



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2024**

Directors Present via Video Conference	District Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA	Chris Christensen, CPA, Interim CEO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, SPO, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health Meghan Kane, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Public Health Erica Huskey, Grants Manager Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President PerezGil and Director De Lara and to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. December 12, 2023	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the December 12, 2023, meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Zavala and Director De Lara to approve the December 12, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
V. Old Business 1. Partnership Opportunities – Review and determination for forwarding to the Board for consideration: a. Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP)/Desert Healthcare District Study Consulting Services Agreement –	Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the suggested strategic planning committee meeting revisions and their requested modifications to the proposal. Dave Robinson, Director of Analytic Services, Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, described the Huron report	Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP)/Desert Healthcare District Study Consulting Services Agreement – The Regional Economic Impacts of DHCD’s Community and Clinical Social Needs Goals and Implementation for Recommendations – NTE \$80,000 and forward to the Board for approval.



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<p>The Regional Economic Impacts of DHCD’s Community and Clinical Social Needs Goals and Implementation for Recommendations – NTE \$80,000</p>	<p>related to obtaining health professionals, the priority and benefits of engaging the business community to assist with the Valley’s healthcare needs, and addressing phases 6 and 8 for meeting with the District staff, and the inclusion of other specifics in the report as requested by the committee, and the preliminary review to phase 8.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>VI. New Business</p> <p>1. Policy #OP-05 Grant Mini Grant Policy – Grant Process Flow Chart</p> <p>2. Health Career Connections (HCC) Summer Intern Project – consideration to forward to the board for approval to pursue hosting an intern through Health Career Connections during a 10-week period in Summer 2024. The program fee/intern will cost \$9,100.</p>	<p>Mr. Christensen described the flow of the grant process related to the revised strategic plan and the strategic planning and policies committees review without changes to the policy, which doesn’t modify the policy but specifically the grant flow chart.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, and Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the continuation of last year’s work with additional attributes and the District’s engagement with interns since 2015, including the relationship between the District and Health Career Connections and scholarships to grantees.</p> <p>The committee requested that staff explore and inquire with the HCC program about increasing the funding in 2024 for internship placement at other organizations for exposure to the healthcare industry,</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the Grant Process Flow Chart of Policy #OP-05 Grant Mini Grant Policy and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve the Health Career Connections (HCC) Summer Intern Project Health Career Connections (HCC) Summer Intern Project NTE \$9,100 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>



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	<p>including the financial benefits while remaining within the parameters of AB 2019.</p>	
<p>VII. Program Updates</p> <p>1. Progress and Final Reports Update</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the progress and final reports, grant applications and RFP proposals submitted and under review, and the grant payment schedule.</p> <p>The committee discussed several final reports, including the Youth Leadership Institute YLI ECV's ¡Que Madre! (¡QM!) report related to progress goal #4 and the Fall 2023 COVID Mental Health Panel requesting a report on the outcome to the committee, progress goal #5 meetings with various elected officials, and an inquiry if the agency could also report to the Board.</p> <p>The committee inquired about ABC Recovery's expansion of services and the completion process. Staff met with ABC Recovery, and the agency is still pending approval from the state.</p> <p>The committee inquired about DAP Health's Centro Medico clinic with property rental instead of ownership when obtaining Borrego Health, filing forty-one employment vacancies, determining the original number of open positions, and sustainability of</p>	




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<p>2. Grant Applications and RFP Proposals Submitted and Under Review</p> <p>3. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>4. Social Isolation and Loneliness “Building Connected Communities” – January 8 Request for Proposals (RFP) Release</p>	<p>insurance billing with the upcoming June 2024 deadline.</p> <p>The committee inquired about DPMG Health’s Gojji Telemedicine, which is related to telemedicine visits for monitoring patients' levels of blood pressure and diabetes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, described the applications and the upcoming proposals review process, with 29 drafts in progress.</p>	
<p>VIII. Grant Funding</p> <p>1. Grant #1429 - Desert Cancer Foundation – Patient Assistance (PA) Program and Community Outreach: \$163,750 – Goal #2 Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services/Strategy #2.7 and Goal #3 Proactively expand community access to</p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired with the committee concerning any questions about the Desert Cancer Foundation’s – Patient Assistance (PA) Program and Community Outreach \$163,750 grant request.</p> <p>The committee inquired about financial assistance and the requirement based on the ability to pay with means testing, and the budget service areas.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Vice-President Zavala to approve Grant #1429 - Desert Cancer Foundation – Patient Assistance (PA) Program and Community Outreach: \$163,750 and forward to the Board for approval.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>



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behavioral/mental health/Strategy 3.6 – BOTH HIGH PRIORITY GOALS		
IX. Committee Members Comments	There were no committee member comments.	
IX. Adjournment	Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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 ATTEST: _____
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 Evett PerezGil, Chair/President, Board of Directors
 Program Committee

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer