

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2018**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District was held in the Jerry Stergios Building – 2nd Floor, Palm Springs, CA.

Attendance

Members

President Les Zendle, MD
Vice-President/Secretary Carole Rogers, RN
Treasurer Mark Matthews
Director Kay Hazen
Director Jennifer Wortham, DrPH

Absent

Staff

Herb K. Schultz, CEO
Lisa Houston, COO
Chris Christensen, CFO
Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer
Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director
Michele McKinney, Communications and Marketing Director
Mary Pannoni, Accounting/Admin. Support
Vanessa Smith, Health Educator
Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk to the Board

Legal Counsel

Jeffrey G. Scott

Guests

Steve Ballard, Facility Director, Desert Regional Medical Center
Mitch Blumberg, Chair, Governing Board, Desert Regional Medical Center
Amy DiPerrro, Reporter, Desert Sun
Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Regional Medical Center
Beverly Fick, Chief Nursing Officer, Desert Regional Medical Center
Brett Klein, Marketing Director, Desert Regional Medical Center
Rich Ramhoff, Director of Marketing, Desert Regional Medical Center
Darrell Tucci, Chief Development Officer, Desert AIDS Project

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Zendle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the agenda explaining that Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC) is not present for the DRMC CEO Report.

#18-20 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to approve the agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

**AYES 4 Director Matthews; Director Wortham;
Vice-President Rogers; President Zendle**

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: 1 Director Hazen

Motion Passed 4-1

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted for approval:

1. BOARD MINUTES

- a. Meeting of December 19, 2017
- b. Special Board Meeting of January 11, 2018

- 2. a. Consideration for Approval of District December 2017 Financial Statements**
F&A Committee approved January 9, 2018.

#18-21 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to approve the District December 2017 Financial Statements.

Motion passed unanimously.

**AYES 4 Director Wortham; Director Matthews;
Vice-President Rogers; President Zendle**

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: 1 Director Hazen

Motion Passed 4-1

DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT CEO REPORT – Herb K. Schultz, CEO

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, Desert Healthcare District, provided an update on the personnel and infrastructure plan of the three-year Strategic Plan explaining that the new COO, Lisa Houston and the Communications and Marketing Director, Michele McKinney have commenced in their new positions.

DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CEO REPORT – Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

President Zendle described the latest activities of the Governing Board meeting explaining the most recent capital projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, REAL ESTATE, AND LEGAL COMMITTEE – Chair/Director Matthews
 - a. Draft Minutes of January 9, 2018 Meeting
 - b. CFO Report & Las Palmas Leasing Update

Director/Treasurer Matthews detailed the draft Minutes of the January 9 meeting, the CFO Report, and the Las Palmas Leasing update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2. HOSPITAL GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
 - a. Draft Minutes of December 18, 2017 Meeting
 - b. January 19, 2018 Meeting
 - c. CBRE Facility Condition Assessment

Vice-President Rogers detailed the Hospital Governance and Oversight Committee's meeting and an update on the Leapfrog results presentation by The Leapfrog Group. Christine Langenwaller, MSN, Director Quality Improvement and Education Services, Desert Regional Medical Center provided a presentation on the current Leapfrog ratings highlighting the ongoing projects on patient safety and improving the hospital measures. Vice-President Rogers also provided an update on the CB Richard Ellis (CBRE) Facility Condition Assessment.

President Zendle explained the comparisons of the Leapfrog scores by year and the improvements at Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), including the barriers such as the trauma center distinction, medical insurance, and patient transfers. President Zendle also described the costs of capital improvements and Michele Finney, CEO, DRMC's transparency that the improvements are in progress. Herb K. Schultz, CEO, explained that it is the Staff's recommendation to continue discussions with the Committee and DRMC will be attending the Hospital Governance and Oversight Committee in February to provide further input and feedback.

Director Wortham inquired if an environmental assessment for air quality was performed with the Condition Report. Jason O. Lind, Executive Vice President, Americas, CBRE, explained that a mold assessment was performed and based on observations, a test for air quality was not necessary unless the engineers detected any issues. Director Wortham recommended an air quality test to ensure the report is comprehensive and wide-ranging primarily due to past flooding.

Vice-President Rogers expressed concerns about the ADA accessibility. Mr. Lind explained that ADA compliance would be a separate report. President Zendle requested that Staff inquire with DRMC on the most recent ADA compliance and Air Quality reports to determine if additional studies are necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ezra Kaufman, District Resident, detailed the medi-cal population similar to other hospitals in the East Valley with the same data related to quality.

3. NEW PROVIDERS, FACILITIES, PROGRAMS & SERVICES – Chair/Director Hazen

a. CBRE Seismic & PML Assessment Report

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, explained the role and work of the Ad Hoc Committee on New Providers, Facilities, Programs, and Services working with the District's consultants Kaufman Hall as a starting point to validate the assessment report figures. CBRE recommends an ASCE 41 - seismic evaluation and retrofit of existing buildings evaluation for a more reliable estimate that could potentially be lower or higher.

Director Matthews explained that the report will go back to the Committee for further discussion and more work is necessary on the seismic issues with obligations for completion by 2030.

Director Wortham inquired with Mr. Schultz on the policy aspects and the potential for standards to get pushed back. Given the in-depth experience of Mr. Schultz's public policy, unprecedented change in medi-cal and funding for FQHC's, Director Wortham explained that the District should be deliberate on plans to spend capital and how to support those changes in the community going forward. Director Wortham requested that Mr. Schultz determine the appropriate policy - where and how to support the population in the future.

Director Hazen arrived at 2:57 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS

1. Resources and Philanthropy

a. Community and Expert Input to Guide Resources & Philanthropy and Public Policy & Research Programs

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, explained the Board's inquiry on incorporating extensive community expert input for recommendations to the Board, the current engagement, and the proposed enhancements using homelessness as a model. Lisa Houston, COO, explained that the approach is proactive as opposed to structured with a draft of principles for engagement policies. Staff will bring back an initiative for adoption of a policy for public, community, and subject matter expert engagement.

Director Wortham inquired where the initiative fits into the District or Foundation with Mr. Schultz explaining that Staff will come back with the appropriate recommendations with some funds in the District and others in the Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. West Valley Homelessness Initiative Update

Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer, provided an update of the West Valley Homelessness Initiative explaining the latest match with the City of La Quinta – six of the nine cities. The City of Palm Desert is also interested in modeling and replicating City of Indio's homelessness outreach program.

2. Behavioral Health Consultant Modified Scope of Work and Contractual Agreement

Lisa Houston, COO, described the vague information of the workforce shortage and identifying the scarcity such as extreme cases or psychiatric patients, their release and lack of follow-up. Herb K. Schultz, CEO, explained that with current Staff and the resources of University of California Riverside and the incoming Community Health Analyst, Staff will bring back in 6 weeks a modified scope of work.

President Rogers clarified the presented scope of work reiterating that the Board approved consultant will assist with the identifiable short-term goals, including community stakeholder's contribution in the discussions. Further explaining that hiring the Board approved Behavioral Health Consultant is necessary to coordinate the District efforts.

President Zendle requests that Staff move forward quickly with consultants Kaufman Hall on inpatient psychiatry and a clear vision for the entire Coachella Valley by the end of the year.

LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS & REPORTS

None – Deferred to closed session.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS & REPORTS

Director Wortham explained the annual fundraiser brought forward at a previous meeting for the Foundation that would commence once the new Staff positions were secured. President Zendle requested that Director Wortham work with Staff to bring the item forward for a future agenda topic.

Vice-President Rogers explained an evaluation concerning mother's participation in breastfeeding at her prior Board, working with the mothers and the newborns inquiring if Staff can acquire more details about a new program.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING AT 3:39 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT AT 3:54 P.M.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54956.95 Liability Claim – Agency: Desert Healthcare District Claimant: Barbara J. Smith.
2. Public Employee Evaluation pursuant to Government Code 54957 Title: Chief Executive Officer

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT 5:10 P.M.

REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Board in closed session directed Counsel to return the Notice of intent to commence action of Barbara Smith to Attorney Nield with the direction that an application to file a late claim must be filed.

The Board also discussed the evaluation of the CEO and provided direction to the Ad Hoc Committee to work with the CEO and to develop goals, expectations, milestones, measures, and reporting mechanism going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

ATTEST: 

 Carole Rogers, Vice President/Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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