

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2014**

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

Joseph Pradetto, Constituent Outreach, Office of John J Benoit, 4th District Supervisor
Kim McNulty, CVEP
Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center
Juan Rodriquez, Student Member

Absent Committee Members

Matthew Keane, CEO, Community Clinic Assoc. of San Bernardino County
Allen Howe, Community Member
Mitch Nieman, Grants Manager, City of Coachella

Guest

Sheila Thornton – CVEP
Cristina Greogorio – CVEP
Ernie Rios – CVEP
Baldomero Rodriquez – Resident
Ruby Hoose – HealthCorps
Rocio Jacobo – HealthCorps
Evelyn Rodriquez – HealthCorps
Jessica Anders – HealthCorps
Nicholas Hickman, Alliance for a Healthier Generation

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 Greer to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Grimm congratulated Student Member Juan Rodriguez for being accepted to the University of California Berkley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Committee Member McNulty and seconded by Committee Member Greer to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014. Motion passed.

GRANTS

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

No comments.

b. Proposals Under Development – Remaining Budget Impact

No comments.

b. Final Reports

1. Grant #752 – FIND Food Bank

No comments.

2. Grant #789 – Ranch Recovery Centers, Inc.

No comments.

c. Pending Grant Request for Consideration

1. Grant #821 – HealthCorps– HealthCorps Coordinators & HealthCorps University Programs - \$536,442.

Currently there are HealthCorps Coordinators in 3 high schools in Palm Springs Unified School District, funded by the Desert Healthcare District and high schools in the Coachella Valley Unified School district, funded by The California Endowment. Staff recommends funding HealthCorps Coordinators at Rancho Mirage High School and Palm Desert High School in order to have the HealthCorps curriculum at all high schools in the District. The proposed HealthCorps Sustainability Manager will work to develop programs in all high schools where HealthCorps Coordinators have finished their 2 year stint and also work with the new incoming Coordinators at new sites. The California Endowment will find a portion of that position for the high schools in the Eastern Coachella Valley. The Regional Access Project will be asked to fund Indio High School and La Quinta High School so all schools is represented.

The Sustainability Manager is essential to continue the curriculum the HealthCorps Coordinators have initiated and will initiate during their 2 year term .

Director Hazen questioned the commitment from the schools to the HealthCorps program and whether the schools have accepted the value of the program. The HealthCorps Coordinators responded that they do have teachers and students as allies who are motivated to sustain the programs.

Director Hazen also suggested that the coordinators at Palm Springs High, Desert Hot Springs High, and Cathedral City who are finishing their 2 year contract in May prepare a simple narrative for the Board as to their collaboration with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and their individual accomplishments at their respective schools.

A Motion was made by Director Hazen and seconded by Committee Member Rodriguez to recommend approval for Grant # 821 to HealthCorps for the HealthCorps Coordinators &

HealthCorps University Sustainability Manager position in the amount of \$536,442 Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant #820 – CVEP – Pathways to Success Matching Scholarship Program - \$244,500.

Note: Committee McNulty recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Ms. Greco explained to the Program Committee that Staff did not provide a recommendation but include 3 options for the committee to discuss, consider, and ultimately make a recommendation to the Board.

Committee Member Pradetto and Chairman Grimm were concerned about the “return on investment” of the District’s contribution to the scholarship fund. Director Hazen suggested tracking their majors, change of majors or career path. Is it known that of the 25 co-horts are 75% remaining in healthcare? CVEP staff has only been able to track 50% of the scholarship recipients. The biggest challenge is gathering information and keeping current contact information.

Chairman Grimm read an email from Committee Member Howe which stated if he was present he would vote no on funding the scholarship program as submitted (understanding his vote would not count). There was no evaluation on the District’s return on investment. Chairman Grimm concurred with Mr. Howe.

Committee Member Pradetto also agreed and commented that he liked the idea of the loan repayment/forgiveness option. Student Member Rodriquez commented that he liked Option 3 where the scholarship could be a grant, if the recipient stays in the Coachella Valley and is an engaged student at their college. If they leave the Coachella Valley, the funds would need to be repaid. Director Hazen commented that changing to a loan repayment program needs more time to develop and the scholarships should be continued at this time. More discussion will be necessary at the board meeting. When asked what the consequences would be if the District did not provide the funding for the match as committed Ms. Thornton responded that funds from other partners would be used as a match however applicants entering a healthcare major would not necessarily be selected.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Member Greer to recommend to the Board, Option 2 as listed on page 29 of the Program Committee Packet and not a scholarship program.

Motion passed 4 Ayes - Chairman Grimm, Committee Members Pradetto, Greer, Rodriquez
1 No - Director Hazen

CEO REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.