

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 13, 2015**

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Attendance:

Members

Vice-President Grimm, DO, Chairman  
Director Carole Rogers

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer  
Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer  
Steve Brown, Director of Community Relations/Clerk of the Board

Committee Members

Ronald Willison, Community Member  
Linda Shestock, Community Member\*  
Allen Howe, Community Member  
Bev Greer, CEO, Neuro Vitality Center  
Linda Levinson, Community Member

Absent Committee Members

Milt Levinson, Community Member  
Kim McNulty, CVEP

\*Teleconferenced by phone

Guests

Jenna LeComte-Hinely, CEO, HARC  
Casey Keier, Director of Research, HARC  
Ivy Porter, Research & Evaluation Associate, HARC  
Bruce Purdy – Newly Elected Board President

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Chairman Grimm. The Clerk of the Board reported that the Brown Act requires a roll call vote on all actions whenever teleconferencing.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Grimm requested a motion to approve the agenda.

A Motion was made by Director Rogers and seconded by Committee Member Linda L. to approve the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Committee Member Howe and seconded by Committee Member Willison to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

## **GRANTS**

### a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

Dr. Grimm reviewed the schedule with the committee. There were questions regarding the \$10 million commitment for the CV-Link project since there is so much public opinion regarding Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells proposed routes and the use of the trail in general. Ms. Greco responded that no money has been released for this project as evident in the grant payment schedule. There are several contingencies that need to be met before any funds could be released. CVAG will update the Board in December on the CV-Link's current status.

Committee Member Shestock commented that the District should react to the current public

### b. Proposals Under Development – Remaining Budget Impact

No questions or comments.

### c. Final Reports

#### 1. Grant #856 – Neurovitality Center (AKA Stroke Recovery Center)

##### a. Camden Sustainability Financial Model Report

Director Rogers asked what the next steps would be for sustainability. Committee Member Greer responded that they are developing partnerships. Affiliating with an FQHC isn't really a reality since most clients are Medicare. They are talking with Desert AIDS Project for clinical services. They are evaluating the thrift shop and possibly relocate it. They have a good working relationship with DRMC – ICON and Eisenhower. Those clinical services are more for clients with MS or Parkinson's disease.

#### 2. Grant #861 – Well in the Desert

No questions or comments.

### d. Pending Request for Consideration

#### 1. Grant #889 – HARC (Health Assessment & Research for Communities) – 2016 Community Health Monitor, \$499,955 for a 3-year grant term.

##### Comments and Questions

- HARC receives approximately \$100,000 from the 3 valley hospitals which goes towards the cost of the community health monitor
- The funding for the health monitor goes toward the cost for the free on line data base, the Executive Summary, and the marketing cost.

- A for profit organization conducted the survey for the 2007 & 2010 health monitor. In 2013 HARC contracted with Kent State University in response to their Request for Proposals (RFP).
- Using the same vendor for multiple monitors provides continuity. Perhaps for the 2019 monitor, HARC may issue another RFP.
- Newly Elective HARC Board President Bruce Purdy provided goals for HARC to be sustainable include
  1. Expanding from non-profits organizations for services to the private sector in Riverside, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties. The private sector is very interested in providing wellness programs.
  2. Build up client services. In 2009 HARC had 1 client and now they have 14 active clients from areas such as Los Angeles, San Diego, and Delaware
  3. Fundraising from the HARC Board. They have new members who have experience with fundraising.
- Director Rogers suggested contacting other healthcare districts throughout the state.
- Ms. Greco commented that HARC should contact Borrego Health regarding population health
- Committee Member Greer commented that although it has been brought up many times, why not make the users of the monitor pay for it. Ms. LeComte-Hinely responded that the non-profits would just use other free sources such as county data or census data which is not as current as the health monitors.
- Committee Member L. Levinson suggested contacting all Human Resource Directors when marketing the private sector.

A Motion was made by Director Rogers and seconded by Committee L. Levinson to recommend to the Board, without modifications, to approve Grant #889 to HARC for the 2016 Community Health Monitor in the amount of \$499,955 over a three (3) year grant term.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Recommended grants by Program Committee that were approved by Board of Directors at 9/22/15 meeting.

Chairman Grimm reported that those 3 grants presented to the Program Committee in September, CVEP Career Pathways Development Initiative for Mental Health, Hidden Harvest, and the Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City were approved by the Board.

### **CEO REPORT**

The November and December Program Committees dates may be changed to the holidays. Staff will keep the committee up to date on any changes.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

1. Director Rogers reported that Ms. Craig is scheduling site visits to some of the grantees and all program committee members are invited.
2. Committee Member L. Levinson expressed again the need for inpatient beds for behavioral health patients who also have a medical condition. This is an embarrassment to our community. The County mental health inpatient facilities will not accept anyone that also has a medical condition. Ms. Greco reported that the Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee is working on that issue however not one hospital will provide any beds for Riverside County to operate. Ms. Greco would like to convene all the partners from the County of Riverside, hospitals, mental health professionals, UCR School of Medicine, USC and address the need for hospital beds and all mental health issues. Ms. Greco will be suggesting hiring a consultant in the mental health field to facilitate the meeting. Director Rogers offered to make a motion for the District to hire a consultant, but Ms. Greco suggested informing the Board that Program Committee supported such a meeting and the hiring of a mental health consultant or facilitator.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Brown reported that Committee Member Lilia Escobedo resigned from committee since she resigned from Supervisor Benoit's office. Staff will contact the Supervisor's office to recommendation one of their staff members for the Program Committee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.