

DESERT HEALTHCARE  
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 November 27, 2018**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Zendle, MD Vice-President/Secretary Carole Rogers, RN Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Kay Hazen Director Jennifer Wortham, DrPH	Chris Christensen, CFO, Interim CEO Lisa Houston, COO Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Will Dean, Communications and Marketing Director Meghan Kane, Community Health Analyst Annalisa Wurm, Health Policy Analyst Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present.  President Zendle introduced elected officials in attendance that include Councilmember Lupe Ramos, City of Indio; Councilmember Mark Carnevale, Cathedral City; Councilmember Shelley Kaplan, Cathedral City; Mayor Sabby Jonathan, City of Palm Desert; and Steve Brown, Special Assistant, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia.	
<b>B. Approval of Agenda</b>	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.	<b>#17-82 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to approve the agenda.            Motion passed unanimously.            AYES – 5 President Zendle, Vice-President Rogers, Director</b>

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		<b>Matthews, Director Hazen, and Director Wortham</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b> <b>ABSTAIN – 0</b>
<b>C. Public Comment</b>	President Zendle called for public comment. No public comment.	
<b>D. Consent Agenda</b>  <b>D.1.a. Board Meeting October 23, 2018</b>  <b>D.2.a. No November Meeting of the F&amp;A Committee</b>  <b>D.3. Adoption of Alternative Workweek Schedule – Foundation Staff</b>	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.	<b>#17-83 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Wortham and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to approve the Consent Agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 5 President Zendle, Vice-President Rogers, Director Matthews, Director Hazen, and Director Wortham</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b> <b>ABSTAIN – 0</b>
<b>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</b>	No report was provided.	
<b>F. Finance &amp; Administration Committee</b>  <b>1. Minutes of October 9, 2018</b>	Director Matthews asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2018 F&A meeting.	<b>#17-84 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Wortham and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to approve the Consent Agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 5 President Zendle, Vice-President Rogers, Director Matthews, Director Hazen, and Director Wortham</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b> <b>ABSTAIN – 0</b>
<b>G. Old Business</b>		
<b>1. Barbara Poppe, Principal, Barbara Poppe &amp;</b>	Lisa Houston, COO, introduced Barbara Poppe, Principal	

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<b>Associates, Homelessness Initiative Recommendations</b>	<p>Barbara Poppe &amp; Associates. Barbara Poppe led the presentation by explaining the focus groups, core teams, and other activities. Mrs. Poppe outlined the purpose of the recommendations, keys to success, and optimal systems with Housing First as a proven approach and the foundation to success. The four pillars of recommendations include Community Engagement and Leadership, Improve Cross-Sector Responses, Improve Crisis Response, and Increase Exits to Housing and Services.</p>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<p>Darla Burkett, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM), relayed concerns for a west valley shelter that was not detailed in the presentation explaining that the collaborative is far down the road, and a 100-bed shelter is necessary as many are sent to CVRM via taxis and Ubers.</p> <p>Linda Barrack, Executive Director, Martha’s Village and Kitchen, explained the services that Martha’s Village provides and the need for shelter beds, especially with the at-risk population.</p> <p>Sabby Jonathan, Mayor Palm Desert, Chair Coachella Valley Association of Governments Homelessness Committee, congratulated consultant Barbara Poppe on a thorough</p>	

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	<p>process and explained his concerns that include the Housing First model. The Coachella Valley currently uses Housing First as a regional approach. Mayor Jonathan outlined the Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC) report highlighting Coachella Valley's Housing First program. There has been \$721,000 in matching funds thanks to the District/Foundation's Homelessness Initiative that totaled \$2M. Mayor Jonathan explained other financial contributors when Roy's Resource Center was in operation. Mayor Jonathan further explained that progress has already been made suggesting that the District build on the current structure instead of starting with new groundwork. The matching program motivated cities to invest in the solution, which is a huge factor in the success of the program.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, thanked consultant Barbara Poppe and the District explaining that the report aligns with the county's 10-year plan and has highlighted the county's shortfalls. Homelessness is a holistic approach, but Mr. Rodriguez respectfully differs with Mayor Jonathan on some matters as</p>	
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	<p>homelessness is a complex issue. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and other agencies have accomplished a great amount of work, and it is important to leverage their efforts into a collective impact collaborating with cities, local government, tribes, nonprofit agencies, law enforcement agencies, and philanthropic agencies to assist. Homelessness is the Supervisor's priority with an emphasis on a collective impact and comprehensive approach.</p> <p>Natalie Profant Komuro, Deputy County Executive Officer Homelessness Solutions, County of Riverside Executive Officer, explained that the county through the Department of Public and Social Services (DPSS) operates the Homelessness Management System (HMIS) and the county has begun a process for setting criteria for a new system. The county is functioning more effectively through different services and working with various cities on encampments. Mrs. Komuro highlighted that there was no reference in the presentation to the need or response to encampments. The District is taking a regional approach which is important and helpful, but problematic for those in other regions that</p>	
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<p><b>2. Staff Recommendations on Homelessness Initiative</b></p>	<p>must travel. The county supports exploring areas in the desert region and other portions of the county to better organize the limited resources that are available, and the District has the support of the county executive office.</p> <p>President Zendle explained that staff should initially examine the public comments and future funding then return with future recommendations.</p> <p>Vice-President Rogers suggests that staff move forward with a proposal for engaging the three staff persons required to establish the Coachella Valley Collaborative to End Homelessness.</p> <p>Director Wortham would prefer a timeline with a plan and a budget moving forward before the board can approve the recommendations. Use more resources towards the programs based on the challenges and possibly engaging Barbara Poppe with additional solutions.</p> <p>Director Hazen explained that the collaborative is a call for action with direction to progress and continue the work that will cement the partners and increase learning opportunities. The District should lead the effort in establishing the collective and</p>	
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	<p>determine from staff the process to advance the first recommendation of Barbara Poppe’s report to accept the role and organizing to identify the mid and long-term strategies.</p> <p>Director Hazen made a motion for the District to take the first step and convene the Coachella Valley Collaborative to End Homelessness and provide direction to staff to support and continue with the current strategies within the collective fund.</p> <p>President Zendle clarified that staff should provide recommendations to continue the Housing First collaborative with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) within the same framework, including a timeline.</p>	<p><b>#17-85 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hazen and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to accept the framework to continue Housing First, convene the Coachella Valley Collaborative to End Homelessness, and provide direction to staff to continue with the current strategies within the collective fund. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President Zendle, Vice-President Rogers, Director Matthews, Director Hazen, and Director Wortham                  NOES – 0                  ABSENT – 0                  ABSTAIN – 0</b></p>
<b>H. New Business</b>	None	
<b>I. Directors’ Comments &amp; Reports</b>		
<b>J. Adjournment</b>	President Zendle adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.	<b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-Directors">http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-Directors</a></b>

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

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