

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 27, 2017**

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A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District was held in the Jerry Stergios Building - 1st Floor, Palm Springs, CA.

**Attendance**

Members

Carole Rogers, RN – President  
Kay Hazen – Vice-President/Secretary  
Mark Matthews – Treasurer  
Jennifer Wortham, Dr.PH - Director  
Les Zendle, MD – Director

Absent

Staff

Herb K. Schultz, CEO  
Chris Christensen, COO/CFO  
Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer  
Alejandro Espinoza, Director Programs/Projects  
Mary Pannoni, Accounting/Admin. Support  
Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk to the Board

Legal Counsel

Blaise Jackson

Guests

Tom Cox, Program Director, CVRM  
Cheryll Dahlin, Management Analysis, CVAG  
Sherry Finke, Development Specialist, CVRM  
Michelle Finney, CEO, DRMC  
Maria Elena Geyer, CEO, Gilda's Desert Cities  
Jeff Hocker, President, Hocker Productions  
Ezra Kaufman, Community Member  
Tom Kirk, Executive Director, CVAG  
Brett Klein, Marketing Specialist, Eisenhower Medical Center  
Geoff Kors, City Councilmember, Palm Springs  
Rabbi David Lazar, Temple Isaiah  
Olga Montes, CE Manager, Planned Parenthood  
Rosalie Murphy, Reporter, Desert Sun  
Arlene Rosenthal, President, Well in the Desert  
Stephanie Salters, RN  
Paula Simonds, Executive Director, Desert Cancer Foundation  
Joe Wallace, CEO, CVEP

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Rogers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Rogers asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**#17-46 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Wortham and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the agenda.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES 5 Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Paula Simonds, Executive Director, Desert Cancer Foundation stated that she is relocating to northern California, and the Foundation is actively pursuing a new Executive Director. Ms. Simonds thanked the Board and Staff for their support

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Submitted for approval:

- 1. BOARD MINUTES
  - a. Meeting of May 23, 2017
  - b. Special Meeting of May 23, 2017

**#17-47 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the Consent Agenda with a change to the May 23 Board Meeting Minutes third bullet point – Ad Hoc Committee on District Expansion, and a change to the ninth bullet point – New Business of the May 23 Special Board Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES 5 Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

2. DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

- a. Rules and Regulations of the Governing Board of Directors

**#17-48 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the Desert Regional Medical Center Rules and Regulations of the Governing Board of Directors.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES**                   **5 Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES:**               **0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

#### **DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT CEO REPORT**

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, provided details of his CEO Report that included the adoption of the comprehensive 3-year Strategic Plan inclusive of an Infrastructure and Staffing Plan that incorporates an organizational chart; funding sources for the East Valley Expansion; short-term recommendations of the West Valley Homelessness Initiative; a new budget for FY17-18; and the CEO's involvement in a Little Hoover Commission roundtable and his representation of special healthcare districts.

#### **DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CEO REPORT**

Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center conveyed the most recent facility activities that include the status of the Joint Commission Accreditation, American Heart Association recognition, building maintenance and repairs, OSHPD data, and the new residency students in various departments.

#### **DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

President Rogers provided a report of the Governing Board of Directors explaining that Michele Finney was appointed as permanent CEO at Desert Regional Medical Center.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Grant #724 Arrowhead Neuroscience Foundation – Consideration to approve a 24 month no-cost grant extension.
  - Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer explained the Arrowhead Neuroscience Foundation grant.
  - Dr. Javed Sadiqi, Program Director, Desert Regional Medical Center Neurological Surgery Residency described the residency program that the 24-month no cost extension will support.

**#17-49 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Wortham and seconded by Director Matthews to approve Grant #724 Arrowhead Neuroscience Foundation 24-month no-cost grant extension.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES 5 Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

2. Grant #875 Desert AIDS Project – Consideration to approve the third and final year budget proposal for The Dock (STD Clinic).

David Brinkman, CEO, Desert AIDS Project gave a presentation of The Dock – STD Clinic that included the number of HIV-positive residents in the Coachella Valley, marketing campaigns, budget updates, and moving forward in the third year of the grant-funded project.

**#17-50 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Wortham and seconded by Director Matthews to approve Grant #875 Desert AIDS Project third and final year budget proposal for The Dock – STD Clinic.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES 5 Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Program Committee – Chairman Vice-President Hazen  
No meeting in June
2. FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, REAL ESTATE, AND LEGAL COMMITTEE - Director Matthews
  - a. Consideration to approve District May 2017 Financial Statements
    - Director Matthews provided an overview of the May 2017 Financial Statements.

**#17-51 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the May 2017 Financial Statements.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES**           **5**   **Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES:**           **0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

b. Consideration to approve adopting the AIR Commercial Lease Agreement for the Las Palmas Medical Plaza.

- Director Matthews provided a brief description of Las Palmas Medical Plaza and the AIR Commercial Lease Agreement.

**#17-52 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by President Rogers to approve the AIR Commercial Lease Agreement for the Las Palmas Medical Plaza. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES**           **5**   **Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES:**           **0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**2. HOSPITAL GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Director Zendle provided the details of the most recent Committee meeting explaining that the Board adopted policy to create the Committee to centralize comments from the public and the Board's review of the Tenet Lease. The Committee in conjunction with Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center will also review hospital issues to ensure lease compliance.

- Stephanie Salters, RN stated that capital spending might assist in addressing the hospital standards, seismic issues, and equipment throughout the hospital.

**4. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT EXPANSION**

a.       **Funding Source for East Valley Annexation/Expansion Discussion**

- Herb K. Schultz, CEO described the aspects of his Staff Update to the Board detailing the discussions of the four funding source options for the East Valley Annexation/Expansion.



**ABSENT:  
Motion Passed 5-0**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. West Valley Homelessness Initiative
  - Herb K. Schultz, CEO described the West Valley Homelessness Initiative.
  - Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer, outlined the System Components, Time Sensitivity, and Recommended Matches of the Initiative.
  - Steve Brown, Councilmember, City of Coachella is considering a contribution to Initiative and the benefits of the wraparound services, but since it is a collective fund, the fund should be open to all cities in the Valley.
  - Tom Kirk, Executive Director, CVAG stated that the Initiative coincides with the Strategic Plan, the East Valley may have to split their contribution among various agencies in the east and recommends that any funding to the East Valley is matched dollar for dollar. Mr. Kirk also stated that the Aqua Caliente Band of Indians are a part of CVAG, they have not contributed in the past, but there is current interest that the Aqua Caliente Band of Indians will contribute to the fund; thus, Mr. Kirk encouraged the Board and Staff to reach out to the Aqua Caliente Band of Indians.
  - Geoff Kors, Councilmember, City of Palm Springs thanked the Board for their leadership. Councilmember Korrs explained the mental health housing crisis team and case management and employment services that were established last year outlining the positive aspects of the services.
  - Rabbi Lazar, Temple Isaiah, representing a vast clergy throughout the Valley explained that the community the homeless is part of the community's health issues. Rabbi Lazar explained that financial resources are not available, but other resources are obtainable such as human resources and facility resources.
  - Greg Rodriguez, Legislative Assistant, Supervisor V. Manuel Perez thanked the homeless advocates in attendance and explained the county's funding procedure for Roy's Desert Resource Center. Mr. Rodriguez also explained the new criteria for HUD funding, and Path of Life Ministries contracted work with the county outside of the Coachella Valley.
  - Betty Sanchez, Councilmember, City of Coachella expressed her support for the Initiative explaining that the Initiative may alleviate some of the homelessness in the East and for the Board to consider the matches.
  - Linda Barrack, Executive Director, Martha's Village & Kitchen explained that the organization services many of the homeless, and described how the west continues to

serve the homeless in the east. Ms. Barrack also described preventative services for the homeless.

- Tom Cox, CVRM described that emergency shelter, brick and mortar, rapid re-housing, and vocational training is missing from the dialogue and he recommends emergency shelters to begin housing.
- Vice-President Hazen explained that when the collective fund was established, the purpose was to form short and long-term goals. The long-term goals align with the brick and mortar for sustainable funding, including prevention and permanent housing solutions efforts.
- Director Zendle stated that more public education is necessary for the public to combat the misinformation on homelessness.

**#17-54 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by Director Wortham to fully fund the West Valley Homelessness Initiative collective fund in the amount of \$2M, which includes all funding availability for future matches. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES**           **5**   **Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES:**         **0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**1. Three Year Strategic Plan**

- Herb K. Schultz, CEO provided an overview of the Strategic Plan and introduced Rafael Gomez, Consultant, Pacific Health Consulting Group.
- Mr. Gomez, recapped the Strategic Plan process since its inception in late February. The Priorities and Community Focus Areas were also described by Mr. Gomez.
- Mr. Schultz detailed the Strategic Plan beginning with the history, transformation, role of the CEO, and the Board recommendations.
- Director Zendle recommends including the development of the re-districting to One Coachella Valley, and the inclusion of leadership to Community Health and Wellness outcomes.



- Director Wortham suggests changing the title of the Executive Vice President in the Infrastructure and Organizational Staffing Plan to Chief Program Officer.
- Director Hazen requested a motion to approve the Strategic Plan on the condition that the new Health Policy Analyst position is grant-funded, and upon the condition of securing grant funding for a portion of the half-time position.

**#17-55 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Wortham and seconded by President Rogers to approve the Three Year Strategic Plan and accompanying Infrastructure and Organizational Plan on the condition that the new Health Policy Analyst position is grant-funded, and upon the condition of securing grant funding for a portion of the half-time position.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES                    5    Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews;  
Vice-President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES:                    0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. **FY 17-18 Annual Budget**
  - Chris Christensen, CFO/COO explained the details of the Annual Budget. Services and Facilities change from Hospital Lease.
  - Director Wortham wishes to recuse herself from items related to Riverside County or Loma Linda (i.e. The NEOPB budget and related position).
  - President Rogers suggested doubling the amount for outside facilities, programs and services.
  - Director Hazen stated that she does not support the provision of full coverage of health benefits for Directors and requested pulling the benefits for a separate discussion and to allow for approval of the budget. In addition, Director Hazen prefers a stipend that legislation permits. A motion was made for a separate vote to not approve the policy around the provision of healthcare benefits for Board members as defined in the budget.
  - Director Zendle requested that Staff reviews stipends for Directors and report the findings to the Board before the end of the calendar year.

**#17-56 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by Director Zendle to not approve the provision of healthcare benefits for Board members as defined in the FY17-18 Annual Budget.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES 1 Vice-President Hazen**

**NOES: 2 President Rogers; Director Matthews**

**ABSTAIN: 2 Director Wortham, Director Zendle**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Failed 2-1**

**#17-57 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by Director Zendle to carve out the NEOPB grant program and related position from the FY 17-18 Annual Budget as a separate vote.**

**Director Wortham recused herself from the vote and left the room.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**#17-58 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by President Rogers to approve the FY 17-18 Budget.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES 5 Director Zendle; Director Wortham; Director Matthews; Vice- President Hazen; President Rogers**

**NOES: 1 Director Matthews**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed 4-1**

**LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS & REPORTS**

None

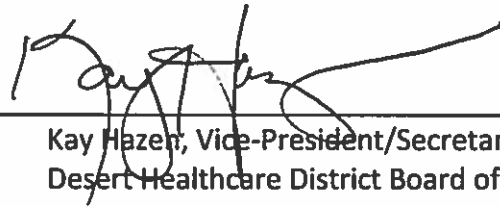
**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS & REPORTS**

Director Matthews requested that Staff invite Tenet to give a presentation on the facility issues at Desert Regional Medical Center at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



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

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