



**DESERT HEALTHCARE**  
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**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
Program Committee Meeting  
January 14, 2025  
5:30 P.M.**

*Immediately Following the Program Committee District Meeting*

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	<b>IV. Public Comments</b> At this time, comments from the audience may be made on items <u>not</u> listed on the agenda that are of public interest and within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the District. The Committee has a policy of limiting speakers to not more than three minutes. The Committee cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. Public input may be offered on an agenda item when it comes up for discussion and/or action.	
<b>7-8</b> <b>9</b>	<b>V. Old Business</b> 1. Grant Payment Schedules 2. Update/recap results from Lunch & Learn for Request for Proposals (RFP) – Improving Access to Behavioral Health Education and Prevention Services for Children (0-18 years) 3. USAging Vaccinations – Grant Award Updates 4. DPMG Health Medical Clinic Unit Operations	<b>Informational</b>
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| <b>20-29</b> | <p><b>VI. Program Updates</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. Progress and Final Reports</p>         | Informational |
|              | <p><b>VII. Adjournment</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Next Scheduled Meeting February 11, 2025</p> |               |

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*Andrea S. Hayles*

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Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer



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<b>Directors &amp; Community Members Present</b>	<b>District Staff Present via Video Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Evett PerezGil Director Leticia De Lara, MPA	Chris Christensen, CPA, Chief Executive Officer Eric Taylor, CPA, Chief Administration Officer Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Meghan Kane, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Public Health Gracie Montano, Program Associate Erica Huskey, Grants Manager Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer	The board term of former Vice-President Carmina Zavala ended on 11/26/24, with her final committee attendance recorded on 11/12/24.

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
<b>II. Approval of Agenda</b>	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.</b>
<b>III. Meeting Minutes</b> <b>1. November 12, 2024</b>	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the November 12, 2024, meeting minutes.	<b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve the November 12, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously</b>
<b>IV. Public Comment</b>	There was no public comment.	
<b>V. Old Business</b>  <b>1. Grant Payment Schedules</b>	Chair PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the grant payment schedules.  There were no questions or comments.	

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<p><b>2. USAging Vaccinations – Grant Award</b></p> <p><b>3. DPMG Health Medical Clinic Unit Operations</b></p> <p><b>4. Improving Access to Healthcare in Desert Highland Gateway Estates (DHGE) – October 2024 Report – DAP Health - Borrego Health Foundation</b></p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the grant payment schedules.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Alejandro Espinoza, the Chief of Community Engagement, described the Women Wellness mobile mammography and other female screenings, also providing an update on the collaborative partners involved with the mobile medical clinics.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the Desert Highland Gateway Estates (DHGE) – October 2024 report.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p><b>VI. Grant Funding – Review and determination for forwarding to the Board for consideration:</b></p> <p><b>1. Environmental Health Initiative – Mitigating Air Quality-Related Health Conditions: Prevention, diagnosis, and Management</b></p> <p><b>a. Grant #1477 DAP Health: \$200,000</b></p>	<p>There were no questions or comments about the DAP Health \$200,000 grant request in response to the Environmental Health Initiative RFP.</p>	<p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve Grant #1477 DAP Health: \$200,000 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>

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<p><b>b. Grant #1479 Youth Leadership Institute: \$173,913</b></p>	<p>The committee inquired regarding sustainability concerns related to the Youth Leadership Institute, including the criteria for scoring proposals. Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, responded to the committee's concerns, assuring them there are no sustainability issues. Ms. Craig also provided a brief overview of the process for determining approval of RFP's.</p>	<p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve Grant #1479 Youth Leadership Institute: \$173,913 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>c. Grant #1480 Desert Recreation Foundation: \$197,477</b></p>	<p>There were no questions or comments about the Desert Recreation Foundation \$197,477 grant request in response to the Environmental Health Initiative RFP.</p>	<p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve Grant #1480 Desert Recreation Foundation: \$197,4773 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>d. Grant #1483 Vision Y Compromiso: \$200,000</b></p>	<p>There were no questions or comments about the Vision Y Compromiso \$200,000 grant request in response to the Environmental Health Initiative RFP.</p>	<p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve Grant #1483 Vision Y Compromiso: \$200,000 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>e. Grant #1484 Asthma &amp; Allergy Foundation: \$199,876</b></p>	<p>There were no questions or comments about the Asthma &amp; Allergy Foundation \$199,876 grant request in response to the Environmental Health Initiative RFP.</p>	<p><b>Moved and seconded by Director De Lara and Director PerezGil to approve Grant #1484 Asthma &amp; Allergy Foundation: \$199,876 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>VII. Program Updates</b></p>		
<p><b>1. Progress and Final reports: None at this time</b></p>	<p>There were no progress and final reports.</p>	
<p><b>2. Grant Applications Status Report</b></p>	<p>Chair PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the updates on the final reports.</p>	

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	There were no questions or comments.	
<b>VIII. Adjournment</b>	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, CEO, thanked the grantees for attending the committee meeting in response to the Environmental Health Initiative RFP and commended the staff for their efforts.</p>	<p><b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b></p>

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

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

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DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION								
OUTSTANDING GRANTS AND GRANT PAYMENT SCHEDULE								
December 31, 2024								
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025								
A/C 2190 and A/C 2186-Long term			6/30/2024	New Grants	Total Paid	12/31/2024		
Grant ID Nos.		Name	Open	Current Yr	July-June	Open		
			BALANCE	2024-2025		BALANCE		
BOD-04-24-18 & 06-28-22		Behavioral Health Initiative Collective Fund + Expansion	\$ 851,542		\$ 134,905	\$ 722,641		Behavioral Health
2018-BOD-06-26-18		Avery Trust Funds-Committed to Pulmonary services	\$ 485,052		\$ -	\$ 485,052		Avery Trust
2019-1006-BOD-06-25-19		DHCD - Homelessness Initiative Collective Fund	\$ 19,345		\$ 2,574	\$ 16,772		Homelessness
2021-1288-BOD-07-27-21		DAP Health (Borrego Community) - Improving Access to Healthcare - 3 Yrs	\$ 273,693		\$ 70,827	\$ 202,866		
Res. NO. 22-17		Carry-Over Funds*	\$ 1,477,916		\$ 997,353	\$ 480,563		
2024-1477-BOD-12-17-24		DAP Health - Improved Access to Diagnosis and Treatment for Conditions related to Poor Air Quality - 2 Yrs.		\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000		
2024-1479-BOD-12-17-24		Youth Leadership Institute - ECV CARES - 2 Yrs.		\$ 200,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 155,000		
2024-1480-BOD-12-17-24		Desert Recreation Foundation - Youth CARE (Clean Air and Recreation for Everyone) - 2 Yrs.		\$ 197,477	\$ -	\$ 197,477		
2024-1483-BOD-12-17-24		Vision y Compromiso - Asthma Preventative Services to Mitigate Air Quality Conditions - 2 Yrs.		\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000		
2024-1484-BOD-12-17-24		Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America - RESCUE Coachella Valley - 2 Yrs.		\$ 199,876	\$ -	\$ 199,876		
2024-MOU-BOD-06-25-24		HARC - 2025 Coachella Valley Health Survey - 2 Yrs.	\$ 66,240		\$ 66,240	\$ -		
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>			<b>\$ 3,173,789</b>	<b>\$ 997,353</b>	<b>\$ 1,316,899</b>	<b>\$ 2,860,246</b>		
<b>YTD Summary:</b>			<b>Uncommitted &amp; Available</b>					
Behavioral Health Initiative Collective Fund	\$	722,641	\$	709,662				
Avery Trust - Pulmonary Services	\$	485,052	\$	485,052				
West Valley Homelessness Initiative	\$	16,772	\$	-				
Carry-Over Funds	\$	480,563	\$	480,563				
Environmental Health RFP	\$	997,353	\$	-				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,702,381</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,675,277</b>				
<b>Amts available/remaining for Grant/Programs - FY 2024-25:</b>			<b>FY25 Grant Budget</b>		<b>Social Services Fund #5054</b>			
<b>Amount budgeted 2024-2025</b>		\$ 10,000	\$	10,000	Budget	\$ 96,000		
<b>Amount granted year to date</b>		\$ (997,353)	\$	-	DRMC Auxiliary	\$ 6,000		Spent YTD
Mini Grants:					Eisenhower	\$ -		
Net adj - Grants not used:	Unused Technical Assistance from RAP Collaboration ; 1334	\$ 30,276			<b>Balance Available</b>	\$ 90,000		
Contributions / Additional Funding								
Prior Year Commitments & Carry-Over Funds		\$1,477,916						
<b>Balance available for Grants/Programs</b>		<b>\$ 520,839</b>						

\* Value listed in Total Paid column reflects funds granted from carryover funds. Actual grant payments will be reflected under the respective grant.

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OUTSTANDING PASS-THROUGH GRANTS AND GRANT PAYMENT SCHEDULE								
December 31, 2024								
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025								
Grant ID Nos.	Name	TOTAL Grant	6/30/2024 Open	Current Yr 2024-2025	Total Paid July-June	12/31/2024 Payable	Remaining Funds	
			BALANCE			BALANCE	BALANCE	
<b>BOD - 07/25/23 - USAging: Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative - End date 3/31/25</b>								
Grant # 90HDCR0001-01-00	TOTAL CBOs	\$ 222,332	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,182	\$ 2,818	
	Total DHCF	\$ 119,316	\$ 57,347	\$ -	\$ 5,924	\$ 34,578	\$ 16,846	
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>		<b>\$ 341,648</b>	<b>\$ 82,347</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,924</b>	<b>\$ 56,759</b>	<b>\$ 19,664</b>	
<b>Amts available/remaining for Grant/Programs - FY 2024-25:</b>								
Pass-Through Organizations billed to date		\$ 22,182					<b>Grant Funds</b>	
Foundation Administration Costs		\$ 40,501					<b>RFP</b>	
Contributions / Additional Funding	Reimbursements received and pending	\$ (62,683)			Total Grant	\$ 341,648		
<b>Balance available for Grants/Programs</b>		<b>\$ -</b>			Received to Date	\$ 307,483		
					<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 34,165</b>		





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Date: January 14, 2025

To: Program Committee

Subject: Lunch and Learn for Request for Proposal (RFP): Improving Access to Behavioral Health Education and Prevention Services for Children (0-18 years)

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**Staff Recommendation:** Information only

**History/Background:**

- The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation's Request for Proposal for Improving Access to Behavioral Health Education and Prevention Services for Children (0-18 years) and Their Families concluded on July 31, 2024.
- A total of five organizations were awarded \$1,715,817 to support two-year projects aimed at enhancing access, raising awareness, expanding service availability, and increasing education related to behavioral health resources and services.
- On December 3, 2024, staff hosted a "Lunch and Learn" session, inviting all five organizations for a wrap-up conversation.
- This event provided an opportunity to reflect on collective accomplishments, strengthen partnerships, and engage with others dedicated to increasing access, improving awareness, and expanding the availability of behavioral health services for children and their families. The session focused on highlighting each organization's unique contributions to the community, facilitating meaningful networking and collaboration, sharing best practices and lessons learned, and discussing actionable next steps.
- The event was attended by 15 participants from four of the five organizations. This gathering fostered rich discussions, encouraged collaboration, and allowed participants to share insights while showcasing the impact of their respective programs.
- Staff will use the insights gained from the organizations to inform the development of next steps for future behavioral health-related requests for proposals.

**Fiscal Impact:**

- None

**Report Period:** 11/01/2024 – 11/30/2024  
(Monthly report due the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month)

**Report by:** Melissa Fonder-Director of Mobile and School Based Services

**Program/Project Information:**

**Grant # 1288**

**Project Title:** Improving Access to Healthcare in Desert Highland Gateway Estates

**Start Date:** 07/01/2021

**End Date:** 12/31/2024

**Term:** 36 Months

**Grant Amount:** \$575,000

**Executive Summary:** DAP+Borrego Health is committed to providing and increasing access to healthcare services for those living in Desert Highland Gateway Estates and the surrounding communities. This funding will provide support for a pilot mobile services program and begin to assess the sustainability of a more permanent healthcare program within the community. It is anticipated that 2,913 medical and dental visits will be conducted with part-time mobile services in the community.

Goal	Goal/ Objective/ Other Topics	Successes, Emergent Issues, Challenges, Findings, and Supporting Information (Graphs, reports, indicator results, etc.)
1. Collaboration	<p><b>Through a multifaceted approach, DAP+Borrego Health intends to develop a collaborative relationship with the DHG Health and Wellness Committee. The team is committed to participation in meetings as desired by the committee to ensure open dialogue as to the perceptions of health issues. The committee will be informed of all planned schedules and activities on a monthly basis in advance to encourage support and participation. Any changes will be clearly communicated to avoid any misunderstanding.</b></p>	<p>The DAP Health Mobile team and leadership maintain active engagement with members of the Desert Highland Gateway Estates Wellness committee, holding regular meetings to discuss updates on service utilization, activities, and challenges. Our objective is to foster support, gather input, and collaborate with neighborhood/community leaders to enhance awareness and utilization of available services.</p> <p><b>During this reporting period, one (1) meeting occurred. Attendees included:</b></p> <p>Melissa Fonder-DAP Health Manny Muro – DAP Health Tony Bradford- DAP Health</p> <p><b>Meeting Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview regarding utilization of services.</li> <li>• Dental services updates</li> <li>• Community Health Education forums and community outreach updates.</li> <li>• Vibe Well</li> <li>• Next meeting scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024</li> </ul>

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<p><b>2. Services</b></p>	<p><b>By June 30, 2024, a minimum of 2053 patient care medical visits and 860 dental visits will be provided.</b></p>	<p>Throughout this reporting period, our efforts to promote Mobile Medical and Dental services have persisted through strategic social media campaigns and targeted flyer distribution across various local venues such as businesses, apartment complexes, churches, and school district.</p> <p>In November, patient visits for both medical and dental services declined. This was mainly due to delays in our mobile unit, which took longer than expected at the shop for its wrap. Additionally, dental visits decreased just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Looking ahead to December, we are hopeful for an increase in visits for both services. To boost patient engagement, we are collaborating with our marketing team to develop new ideas to promote our new telehealth schedule, which will occur twice a month, and weekly dental services.</p> <p>Please refer to the table below for a comprehensive overview of the total number of patients served from the inception of services on July 12, 2021, up to the current reporting period.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="764 792 1997 1360"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="6" style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white;">Year 4 – Medical</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">Month</th> <th style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">Number of Patients Served</th> <th style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">Number of Visits</th> <th style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">Medical Visits</th> <th style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">Dental Visits</th> <th style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">Total Uninsured</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">July</td><td style="text-align: center;">3</td><td style="text-align: center;">3</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td><td style="text-align: center;">3</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">August</td><td style="text-align: center;">2</td><td style="text-align: center;">2</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td><td style="text-align: center;">2</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">September</td><td style="text-align: center;">4</td><td style="text-align: center;">4</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td><td style="text-align: center;">4</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">October</td><td style="text-align: center;">48</td><td style="text-align: center;">48</td><td style="text-align: center;">32</td><td style="text-align: center;">16</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">November</td><td style="text-align: center;">4</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td><td style="text-align: center;">4</td><td style="text-align: center;">0</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">December</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">January</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">February</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">March</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">April</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">May</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #D2691E;">June</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>61</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>57</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>32</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>0</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year 4 – Medical						Month	Number of Patients Served	Number of Visits	Medical Visits	Dental Visits	Total Uninsured	July	3	3	0	3	0	August	2	2	0	2	0	September	4	4	0	4	0	October	48	48	32	16	0	November	4	0	0	4	0	December						January						February						March						April						May						June						<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>
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		July	26	26	26	0	2
		August	27	27	27	0	4
		September	9	9	9	0	2
		October	15	15	15	0	8
		November	9	9	9	0	2
		December	14	14	14	0	6
		January	7	7	7	0	1
		February	4	4	2	2	0
		March	11	11	3	8	3
		April	4	4	1	3	0
		May	4	4	1	4	0
		June	0	0	0	0	0
		July	0	0	0	3	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>
		<b>Year 2</b>					
		<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Patients Served</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>	<b>Medical Visits</b>	<b>Dental Visits</b>	<b>Total Uninsured</b>
		July	15	15	15	0	4
		August	38	38	38	0	9
		September	12	13	13	0	5
		October	19	19	19	0	1
		November	9	9	9	0	1
		December	17	17	17	0	2
		January	12	13	13	0	3
		February	10	10	10	0	3
		March	5	5	5	0	0
		April	6	6	6	0	3
		May	17	19	19	0	4
		June	28	30	30	0	2
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		<b>Year 3 – Dental</b>				
		<b>Month</b>	<b>Appointment Scheduled</b>	<b>Number of Patients Served</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>	<b>Total Uninsured</b>
		January	3	0	0	0
		February	5	1	2	0
		March	12	8	8	0
		April	8	3	3	0
		May	7	4	4	0
		June	0	0	0	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Year 4 – Dental</b>				
		<b>Month</b>	<b>Appointment Scheduled</b>	<b>Number of Patients Served</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>	<b>Total Uninsured</b>
		July	3	3	3	0
		August	4	2	2	0
		September	4	4	4	0
		October	21	16	16	0
		November	4	4	4	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>

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<p><b>3. Community Education Event</b></p>	<p><b>Conduct community education events and activities to address health care and other wellness topics</b></p>	<p>The November Vibe Well Youth Wellness Series, held on November 20th, 2024, was facilitated by DAP Health Community Health Specialist Norma Carrasco, with assistance from Grace Ayala. The "Gratitude and Growth" session, themed around Thanksgiving, engaged 17 youth in a creative activity where they decorated hand-shaped turkeys with feathers, glitter, and leaves. Each participant also wrote down two things they were grateful for, combining art and reflection to promote gratitude and emotional wellness.</p>
<p><b>4. Enabling Services</b></p>	<p><b>By June 30, 2024, provide 600 individuals with assistance for applications, retention, addressing issues with their healthcare coverage and/or enabling services.</b></p>	<p>During this reporting period, one (0) uninsured patients were served.</p> <p>As part of our standard protocol, uninsured patients undergo screening to determine eligibility for programs that may mitigate or alleviate the costs associated with health and dental services. Furthermore, uninsured, or underinsured individuals are directed to our Care Coordinator Specialist for assistance in securing permanent insurance enrollment.</p> <p>Please refer to the table below for a comprehensive overview of the total number of patients services since the inception of services on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, up to the current reporting period, who lacked insurance coverage and were successfully enrolled in a health program or insurance.</p>

Goal	Goal/ Objective/ Other Topics	Successes, Emergent Issues, Challenges, Findings, and Supporting Information (Graphs, reports, indicator results, etc.)				
		Year 3				
		Month	Total Patients Served (insured + Uninsured)	Total Visits (Insured + Uninsured)	Total Patients seen - Uninsured	Patients Enrolled in Health Insurance
		July	26	26	2	0
		August	27	27	4	1
		September	9	9	2	2
		October	15	15	8	6
		November	9	9	2	1
		December	14	14	6	4
		January	7	7	1	2
		February	4	4	0	0
		March	11	11	3	1
		April	4	4	0	0
		May	4	4	0	0
		June	0	0	0	0
		July	3	3	0	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>



Goal	Goal/ Objective/ Other Topics	Successes, Emergent Issues, Challenges, Findings, and Supporting Information (Graphs, reports, indicator results, etc.)				
		Year 4				
		Month	Total Patients Served (insured + Uninsured)	Total Visits (Insured + Uninsured)	Total Patients seen - Uninsured	Patients Enrolled in Health Insurance
		July	3	3	0	0
		August	2	2	0	0
		September	4	4	0	0
		October	48	48	0	0
		November	4	4	0	0
		Total	61	61	0	0

Goal	Goal/ Objective/ Other Topics	Successes, Emergent Issues, Challenges, Findings, and Supporting Information (Graphs, reports, indicator results, etc.)				
		<b>Year 2</b>				
		Month	Total Patients Served (insured + Uninsured)	Total Visits (Insured + Uninsured)	Total Patients seen - Uninsured	Patients Enrolled in Health Insurance
		July	15	15	4	9
		August	38	38	9	4
		September	12	13	5	2
		October	19	19	1	0
		November	9	9	1	0
		December	17	17	2	4
		January	12	13	3	0
		February	10	10	3	1
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**Date:** January 14, 2025

**To:** Program Committee – Foundation

**Subject:** Progress and Final Grant Reports 12/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

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**The following progress and final grant reports are included in this staff report:**

**Transgender Health and Wellness Center # 1346**

Grant term: 8/1/2022 – 7/31/2024

Original Approved Amount: \$129,771

**Final Report** covering the time period from: 8/1/2022 – 7/31/2024

**Organization Name: Transgender Health and Wellness Center**

**Grant #: 1346**

**Project Title: Healing Rainbows**

**Desert Healthcare District Strategic Plan Alignment**

**Goal: Improve LGBTQ+ youth mental health**

**Strategy: Outreach**

**Grant Information**

**Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$129,771**

**Grant Term (example 7/1/22 – 6/30/23): 08/01/2022 - 7/31/2024**

**Reporting Period (example 7/1/22 – 10/31/22): 08/01/2022 - 07/31/2024**

**Contact Information:**

Contact Name: Marisol Leos

Phone: 760-202-4308

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**Final Progress:**

*Final Outcomes on Goals and Evaluation*

**Project's final accomplishment(s) in comparison to the proposed goal(s) and evaluation plan.**

**Goal #1:**

**1. TH&WC will provide youth MH navigation to 40 youth**

**Final Progress of Goal #1:**

1. TH&WC provided mental health navigation to 76 youth, exceeding our goal of 40 served by 36.

**Final Evaluation of Goal #1:** TH&WC has successfully exceeded its goals in providing mental health navigation services. This accomplishment underscores our dedication to improving mental health support within the community and our capacity to deliver on our

commitments. Moving forward, we will continue to build on this success to further expand our impact.

## **Evaluation of Goals:**

### **1. Mental Health Navigation Services:**

- a. **Goal:** Provide mental health navigation services to 40 youth.
- b. **Outcome:** Provided services to 76 youth.
- c. **Summary:** We surpassed our goal by serving 15 more youth than planned. This success demonstrates the effectiveness of our mental health navigation program in reaching and assisting more youth in need. The increased number of youth served indicates a strong demand for these services and highlights our ability to meet this demand effectively.

**Goal #2:** TH&WC will provide the following services for TGI youth/allies:

2a) telehealth behavioral/mental health services to 10 youth (YR1) and 15 youth (yr2)

2b) Case management will be provided to 15 youth (yr1) and 20 youth (yr2)

2c) Crisi intervention will be provided to 20 youth (yr1) and 25 youth (yr2)

2d) drop-in center will serve 20 youth (yr1) and 25 youth (yr2)

### **Final Progress of Goal #2:**

2a. TH&WC provided 61 youth with telehealth mental health services during the program period, exceeding our goal of 25.

2b. TH&WC provided 6 transitional aged youth with case management services. We did not meet our goal of 35.

2c. This goal was abandoned due to a lack of funding and logistical issues surrounding running a crisis line.

2d. TH&WC saw 11 youth in its Marsha P Johnson LGBTQ+ youth drop-in center. We were not able to hit our goal of 45 due to a mix of logistical issues and systemic barriers.

## **Evaluation of Goals:**

### **1. Telehealth Mental Health Services:**

- a. **Goal:** Provide telehealth mental health services to 25 youth.

- b. **Outcome:** Exceeded the goal by providing services to 61 youth.
- c. **Summary:** The telehealth program was highly successful, reaching more than double the targeted number of youth. This success highlights the demand and effectiveness of telehealth services in addressing mental health needs.

## **2. Case Management Services for Transitional Aged Youth:**

- a. **Goal:** Provide case management services to 35 transitional aged youth.
- b. **Outcome:** Provided services to 6 youth.
- c. **Summary:** We fell short of our goal due to various challenges. Despite the lower numbers, the case management services provided were impactful for those who received them. Moving forward, we will analyze the barriers to better understand and address them.

## **3. Crisis Line Support:**

- a. **Goal:** Establish and run a crisis line.
- b. **Outcome:** This goal was abandoned.
- c. **Summary:** Due to a lack of funding and logistical issues, we were unable to establish the crisis line. Future efforts will focus on securing the necessary resources and addressing logistical challenges to potentially revisit this goal.

## **4. Marsha P Johnson LGBTQ+ Youth Drop-In Center:**

- a. **Goal:** Serve 45 youth at the drop-in center.
- b. **Outcome:** Served 11 youth.
- c. **Summary:** The drop-in center faced logistical issues and systemic barriers, resulting in a lower attendance than anticipated. We have been working to improve and overcome these barriers by sponsoring G.S.A and S.A.G.A clubs in High Schools as well as working with the Palm Springs Unified School District's, Family Engagement Center, to help solidify the MPJ as a reputable resource and safe space for LGBTQ+ youth.

**Final Evaluation of Goal #2:** While we exceeded our goal for telehealth services, other areas faced significant challenges. The insights gained from this evaluation will guide our future strategies to enhance service delivery and better meet the needs of our community.

**Goal #3:** TH&WC will educate 1200 community youth and adults indirectly on available behavioral/mental health services for TGI youth and adults.

**Final Progress of Goal #3:**

TH&WC provided indirect education on our behavioral/mental health services to 4595 community members, exceeding our goal of 1200. We successfully met our goal, reaching 1,200 individuals through various outreach efforts. This success was largely due to the expertise of our Director of Youth Services, who previously served as the Director of Outreach. By leveraging existing community partnerships and expanding our reach throughout the entire Coachella Valley, we were able to effectively disseminate information and resources.

**Key Strategies:**

1. **Experienced Leadership:** Our Director of Youth Services brought valuable experience and connections from their previous role, which was instrumental in achieving our outreach goals.
2. **Community Partnerships:** We utilized and expanded our network of community partnerships to maximize our reach and impact.
3. **Comprehensive Outreach:** Our efforts included a variety of outreach methods to ensure broad and inclusive engagement across the Coachella Valley. We participated in community resource events, Pride festivals, social events and utilized social media and our newsletter.

**Final Evaluation of Goal #3:** The project has significantly increased awareness of behavioral and mental health services available to TGI youth and adults in the community. This has empowered individuals to seek the support they need and has strengthened the overall mental health infrastructure within the region.

**Goal #4:** Collaborate with three school districts with a total of 14 high schools and their gay straight alliance student groups to enhance access to culturally sensitive TGI mental health services.

**Final Progress of Goal #4:**

TH&WC was able to provide outreach to [list high schools] during the program period, with a total of 10 individual visits. We were not able to reach every school we had initially planned to work with due to systemic barriers encountered by our staff.

**Final Evaluation of Goal #4:**

During the program period, TH&WC faced significant barriers when reaching out to schools in the Coachella Valley. Despite these challenges, we made substantial progress:

1. **Initial Outreach:**



- a. Sent initial emails to introduce the Marsha P. Johnson (MPJ) Center to the local area.
- b. Created a comprehensive list of all GSA clubs in the Coachella Valley and their advisors.

## **2. Communication Efforts:**

- a. Sent emails to conduct presentations on the youth services available at the MPJ Ceto all schools in the Coachella Valley that have a G.S.A Club.
- b. Received responses from the following schools:
  - i. Indio High School
  - ii. Desert Hot Springs High School
  - iii. College of the Desert
  - iv. Cathedral City High School
  - v. Palm Springs High School
  - vi. Raymond Cree Elementary School
  - vii. Cabot Yerxa Elementary School
  - viii. Twenty-Nine Palms High School
  - ix. Chaparral High School
  - x. Yucca Valley High School

## **3. In-Person Presentations:**

- a. Conducted in-person presentations at:
  - i. Coachella Valley High School
  - ii. Palm Springs High School
  - iii. Cabot Yerxa Elementary School

**Challenges:** We did not reach our goal due to not hearing back from some schools at all. Additionally, we learned that Palm Springs High School did not have a GSA Club for two years, and this could be the case for many schools. The pandemic and remote learning led to a drop in the number of active clubs.

**Successes:** Fortunately, we were able to establish a connection with Palm Springs High School, which is right across the street from the MPJ Center. We cultivated relationships with school staff and the GLOW club advisors, which facilitated our outreach efforts.

**Conclusion:** While we faced obstacles, the outreach we conducted was impactful and laid a strong foundation for future collaborations. We remain committed to overcoming these barriers and expanding our reach to all targeted schools and continue to work on this initiative.

**Final Number of District Residents Served:**

**Proposed number of District residents to be directly served: 105**

**Final number of District residents directly served during the entire grant term: 133**

**Proposed number of District residents to be indirectly served: 1200**

**Final number of District residents Indirectly served during the entire grant term:  
4595**

**Please answer the following questions**

1. **Please describe any specific issues/barriers in meeting the proposed project goals:** TH&WC encountered issues with securing and setting up our youth drop in center as well as complete our school outreach. Initially it was proposed to have the drop in center in our main office but after thorough consideration it was decided to move it to its own separate office to ensure child safety. Securing the location and set up added a considerable delay and while we were working towards this goal we faced systemic barriers elsewhere. Our Director of Youth Services was stonewalled by local schools for months while attempting to do outreach to the youth to make them aware of the services we offered. This issue persisted throughout the project and she was not able to get into many schools in the East Valley due to discrimination faced because she is a Transgender woman and we are a Transgender organization. Further, it has been difficult to get teens into the Center as our location is not centralized enough to properly facilitate a larger spread of youth visiting.

**Specific Issues/Barriers in Meeting Proposed Project Goals:**

**1. Lack of Response from Schools:**

- a. We encountered significant challenges in receiving responses from several schools. Despite our efforts to reach out via emails and follow-ups, some schools did not respond, which hindered our ability to conduct planned outreach activities.

**2. Inactive GSA Clubs:**

- a. We discovered that some schools, such as Palm Springs High School, did

not have active Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs for the past two years. This was largely due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to a decline in club activities and student engagement during remote learning periods.

### **3. Systemic Barriers:**

- a. Our staff faced systemic barriers, including logistical challenges and limited resources, which affected our ability to reach all targeted schools. These barriers included difficulties in scheduling visits and coordinating with school administrations.

### **4. Pandemic-Related Challenges:**

- a. The pandemic had a lasting impact on school operations and student activities. The transition to remote learning and subsequent adjustments to in-person schooling created additional hurdles in re-establishing connections with schools and student groups.

### **5. Geographical and Resource Limitations:**

- a. The geographical spread of schools across the Coachella Valley and limited staff resources made it challenging to conduct in-person visits to all targeted schools. We had to prioritize certain schools based on proximity and existing relationships.

### **6. Youth Drop-In Center Setup:**

- a. TH&WC encountered issues with securing and setting up our youth drop-in center. Initially, it was proposed to have the drop-in center in our main office, but after thorough consideration, it was decided to move it to its own separate office to ensure child safety. Securing the location and setup added a considerable delay.

### **7. Discrimination and Outreach Barriers:**

- a. Our Director of Youth Services faced significant barriers while attempting to conduct outreach to local schools. She was stonewalled by many schools in the East Valley due to discrimination, as she is a transgender woman, and we are a trans- organization. This issue persisted throughout the project, limiting our ability to inform youth about the services we offer.

## **8. Location and Transportation Challenges:**

- a. It has been difficult to attract teens to the Center as our location is not centralized enough to facilitate a larger spread of youth visiting. Additionally, transportation has been a significant barrier. For example, two teen girls from Desert Hot Springs got lost while taking the bus to Palm Springs, which deterred them from visiting. We have since worked on ensuring that youth have the correct directions via public transportation and are continuing to address this barrier to improve attendance.

Despite these barriers, we were able to make meaningful connections with several schools and lay the groundwork for future collaborations. We remain committed to addressing these challenges and expanding our outreach efforts.

## **2. Please describe any unexpected successes other than those originally planned.**

We were able to train a far larger cohort of interns than initially anticipated, meaning that we have created even more behavioral health specialists with the specialized training to work with the TGI community and provide them with mental health services in a culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate manner. Further, we have had great success with youth and their families utilizing our telehealth behavioral health services. The online nature of the services allows us to remove systemic barriers around access to transportation.

## **3. After the initial investment by the DHCD how will the project be financially sustained?**

We were recently awarded funding through the Riverside County Continuum of Care to provide homeless navigation services at the Marsha P Johnson youth drop-in center. In addition, our youth mental health program will be sustained through private foundation grants currently in development or pending.

## **4. List five things to be done differently if this project were to be implemented and/or funded again.**

1. More strategic planning around the opening of the drop in center.
2. Seek out more feedback of our program from family and youth
3. Find ways to greater incentivize youth attending the drop in center

4. Weave other youth homelessness funding into services provided at HS outreach to increase # of youth receiving case management services

5. Work more closely with community partners who have relationships with local schools that could help with access.

**1. More Strategic Planning Around the Opening of the Drop-In Center:**

- a. Develop a detailed timeline and checklist for setting up the drop-in center to avoid delays. Consider all logistical aspects, including location, safety, and accessibility, to ensure a smooth opening.

**2. Seek Out More Feedback from Families and Youth:**

- a. Implement regular surveys and feedback sessions with both youth and their families to gather insights on the program's effectiveness and areas for improvement. This will help tailor services to better meet their needs.

**3. Find Ways to Greater Incentivize Youth Attendance at the Drop-In Center:**

- a. Introduce incentives such as rewards programs, engaging activities, and special events to attract more youth to the drop-in center. Collaborate with local businesses and organizations to offer appealing incentives.

**4. Weave Other Youth Homelessness Funding into Services Provided at High School Outreach:**

- a. Integrate additional funding sources aimed at addressing youth homelessness into the high school outreach program. This could enhance the range of services offered and increase the number of youth receiving case management support.

**5. Hire Additional Staff to Support Youth Services:**

- a. Secure funding to hire additional staff dedicated to youth services. With the current workload of our Director of Youth Services, who continues to manage outreach and events for TH&WC, having staff solely focused on youth services and the grant will greatly improve our efforts and outcomes.

These adjustments could help improve the implementation and impact of the project, ensuring better outcomes for the youth served.