

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2014**

Attendance:

Members

Director William Grimm, DO, Chairman
Director Kay Hazen

Staff

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

Committee Members

Absent Committee Members

Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center
Matthew Keane, CEO, Community Clinic Assoc. of San Bernardino County
Kim McNulty, CVEP
Allen Howe, Community Member
Joseph Pradetto, Constituent Outreach, Office of John J Benoit, 4th District Supervisor

Guest

Robin Montgomery, Pegasus
David Brinkman, CEO, Desert AIDS Project (DAP)
Brande Orr, Director/Grants, Desert AIDS Project
Zayda Welden, Director of Social Services, Desert AIDS Project
Susan Unger, Project Director, Get Tested Coachella Valley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Grimm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion was made by Director Hazen and seconded by Chairman Grimm 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 October 14, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

GRANTS

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

No comments.

b. Final Reports

1. Grant #668 – CSUSB

Director Hazen requested clarification regarding “Final Results Achieved” which states the campus gained additional state support for the program. It is not clear if the report is saying that the support is financial support or program support. Ms. Craig reported that until the Palm Desert campus is a stand alone campus it will continue to need local support. Staff will ask CSUSB for clarification.

2. Grant #790 - Loma Linda University Health

No questions or comments.

c. Pending Grant Requests for Consideration

1. Grant #851 – Pegasus Riding Academy – Riding for Recovery in the amount of \$119,424 (1 year).

The application requested funding for 96 students residing in the District although the academy serves over 200 multiple disabled children from across the valley. Ms. Montgomery discussed the problem with transportation for their clients. Desert ARC, with their equipped bus for the disabled, provided transportation in the past, however the Highway Patrol said Desert ARC was not allowed to transport students from a school site. The Committee directed Staff to look into shared use for transportation and to work with the applicant on transportation issues and opportunities.

A Motion was made by Director Hazen and seconded by Chairman Grimm to recommend approval for Grant # 851 to Pegasus Riding Academy in support for the Riding for Recovery program in the amount of \$119,424 (1 year funding).

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant #852 – Desert AIDS Project – Get Test Coachella Valley - in the amount of \$498,625 (3 years).

Mr. Brinkman reviewed the goals of the Get Tested Coachella Valley program. There are 5 components: routinize testing, expand testing to community events, public education to reduce stigma, linkage to care, and an evaluation component. The 3 hospital emergency rooms and all county clinics are committed to Get Tested. There has been a 22% increase in testing for HIV at LabCorps, and a 17% increase at community events.

Director Hazen and Chairman Grimm thanked the applicant for the “executive summary”. Director Hazen stressed the important of linkage to care. Mr. Brinkman responded that 50% to 75% who are tested positive are linked to a healthcare provider. There is also linkage to comprehensive medical homes with ancillary services such as addiction, behavior health,

housing and food assistance. When FQHCs test for HIV, the consumer already has a medical home for services.

DAP representatives recognize the challenge with having a HIV test as part of a routine blood test. Chairman Grimm added that many providers are not comfortable discussing HIV testing with their patients. The Get Tested program is working to reduce that stigma with providers. If the testing and linkage to care is standard practice it takes the discomfort away from the providers.

Director Hazen commented that DAP will also be focusing on testing for STDs and Hepatitis C which are other major health issues in our community.

A Motion was made by Director Hazen and seconded by Chairman Grimm to recommend approval for Grant # 851 to Desert AIDS Project, Get Tested Coachella Valley, in the amount of \$498,625 (3 year request).

Motion passed unanimously.

CEO REPORT

Ms. Greco commented that all the community members were unable to attend the committee meeting today. Staff, along with Director Hazen and Grimm, suggested alternatives to the current structure of the program committee. Suggestions included:

- Quarterly meetings where community members review, score and rank grant applications.

- Hold program committee meetings in the evening.

- Have a dollar amount threshold where large grant applications are reviewed by the program committee and smaller requests go directly to the full board.

- Have the program committee meet at the time of the board strategic plan retreat for input on the grant priorities.

It was decided to discuss all options at a future program committee meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.