



BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPROVED MINUTES

9:00 A.M. Wednesday February 22, 2017

73-710 Fred Waring Suite 115 Palm Desert, CA 92260

667 N. Lovekin Blvd. Blythe, CA 92225

I. CALL TO ORDER- Roll Call *Present: Chairman Mark Moran, Vice-Chair Craig Borba, Treasurer Jan Pye, Secretary Rosemary Ortega, Amber Amaya, Ann Dew, Annica Meza-Dawe, Beatriz Gonzalez, Claudia Galvez, Joe Hayes, Larry Parrish, Michelle DeArmond, Mike Gialdini, Ricardo Loretta, Rudy Gutierrez, Tori St. Johns, Tricia Gehrlein, Van Tanner, Anayeli Zavala.*

Excused Absences: Bill Kroonen and Brandy Cox.

II. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - *None*

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

Welcome our four new board members: Tori, Anayeli, Amber and Mike. The four new members introduced themselves.

Safe House of the Desert presentation on “What’s Up?” application

Danielle Gross and Maribel Pimentel - They provided an update on the application; recent successes and staffing issues. Addressed questions from board members.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Action Required

Staff Recommendation: Approve the January 25, 2017 Minutes. Receive and file the Grant, CNA, CEO Reports and Financials as submitted.

Motion: to Approve staff recommendation by J. Hayes Second: C. Borba Approved: 15

Opposed: Abstention Name(s): A. Amaya, M. Gialdini, A. Zavala and T. S.

- A. MEETINGS MINUTES of January 25, 2017 Board meeting (attach. #1)
- B. GRANT/ PROGRAM OFFICER REPORT (attach. #2) – Receive and File.
- C. CENTER FOR NONPROFIT (CNA) Report (attach. #3) - Receive and File.
- D. CEO’s REPORT (attach. #4) – Receive and File. *C. Borba asked about the City of Palm Desert presentation and the Desert Legal Assn. meeting.*
- E. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Receive and File Draft Financials up to Jan. 31, 2017 (attach. #5)

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May be Required

A. Update on new building improvements - No Action Required

1. Phase I and II improvements

B. New Funding Request- Action Required

In response to the Mental Health 2016-02 RFP, nine applications were advanced to Stage 2. Of the nine, only eight received the minimum rating from the Reviewers and were advanced. The Grants Committee is in the process of evaluating proposals, interviewing applicants and recommending funding decisions. However, they decided to make a recommendation on one of the eight because of timing. The other seven will be ready for action at the next board meeting.

1. The Coachella Valley High School (CVHS) Health Academy (Attach. # 6) \$16,742.00

The request is to host a symposium, "Our Business of Mental Health," on March 8 at CSUSB Palm Desert Campus from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The goal is to reduce the stigma of mental illness and featured on billboards, bus shelters, radio and TV in April and May.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee consisting of board members: C. Borba, V. Tanner, T. Gehrlein and R. Ortega interviewed CVHS faculty member assigned to the project, Simon Moore, along with several health academy students. Mr. Moore informed the committee that the amount of the request may decrease because he and his students are trying to get as many items donated as possible. The Committee is recommending RAP sponsor the event at \$5,000 and also provide a small grant of \$4,000 to cover the cost of travel for the students to attend the HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) training later in the year and \$1500 for contracting with HARC for evaluation. The total amount of \$10,500 should be drawn from the Golden Voice donation of \$96,799.66.

Motion: To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation by J. Hayes Second: T. Gehrlein
Approved: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

A. Request to sponsor the HUE Music and Arts Festival \$5,000– Action Required

This event will take place on April 8 at the Mecca Community Park. The event is organized by students participating in the Youth Organizing Council in eastern Coachella Valley. "This free music and art festival is an opportunity for local bands and artists to perform and share their art. We want to bring our culture back to the community with our favorite food, music, and art." (See attach. #7)

RAP sponsored the HUE event which took place in the City of Coachella in 2015 for \$5,000. However, they did not expend the full funds and used the remaining \$2,500 for the event in 2016 and acknowledged RAP as a sponsor once again.

Motion: A. Dew to approve \$2500 after applicant provides verification that they have all the County permits needed, including Environmental Health. Also, to use the Golden Voice funding. Second: T. Gehrlein Approved: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): A. Amaya recused herself and left the room during discussion and vote.

B. Request to sponsor the Galilee Sixth Annual Angels Dinner \$1,250 (attach. #8) – Action Required

This event will take place March 4 at the Indian Wells Country Club. All proceeds to be used to fund the operations at the Galilee Center in Mecca. RAP had not been asked to sponsor event in the past.

Motion: To approve the corrected amount requested, \$1250, by R. Loretta Second: L. Parrish Approved: 18 Opposed: A. Meza-Dawe Abstention Name(s): 0

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS– No Action

- A. Annual Conference update
- B. Reminder that Conflict of Interest Forms are past due.
- C. Submit Form 700 by March 15.
- D. Annual Strategic Planning meeting for March 22 (8 AM- 1 PM).

VII. COMMITTEES

- A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Will meet March 6 at 3:30 PM.
- B. NOMINATION COMMITTEE
- C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE- Will meet on Feb. 23.
- D. GRANTS COMMITTEE- Met on Feb. 15.

- E. AUDIT COMMITTEE – Scheduled for March immediately after RAP Board meeting.
- F. FINANCE - INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – Met on Jan. 23. Next meeting TBD
- G. POLICIES PROCEDURES/PROCESS & BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Will meet in late Feb. or early March to review Bylaws.
- H. CENTER FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT (CNA) – Will meet monthly.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

CNA Membership Mixer February 22, 2017 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Soul of Mexico 44100 Jefferson St. Indio

Thank you to Brandman University for donating “slightly used” chairs and tables to RAP.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by A. Zavala Second: C. Borba Approved: 19
Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held at 8:00 A.M. on March 22, 2017 at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Ste. 115 Palm Desert.

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