

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2013**

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Attendance:

Members

Director Mark Matthews, Chairman

Director William Grimm, DO

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer

Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer

Steve Brown, Director of Community Relations

Committee Members

Kim McNulty, CVEP

Joseph Pradetto, Constituent Outreach, Office of John J Benoit, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor

Elizabeth Toledo, Hub Manager, Building Healthy Communities

Absent Committee Members

Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center

Matthew Keane, CEO, Community Clinic Assoc. of San Bernardino County

Allen Howe, Community Member

Mitch Nieman, Grants Manager, City of Coachella

Guest

Tom Gorham, Project Supervisor, The Ranch Recovery Centers Inc.

Katie Dambrun, Research Associate, Loma Linda University

Nellie Leon PhD, Faculty, Loma Linda University

Susie Del Toro, El Sol Neighborhood Education Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Matthews.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Committee Member Toledo and seconded by Committee Member McNulty to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Member McNulty to approve the minutes of June 11, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

## **GRANTS**

### **a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule**

Chairman Matthews responded to Committee Member Pradetto that the total amount for grant funded exceeded the FY 2012-13 budget by approximately \$4000. That amount is funded from the District's reserves which is called the Facility Replacement Fund.

### **b. Pending Grant Requests for Consideration**

#### **1. Grant #789 – The Ranch Recovery Centers, Inc. – Construction of Kitchen/Dining & Community Outreach/Education Building in the amount of \$250,000**

Tom Gorham explained that the existing kitchen and dining room could not be remodeled to meet current building codes. The fire department required increased water pressure which required the building to be in a different location. The new building will allow for community meetings, food service trainings, life skills training, HIV education and family programs..

Ms. Craig commented that the District funding, if approved, would be the last money in. Rick Mesa, CEO at The Rancho, will not start a project until he has all the funding in hand.

Director Grimm commented that The Ranch is a vital part of the recovery community.

Chairman Matthews added that most of the staff at The Ranch has been there for decades which is a clear indication of the excellent leadership, work environment, and dedication at the recovery center.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Toledo and seconded by Committee Member Pradetto to recommend approval for Grant #789 to The Ranch Recovery Centers, Inc. for the Construction of the Kitchen/Dining & Community Outreach/Education Building in the amount of \$250,000. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Grant #790 – Loma Linda University, Institute for Community Partnerships – Community Health Assessment for North Side Palm Springs in the amount of \$110,303.**

Dr. Nellie Leon reviewed the proposed project which will conduct an assessment to identify and measure the demographics of the community, disease incidence and prevalence, population-based health, access to healthcare, and community health needs in the North side Palm Springs community. Community health workers from the North Palm Springs community will be hired and trained at the Promotores de Salud Academy, a collaborative project between Loma Linda University and El Sol Community Education Center. The training will include collection and data analysis.

Ms. Greco added that there are approximately 800-1000 people in the Desert Highland Gateway area. The community feels isolated. Organizations and non-profits go to the community, but never come back. There is no transportation in the area also. In speaking with the CEO of Desert Regional Medical Center, they are very interested to see the results of the assessment and if there is a role DRMC can play in access to services. Currently, the hospital emergency room is the only medical service used by this community.

Committee Member McNulty suggested contacting the Steve Nicholas Foundation which is also interested in the Desert Highland Gateway area. She also suggested collaborating with the Palm Springs Unified School District health services program and the school's HealthCorps Coordinators.

Community Member Toledo suggested that the project include stronger partnerships with other promotores networks in order to share best practices.

Chairman Matthews commented that the area for the assessment is really not North Palm Springs but Desert Highland Gateway. Loma Linda should ask the community members how to define the area. Also Loma Linda and El Sol should embrace the churches in the community.

A Motion was made by Committee Member McNulty and seconded by Committee Member Pradetto to recommend approval for Grant #790 to Loma Linda University, Institute for Community Partnerships for the Community Health Assessment for North Side Palm Springs in the amount of \$110,303. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Committee Member Pradetto talked about the ESRI International Conference in San Diego. All kinds of data can be mapped. Committee Member Toledo suggested Healthy City data base for mapping various demographics and health related data. Both committee members will send to Ms. Craig internet addresses for these services.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

The Desert Hot Springs Community Health & Wellness Center dental clinic and teen clinic will be opening on July 25. The Borrego Community Health Foundation's new clinic in Desert Hot Springs, will be completed and opening in approximately 2 weeks.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.