

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2015**

Attendance:

Members

Vice-President Grimm, DO, Chairman
Director Carole Rogers

Staff

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

Committee Members

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

Absent Committee Members

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

Guests

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Chairman Grimm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Craig asked if Grant #867 – FIND Food Bank could be moved up in the agenda since Lisa Houston, CEO, has a time conflict. Director Grimm recommended amending the agenda for Grant #867 when Ms. Houston arrives.

A Motion was made by Director and seconded by Committee Member Pradetto as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCIES

All applicants were invited to attend the meeting today, but it was not mandatory. The following candidates introduced themselves to the Committee:

Rosemary Anaya
Anna Nevenic
Lewis Stewart
Ron Willison

The process will continue with all applicants being interviewed on Tuesday, April 21st between noon and 2:00pm. The selection committee will provide their recommendations to the Board for the April 28th board meeting. The selection committee includes:

Chairman Grimm

Allen Howe, Committee Member

Kim McNulty, Committee Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

GRANTS

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

No questions or comments.

b . Proposals Under Development- Remaining Budget Impact

Committee Member Pradetto commented that if all the grants listed were funded, the budget would be over by \$600,000. Ms. Craig responded that the Board would have to approve a budget adjustment if that was the case. However the items under “concepts” may not develop and some concepts may be able to wait until the next fiscal year to be funded.

c. Final Reports

1. Grant #812 - FIND Food Bank

CEO Lisa Houston will respond to any questions/comments during her report to the committee on the pending grant request for consideration.

d. Pending Request for Consideration

1. Grant #859 – Cielo Vista Charter School – Soaring to Change the Community Part 2 - \$70,998

Part 1 of the program included organized physical activity for the students and playground equipment both funded by DHCD. Part 2 is to include the student’s parents and members of the community. The exercise equipment will be in on classroom. Committee questions/comments included:

- Security – there is security in place at the school. Community member Howe asked how will the community members access the equipment. Cielo Vista responded that was a concern and in the beginning only the student’s family members would be able to use the equipment.
- Hygiene – is there a changing room
- or towels provide. Cielo Vista responded that the adults using the equipment would arrive in their exercise clothes and be required to bring their own towels.

- If the families are low income, is there a food pantry at the school. The school responded that they do have a community gardens which the students grow and pick the produce for their families.
- The exercise equipment is very expensive. The equipment was recommended by the District. It is the same equipment purchased for the Desert Hot Springs Health & Wellness Center.

A Motion was made by Director Rogers and seconded by Committee Member Howe to recommend to the Board to approve Grant #859 Cielo Vista Charter School for the Soaring to Change the Community Part 2 in the amount of \$70,998.
Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant #867 – FIND Food Bank – Year 3, Project Produce 2013-16 - \$639,731.

Lisa Houston, CEO for FIND Food Bank reported in the report for year 2 that it the amount of produce distributed was just about equal to district residents and residents outside the district. 10.6 million tons of food were distributed with half being fresh produce. In the past FIND had to “push” fresh produce to the food pantries. Now the pantries “pull for” the produce first. The new grant request includes the summer feeding program for 55,000 children. The school in Thousand Palms will not have food service, so FIND is working with the school district, community center, church, in order to find location for servicing the children. FIND will take the meals to children. FIND will also be providing a farmers market in the park. Hidden Harvest has taken on the Senior Farmer’s Market and will expand to more sites this year.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Howe to recommend to the Board to approve Grant #867 to FIND Food Bank for Year 3, Project Produce 2013-16 in the amount of \$639,731. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Grant #866 – The LGBT Center of PS – Desert Low-cost Counseling Clinic - \$140,000 over a 3 Year Period

Dr. Jill Gover reported that no one is turned away for behavior health services. The Center now has an internship training program for potential therapists.

Questions/Comments

- Dr. Grimm commented that there will be an anti-bullying program in Palm Springs Unified School. He asked Dr. Gover how healthcare providers learn about the services at The LGBT Center. Dr. Gover responded that she does outreach to the medical professionals in the valley as well as invites all medical professionals to the Coachella Valley Health Collaborative Mental Health Summits.

A Motion was made by Committee Member McNulty and seconded by Director Rogers to recommend to the Board to approve Grant #866 to The LGBT Center of PS for Desert Low-Cost Counseling Clinic in the amount of \$140,000 over a 3 year period.
Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CEO REPORT

1. There will be a Special Board Meeting on April 22nd. There will be a brief discussion of the current strategic plan but a full review will be later in the year.
2. CV-HIP, the health portal should be launched around May 1st.
3. The NEOPB Program, nutrition education in DHS and the Ready Set Swim program are both going very well.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

1. Director Rogers brought up adding more committee members to the Program Committee. The Committee commented that 9 members plus a student member keeps the committee members able to participate and comment than a larger group.

STAFF COMMENTS

1. The committee members liked the new staff report format with alternatives for their recommendation to the Board rather than the staff's recommendation. They also appreciated the multiple use of colors.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.