



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 2019**

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

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.	
Roll Call	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present except Director Rogers.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, led the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained an amendment to the subsequent posting of the agenda involving a new lease agreement at the Las Palmas Medical Plaza for Suite 1W 104 with a move-in date of December 1, 2019 – referencing the matter as Item J.1. Director Mathews moved for approval of the agenda with the addition of the Las Palmas lease agreement with all Directors in favor of the amended agenda and the inclusion of the Las Palmas Medical Plaza lease agreement – Suite 1W 104.	#20-34 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve the agenda with the inclusion of the Las Palmas Medical Plaza lease agreement – Suite 1W 104. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers



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	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided a report after the closed session explaining that the Board discussed programs, facilities, and services and took no action. The Board also discussed CEO evaluation matters.</p>	
<p>D. Public Comment</p>	<p>Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Care Network, on behalf of Gary Honts, Executive Director, JFK Hospital, described the most recent accomplishments at JFK Hospital. Mrs. Evans public comment is attached to the minutes.</p>	
<p>E. Consent Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Directors Meeting – October 22, 2019 2. Finance and Administration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of October 2019 Financial Statements– F&A Approved November 12, 2019 b. Las Palmas Medical Plaza – Suite 2W 107 – Corey King, N.D. & William Grimm, Jr., D.O. 	<p>President Zendle described the consent agenda items and asked for a motion of approval.</p>	<p>#20-35 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Borja and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
<p>G. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eastern Coachella Valley Airborne Environmental Hazards – Congressman Raul Ruiz 	<p>Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, CEO, explained the public comments at the November meeting from the Thermal community expressing their concerns with environmental health and airborne hazards. Staff gathered emergency resources for a clinic in Thermal and provided</p>	



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<p>2. Consideration to approve the Community Health Needs Assessment External Reviewers Stipends up to \$1,500 per person (\$4,500)</p>	<p>respirators thanks to a donation from Desert Regional Medical Center. Dr. Bárzaga explained that it is important for the District to remain involved, and introduced Peter Carlson, Field Representative, Congressman Raul Ruiz, who read the Congressman’s letter supporting the District’s role to assist with Eastern Coachella Valley Airborne Hazards.</p> <p>Rubin Perez, Field Representative, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, explained the Assemblymember’s support of the District to help reduce environmental airborne hazards.</p> <p>Director Matthews suggested meeting with the Coachella Valley representatives of the South Coast Air Quality Management District that can assist with resources such as data and figures.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that the RFP for the Community Health Needs Assessment has been distributed, and a bidder’s conference was held in November with the attendance of 20 participants from 11 organizations. Staff suggests and requests the Board’s consideration to approve hiring two to three external reviewers to assist with the evaluation of the proposals with the knowledge and expertise of someone in public health and experience with the design of health improvement plans. Staff is</p>	<p>#20-36 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Borja and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve the Community Health Needs Assessment External Reviewers Stipends up to \$1,500 per person. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
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<p>3. Board Workshop with Martin Rauch, President, Rauch Communications -- January 2020</p> <p>4. Consideration to approve a Board and Staff Holiday Dinner -- NTE \$1,800</p>	<p>also proposing stipends of \$1,500 per person.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that in the past, Rauch Communications has guided the facilitation of a workshop on communications and policies. The workshop also aligns with staff's work on the process with the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) certification, which also incorporates policies.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the details of a Board and Staff Holiday Dinner not to exceed \$1,800.</p>	<p>#20-37 MOTION WAS MADE by Director PerezGil and seconded by Director Matthews to approve a Board and Staff Holiday Dinner NTE \$1,800.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), explained the 3-1/2 years contract with the California Nurses Association. The Leapfrog scores were released with a C safety grade for DRMC falling short of a B by less than 1 point. More details of the safety grade will be provided in December at the District's Hospital Lease Oversight Committee meeting. The physical plant upgrades include a facility wide nurse upgrade, pharmacy, isolation rooms in the Sinatra Tower, ER upgrades will be</p>	



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	<p>complete in the next quarter, and the planning process has begun for renovating the elevators. DRMC hosted 9 events and participated in walks and fundraisers such as the Heart Walk with the greatest donations from DRMC employees.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Ezra Kaufman, District resident, explained that he did not receive a sufficient answer when he previously inquired about the ancillary services that represent more than 10% of the hospitals economic activity, more than 10% of its employees, more than 10% of the nurses, and it is not represented in this way by any other facility in the state, including other Tenet facilities.</p>	
<p>I. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board of Directors Report</p>	<p>President Zendle explained that every year there is a rotation of the governing board, and the board elected Agua Caliente Band of Indians Tribal Council Chairman, Jeff Grubbe who will be joining the board in January. The board will vote next month on another incoming member. The closed and open cases with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) were detailed; an employee celebrated 45 years of employment, and there has been a significant decrease in employee turnover. The recent residency graduating class had significant retention. The upcoming Hospital Lease Oversight Committee meeting will discuss the Leapfrog Safety Grade results, and the recent</p>	



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	peer review of physicians was completed.	
<p>J. 1. Finance, Legal, Administration, and Real Estate Committee</p> <p>1. Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019</p> <p>2. Consideration to approve Political Consultant Strategies 360 Service Agreement for Potential Hospital Lease/Transaction – NTE \$69k</p>	<p>Director Matthews explained the meeting minutes of the November meeting.</p> <p>Director Matthews described the reasoning for the political consultant based on the potential hospital lease/transaction and moved for approval.</p> <p>Director Borja inquired on the selection of the consultant from the three proposals presented at the October meeting, expressing her support of Clifford Moss based on its past strategy and planning. Director Borja also described concerns with the timing of commencing with a retainer.</p> <p>Director Matthews explained that given that it is the end of the year, he supports tabling the item for a month.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, explained that staff reviewed the proposals, met with the various consultants, and determined that Strategies 360 is the best choice for the District. No services would move forward until the Board is ready to proceed.</p> <p>Vice-President De Lara also requested tabling the item for one month until the Board has more time to review Director Borja’s comments.</p>	<p>#20-38 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President De Lara and seconded by Director Borja to table the Political Consultant Strategies 360 Service Agreement for Potential Hospital Lease/Transaction – NTE \$69k Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>



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<p>2. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019</p> <p>2. Progress and Final Reports</p> <p>3. Letters of Interest and Pending Application</p> <p>4. Consideration to approve Grant #1021 Neuro Vitality Center – Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) – \$143,787</p>	<p>Director Mathews explained the addition to the agenda of the lease agreement at Las Palmas Medical Plaza for Suite 1W 104 with the tenant moving in on December 1 and total rent of \$100k for the life of the lease.</p> <p>In the absence of Director Rogers, President Zendle explained that the minutes of the November meeting, the progress and final reports, and letters of interest and pending applications are in the packet for review.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provided an overview of the grant proposal request for the Neuro Vitality Center for the Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) – \$143,787.</p> <p>Bev Greer, Executive Director, Neuro Vitality Center, described the work of the center and explained the Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) program grant request.</p>	<p>#20-39 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Mathews and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve the Las Palmas Lease Agreement for Suite 1W 104. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Mathews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p> <p>#20-40 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Mathews and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve Grant #1021 Neuro Vitality Center – Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) - \$143,787. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Mathews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
<p>K. Old Business</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve Resolution No. 19-09 – Resolution of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors to approve the October 22, 2019, Board-approved Cholla 2 Map</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained that the Board selected the Cholla 2 map at the October meeting, and Resolution 19-09 formalizes the map approval.</p>	<p>#20-41 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Mathews and seconded by Director Shorr to approve Resolution No. 19-09 – Resolution of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors to approve the October 22, 2019, Board-approved Cholla 2 Map Motion passed unanimously.</p>



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<p>2. Consideration to approve the Cal Fresh Healthy Living Program Agreement #20-004 - \$330k</p> <p>3. CV Link Q3 Progress Report</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Cal Fresh Healthy Living Program linked directly with FIND Food Bank.</p> <p>President Zendle explained that the Q3 CV Link Progress Report is included in the packet for review.</p>	<p>AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p> <p>#20-42 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve Cal Fresh Healthy Living Program Agreement #20-004 - \$330k Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
<p>L. New Business</p>	<p>There was no new business.</p>	
<p>M. Legal Comments & Reports</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained his report on the 2019 Legislative bills of interest as they relate to health care.</p>	
<p>N. Directors' Comments, Reports, Informational Items, & Staff Direction and Guidance</p>	<p>Director Borja provided an overview of the tour of the Ronald McDonald House adjacent to the Loma Linda Children's Hospital in Loma Linda, also describing that 20% of the residents are from the Coachella Valley.</p>	
<p>O. Adjournment</p>	<p>President Zendle adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>



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ATTEST: _____
Leticia De Lara
Leticia De Lara, Vice-President/Secretary
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Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board