

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
November 15, 2016**

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District was held in the Arthur H. "Red" Motley Boardroom, Palm Springs, CA.

Attendance:

Members

William Grimm, DO – President  
Kay Hazen – Vice-President/Secretary  
Mark Matthews – Treasurer  
Carole Rogers – Director

Absent

Michael Solomon MD - Director

Staff

Chris Christensen, CEO,CFO/COO  
Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer  
Alejandro Espinoza, Director Programs/Projects  
Mary Pannoni, Accounting/Admin Support  
Steve Brown, Clerk to the Board

Legal Counsel

Jeffrey Scott

Guests

Herb Schultz  
Dr. Les Zendle,  
Carolyn Caldwell, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center  
Rich Ramhoff, Director of Marketing, Desert Regional Medical Center  
Hank Goudreault, RN  
Stephanie Salter, RN  
Chares Anderson, MD DRMC  
V. Manuel Perez, Chief, Government Affairs, Borrego Health  
Jennifer Wortham, Riverside University Health System

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Grimm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Grimm asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**#16-105 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Grimm introduced the two newly elected board members who were in the audience, Jennifer Wortham and Dr. Les Zendle.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Hank Goudreault RN spoke about the poor condition of Desert Regional Medical Center and the lack of capital improvements. A copy of his complete public comment is at the end of the minutes.
2. Stephanie Salter spoke about the lack of nursing staff at DRMC. A copy of her complete public comment is at the end of the minutes.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Submitted for approval:

1. Board Minutes
  - a. Meeting of October 25, 2016
  - b. Meeting of November 2, 2016
2. Finance & Administration
  - a. Consideration to Approve October 2016 Financial Statements

**#16-106 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the Consent Agenda.**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES 4- Director Rogers; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Grimm**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 – Director Solomon**

**Motion passed 4-0**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration to Approve CEO Employment Agreement

**16-107 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Matthews to Approve the CEO Employment Agreement.**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES 4 Director Rogers; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Grimm**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 – Director Solomon**

**Motion Passed 4-0**

After the vote, Mr. Schultz thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the CEO for the Desert Healthcare District. The Board directed Staff to bring back a Newly Elected Board Member/CEO Orientation Policy and Procedure.

Also Mr. Brown reported that the required AB 1234 training and Sexual Harassment Training is due for all board members and staff. Mr. Scott recommended on-line programs for these training. Board Members commented that an "in-person" training for both is more effective. Mr. Scott reported that he would arrange for the in-person trainings.

## COMMITTEES

### Program Committee – Director Rogers

- a. There was no meeting in October
- b. The Grant Payment Schedule & Proposals Under Development were provided for information only. There was no action or direction.

### Finance Committee – Director Matthews

- a. There was no meeting in October.
- b. Consideration to Approve Transferring \$3.4 Million to the Desert Hospital Retirement Protection Plan (RPP) Account

**16-108 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Rogers to Approve Transferring \$3.4 Million to the Desert Hospital Retirement Protection Plan Investment Account.**

It was clarified that the account will be restricted for the RPP Plan.

### Roll Call Vote:

<b>AYES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Director Rogers; Director Matthews; Vice-President Hazen; President Grimm</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>– Director Solomon</b>
<b>Motion Passed 4-0</b>		

### Ad Hoc Committees

1. Ad Hoc Hospital Future Planning – President Grimm and Director Matthews

There was no update to report.

2. Working Group with CV Strategies – Vice-President Hazen and Director Rogers

There was no meeting since the last report. CV Strategies and Steve Valentine will recommend to the working group when it is ready to bring forward to the Board.



3. Ad Hoc District Expansion Committee – Vice President Hazen and Director Matthews  
The plan of service is being prepared for the LAFCO application. The draft application should be available around December 1<sup>st</sup> and then ready for board approval at the December 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

4. Ad Hoc CEO Recruitment – President Grimm and Director Rogers  
With the contract for the CEO approved at this meeting, the ad hoc committee has completed its purpose and responsibilities

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consideration to Approve Jewish Family Services of the Desert Year 2 Budget.  
Jewish Family Services provided a Power-Point Presentation outlining accomplishments and challenges for Year 1 and anticipated expenses & revenue for Year 2 (January 1 2017 – December 31 2017). (copy with the minutes).

**16-109 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Rogers to Approve Jewish Family Services of the Desert Year 2 Budget with Modifications Outlining Any Unexpended Funds from Year 1 to be Returned to the District.**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES**            4    **Director Rogers; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Grimm**

**NOES:**            0

**ABSTAIN:**        0

**ABSENT:**        1 – **Director Solomon**

**Motion Passed 4-0**

2. Consideration to Approve an Extension to the Contract with Burke Consulting.  
It was clarified that this contract was for on-going public relations work.

**16-110 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by Director Rogers to Approve an Extension to the Contract with Burke Consulting.**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES**            4    **Director Rogers; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Grimm**

**NOES:**            0

**ABSTAIN:**        0

**ABSENT:**        1 – **Director Solomon**

**Motion Passed 4-0**

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS & REPORTS**

Mr. Scott reported that the Little Hoover Commission was holding a California Healthcare Districts Advisory Committee Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento at 1:30pm.

## **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS & REPORTS**

The Board presented President Grimm a Proclamation thanking him for his accomplishments and years of service on the Board.

Director Rogers asked for the status of the mental health consultant RFP. Mr. Christensen reported that at the October meeting it was recommend to wait until the new CEO was in place, reviews the RFP and provides recommendations to the Board.

## **DRMC GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Governing Board Meeting is not until Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. A report will be given at the December District Board Meeting.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. None

## **CEO Report**

1. Mr. Schultz will meet with the both the nurses and Tenet regarding the public comments at the beginning of the meeting.
2. Mr. Schultz will explore agenizing the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.
3. Ms. Craig reported that Shelter from the Storm will be lowering their bed count to 20 from 60 but they will still receive the same government funding. They are in the process of buying a four bedroom home for their emergency shelter.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Kay Hazen, Vice-President/Secretary  
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Brown, Clerk to the Board*