

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2013**

Attendance:

Members

Director Mark Matthews, Chairman

Director William Grimm, DO

Staff

Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer

Steve Brown, Director of Community Relations

Committee Members

Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center

Matthew Keane MSPA, PA-C, Chief Executive Officer, Community Clinic Association
of San Bernardino County

Kim McNulty, CVEP

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

Elizabeth Toledo, Hub Manager, Building Healthy Communities

Allen Howe, Community Member

Absent Committee Members

Mitch Nieman, Grants Manager, City of Coachella

Guest

Jenna LeComte-Hinely, Director of Research, HARC

Eileen Packer, CEO, HARC

Raquel Lopez, Operations Supervisor, @LIKE Program

Jill Gover, Director of Counseling, The LGBT Community Center of the Desert

Wendy Frederick, Riverside County Workforce Development

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 Keane to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Committee Member Greer and seconded by Chairman Matthews to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013. Motion passed with the following members abstaining since they were not present at the April 9th meeting:

Matthew Keane, Kim McNulty, Joseph Pradetto, Elizabeth Toledo, Allen Howe.

GRANTS

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

There were no questions regarding this schedule.

b. No Cost Grant Extension

1. Grant #739 – The LGBT Community Center of the Desert – 4 month extension

Ms. Craig explained that the extension was requested due to a later start date for the survey in order to design the best questions in coordination with HARC. The data collection will continue until the end of May, at which time it will be analyzed. HARC encouraged the committee members to pass on the link to the survey. The link is posted on the Desert AIDS Projects web site and there has been considerable outreach in the community.

Director Grimm inquired to a rumor he heard that The Center would be partnering with Eisenhower Medical Center, moving into one of their buildings and opening a medical clinic in The Center. Ms. Gover responded that this was just rumor. The Center is looking for partnerships, including Eisenhower, but nothing has been finalized. The Center is committed to staying in the City of Palm Springs.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Keane and seconded by Director Grimm to recommend approval for the No Cost Grant Extension for Grant #739. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Pending Grant Request for Consideration

1. Grant #765 – HARC – Health Evaluation Component of the @LIKE Program in the amount of \$11,425.

Ms. Lopez from @LIKE and Ms. Frederick from Workforce Development explained how health works hand in hand with employment. If an individual is out of work for 6 months or more, it affects their health and ability for future success. For the @LIKE Program's target population, 18 to 24 years old, after 90 days of unemployment their chance of getting a job diminishes. That's why health skills are included in the curriculum along with life skills and work skills. Of the entire grant (funded through the US Dept. of Labor Workforce Innovation Fund) which includes Riverside County, San Bernardino County, and Imperial County, the health survey will only be given to the participants in the City of Desert Hot Springs and Indio @LIKE program (18 participants will be in the DHS program of 277 total in all three counties). At the end of the 3 year evaluation, the final report will note what changes, if any, have occurred in participant health over the course of the @LIKE program and the year following it, and will examine any differences that may exist between the DHS site and the Indio site. In particular, it will be of interest to see if the new Health and Wellness Center in DHS has a more significant health impact on the participants from DHS vs. the participants in Indio.

Chairman Matthews commented that the third-grade reading benchmark is an important one. Students reading at grade level in the third grade are more likely to graduate from high school. Students graduating from high school are more likely to succeed. Ms. Lopez replied that the participants in the @LIKE program are tested for reading and math and then tutored or attend school to raise their level of education skills. Committee Member Toledo reported that Building Healthy Communities is addressing the 3rd grade reading level problem in the east valley.

At the end of the two year federal grant for the @LIKE Program, Chairman Matthews requested that the District receive the report and conclusions for all 3 counties.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Toledo and seconded by Committee Member McNulty to recommend approval Grant #765 to HARC for the Health Evaluation Component of the @LIKE program in the amount of \$11,425. Motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REVIEW

Ms. Craig reviewed the recommendation discussed at the Board Strategic Planning Session.

Recommendations included:

- Board members attend every other program committee rather than monthly
- Committee members brought into the grant process early, at the time the proposed grantee
- Meeting time changed to 3:00pm
- Have youth participation
- Chairman not an elective official

The committee members liked the idea of having the “projects” and having 1 or 2 committee members assigned to a project based on their interest and expertise. Also, they would like to be involved in the vetting process but not get down into the “weeds” of the application. Committee Member Toledo suggested that the reports be written in a simpler manner. They are sometimes difficult to understand and should be written for the average district resident to understand. Chairman Matthews agreed and suggested implementing that recommendation. They also requested that the board members not be excluded from meetings. Their input is considered very valuable. In conclusion the committee agreed on:

1. Leaving the meeting time at 10:00 a.m. This was the best time for everyone.
2. Have bi-monthly meetings beginning in June, (dark in August), September, November, etc.
3. Have a youth member on the committee. (Committee Member McNulty can assist in recommendation)
4. Recommend to the board to establish a Youth Advisory Committee.

CEO REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.