

RAP FOUNDATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPROVED MINUTES

9:00 A.M. Wednesday, April 27, 2016

66-101 Hammond Road and 667 N. Lovekin Blvd.
Mecca, CA 92254 Blythe, CA 92225

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** by Mark Moran, Chair at 9:08 AM.
Present: Joe Hayes, Craig Borba, Rose Mary Ortega, Ricardo Loretta, Annica Meza- Dawe, Jan Pye, Beatriz Gonzalez, Tricia Gehrlein, Van Tanner and Michelle DeArmond.
Excused absence: Claudia Galvez, Brandy Cox, Ann Dew, Bill Kroonen.
Absent: Larry Parrish, Rudy Gutierrez.
- II. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** None
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS** - No public present.
- Collaborating for Clients** - Heather Vaikona – 15 minutes
Heather Vaikona presented a power point which included first year’s accomplishments and next year’s milestones.
- IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the March 23, 2016 Minutes. Receive and file the Grant, TAP, CVYL and CEO Reports as submitted.
- Motion: to approve staff recommendation. Second: V. Tanner Approved:11 Opposed: 0
Abstention Name(s): 0
- A. MEETINGS MINUTES of March 23, 2016 Board meeting (Attach. #1)- Action Required**
- B. GRANT/ PROGRAM OFFICER REPORT (Attach. #2)– Receive and File.**
- C. TAP/ PROGRAM OFFICER REPORT (attach. #3)– Receive and File.**
- D. Coachella Valley Youth Leadership (CVYL) written report and link to video (attach. #4)– Receive and File.**
- E. CEO’s REPORT (attach. #5)– Receive and File.**
- V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action Items**
- A. FINANCIAL REPORTS- Action Required**
1. Attachment #6 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Balance Sheet, Schedule of approved grants for current fiscal year. Stuart McClain is available to address questions.
- Staff Recommendation:* Accept the Financial reports.

Motion: J. Pye to approve staff recommendation Second: R. Loretta Approved: 11
Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

B. New Funding Requests – \$12,680 - Action Required

1. Mental Health Initiative Early Intervention Request For Proposal Respondent (s)

Safe Schools Desert Cities requesting \$12, 680

Safe Schools serves youth with Gay, Straight Alliance Clubs (GSA's) from 14 high schools and 3 middle schools at CVUSD, PSUSD and DSUSD. Fifty youth will attend an LGBTQI Youth Empowerment & Leadership Summit. This will be an annual weekend outdoor camping experience at a YMCA camp site with a focus on leadership, personal enrichment, resilience and community.

The Grants Review Committee interviewed the applicant on March 14 and again on April 21 to address questions and concerns regarding supervision, location, programming and liability. At the April 21 Grants Review Committee meeting, the applicant provided a presentation to respond to the concerns as well as a written supplemental to the original submitted proposal.

Grants Review Committee Recommendation: Approve funding for the full amount requested, \$12,680. Additionally, applicant is encouraged to seek TAP services for grant writing education opportunity and UCR Extension – Non Profit Management Certification course.

Motion: V. Tanner to approve the Grants Review Committee Recommendation Second: T. Gehrlein Approved: 12 – C. Borba voted on behalf of A. Dew (proxy provided) Opposed: 0
Abstention Name(s):A. Meza Dawe.

C. Small Grant Funding Request – \$5,000 Action Required

1. ACT for MS requesting \$5,000

ACT for MS currently serves 90 clients with MS and works closely with local Foundations and Medical Community to assist these individuals to manage living with MS through such examples as strength training, aquatics, mobility assistance, etc. This request is to fund costs associated with upgrading their computer equipment, and software. Existing technology does not meet the current needs and applicant is looking to upgrade. A recent DHCD grant was awarded to ACT for MS for the ability to serve more clients and build capacity as well as the applicant working with HARC to establish measurement to track the progress of improvement for the clients living with MS. The request for funding will assist in the cost to purchase the necessary technology for current and future needs as the organization grows.

Grants Review Committee Recommendation: Approve funding for the full amount requested, \$5,000. The funding to be awarded under the TAP budget because it is technology upgrade.

Motion: T. Gehrlein to approve the Grants Review Committee Recommendation Second: R. Ortega Approved: 11 Opposed: J. Hayes Abstention Name(s): 0

2. American Red Cross (ARC) Coachella Valley/Morongo Basin – Reconsideration of \$5,000 request Action Required

At the January 27, 2016 Board meeting, the Board approved \$5,000 for calendar year 2016. However, a donor stepped forward to provide sufficient funding which resulted in the RAP

Board rescinding the grant approval at the March 23 Board meeting. ARC has notified RAP staff that the donor has decided to restrict funding to the Morongo Valley area only. ARC is requesting a reconsideration of the previously approved \$5,000 for the Coachella Valley.

Grants Review Committee Recommendation: Approve original funding awarded at \$5,000 for the time period of May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017.

Motion: T. Gehrlein to approve Grants Review Committee Recommendation Second: R. Ortega
Approved: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

D. Program Payments - \$17,500– Action Required

1. **Colorado River Senior Center** 3rd of 4 payments **\$10,000**
Grantee serves primarily senior aged residents of the Colorado River community with healthy activities such as ‘Fit Over Fifty’, annual health fair, congregate lunch meal in partnership with RC Office on Aging, and a monthly Commodities program.
2. **Gilda’s Club** 2nd of 4 payments **\$7,500**
Grantee under Mental Health Initiative 2015.2, is in partnership with four cancer service organizations for the ‘Better Together for Community’ program brings public awareness to their respective programs and services via websites information enhancement, social media and other strategic media. The partnership does outreach programs to educate the Coachella Valley residents of available resources with emphasis on mental health services. In addition, two targeted groups were identified for focused outreach on resources, African- American community and east valley Hispanic community.

Staff Recommendation: The Grants Manager is recommending the two payments to be issued.

Motion: J. Hayes to approve Staff Recommendation Second: C. Borba Approved: 11
Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

VI. NEW BUSINESS- Information Items

- A. Presentation of RAP website update - Stuart McClain
- B. Presentation of IECapaciteria – Stuart McClain
- C. Oct. 26th Nonprofit Conference and Desert Fast Pitch– L. De Lara
- D. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the County- RAP agreement on March 29. – L. De Lara

VII. COMMITTEES

- A. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – no meeting in April and next meeting TBD.**
- B. **NOMINATION COMMITTEE – will meet in early Fall.**
- C. **MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE- meets monthly.**
- D. **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – Will meet next on May 18 and plans to present a Strategic Plan at May 25 RAP board meeting.**
- E. **GRANTS COMMITTEE- met on April 21 and again in mid May.**
- F. **AUDIT COMMITTEE - meeting TBD.**
- G. **FINANCE - INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – next meeting scheduled for May 25**
- H. **POLICIES PROCEDURES/PROCESS & BYLAWS COMMITTEE – meeting TBD**

VIII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Dr. Carreon Foundation Banquet on May 20th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in La Quinta. Please notify Mireya if you are available to join us at the RAP sponsored tables. Planning to attend: Annica, Mark, Bea, Rosemary and Van.

J. Pye mentioned that staff should review MIS 365 software if RAP or other nonprofits need to purchase software because of low cost for individuals and possibly for professional.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Properties

APN 625-121-005

APN 624-290-001

APN 682-320-001 and 682-320-002

M. Moran stated “no reportable action taken” at closed session.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held at **8:00 A.M. on May 25 at 73-710 Fred Waring Suite 115 Palm Desert. It will be a Strategic Planning meeting 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**

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