

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2015**

Attendance:

Members

Vice-President Grimm, DO, Chairman

Director Rogers*

*Teleconference Location - 13722 Washougal River Road Washougal, WA 98671

The video conferencing equipment was not operating properly and Director Rogers continued by telephone which quickly became unclear and was disconnected.

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer

Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer

Steve Brown, Director of Community Relations

Committee Members

Milt Levinson, Community Member

Ronald Willison, Community Member

Linda Shestock, Community Member

Allen Howe, Community Member

Lilia Escobedo, Board Assistant, Office of John J Benoit, 4th District Supervisor

Bev Greer, CEO, Neuro Vitality Center

Absent Committee Members

Director Carole Rogers

Kim McNulty, CVEP

Linda Levinson, Community Member

Guests

Brande Orr, Director of Grants, Desert AIDS Project

David Brinkman, CEO, Desert AIDS Project

Dr. Steven Scheibel, Medical Director, Desert AIDS Project

Sofia Campos, Director of Program Services, United Cerebral Palsy Inland Empire

Greg Wetmore, CEO, United Cerebral Palsy Inland Empire

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Chairman Grimm.

Dr. Grimm introduced Lilia Escobedo, who will be replacing Joe Pradetto as the representative from the Office of Supervisor John Benoit.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Grimm requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Committee Member M. Levinson and seconded by Committee Member Willison to approve the minutes of May 12, 2015. Motion passed with Committee Members Greer and Howe abstaining since they were not present.

GRANTS

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

No questions or comments.

b. June 2015 Program Committee Fiscal Impact

Staff reported that if the 3 grants being presented at this meeting were recommended for approval, the grant budget would be over by approximately \$730,000. Committee Member Shestock asked if the Board would approve a partial amount of the grant this fiscal year and fund the rest next fiscal year. Ms. Craig responded that we have zero based budgeting. We start with a brand new budget each fiscal year. All grants approved must be booked for the entire amount in the fiscal year they are approved.

c. Pending Request for Consideration

1. Grant #875 – Desert AIDS Project – Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic – up to \$800,000 over three (3) year grant term.

Both Committee Members McNulty and L. Levinson, who could not be present at this meeting attended a tour of Desert AIDS Project the previous week. They relayed to Director Grimm that they were very impressed with The Dock, the staff and equipment. It was also impressive to them that medical insurance was not required to receive services. Director Grimm had concerns about community members who might be uncomfortable going to The Dock. However at the tour he was pleased with the entrance being between off the driveway between DAP and the County of Riverside Clinic and not through DAP.

Mr. Brinkman added that they have many new non HIV patients using their FQHC with the implementation of the ACA because there are not many doctors that accept MediCal through ACA. Mr. Brinkman reported that The Dock would be self-sustaining in four years. Mr. Brinkman also explained that there would be a marketing campaign for The Dock, similar to the “Get Tested” campaign and responded to Committee Member Howe that the two are completely separate programs and funding. In response to Committee Member Shestock, outreach for The Dock will extend to the schools, Boys & Girls Clubs and any organization requesting a presentation.

A Motion was made by Committee Member M. Levinson and seconded by Committee Member Howe to recommend to the Board, without modification, to approve Grant #875 to Desert AIDS Project for the Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic in the amount up to \$800,000 over a three (3) year grant term. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Grant #876 – Arrowhead Neuroscience Foundation – NeuroInterventional & NeuroCritical Care Fellowship Program – \$373,540 for a two (2) year grant term.

Staff reported that this was a pilot program with funding from the District in 2012 to fund 3 fellows over two years. Dr. Grimm asked if this will ever be self-sustaining. Dr. Siddiqi responded that the hospital cannot bill for fellows. There is no funding stream for fellows as there could be for residents. Academia does not generate funding. Only large universities can fund fellows through their fund raising. The request from the District is only for 50% of the cost. The other 50% is fundraising from the Arrowhead Foundation.

Dr. Grimm asked where in the process was Dr. Siddiqi with funding from Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC). They are on board for a transition plan, but have not committed to one yet. Maybe down the line, they will. DRMC is rolling out residency program and is cautious before making any more commitments.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Greer and seconded by Committee Member Shestock to recommend to the Board, modified with the contingency that audited financials will be provided, to approve Grant #876 to Arrowhead Neuroscience Foundation for the NeuroInterventional & NeuroCritical Care Fellowship Program in the amount of \$369,540 for a two (2) grant term
Motion passed unanimously.

After the vote and after Dr. Siddiqi left, both Committee Members Howe and Shestock commented that the fellowship program does generate revenue for the hospital.

2. Grant #874 – United Cerebral Palsy Inland Empire (UCPIE) – Skillbuilders Community Integration Program – \$178,894 for a two (2) year grant term.

The key word for this program is “inclusion”. UCPIE participated in the Tour of Palm Springs, both walking and riding retrofitted bikes. This program partners with the Keystone Club, the 14 years old to 18 years old members of the Boys and Girls Club.

Member Escobedo asked if parents are involved in the program. Answer: Yes, they provide transportation, do fundraising and assist in getting sponsorships for fundraising events.

Member Shestock calculated that it cost \$8000/child for the program which seems very expensive with a large percentage for staffing.

Answer: The salary costs are over a 2 year period. Supervision and training by the Director of Programs is most important. This is not a national UCP program, but developed locally. And “inclusion” helps the community interact and relate to this disabled population in a positive comfortable, and equal environment for all. Member Shestock agreed that this program does generate a “ripple effect” for inclusion and integration in the community.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Howe and seconded by Committee Member Willison to recommend to the Board, without modification, to approve Grant #874 to United Cerebral Palsy for the Skillbuilders Community Integration Program in the amount of \$178,894 for a two (2) year grant term.

Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Confirming time change for Program Committee meeting starting with the July 14, 2015 meeting at noon to 2:00pm.

Meeting time was confirmed and lunch will be served

CEO REPORT

Ms. Greco reported that the budget will be presented to the board at the June 23rd board meeting. The grant budget has been cut by approximately \$380,000.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

1. Committee Member Howe asked if the District was involved with any of the CV Link Budget and/or route proposals through Rancho Mirage which is within the District boundaries. Ms. Greco responded that our funding is contingent on many factors which are outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CVAG. The District is not a party to any of the current discussions regarding CV Link. The committee members requested a copy of the MOU.

STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.