** Informational item only

#### **Background:**

- The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation received \$1.2 million from the County of Riverside and \$500,00 from The Public Health Institute to support targeted community-based outreach, education, and COVID-19 testing in partnership with community- and faith-based organizations that serve vulnerable communities in Coachella Valley, with an emphasis on Eastern Coachella Valley.
- The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation has established and leads The Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative (CVEC), which has brought together community and faith-based organizations, government agencies (county and state), and local farm owners to address the COVID-19 epidemic and ensure there is a coordinated effort to maximize resources and prevent overlap is services and/or outreach.

#### **COVID-19 Testing Update:**

- The CVEC will receive an additional 6,000 at-home COVID-19 tests from RUHS Department of Public Health that will be distributed through outreach events and per request from partner organizations.
- To date, a total of 350 COVID-19 testing clinics resulting in roughly 23,592 COVID-19 tests have been provided at events organized by the CVEC and its partners. In addition, more than 13,012 COVID-19 at-home tests have been provided at COVID-19 testing and community events.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccination Update**

- In the last couple of months, COVID-19 testing, and vaccination events have seen a decline in participants throughout the county and here in the Coachella Valley.
- As of August 2023, the Promotoras have initiated phone banking sessions using registration forms to call previous COVID-19 vaccination clinic participants to ensure they have received all of their recommended COVID-19 vaccines and invite them to upcoming vaccination

clinics. As a result, the Promotoras have successfully engaged **740** Coachella Valley residents via phone and texts.

- To date, a total of 427 COVID-19 vaccination clinics resulting in 48, 385 COVID-19 vaccines have been provided to District residents in vaccination clinics hosted by the CVEC in partnership with the RUHS-Department of Public Health, CV Pharmacy, and Borrego Health. In addition, a total of 1,266 doses of the flu vaccine, 7 doses of the RSV have been provided at CVEC-sponsored COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- The US Aging grant has provided additional resources to increase the capacity of the CVEC partners to provide flu and COVID-19 vaccines to older adults and indoviduals with special needs.
- The CVEC has hosted the first couple of vaccine clinic at the Palm Desert Mall kiosk. In addition to hosting weekly vaccine clinics, the kiosk has also served as an outreach post for CVEC partners to disseminate educational material, PPE including COVID-19 take-home tests, and information on the latest recommendations by the CDC and CDPH on COVID-19. A rotation schedule has been developed for the funded CVEC partners to perform said duties.
- In conjunction with community partners including, RUHS Public Health, Rite Aid, and Coachella Valley Pharmacy, we have successfully received the updated COVID-19 vaccine for underinsured or uninsured District residents and its made available at all upcoming.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Riverside County Contract: \$4,415,977

Public Health Institute grant: \$725,000

US Aging grant: \$341,648



To: Program Committee

Subject: Mobile Medical Unit Operations

Staff Recommendation: Informational item only

#### **Background:**

On May 25, 2021, the DHCD Board of Directors approved \$336,500 for the acquisition of a medical mobile unit and additional operational expenses, an additional \$175,000 stemming from a grant from the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District (CVRCD). The purchase cost of the medical mobile unit totaled \$170,000.

On March 1, 2022, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released to find an operator for the medical mobile unit, who would be able to license it as a medical facility. DPMG Health (Desert Physician's Medical Group), which is a 501(c)3 organization of DRMC's Family Medicine Residency Program, applied to the RFP and ultimately was selected to be the operator of the vehicle and provide healthcare services.

On June 28, 2022, the DHCD Board of Directors approved a 3-year NTE \$500,00 operating budget for the medical mobile unit, which was awarded to DPMG Health.

After production delays due to the supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19, finally, on December 2, 2022, the DHCD launched the brand new 26ft. medical mobile unit, which includes two examination rooms, along with a full restroom.

#### **Update**

The addition of the medical mobile unit has increased the District's visibility throughout the Coachella Valley and has served as a learning platform for various medical specialties for the Desert Care Network and DPMG Health medical residents. Since the launch in October 2022, 3,327 District residents ranging from refugees, farmworkers, unhoused individuals, and students have received medical care through the medical mobile unit. The provision of these services has been greatly due to partnerships that have been established with:

- Galilee Center
- Well in the Desert
- Growing Coachella Valley
- City of Palm Springs RISE team
- City of Desert Hot Springs
- Coachella Valley Unified School District

- Desert Sands Unified School District
- Palm Springs Unified School District
- Coachella Valley Housing Coalition

The current and upcoming schedule for the medical mobile unit includes:

# Weekly fixed sites

- Tuesday: Galilee Center, Indio, CA
- Wednesday: City of Palm Springs RISE team, Palm Springs, CA Birth Choice of the Desert, Palm Desert, CA
- Friday: Well in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA
   Gojii Diabetes Program, Palm Springs, CA

### Monthly fixed sites

- Jovenes AA Recovery Home, Sky Valley, CA
- Desert Hot Springs Homeless Outreach, Desert Hot Springs, CA
- Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, Multiple locations

#### One-time event sites

•	10/12/23	Jovenes AA Recovery Home	Sky Valley, CA
•	10/19/23	Desert Hot Springs Homeless Outreach	Desert Hot Springs, CA
•	11/4/23	Palm Springs Pride	Palm Springs, CA

#### Fiscal Impact:

*Medical Mobile Unit Purchase and Maintenance*: \$336,500 of which \$175,000 came from The Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District (CVRCD) grant.

Medical Mobile Unit Operations: \$500,000 over 3-year period to DPMG Health



To: Program Committee - Foundation

**Subject:** Progress and Final Grant Reports 9/1/2023 – 9/30/2023

# The following progress and final grant reports are included in this staff report:

**Borrego Community Health Foundation #1288** 

Grant term: 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024

Original Approved Amount: up to \$575,000

**Progress Report** covering the time period from: 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

# **Grant Progress Report**

**Organization Name:** Borrego Community Health Foundation

**Grant #**: 1288

Project Title: Improving Access to Healthcare in Desert Highland Gateway Estates

**Contact Information:** 

Contact Name: Stephanie Smith

Phone: (951) 384-6027

Email: ssmith@borregohealth.org

# **Grant Information**

**Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$ 575,000** 

Grant Term: 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024

Reporting Period: 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023

# **Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment**

**Goal:** To increase access to healthcare services for those living in Desert Highland Gateway Estates and surrounding communities.

**Strategy**: To provide mobile services to support the access of permanent healthcare programs that include medical and dental services within the community.

# **Progress This Reporting Period**

Please describe your project accomplishment(s) during this reporting period in comparison to your proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.

The program progress continues to meet its goals and objectives outlined in the application. The mobile team and leadership continue to fully engage and regularly participate in the Desert Highland Gateway wellness committee meetings to provide updates in utilization of services and activities.

As reported previously, Borrego Community Health Foundation continues to be working through the final stages of transitioning to DAP Fage 13 of 18

Health as of August 1, 2023. The District was informed on May 9, 2023 of the anticipated transfer of this funding award to DAP Health at the closure of the acquisition after filing for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in October 2022. During this reporting period, it was shared that Borrego Health Board of Trustees, identified DAP as the stalking horse bidder, an auction occurred in February. Late February, the Board of Trustees selected DAP Health in partnership with Neighborhood Healthcare and Innercare as bid winners. This securing the future for services to continue to the community. Once, the Bankruptcy Court approved in March 2023, the process began to move all HRSA awards over to DAP Health, this process is call an Sii Process, this began on June 20<sup>th</sup> and is in the final stages of getting HRSA approved. The level of commitment remains the same and both Borrego Health and DAP will continue to achieve success with the contracted initiatives and continue to serve the community.

Though the organizational changes are certain to occur as we make strides towards the end of the transfers, there remains a continued struggle of operating with a limited workforce throughout the organization. In addition, the continuance of reduction in staffing and the additional preparations of an anticipated transfer of the organization in the recent months continues to affected the work and work responsibilities. These difficult decisions were required to stabilize the organization. This has had a significant effect on any project initiatives.

To assure continued access to care, it was noted that Borrego Health had established an alternative provider to support access to services if this was require during this turbulent and unsure time for Borrego Health. Desert Physicians Medical Group was approached with the need if required. Shuttle Services continue to be no longer accessi8ble to and from Borrego Clinics; Borrego Health continues to utilize Uber Health to continue to offer free transportation to all Borrego patients to and from the brick and mortar locations.

### Progress of Goal #1: Collaboration -

Borrego Health has remained committed to the relationship with Desert Health Gateway Health and Wellness Committee collaborative relationship by participating in meaningful meetings and having reciprocal discussions to assure success in meeting the needs of the community are reached.

Both Heidi Galicia, Director of School Based Health and Mobile Services continues to be committed to participating and reporting at the scheduled Desert Highland Gateway Estates Wellness committee meetings held on January, 17, 2023. Due to the ongoing transition of Borrego Health to DAP Health meetings were placed on hold after the first meeting of the year.

In addition, Corina Velasquez, Chief Operating Officer and Nereida Terrazas, Vice President of Clinical Operations, and Silas Gyimah, Assistance Chief Medical Officer attended periodic meetings when required for organizational updates. Agenda items have included organizational updates and acquisition status of Borrego Health to DAP Health, staffing updates including staff transitions to DAP Health, utilization of mobile services, social media/marketing distribution, COVID 19 testing and vaccines provided for the community and teen health program initiatives. There were also activities around outreach and health education strategies to reach specific populations such as teens, satisfaction survey development, and tracking of relevant information that the committee believed to be significant in reporting data, such as how did individuals hear of the services. This resulting in the Borrego patient health record it will record and report where the patients or how the patient heard of the services at intake.

# Progress of Goal #2: Services, provision of Medical and Dental Visits -

Borrego Health conducted **877** medical visits to date under this initiative. There have been **194 medical visits** conducted during this reporting period with a services addressing COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, flu vaccines, immunizations, laboratory services, annual and sports physicals, and well child checks. There were 785 individual patients reported served, with **188 individuals** served during this reporting period. There were 220 youth between the ages of twelve to nineteen served, **12 individual youth** served during this reporting period.

Mobile services continue to be promoted within the region through social media spaces, flyer distribution at local businesses, apartment complexes, churches, local school districts, and at the James O Jessie Unity Center. Dental Services continue as reported previously and at meetings as on hold due to the pandemic and the restrictive space on mobile units conceive as a higher risk of exposure. The region continues to experience periodic pockets of positive tests; dental services have been placed on hold due to the high risk of exposure service to the staff, clinicians, and patients. However, patients encountered during the medical mobile days are assessed for dental-related needs and referred to Borrego's nearest dental clinic, at either Centro Medico Cathedral City or DHS Health and Wellness Center depending on patient preference. This is to assure continuity of care and needs are addressed.

The recent announcement from CDDPH CHCQ Centralized Program Flex, announcing Governor Newsome to end the COVID state of Emergency as early as February 28, 2023, has brought optimism to our mobile dental team as this will mean the ability to return to normal operations including use of mobile unit space. Out dental leadership, team has already begun conversations to discuss the potential launch date for dental services at the DHG community; more will be reported in our next month's progress report.

Progress of Goal #3: Conduct Education Event, Conduct community education events and activities –

Due to the reported situation with the organizational status, limited activities are being performed. Though Borrego remains committed, the Mobile clinic staff has focused on education towards reminding the public and specifically those testing positive for COVID that there are readily available treatments that include medication that is free and recommended for most adults and some teens. Additionally, mobile clinical staff has distributed flyers promoting Free Flu shots and COVID-19 Boosters at our Borrego Health locations including our weekly mobile site at the Desert Highland Gateway Community.

In February, the Desert X art piece at the James O Jessie Unity Center brought several visitors that reside not only locally, but also throughout the Coachella Valley. The Mobile Medical team participated and interacted with visitors to inform them of the available services at the center as well within the mobile medical clinic. Education on COVID-19 vaccines and boosters were available as well.

The mobile team participated in the World Health Day on April 7, 2023 located at the James O Jessie Center, where mobile services provided preventive health education materials and resources as well as health screenings that included blood pressure and glucose screenings.

Leadership is working on amending a MOU with the City of Palm Springs to provide mobile services, which includes medical and dental services. MOU is in process.

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Progress of Goal #4: Enabling Services, Application Assistance for healthcare coverage -

Borrego Health committed to assist 200 individuals in applying for healthcare coverage; to date 703 uninsured individuals were assisted. During this reporting period, those enrolled in health insurance, there were **146 uninsured individuals**; during this period **13 received enrolled** services. The provision Enabling Services included the assistance for insurance applications, retention and addressing issues with their healthcare coverage. Patients that attended mobile events with the intent to access the needed routine physical exams and or immunizations were granted temporarily Medi-Cal thru the Child Disability Prevention programs and referred to the Care Coordinator Specialists (CCS) to assist with the permanent insurance enrollments.

Pediatric patients who needed routine physical exams and or immunizations were granted temporary Medi-Cal thru the Child Health Disability Prevention program and referred to our Care Coordinator Specialist (CCS) for permanent insurance enrollment assistance. Adult and pediatric patients seen during this period who needed COVID-related services, testing, or vaccines were provided care at no cost. Adult uninsured patients were also referred to our CCS for program or insurance enrollment.

Progress of Goal #5: Teen Health, Teen Risky Behavior Educational Activities –

No community event was planned or executed for youth during this reporting period. There were 220 unduplicated youth visits performed to youth between the ages of twelve (12) and nineteen (19) that received health services, 12 visits performed during this reporting period.



# **Progress on the Number of District Residents Served**

Number of Unduplicated District Residents <u>Directly</u> Served During This Reporting **Period:** 188 patients served

# Please answer the following questions:

Is the project on track in meeting its goals? Yes

## Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the project goals.

Due to the ever-changing situation related to the 2019, Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) dental professionals continue to be considered of increased occupational risk because of their routine exposure to patient's airways and performance of the aerosol-generating procedure. Due to the confined space of mobile clinics and the risk to our dental staff, Borrego Health has not launch dental services during this reporting period. Instead, patients encountered during the medical mobile days were assessed for dental related needs and referred to Borrego's nearest dental clinic, at either Centro Medico Cathedral City or

DHS Health and Wellness Center depending on patient preference. Every effort has been taken to ensure success in meeting the goals and objectives of the grant.

# If the project is not on track, what is the course correction?

Instead, patients encountered during the medical mobile days were assessed for dental related needs and referred to Borrego's nearest dental clinic, at either Centro Medico Cathedral City or DHS Health and Wellness Center depending on patient preference. Shuttle services continue to be provided to and from our dental clinic as needed for patients who lack transportation.

# Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned.

The collaboration with the Community Wellness Committee has been very successful in supporting the efforts of providing services to the community. It is a setting to have meaningful discussion, strategies to address needs as they arise, and address concerns or barriers the program may be experiencing in a collaborative manner.



To: PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Subject: Behavioral Health Informational Update

## **Staff Recommendation:** Information only

# **History/Background:**

- The Coachella Valley Behavioral Health Collective (CVBHC) convened on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 1:30pm. This Year-In-Review provided the opportunity for CVBHC membership to meet and share what has occurred in the last year, what priorities will be pursued going forward and identifying any additional community stakeholders who should be invited to join the collective.
- There were highlighted presentations from Dr. Matthew Chang (Director, RUHS-BH), Jana Trew (DHCD Senior Program Officer-BH) and the CVBHC Working Group Chairs Kim McNulty (One Future-CV), Jessica Munoz (Voices For Children), Kelly Grotsky (RUHS-BH), Kraig Johnson (Jewish Family Service of the Desert), and Greg Rodriguez (Housing and Workforce Solutions) on the focus and work of the collective. The primary focus at this time centers on ways to support workforce development by better understanding the role of Community Health Workers and Promotores as a valuable addition to behavioral health service teams along with opportunities for training and integration and employer readiness supports.
- Desert Care Network CEO, Michele Finney opened the event, with Desert Healthcare District Board President, Evett Perez Gil also making opening remarks expressing the importance of continued focus on addressing the behavioral health needs of our community through collaborative partnerships.
- The District will host a Social Isolation/Loneliness Data Walk/Luncheon on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 10am. This event will focus on gathering community input for a potential RFP to support services that will address the health and wellness impact of Social Isolation and Loneliness on our community members. This event will be held at the Regional Access Project Foundation offices (41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, California). This input will help to inform the areas of focus for possible funding for District residents in need.
- **Fiscal Impact:** None