

**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 23, 2015**

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A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare Foundation was held in the Arthur H. "Red" Motley Boardroom, Palm Springs, CA

Attendance:

Members

Kay Hazen, President  
William Grimm, DO – Vice-President/Secretary  
Mark Matthews - Treasurer  
Michael Solomon, MD – Director  
Carole Rogers - Director

Absent

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer  
Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer  
Chris Christensen, Controller  
Alejandro Espinoza, NEOPB Director  
Steve Brown, Clerk to the Board

Legal Counsel

Robert Hargreaves

Guests

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 pm by President Hazen.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Hazen asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**#15-14 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the agenda.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## PRESENTATION

### CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted for approval:

1. Board Minutes
  - a. Meeting – May 26, 2015
2. May 2015 Financial Statements

**#15-15 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Solomon to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Before the vote Director Solomon stated that he will be abstaining from certain sections of the Consent Agenda as he stated at the Desert Healthcare District Board Meeting today, June 23, 2015 for the same reasons stated below:

“Director Solomon requested this be included in the minutes regarding the approval of the Financial Statements (copy provided by Director Solomon):\* California Health & Safety Code Section 32121, subparagraph (j) tells the Board of Directors how it can spend taxpayer’s money. This law requires us to *only* spend taxpayer’s money on programs or purposes that are “for the benefit of the district and the people served by the district”. This means we can only spend district money on programs that *primarily* serve the people who live within the district and pay district taxes.

With regard to pages 19-38 of our Board packet and pages 8-16 of the Foundation packet, all money granted to the Desert Healthcare Foundation from the Desert Healthcare District, with the exception of those earmarked for the Hospital’s collective fund, are therefore illegal. These expenditures, which are listed in the Consent Agenda and the Grant Payment Schedule on page 40 of our Board packet, and pages 15-16 of the Foundation packet are illegal because they are not “for the benefit of the district and the people served by the district” because they do not *primarily* serve or benefit the people who live within the Desert Healthcare District. Therefore by definition these expenditures are not only wrong but they are illegal. Our staff and our CEO should have never recommended them and our Attorney should be counseling us against them.

I Therefore I abstain from approving those specific items because they are illegal and would ask that my concerns be duly noted in the minutes of this meeting. I urge each of the members of this Board to do the same.

I also abstain from any and all financial action approval for any item in our packet regarding either the Healthcare District or the Healthcare Foundation and Borrego Health Systems.

#### Roll Call Vote:

**AYES:** Director Rogers; Director Matthews; Director Solomon\* (Abstention as Listed Above);  
Vice-President Grimm; President Hazen

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 1\* Director Solomon as per his abstention stated above

**ABSENT:** 0

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, REAL ESTATE AND LEGAL COMMITTEE – Director Matthews**

1. Draft Minutes of June 9, 2015

No questions or comments.

2. Consideration to Approve the FY 2015-2016 Desert Healthcare Foundation Budget.

Mr. Christensen reported the changes from the Preliminary Budget which were reviewed and approved by the F&A Committee:

1. Removed \$200,000 income from the Mayor's Race for 2016.
2. Adjusted DHCD staff time income to \$92,000.

**#15-16 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Solomon and seconded by Director Rogers to approve FY 2015-2016 Desert Healthcare Foundation Budget.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES: Director Rogers; Director Matthews; Director Solomon  
Vice-President Grimm; President Hazen**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

1. Ad Hoc CV-HIP RFP

The committee did not meet. The purpose of the committee is to development the scope of work for the Request for Proposal. Staff will contact the members to schedule a meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consideration to Approve the Desert Healthcare Foundation's Role as One of the Subcontractors of the UCR School of Medicine Center for Healthy Communities' Grant Proposal with the National Institute of Health for Desert Highland Gateway Community Health Disparities Interventions.

Ms. Greco discussed the Foundation's role of the subcontractor for the UCRSOM Center for Healthy Communities' NIH grant proposal. The Foundation role will be to administer local funding, through grants or other contracts with local community based organizations, public agencies, or independent contractors, to facilitate the scope of work which will be developed in the final UCRSOM NIH grant application. The overarching goals of the NIMHD Community Based Participatory Research Program (CBPR) are to enhance community capacity in research for which they will directly benefit; support collaborative intervention projects addressing health disparities; and accelerate the translation of findings to improve health and health outcomes. The purpose of this funding is to support promising community interventions using CBPR principles and approaches aimed at reducing and eventually eliminating health disparities.

**#15-17 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the Desert Healthcare Foundation's Role as One of the Subcontractors of the UCR School**

**of Medicine Center for Healthy Communities' Grant Proposal with the National Institute of Health for Desert Highland Gateway Community Health Disparities Interventions.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Director Rogers; Director Matthews; Director Solomon  
Vice-President Grimm; President Hazen

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**ABSENT:** 0

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request From The California Endowment To Establish A Collective Impact Fund for Health Career Pathways And to Administer \$660,000 of the Restricted Funds Through 2018. The Board had no support for this request. No motion was or action was taken.

**CEO REPORT**

1. Ms. Greco provided the 2015 Alliance Nation Health School Awards in the Coachella. The Alliance for a Healthier Generation has impacted our community by reducing the rates of obesity in the schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
William Grimm, DO  
Desert Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Brown, Clerk of the Board*