



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2019**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Les Zendle, MD Vice-President/Secretary Leticia De Lara Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Evett PerezGil Director Karen Borja Director Arthur Shorr	Conrado E. Bázaga, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CFO Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Meghan Kane, Community Health Analyst Vanessa Smith, Health Coordinator Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present.	
B. Approval of Agenda	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#18-24 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Borja seconded by Director Shorr to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
C. Public Comment	Heather Vaikona, CEO, Lift to Rise (LTR), explained that the organization is working to increase housing by 10,000 units and described ways for the District to engage in their	



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	work. Additionally, LTR has a partnership with USC School of Policy, recently completed its health assessments, and welcomes the District's partnership for alignment.	
D. Consent Agenda 1. Board Minutes a. Board of Directors Meeting – July 23, 2019 2. Finance and Administration a. Approval of June Financial Statements F&A approved September 10, 2019	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.	#18-25 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Director Rogers approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report	None	
F. Program Committee 1. Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2019	President Zendle explained that the minutes of the September Program Committee meeting are in the packet for review.	
G. Finance & Administration Committee 1. Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2019	Director Matthews described the minutes of the July F&A Committee meeting.	
H. Behavioral Health Ad Hoc Committee 1. Behavioral Health Initiative a. EVALCORP Research & Consulting – Mental Health and Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Presentation, Kristen Donovan, Ph.D.,	EVALCORP representatives Mindy Friedman, JD, MPH, Research Associate, and Shayla Wilson, MPP, Research Assistant, provided an overview of the goals, service area	



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<p>President and Principal Consultant</p>	<p>demographics, key findings, recommendations, and next steps.</p> <p>The October 3 Green Ribbon Committee hosted by Supervisor V. Manuel Perez will engage and identify partnerships to address behavioral health issues in the Coachella Valley.</p>	
<p>I. Old Business</p> <p>1. Homeless Initiative Update</p> <p>a. Summer Homeless Survival Fund</p> <p>b. Navigation Center and Transitional Shelter in the Western Coachella Valley</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, CFO, provided an overview of the Summer Homeless Survival Fund and the agencies that were instrumental in making the program a success – to date receiving \$18k with a match from the Foundation totaling \$37k thus far.</p> <p>President Zendle explained a meeting he attended with Palm Springs City Council members and the county for a navigation center, inquiring with the Board if staff should participate and further the issue of the navigation center in the west with transitional and permanent supportive housing. The city of Palm Springs received state funding and</p>	



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<p>c. Regional Housing Investment Fund</p>	<p>property has been identified in the west.</p> <p>Directors support the navigation center and directed staff to move forward with participation.</p> <p>President Zendle detailed the housing investment fund, inquired if the Board supports the fund, and a role of educating the public on housing and the homeless, and homelessness and health.</p> <p>Christy Holstege, Lift to Rise, explained the regional housing investment fund and Lift to Rise’s role with collaborative action.</p> <p>Vice-President De Lara requested that a member of the Board serve on the committee.</p> <p>Director Borja directed staff to review Barbara Poppe’s report to identify the matters as it relates to the investment fund.</p>	
<p>J. New Business</p> <p>1. Consideration to receive funds for Ready Set Swim (RSS) from the Desert Healthcare District – Grant #1025 - \$200,000</p>	<p>President Zendle described the Ready Set Swim (RSS) grant from the Desert Healthcare District to the Foundation.</p>	<p>#18-26 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers seconded by Director Shorr approve Grant #1025 for Ready Set Swim. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0</p>



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		ABSENT – 0
<p>K. Directors' Comments, Reports, Informational Items, & Staff Direction and Guidance</p>	<p>President Zendle explained the \$10M allocation and MOU for CV Link approx. 6 years ago. The Program Committee is awaiting the grant contract from CVAG detailing how the monies will be disbursed.</p> <p>Conrado E. Barzaga, MD, CEO, inquired if staff should bring the proposal to the entire Board or the Program and F&A Committees.</p> <p>Director Matthews explained that the District does not have the same funds it had in the past, and \$10M is a huge amount of money. Director Matthews wants the issue resolved and inquired on the importance of a bike trail or the health and wellbeing of individuals in the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Director Rogers explained that bike and walking paths improve health, and she does not want the District to renege on the commitment.</p> <p>President Zendle recommended that the committees contend with the issue after the Board has discussed the matter.</p>	

