

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 27, 2016**

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A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District was held in the Arthur H. "Red" Motley Boardroom, Palm Springs, CA.

Attendance:

Members

William Grimm, DO – President  
\*Kay Hazen – Vice-President/Secretary  
Mark Matthews – Treasurer  
Carole Rogers – Director

Absent

Michael Solomon MD - Director

\*Arrived at 2:25 pm

Staff

Chris Christensen, Interim CEO,CFO/COO  
Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer  
Alejandro Espinoza, Director Programs/Projects  
Mary Pannoni, Accounting/Admin Support  
Steve Brown, Clerk to the Board

Legal Counsel

Jeffrey Scott

Guests

Tricia Gehrlein, Associate Director, Clinton Health Matters Initiative  
Rich Ramhoff, Director of Marketing, Desert Regional Medical Center  
Lilia Escobedo, Board Assistant, Supervisor John Benoit  
Ron Oden, Desert Highland Gateway Wellness Committee

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Grimm.  
President Grimm introduced Jeff Scott, the District's new legal counsel.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Grimm asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**#16-90 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Tricia Gehrlein announced that on October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am, there will be a CHMI event, "Improving and Sustaining Health in the Coachella Valley". The Board and staff are invited.



**ABSENT: 1 Director Solomon**  
**Motion Passed 4-0**

**Finance Committee** – Director Matthews

a.-b. Draft minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2016, COO Report and Las Palmas Medical Plaza rental status were provided for information.

There was no action or direction.

c. Investment Reports FYE 6/30/16 for the Facilities Replacement Fund and the Retirement Protection Plan presented by Bob Adams from Highmark. For information only.

It was confirmed that the fees for the services was within the normal range.

There was no action or direction.

**Ad Hoc Committees**

1. Ad Hoc Hospital Future Planning – President Grimm and Director Matthews

President Grimm reported that the committee met with Tenet and the DRMC CEO and they officially requested to extend the lease between the District and Tenet. There are no talks about negotiations at this time. It is important to know what the needs will be over the next 20 years and if the healthcare district will be expanded in 2018. The District should have their own consultant and strategy. The process will be very public and transparent.

2. Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee – Director Matthews and Director Solomon

At the committee meeting staff reported that the Program Committee recommended hiring a mental health consultant and not fund another CREST Team even for 18 months as the Ad Hoc Committing had previously recommended.

Board direction was given to staff to develop a scope of work for a mental health consultant and bring back the scope to the next board meeting.

3. Ad Hoc CEO Recruitment – President Grimm and Director Rogers

President Grimm reported that there were 138 applications received for the CEO position. The committee will interview 6 candidates, 3 on October 12<sup>th</sup> and the other 3 on October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a closed session at the October 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting to discuss the final candidates and when final interviews will take place.

4. Working Group with CV Strategies – Vice-President Hazen and Director Rogers

There were no updates since the last report to the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Proposed City of Cathedral City Health Initiative

The Board supported the concept and directed staff to attend the City of Cathedral City Study Session and present the concept to the Council.

2. Consideration to Reschedule Board Meetings for the Month of November and December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

The November board meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

The December board meeting will be December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consideration to Approve Grant #918 to the Desert Healthcare Foundation for the Desert Highlands Gateway Community Health & Wellness Committee Phase 3 in the Amount Not to Exceed \$110,000.

**#16-93 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President Hazen to Approve Grant #918 to the Desert Healthcare Foundation for the Desert Highlands Gateway Community Health & Wellness Committee Phase 3 in the Amount Not to Exceed \$110,000.**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES**            4   **Director Rogers; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Grimm**

**NOES:**           0

**ABSTAIN:**       0

**ABSENT:**        1 – **Director Solomon**

**Motion Passed 4-0**

## **LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS & REPORTS**

1. AB 2414

After reviewing AB 2414 with the Board, President Grimm appointed Vice-President Hazen and Director Matthews to an Ad Hoc District Expansion Committee. Direction was given to find a consultant to begin the boundary map for the expansion area which is a part of the application. The ad hoc committee requested staff set up a meeting for the committee and legal counsel with LAFCO and with Assemblymember Garcia for as soon as possible. Also the Board would like to set up a study session with The California Endowment to review their study for the funding source for the expansion east of Cook Street.

## **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS & REPORTS**

No comments

## **DRMC GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Director Rogers reported that the quality of care, emergency room issues, space and recommendations for upgrades, non-participation in the End of Life law were discussed. The Joint Governing Board Meeting with the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors is tentatively set for October 20<sup>th</sup> at noon.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

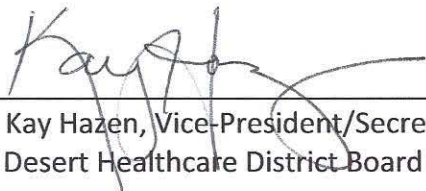
1. ACHD Monthly Report for August 2016

**CEO Report**

1. Mr. Christensen reported that the Shelter from the Storm was still searching for a new facility. Direction was given to staff to look for potential partners for Shelter from the Storm for the same level of services. A meeting should then be scheduled with the Shelter and potential partners to discuss how to continue services and what is the best way to provide services

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

ATTEST:   
Kay Hazen, Vice-President/Secretary  
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Brown, Clerk to the Board*