

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2015**

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Attendance:

Members

Director Carole Rogers

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer

Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer

Chris Christensen, Controller

Committee Members

Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center

Kim McNulty, CVEP

Allen Howe, Community Member

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

Absent Committee Members

Dr. William Grimm, Chair & Vice President/Secretary of DHCD Board of Directors

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

Guests

Arlene Rosenthal, Well in the Desert

Carole Dozier, San Gorgonio Hospital – Behavioral Health Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Director Rogers. Director Rogers had all attendees introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Committee Member Howe and seconded by Committee Member Pradetto. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Member Howe to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

## GRANTS

### a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

No questions or comments.

### b . Proposals Under Development

No questions or comments.

### c. Final Reports

#### 1. Grant #743 – San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital

In response to Committee Member Pradetto, staff approved the budget allowing the funds to purchase a van be used instead for the ADA bathroom requirements the City of Palm Springs required before the Certificate of Occupancy would be issued.

### d. Pending Request for Consideration

#### 1. Grant #860 – San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital Behavior Health Center – Dedicated Van Purchase for the District Patients - \$32,517.75

Ms. Dozier reported that the van would be dedicated to the desert area. The van will add capacity to the program by providing transportation out to the City of Indio. Participation at the new site in Palm Springs has already increased by 10%.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Member McNulty to recommend to the Board to approve Grant #860 to San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital Behavior Health Center for the purchase of a van dedicated for District patients in the amount of \$32,517.75. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Grant #861 – Well in the Desert – New Site Support/Infrastructure Build-out - \$16,984.80.

Arlene Rosenthal reported that the Well in the Desert is moving to a new location, which is larger, allowing additional services and for growth, close to public transportation, office space for staff and a great a/c system. Services beside food and meals includes phone access, mailing address and the most important, giving hope to individuals.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Greer to recommend to the Board to approve Grant #861 to Well in the Desert for new site support/infrastructure build-out in the amount of 16,984.80. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Grant #862 – Visiting Nurses Association of California (VNA)– Point-of-Care McKesson Technology Upgrade for the Palm Desert Office - \$125,000

Mike Rusnak reported that VNA is the non-profit home hospice in the Coachella Valley. The proposed grant will help VNA to migrate to a cloud-based environment in Palm Desert benefitting their Home Health and Hospice patients and allow them to accomplish the following: 1. Provide real time information for all departments and improve patient care; 2. The attending physician will have accurate and timely information of the services; 3. Care will be improved by less invasive devices, allow timeliness of documentation for all parties in the

continuum of care, and 4. Eliminate the need to store and forward the patient information in a "cloud-based" environment while ensuring compliance with HIPAA regulations.

In response to Committee Member Greer, Mr. Rusnak verified that the budget is just for the Palm Desert office. And in response to Committee Member Pradetto, the McKesson system is the best value for their budget.

A Motion was made by Committee Member McNulty and seconded by Committee Greer to recommend to the Board to approve Grant #862 to Visiting Nurses Association of California for the Point of Care McKesson Technology Upgrade for the Palm Desert Office in the amount of \$125,000. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### a. BLUE ZONES Update

Ms. Craig reported that Chairman Grimm and Director Rogers met with staff. Staff had spoken with BLUE ZONE representatives and they suggested identifying other possible stakeholders from now through summer and then convene the group in the fall with Dan Buettner from BLUE ZONES. After that, the Program Committee can determine the role of the District and make a recommendation to the Board.

### b. Review and discussion of Program Committee Member Recruitment & Process

An ad will be placed in The Desert Sun. The Committee recommended one weekend only for the ad and then see how many responses are received. An Interview Committee was recommended and Committee Members Howe and McNulty volunteered. Director Rogers requested that Chairman Grimm be asked first as a representative from the Board, however, he was unavailable, she would serve on the committee. A score sheet will be used to rate each proposed candidate.

### c. Review and feedback of reports.

#### 1. Moder Research & Communications: CV Healthcare Workforce Needs Assessment Update.

Suggestions/Recommendations/Comments on the report.

- Have Wendy Frederick, Workforce Development Agency, should review the report.
- Add Community Health Workers as part of the healthcare workforce needs.
- Meet with The Desert Sun Editorial Board to share the information.
- Share with school counselors, HealthCorps coordinators, health academies.
- Share with elected officials.

#### 2. HARC Veterans Health in the Coachella Valley.

Committee Member McNulty commented that the report had valuable information, good GIS maps and visuals.

### d. Form 700 Requirement

Mr. Brown reminded the committee that all members needed to complete the Form 700 per the Desert Healthcare District Conflict of Interest Code. The deadline is April 1, 2015.

**CEO REPORT**

1. Ms. Greco reported that the ACA enrollment period would be ending. In the Coachella Valley, 36,000 individuals have signed up. Director Rogers added that the District could play a role in adding more access points for services.
2. Ms. Greco announced the name for the health portal: CV HIP.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

None

**STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.