

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 12, 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

Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center

Allen Howe, Community Member

Juan Rodriquez, Student Member

Absent Committee Members

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

Mitch Nieman, Grants Manager, City of Coachella

Elizabeth Romero, Director of Community & Govt Relations, Planned Parenthood

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

Guest

Dr. Jill Gover, Director of Counseling, The Center

Eileen Packer, CEO, HARC

Jenna LeComte-Hinely, Director of Research, HARC

Ron Stewart, Deputy Director, Riverside County Office on Aging

Traci Cornelius, Hospital Liaison, Riverside County Office on Aging

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INTRODUCTION**

Juan Rodriquez was introduced as the new student representative. He will serve one year.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Director Grimm and seconded by Committee Member Howe to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Committee Member Howe and seconded by Director Grimm to approve the minutes of September 10, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION**

1. Grant #739 – The LGBT Community Center, Results of the LGBT Community Health Needs Assessment of the Coachella Valley.

Dr. Jill Gover presented the results of the LGBT Community Health Needs Assessment conducted by HARC. The survey participants were mainly senior white gay males. The findings included need for low cost mental health services, senior services, domestic violence treatment, and sensitivity training for public safety personnel. Director Grimm added that as the findings showed, the LGBT community is not comfortable in mainstream facilities and behavior health programs. They have unique issues. Committee Member Howe commented that the survey did not include the Hispanic and the younger LGBT population. Dr. Gover explained that the survey method was “snowball sampling” where existing study subjects recruit future subjects from among their acquaintances.

Dr. Gover discussed next steps as developing programs and seeking funding for the findings in the survey. Suggestions included sharing the action plan, when developed, and bringing in collaborative partners. The data collected is good baseline data for the LGBT population.

### **GRANTS**

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

No comments.

b. Final Reports

1. Grant #739 – The LGBT Community Center of the Desert  
Previously presented.

2. Grant #741 – HARC (Health Assessment Resource Center).  
No Comments.

b. Pending Grant Request for Consideration

1. Grant #806 – HARC – 2013 Triennial Health Needs Assessment - \$128,676.

Ms. Packer reported that the request is gap funding for the period December 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Funding will allow HARC to (1) complete the tasks necessary for the release of the triennial health assessment in early 2014; (ii) formally report the results to the public, including policymakers, businesses, and health and human service providers; (iii) provide easy access to data via the online, searchable database; release bi-monthly reports based on the 2013 data; and (iv) determine the fiscal impact on organizations that use the data to raise funds.

Funding will also provide opportunities for the future growth and sustainability of HARC by the hiring of a marketing expert to broadcast its services and the availability of such health information. Many organizations in the Desert Healthcare District have come to rely on HARC's health information as the bases for their organizational and service planning efforts. Many

more local health-related businesses and service agencies can benefit, not only from the survey data, but also the research and data expertise provided by HARC. Continual support from the Desert Healthcare District is critical for HARC to maintain and expand its service in order to raise the overall much-needed information gathering and interpretation sophistication of agencies serving this region.

Chairman Matthews asked for clarification because when HARC received \$300,000 last year for the 2013 Triennial it was his understanding that the request was for the total cost of the project. Ms. Packer responded that instead of asking for a 3 year grant last year, DHCD staff advised them to apply yearly and for HARC staff to come up with a more sustainable model. Committee Member Geer commented that many organizations charge for the data. Ms. Packer responded that a membership type program is being considered and that a marketing plan is also included in the grant application.

A Motion was made by Committee Member McNulty and seconded by Committee Member Howe to recommend approval for Grant # 806 to HARC for the 2013 Triennial Health Needs Assessment in the amount of \$128,676. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant #809 – Riverside County Office on Aging – Care Transitions Intervention Expansion Pilot, JFK Memorial Hospital and Eisenhower Medical Center - \$95,966

Ms. Greco reported that this was a duplication of the pilot program that DHCD funded at Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC). It was so successful that DRMC is fully funding the program. Director Grimm added that the DRMC Governing Board is very supportive of the program. The immediate follow-up visit when discharged from the hospital is critical in preventing the patient have to the return to the hospital.

A Motion was made by Committee Member McNulty and seconded by Committee Member Rodriquez to recommend approval for Grant # 809 to Riverside County Office on Aging for the Care Transitions Intervention Expansion Pilot, JFK Memorial Hospital and Eisenhower Medical Center in the amount of \$95,966.

Motion passed unanimously with Committee Member Greer abstaining.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Program Committee Criteria and Policies review and Conflict of Interest Code.

Chairman Matthews reminded everyone that Program Committee does have policies that need to be followed. Term limits is one policy that will need to be followed. Staff should proceed with replacing any vacancies on the committee.

The District's legal counsel updated the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Program Committee will be required to complete the state Form 700 as required by law.

## **CEO REPORT**

1. Health Portal – concept presentation

Ms. Greco defined a health portal as one place to navigate multiple health websites so access to health programs, events, articles, and services for the whole Coachella Valley could be access by visiting one place, the health portal. It's a hub for health related information.

Committee Member Greer commented that all residents have a computer or the ability to use a computer to access a portal. Congressman Ruiz's office is preparing a resource guide for healthcare.

The committee comments were favorable for the need of a health portal.

## 2. Survey Monkey – Grant Department Survey Results

Ms. Greco reviewed the results of the grant department survey. Lessons learned included better communication with the public and that grantees used the website frequently. Overall results were favorable.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

No comments.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

No comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.