



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
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 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 Vanessa Smith, Health Coordinator Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	Director Carole Rogers, RN Chris Christensen, CAO

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present except Director Rogers.	
B. Approval of Agenda	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, CEO, requested to amend the agenda and postpone the Behavioral Health Initiative – E.1. to the December meeting.	#18-29 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara seconded by Director Shorr to approve the agenda with amendment of postponing the Behavioral Health Initiative. 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
C. Public Comment	None	
D. Consent Agenda 1. Board Minutes	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.	#18-30 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara seconded by Director Shorr to approve the consent agenda.



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<p>a. Board of Directors Meeting -- October 22, 2019</p> <p>2. Finance and Administration</p> <p>a. Approval of June Financial Statements F&A approved November 12, 2019</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>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</p> <p>1. Behavioral Health Initiative</p> <p>a. Consideration to approve an amendment to the existing EVALCORP contract to assist with the development of a behavioral health workplan</p> <p>2. Eastern Coachella Valley Air Quality</p> <p>a. Consideration to approve \$500,000 allocation of funds from the Robert Avery Family Trust for the Eastern Coachella Valley Airborne Environmental Hazards that impact pulmonary functions of eastern Coachella Valley residents</p>	<p>The Behavioral Health Initiative is postponed.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, described the public comments in the District meeting from representatives of Congressman Ruiz and Assemblymember Garcia’s offices. The population in the east has a rate of asthmas that is three times the average of the state and the nation. The Board was directed by staff to review the funds from the Avery Family Trust to potentially assist with the environmental hazards.</p>	<p>#18-31 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President De Lara seconded by Director PerezGil to approve a \$500,000 allocation of funds from the Robert Avery Family Trust for the Eastern Coachella Valley Airborne Environmental Hazards that impact pulmonary functions of eastern Coachella Valley residents.</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>



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<p>3. Homelessness Collective Fund</p> <p>a. Consideration to approve \$25,000 from the Homelessness Collective Fund to the City of Palm Springs to assist with the overnight shelters (summer homeless survival fund)</p>	<p>Vice-President De Lara explained approval of the allocation of funds with a stipulation that the monies are used for the matters outlined by Congressman Ruiz.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, explained that in July the Board approved matching funds to support the City of Palm Springs' cooling center throughout the summer. Given the current weather conditions, the city needs to continue to operate the warming center until the end of the year.</p> <p>David Ready, City Manager, City of Palm Springs, explained the warming center, the need for matching funds, and the city's future endeavors with homelessness.</p>	<p>#18-32 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director De Lara to approve \$25,000 from the Homelessness Collective Fund to the City of Palm Springs to assist with the overnight shelters (summer homeless survival fund).</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>4. Eastern Coachella Valley Funding Announcement for Core Operating Support – Update</p>	<p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, explained that the funding announcement proposal was released, an information session was held with 18 different agencies, the District received four letters of intent, and site visits of the organizations are underway. The grant applications will be presented to the Program</p>	



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	Committee and forwarded to the Board in January.	
F. Finance & Administration Committee 1. Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019	Director Matthews described the minutes of the November meeting.	
G. Old Business 1. Consideration to approve Grant #1034 to the City of Palm Springs for the Mental Health Housing Crisis Team and Wrap-Around Service Matching Grant - \$225k	Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the matching dollars to support the mental health housing crisis team and wrap-around services matching grant.	#18-33 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Director Shorr approve Grant #1034 to the City of Palm Springs for the Mental Health Housing Crisis Team and Wrap-Around Service Matching Grant - \$225k. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr Motion passed unanimously. NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers
J. New Business	There was no new business.	
K. Directors’ Comments, Reports, Informational Items, & Staff Direction and Guidance	Dr. Bárzaga explained that since the Board approved \$500k to address the environmental hazards, a portion is for research and the other portion to support hiring a consultant to assist with meeting facilitation and produce a report, inquiring on the appropriate level of information the Board would require as he pursues the consultant. President Zendle explained that it is important to keep	



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	<p>the Board informed, and the Board has an opportunity to comment on matters as staff brings forth service agreement(s) to the Board for approval.</p> <p>Vice-President De Lara requested that the President assign her the task of representing the Board in the Thermal area at various meetings with Present Zandle's approval given that it is her zone. As staff considers a facilitator, Vice-President De Lara wants to ensure that the facilitator is culturally competent and familiar with the area.</p>	
L. Adjournment	President Zandle adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

ATTEST: 
 Leticia De Lara, Vice-President/Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board