



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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April 13, 2020**

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

| AGENDA ITEMS | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| A. Call to Order | President De Lara called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. | |
| Roll Call | The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present. | |
| B. Pledge of Allegiance | President De Lara asked those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. | |
| C. Approval of Agenda | President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda. | #20-63 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0 |
| D. Public Comment | Public Comments were provided by the following: | |



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| | <p>Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Care Network Corina Velasquez, Chief Operating Officer, Borrego Health William VanHemert, Director of Grants, Desert AIDS Project Claudia Galvez, Chief Government & Community Affairs Officer</p> | |
| <p>E. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) Grant Requests for Core Operating Support in Response to COVID-19</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve Grant #1081 – \$150,000 – Clinicas De Salud del Pueblo, Inc. – <i>COVID-19 Response</i></p> <p>2. Consideration to approve Grant #1083 – \$150,000 Desert AIDS Project (DAP) – <i>COVID-19 Response</i></p> | <p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, explained the March 24 Board meeting approval of the recommendations to allocate \$550k to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) addressing COVID-19, specifically, Clinicas De Salud del Pueblo, Desert AIDS Project, and Borrego Health.</p> <p>After discussion, Director Rogers motioned to approved Grant #1081 – \$150,000 to Clinicas De Salud del Pueblo to address the COVID-19 response.</p> <p>After discussion, Director Matthews motioned to approve Grant #1083 – \$150,000 to Desert AIDS Project to address the COVID-19 response.</p> | <p>#20-64 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Zendle to approve Grant #1081 – \$150,000 – Clinicas De Salud del Pueblo, Inc. – COVID-19 Response Motion passed. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#20-65 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Shorr to approve Grant #1083 – \$150,000 – Desert AIDS Project (DAP) – COVID-19 Response Motion passed. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews,</p> |



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| <p>3. Consideration to approve Grant #1084 – \$150,000 – Borrego Health – COVID-19 Response</p> | <p>After discussion, Director Matthews motioned to approve Grant #1084 – \$150,000 to Borrego Health to address the COVID-19 response.</p> | <p>Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#20-66 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director PerezGil to approve Grant #1084 – \$150,000 – Borrego Health – COVID-19 Response Motion passed. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> |
| <p>G. Immediate Issues and Comments</p> <p>1. Addressing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the Coachella Valley</p> | <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that frontline health workers are approaching the District requesting assistance with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The traditional sources for obtaining PPE are depleted despite the requests for identifying reliable sources. The District has the discretion and funds available to assist. The face shields and gowns are not as risky as locating N95 masks. After a discussion with Desert Regional Medical Center, the hospital is currently using reusable protective gowns due to the supply shortage.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja suggests allocating \$25k-\$30k for a supplier to support PPE, such as to Federally Qualified Health Centers should staff find a supplier.</p> | |



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| | <p>Vice-President Borja motioned for the District to set aside \$30k for the CEO to negotiate the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment.</p> | <p>#20-67 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Borja and seconded by Director PerezGil to authorize the CEO to allocate \$30k to negotiate the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment. Motion passed 4-3 AYES – 4 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Rogers, and Director PerezGil NOES – 3 Director Matthews, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr ABSENT – 0</p> |
| <p>H. Adjournment</p> | <p>President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.</p> | <p><i>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</i></p> |

ATTEST: _____
 Karen Borja, Vice-President/Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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