

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2013**

Attendance:

Members

Director Mark Matthews, Chairman
Director William Grimm, DO

Staff

Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer
Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer
Steve Brown, Director of Community Relations

Committee Members

Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center
Joseph Pradetto, Constituent Outreach, Office of John J Benoit, 4th District Supervisor
Mitch Nieman, Grants Manager, City of Coachella
Elizabeth Toledo, Hub Manager, Building Healthy Communities
Allen Howe, City of Cathedral City

Absent Committee Members

Matthew Keane, PA-C, Director, Specialty Care Community Clinic Assoc. of S.B.County
Kim McNulty, CVEP

Guest

Catherine Rips, Director of Development, Angel View
Melissa Acosta Banks, Program Director, Angel View
Dave Thornton, Executive Director, Angel View
Ernie Rios, Executive Director, CVEP
Sheila Thornton, Vice-President, CVEP

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Matthews.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion was made by Committee Member Toledo and seconded by Committee Member Pradetto to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Member Toledo to approve the minutes of January 8, 2013. Motion passed with Committee Members Toledo and Nieman abstaining since they were not present.

GRANTS

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

There were no questions regarding this schedule.

b. Progress Reports

1. Grant #718 – HealthCorps

Ms. Craig confirmed for Director Matthews that the HealthCorps Coordinators were only in the high schools.

c. Final Reports

1. Grant #625 – Stroke Recovery Center

Ms. Greer, CEO for the Stroke Recovery Center explained how the loss of the PACE Program and the loss of the collaboration with Desert Oasis Healthcare set back their ability for sustainability. Management redesigned the client tracking system to compatibly work with IEHP to demonstrate cost effectiveness that will allow for reimbursement under the Affordable Healthcare Act. There will be a fee-for-services for IEHP patients. Committee Member Toledo asked how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would affect the Stroke Recovery Center. Ms. Greer responded that there will be opportunities under the ACA and they will be talking to CBOs and HMOs on how the Center's services can be reimbursed.

d. Pending Requests for Consideration

1. Grant #756 – Angel View Inc. - \$201,440.

The grant will allow Angel View to increase the day program participants to 75 per day from the current 45 per day and allow the agency to finish the facilities expansion to accommodate the increase. In response to Committee Member Pradetto's question regarding sustainability, Mr. Thornton explained that once the day program is operating at its 75 client maximum, staffing ratios will be maximized, program equipment will have purchased and capital improvements will be complete. This will result in a much smaller shortfall to cover with their traditional funding sources (Medi-Cal, Donations, Resale Store Revenues and the Inland Regional Center).

A Motion was made by Committee Member Nieman and seconded by Committee Member Howe to recommend approval for Grant #7526 to Angel View Inc. in the amount of \$201,440 to fund the Angel View Day Program Expansion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant #757 – CVEP/Pathways to Success - \$189,000

Committee Member Nieman commented that applicant did a great job on the application and the report on participants in the program.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Nieman and seconded by Committee Member Toledo to recommend approval for Grant #757 to CVEP in the amount of \$189,000 to fund the Desert Healthcare District Professional Scholarship Program. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Grant #758 – Stroke Recovery Center - \$242,122

The use of funds is for core operation support. This is only a one year request because the Center is looking for other opportunities such as cardiac and pulmonary rehab which could bring in new funding. The Affordable Care Act may provide some type of reimbursement. The Center is also rebuilding their donor base.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Toledo and seconded by Committee Member Nieman to recommend approval for Grant #758 to the Stroke Recovery Center in the amount of \$242,122 to support core program operations. Motion passed unanimously with Bev Greer abstaining.

CEO REPORT

Ms. Greco reported that the Board will be having a Strategic Planning Session on April 2nd. She asked if the committee members had any topics regarding the Program Committee they would like the Board to discuss. Ms. Greco added that the role of the committee will be on the agenda.

Committee Member Toledo suggested that meetings could be bi-monthly. Also 10:00am breaks up the day and it would be easier to attend if the meeting were first thing in the morning or at the end of the day. The entire committee agreed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

Committee Member Toledo reported that Building Healthy Communities is planning to hold a funders forum. It is important that all funders communicate to each other on the types of programs and services being funded.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.