



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 10, 2019**

<b>Directors Present</b>	<b>District Staff Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chair, Carole Rogers, RN – <i>Telephonic</i> Vice-President Leticia De Lara Director Evett PerezGil Nicolas Behrman, Community Member Luciano Crespo, Community Member Allen Howe, Community Member Thomas Smith, Community Member Thomas Thetford, Community Member	Conrado E. Bárzaga, Chief Executive Officer Chris Christensen, Chief Financial Officer Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Vice-President De Lara, chairing the meeting since Chair Rogers participated telephonically.	
<b>II. Approval of Agenda</b>	Vice-President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.  Chair Rogers requested to table Old Business Item V.2.	<b>Moved and seconded by Community Member Howe and Director Rogers to approve the agenda and to table Item V.2. Motion passed unanimously.</b>
<b>III. Meeting Minutes</b> <b>1. July 09, 2019</b>	Vice-President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the July 9, 2019, minutes.  Community Member Crespo joined the meeting at 12:06 p.m.	<b>Moved and seconded by Director PerezGil and Director Rogers to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.</b>
<b>IV. Public Comment</b>	None	
<b>V. Old Business</b>		
<b>1. Grant Proposals Under Development</b>	Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer, described the status update of the new and existing grants proposals under development.	
<b>2. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV</b>	The item was tabled until the October 8 Program Committee meeting.	



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<p><b>Link Review and Analysis – MOU Contingency and Conditions</b></p>		
<p><b>VI. New Business</b></p> <p><b>1. Consideration to approve Grant #1017 – Jewish Family Services (JFS) - \$90,000 to support case management services for homeless prevention.</b></p> <p><b>2. Consideration to recommend release of the Community Health Needs Assessment RFP – NTE \$300,000</b></p>	<p>Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer, explained the \$90k grant request to support case management services for homeless prevention.</p> <p>Maureen Foreman, Executive Director, Jewish Family Services, explained the rent and utility needs for low-income seniors, and the network of referrals for at-risk adults for homelessness such as those living in cars and couch-surfing, also termed couch-homelessness.</p> <p>Committee and Volunteer Community Members inquired on the effectiveness of the program and how others can connect seniors to services with Ms. Foreman providing details.</p> <p>Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer, explained that in 2017, the strategic plan outlined the priorities of the District, one of which was One Coachella Valley. The Strategic Plan will expire in June 2020, and with the new District boundaries, there will be a shift in health priorities with a new definition and understanding of the healthcare needs of the community. A comprehensive</p>	<p><b>Moved and seconded by Community Member Howe and Community Member Luciano Crespo to approve Grant #1017 – Jewish Family Services (JFS) - \$90,000.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Moved and seconded by Director PerezGil and Community Member Howe to share the committee’s views and ideas with the Strategic Planning Committee to address the Community Health Assessment RFP concerns and apprehensions.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>



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	<p>assessment will assist to effectively allocate and drive investments and resources to areas of the most prioritized community health needs. The RFP is a transparent and open process to determine which organization can accomplish the work.</p> <p>Chair Rogers inquired about telephone surveys and other tools. Dr. Bázaga explained that there are three layers of data with quantity, community surveys, and community meetings.</p> <p>Vice-President De Lara considers the assessment premature and proposes to discuss the direction of the District such as alignment, collective impact, and not duplicating services. Other buy-ins are necessary such as with the county. Some work is now taking place with Lift to Rise (LTR) on housing and social economic opportunity. The work should be revisited such as LTR's investment and USC's data portal. The District should invite others in the initiation of the assessment, pause and explore making the assessment more inclusive as opposed to having several assessments by different agencies. How does EVALCORP's behavioral health assessment tie into the assessment? Inclusion from other partners is necessary with the District leading the way. The District should look for</p>	
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	<p>solutions on better access to healthcare and possibly modeling OneFuture Coachella, which has been successful.</p> <p>As lifelong residents, Vice-President De Lara suggests that she and the community members provide their input to Dr. Bázaga on the needs of the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Chair Rogers and Vice-President De Lara suggest a workshop to discuss the RFP, with Chair Rogers explaining that the 2017-2020 strategic plan connects the priorities to the grant funding.</p> <p>Director PerezGil explained the collaborations in the Dream Homes neighborhood that assisted to bring forth the community needs and resources, which has demonstrated more attention and benefits to citizens in Cathedral City. The same model should apply to the needs assessment, but it is necessary to move forward with the RFP.</p> <p>Chair Rogers proposes a steering committee to incorporate the various ideas.</p> <p>Director PerezGil motioned to share the ideas with the strategic planning committee to address the RFP concerns.</p>	
<p><b>VII. Committee Member Comments</b></p>	<p>There were no community member comments.</p>	



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<b>V. Adjournment</b>	Vice-President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.	<i>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></i>
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ATTEST:   
Carole Rogers, RN, Chair/Director  
Program Committee

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board*