

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2014**

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Attendance:

Members

Director William Grimm, DO, Chairman  
Director Kay Hazen

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer  
Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer  
Steve Brown, Director of Community Relations

Committee Members

Mitch Nieman, Grants Manager, City of Coachella  
Joseph Pradetto, Constituent Outreach, Office of John J Benoit, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
Kim McNulty, CVEP  
Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center

Absent Committee Members

Matthew Keane, CEO, Community Clinic Assoc. of San Bernardino County  
Allen Howe, Community Member  
Juan Rodriquez, Student Member

Guest

Sheila Thornton – CVEP  
Christy Porter – Hidden Harvest

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Director Hazen and seconded by Chairman Grimm to approve the minutes of January 21, 2014. Motion passed. Committee Members Greer, Nieman, and Pradetto abstained since they were not present at the meeting.

## **GRANTS**

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

No comments.

### **b. Final Reports**

#### **1. Grant #711 – Act for MS**

No comments.

#### **2. Grant #753 – Hidden Harvest**

No comments.

### **c. Pending Grant Request for Consideration**

#### **1. Grant #818 – Hidden Harvest – Hidden Harvest Senior Markets and Healthy Fairs - \$128,006.**

Committee Member Neiman asked why the farmers markets were limited to seniors instead of all low income households complexes and why there are not farmers markets in all the cities. Ms. Porter explained that their organization is limited by their capacity and the volume of produce their organization receives. Serving the low income senior population is their strategy to address food insecurities.

Other services that have been provided at the senior market sites include Desert Women for Equality mammograms, tempting vegetable recipes, dry goods (which they receive from FIND Food Bank) and information on the Affordable Care Act.

This grant is for the second year of a four year plan, Access to Healthy Food, which includes partner FIND Food Bank.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Neiman and seconded by Committee Member McNulty to recommend approval for Grant # 818 to Hidden Harvest for the Hidden Harvest Senior Markets and Healthy Fairs in the amount of \$128,006 Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Grant #819 – CVEP – Health Career Connections Summer 2014 Internships - \$50,000.**

Ms. Thornton explained the these funds would be used to place 6 local students currently majoring in undergraduate health science programs into a summer intern program. The interns do get paid during the 10 week internship. The interns are placed in healthcare industry/service sites across the Coachella Valley. In response to Committee Member Neiman, Ms. Thornton explained that CVEP utilizes the Health Career Connections to place the interns because they are experts in placing interns. Interns are not just placed in clinical settings but in community organizations such as government agencies, foundations, and mentoring leaders in their fields. There is resistance to organizations taking on interns thinking that it may be a lot of work and responsibility. Director Hazen suggested staff look into integrating the internship model into the District's ongoing grant making policy.

A Motion was made by Director Hazen and seconded by Committee Member Neiman to recommend approval for Grant # 819 to CVEP in support for the Health Career Connections Summer 2014 Internships in the amount of \$50,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

**CEO REPORT**

There is a time sensitive grant request requiring a special program committee meeting in April. The meeting will be Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

The committee members asked if staff could include a strategic plan section in the staff report for every proposal. Director Hazen suggested that the board and program committee have a study session before the board's strategic planning retreat each year. The committee members also requested an item on each program committee agenda "grants in the pipeline" along with a report so the program committee members are engaged early on in the process.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.