

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 11, 2013**

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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

Bev Greer, CEO, Stroke Recovery Center

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

Kim McNulty, CVEP

Joseph Pradetto, Constituent Outreach, Office of John J Benoit, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor

Elizabeth Toledo, Hub Manager, Building Healthy Communities

Allen Howe, Community Member

Mitch Nieman, Grants Manager, City of Coachella

Absent Committee Members

None

Guest

Sheila Thornton, Vice-President, CVEP

Tom Flavin, CEO, CVEP

Joe Wallace, Managing Director, Coachella Valley iHub

Mike Russell, COO, Family Services of the Desert

Bruce Yeager, Executive Director, Volunteers in Medicine

Chris Madigan, Director, COD Public Safety Academy

Dr. Eddy Jara, Department of Nutrition, Loma Linda University (by telephone)

Alexander Fajardo, Executive Director, El Sol Neighborhood Education Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Matthews.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Committee Member Keane and seconded by Committee Toledo to approve the minutes of May 14, 2013. Motion passed with Committee Member Nieman abstaining since he was not present at the May 14th meeting.

## **GRANTS**

### a. Outstanding Grants & Grant Payment Schedule

In response to Chairman Matthew, staff confirmed that any unexpected grant funds at the end of a grant term are returned to the District by the grantee.

### b. No Cost Grant Extension

1. Grant #712 – CVEP/HIC – 3 month extension

Chairman Matthews asked Ms. Thornton to explain HIC. HIC stands for the “Health Industry Council” which is a planning group open to healthcare professionals and/or companies/organizations that employ healthcare workers and has been driving regional pipeline development for six years supporting students in the region's health career pathways. There are approximately 300 members. Meetings are monthly and depending on the monthly topic or event approximately 30-150 members attend. There are 6 working groups.

A Motion was made by Director Grimm and seconded by Committee Member Pradetto to recommend approval for the No Cost Grant Extension for Grant #712. Motion passed unanimously with Committee Member McNulty abstaining.

### c. Pending Grant Request for Consideration

1. Grant #782 – CVEP – CV/iHub Accelerator Campus Health & Medical Innovation Center in the amount of \$500,000 over 3 years.

After a review of the staff report, Ms. Greco informed the committee that the DHCD Board did have a presentation last February by CVEP on the iHub accelerator campus and staff was directed to clarify the health/medical nexus.

Committee Member Pradetto asked for an update on the lease for phase 2. Mr. Flavin responded that it was proceeding through the City of Palm Springs system and expected to be approved in July. In response to Committee Member Nieman, Mr. Flavin explained that the generous phase 1 lease was only for 1 year. The new lease being approved by Palm Springs is for the entire campus, phases 1 and 2. Mr. Flavin further explained to the committee that CVEP will do a huge outreach campaign to attract the right health/medical industries that benefit the District's demographics. CVEP also collaborates with the County of Riverside Economic Development Department and at trade shows for business attraction and retention. Committee Member Nieman asked if the District's Strategic Plan 2013 had the same goals which will support this 3 year grant. Ms. Greco identified goals 2 and 5 of the board approved strategic plan that supports this grant. In response to Committee Member Nieman, Mr. Flavin

explained that the federal EDA grant that they will be applying for will only be eligible for construction. That would include tenant improvements and any site improvements. The grant is for the entire accelerator campus and not just the Health & Medical Innovation Center, which is 12,500 square feet.

Chairman Matthews asked how the workgroup for the guidance over the Health and Medical Innovation Center will be formed and who will be included in that workgroup. Mr. Flavin and Ms. Thornton explained that the workgroup would include health professionals/doctors, but also health industry professionals, retirees in the health field, and business professionals. Ms. Greco added that doctors are problem solvers and the industry and business professionals know how to implement their ideas and solutions. Also, CVEP and the District will be appointing the members of the workgroup.

Mr. Flavin announced that the CVEP Economic Summit in the fall will include a health panel.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Keane and seconded by Committee Member Greer to recommend approval for Grant #782 to CVEP for the CV/iHub Accelerator Campus, Health & Medical Innovation Center in the amount of \$500,000 over 3 years. Motion passed unanimously with Committee Member McNulty abstaining.

2. Grant #783 – College of the Desert –Public Safety Academy EMT Medical Training Equipment in the amount of \$20,000.

Chris Madigan, Director for the COD Public Safety Academy explained that the students do have to pay for certain equipment, i.e. flashlights, etc. but the requested funding is for high dollar items necessary to fully training the students. For example, used patient transport gurneys are \$5000 each (new gurneys are \$10,000).

A Motion was made by Committee Member Pradetto and seconded by Committee Member McNulty to recommend approval for Grant #783 to COD for the Public Safety Academy EMT Medical Training Equipment in the amount of \$20,000. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Grant #784 – El Sol Neighborhood Center – Vibrant Life in the amount of \$314,000 over 26 months.

Ms. Greco reported that both she and Ms. Craig visited Loma Linda University where the promotores academy is located. El Sol did a wonderful job with the nutrition education District grant and with diabetes being so prevalent in the Hispanic communities that diabetes education/nutrition should be the next challenge to address in the District.

Committee Member Toledo commented to the committee that the promotores should not be looked at as low paying wage employees. There should be equity between professionals who do the similar work and paid a living wage salary with benefits and the promotores who get paid very poorly and don't even have healthcare benefits. Ms. Toledo was pleased to see El Sol's pay rate is among the higher end of the average promotores pay scale.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Nieman and seconded by Committee Member Howe to recommend approval for Grant #784 to El Sol Neighborhood Center for the Vibrant Life Program in the amount of \$314,000 over 26 months. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Grant #786 – CV Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) – Core Operating Support in the amount of \$125,224.

Ms. Greco reported that staff suggested a one year grant due to the fact of the Affordable Care Act implementation this year and the unknown effects it may have for Volunteers in Medicine. Mr. Yeager, the Executive Director, received information that there will still be 3.1 million people uninsured by 2020 even with the Affordable Care Act. This includes the undocumented individuals who will not qualify for healthcare.

Committee Member Toledo asked how VIM helps with the continuity of care from the uninsured, undocumented attendees at the Flying Doctors and Goldenvoice sponsored health event. Mr. Yeager responded that they attend both events and have a table next to the County DPSS booth which signs up eligible residents for MediCal. But if someone is not eligible they meet with VIM for all follow up care. At the last Flying Doctors event they had at least 50 individuals referred and at the Goldenvoice sponsored event, 75.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Neiman and seconded by Committee Member McNulty to recommend approval for Grant #786 to CV Volunteers in Medicine for Core Support in the amount of \$125,224. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Grant #787 – Family Services of the Desert - Desert Hot Springs Office Gap Funding in the amount of \$89,222.

Ms. Craig reported that this is a continuation grant with the same services as previous years. Committee Member Keane asked how clients are referred to mental health services at Family Services. Mr. Russell responded that referrals come through Riverside County Department of Mental Health. The client's primary care is managed with their County case managers.

A Motion was made by Committee Member Greer and seconded by Committee Member Pradetto to recommend approval for Grant #787 to Family Services of the Desert for Desert Hot Springs Office Gap Funding in the amount of \$89,222. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **CEO REPORT**

1. Ms. Greco reported that the board approved the strategic plan at the last board meeting. It aligns more with the current needs of the District.
2. The last component of the DHS Community Health & Wellness Center, dental clinic, teen clinic, and cardio-fitness center will open on July 15.

3. The UCR School of Medicine administrative doctors will be moving into the District office for approximately 6 months. They will be leasing space in the Las Palmas Medical Plaza but the renovations will not be complete until the end of the year.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

None

**STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.