

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2015**

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
Milt Levinson, Community Member
Kim McNulty, CVEP
Maria Becerra, Riverside County 4th District

Absent Committee Members

Guests

Maureen Forman, Executive Director, Jewish Family Service(JFSOD)
Judy Kaye-Cressman, Development Director, JFSODD of the Desert
Ken Katz, Resource Development, JFS of the Desert
Jos Wallace, Interim CEO, Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Grimm. .

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Grimm requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chairman Grimm introduced Maria Becerra, board assistant for Supervisor John Benoit, who will be the new representative on the program committee from the Supervisor's office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Committee Member Howe and seconded by Committee Member Willison to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015. Committee Members McNulty and M. Levinson abstained since they were absent for the meeting. Motion passed

GRANTS

a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

Dr. Grimm reviewed the schedule with the committee. Committee Member M. Levinson asked how long the CV Link grant will remain on the books and if the Program Committee has the ability to recommend to the commitment taken off the books at some point of time. Ms. Craig reminded the Committee that there are several contingencies for the project to meet before the release of funding. The list of contingencies for CV Link was sent to the committee and Ms. Craig will resend the list for members who may not have received it. Ms. Greco reported that CVAG will update the Program Committee in January on the CV-Link's current status

b. Proposals Under Development – Remaining Budget Impact No questions or comments.

c. Progress Reports

1. Grant #782 – CVEP, Health & medical Innovations Center in the iHub

Ms. Craig reminded the committee that Progress Reports will now be included in the packet. Mr. Wallace described the iHub's goal to inspire and attract entrepreneurs to our area and help them grow. He gave the committee a brief history of the funding from the City of Palm Springs Measure J, \$1million over 3 years and the District grant, specifically for the Health & Medical Innovations Center, for \$500,000 (\$250,000 for improvements and \$250,000 for salaries) over 3 years. The center is still not ready for occupancy. It needs a drop ceiling and a/c which complete the improvements.

Questions included:

Director Rogers asked if the center could be used for food preparation. Mr. Wallace responded that the center could not be used for food prep and there is an incubator type facility in Cathedral City for food prep.

Ms. Greco asked how CVEP will attract companies to the center. Mr. Wallace responded that the Coachella Valley is a great location for less expensive housing and cost of living. He targets cities where this region would be desirable

d. Pending Request for Consideration

1. Grant #891 – Jewish Family Service (JFS) of the Desert – Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Program for UP TO \$570,000 for 36 month.

Ms. Forman reviewed the importance of the grant request to complete the link between behavior health and senior case managers and integrate all services for the outpatient mental

health services they provide. This allows the proposed full time LCSW to integrate all services, oversee the licensed contract professionals and visit the senior's home for those who need it.

Questions and Comments:

- While they have no psychiatrists or PhD professionals on staff, JFS does contract with and coordinate that need with the County and the HMOs they work with.
- JFS does the same as above for substance abuse and gambling. They work with their client's insurance companies and Medicare.
- Committee Member Shestock applauds JFS for this program and for the integration with case managers. She also applauded JFS for the ability to provide the services they do with the salaries they pay for the professionals.
- Committee Member McNulty commended their "Let's Do Lunch" program for the importance of providing socialization for the seniors and especially the homebound.
- When asked about serving the veterans JFS replied that the Veterans Administration does not refer veteran's clients to JFS.

A Motion was made by Community Member Shestock and seconded by Committee L. Levinson to recommend to the Board, without modifications, to approve Grant #891 to Jewish Family Service of the Desert for the Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Program in the amount UP TO \$570,000 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 10/27/15 meeting.

Ms. Greco reviewed the staff report for the additional deliverables for the Grant #889 to HARC. These deliverables were requested at the Board level after the Program Committee recommended the grant request. Ms. Greco asked the Program Committee for any suggested deliverables they feel could help lead to actionable measures from the HARC data. With no immediate suggestions Ms. Greco asked the committee emails her with any ideas.

CEO REPORT

No report was given.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

Chairman Grimm and Director Rogers read the newspaper article about Safehouse of the Desert and requested staff to schedule a site visit for the committee members.

Community Member Linda L. was concerned about the future of Well in the Desert. Ms. Greco reported that she talked with the Well and they are looking for a building to purchase.

Director Rogers reported to the committee that she reported at the October board meeting that the program committee has recommended hiring a consultant to help the District to address the needs for mental health services for district residents. She also reported on her attendance at the Alliance for a Healthier Generation in Washington D.C.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.