

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2013**

Attendance:

Members

Director Mark Matthews, Chairman

Director William Grimm, DO

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer

Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer

Steve Brown, Director of Community Relations

Committee Members

Kim McNulty, CVEP

Joseph Pradetto, Constituent Outreach, Office of John J Benoit, 4th District Supervisor

Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center

Allen Howe, Community Member

Absent Committee Members

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

Mitch Nieman, Grants Manager, City of Coachella

Elizabeth Romero, Director of Community & Govt Relations, Planned Parenthood

Guest

Margarita Zaman, RN PHN, County of Riverside

Mary Kazungu, Management Analyst, CVAG

David Brinkman, CEO, Desert AIDS Project

Brandee Orr, Director of Grants/Quality Assurance, Desert AIDS Project

Cynthia Preciado, Chief Development Officer, Borrego Community Health Foundation

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 Greer 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 McNulty to approve the minutes of July 9, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

CONCEPT DISCUSSION

1. Desert AIDS Project (DAP) – Get Tested Coachella Valley Initiative

Mr. Brinkman provided a brief background on the Get Tested Initiative. To date, 53 organizations have joined the initiative. The goal is to end new infections; if everyone was tested, those infected with the virus would receive medications.

The initiative was predicated on 3 factors:

1. The federal government estimates that there are approximately 250,000 individuals in the nation today that have the HIV virus and are unaware.
2. Treatment is prevention. An individual with HIV and on medications is 96% less infectious.
3. HARC reported that 70% of the valley residents don't know their status.

The campaign has 4 pieces:

1. Routinize testing. Make it as common as having your cholesterol checked. The goal is to get every doctor, clinic and medical setting to test for HIV. All 3 hospital emergency rooms, JFK, Desert Regional, and Eisenhower have agreed to test every patient.
2. Community testing. Desert AIDS Project (DAP) will increase its community test sites from 25 to 50 plus a mobile clinic for testing.
3. Public Education – Stigma reduction.
4. Linkage to Care – those that do test positive receive coordinated care for treatment. DAP will serve all the uninsured.

The Get Tested Initiative has been launched in 7 other states. Ms. Greco reported that Mr. Brinkman has been asked to provide the statistics and results from the 7 states. It was noted that the State Office on AIDS has significantly reduced funding for prevention/education; ever, Dr. Grimm commented that prevention education didn't work and the Office on AIDS recognized that. It didn't change behavior. Getting everyone tested on a regular basis and then treated if needed, will reduce the number of newly infected. The consensus of the Program Committee was positive for this concept to move forward.

GRANTS

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

No comments.

b. Final Reports

1. Grant #717 – Shelter from the Storm

No comments.

2. Grant #709 – Arthritis Foundation

No Comments.

3. Grant #725 – Volunteers in Medicine

No Comments.

4. Grant #669 – Desert AIDS Project
No Comments.

c. No-Cost Grant Extension

1. Grant #740 CVAG – Public Health Nursing Services at Roy’s Desert Resource Center – 3 Month Extension.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Member Howe to recommend approval of the No-Cost Grant Extension for Public Health Nursing Services at Roy’s Resource Center for 3 months. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Pending Grant Request for Consideration

1. Grant #793 – Borrego Community Health Foundation -Centro Medico’s Cathedral City Expanded Capacity and Services the amount of \$678,789.

Funding will be used for the purchase of clinical, dental, and health information technology equipment, as well as furniture for the 9100 sq ft. expansion. The expansion will allow Borrego to add a minimum of five full time equivalent primary physicians and part time specialists to the program. This will allow an expected 20,000 medical visits with 6600 additional medical patients and 4000 dental visits per year.

A Motion was made by Committee Member McNulty and seconded by Committee Member Greer to recommend approval for Grant # 793 to Borrego Community Health Foundation for Centro Medico’s Cathedral City Expanded Capacity and Services the amount of \$678,789. Motion passed unanimously.

CEO REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

No comments.

STAFF COMMENTS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.