



BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPROVED MINUTES

8:00 AM March 22, 2017

41550 Eclectic Street Palm Desert, CA 92260 and 667 N. Lovekin Blvd. Blythe, CA 92225

- I. CALL TO ORDER- Roll Call Present: Vice Chair Craig Borba, Secretary Rosemary Ortega, Treasurer Jan Pye arrived at 8:24, Amber Amaya, Ann Dew, Annica Dawe, Beatrice Gonzalez arrived at 8:24, Joe Hayes, Larry Parrish, Michelle DEArmond, Mike Gialdini, Ricardo Loretta, Tori St. Johns, Van Tanner, Bill Kroonen, Anayeli Zavala.**
Excused Absence: Claudia Galvez, Mark Moran, Rudy Gutierrez, Tricia Gehrlein.
Absent: Brandy Cox,

II. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - NONE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS - NONE

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Action Required

Staff Recommendation: Approve the February 22, 2017 Minutes. Receive and file the Grant, CNA, CEO Reports and Financials as submitted.

*Motion: A. Dew to approve staff recommendation Second: B. Kroonen Approved: 14 Opposed: 0
Abstention Name(s): 0*

A. MEETINGS MINUTES of February 22, 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.

E. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Receive and File Draft Financials up to February 28, 2017 (attach. #5)

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action Required

A. 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 to the Grants Committee for a recommendation. One of the eight, CVHS Health Academy’s request was approved at the Feb. 22 RAP board meeting, leaving seven requests to be considered by the Board.

Stuart McClain will provide a Summary of MH Budget (**Attach. #6**), allocations to date, potential Performance Grant requests and misc. for the remainder of the fiscal year 2016-2017 and the impact on current pending requests.

1. ABC Recovery Center, Inc. (Attach. # 7) \$75,000

For over 50 years, ABC Recovery Center has provided a full continuum of care for clients struggling with substance abuse, regardless of ability to pay. In the proposed program, ABC plans to use an evidence-based program to provide clients with mental health treatment integrated into their substance abuse treatment.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee consisting of board members: C. Borba, V. Tanner, T. Gehrlein and R. Ortega interviewed Christopher Yingling, CEO and Kevin Koffler,

Clinical Director from ABC Recovery on Feb. 15. The Committee is recommending that the Board approve a grant of \$75,000.

*Motion: V. Tanner to approve the Grants Committee Recommendation Second: A. Dew
Approved: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0*

2. Jewish Family Services (JFS) of the Desert (Attach. #8) \$110,826

The program integrates JFS senior care and mental health services, ensuring seniors have broader access to mental health assessments and treatment. Clients receiving senior care services and participating in their socialization program will have access to mental health awareness and treatment. JFS will coordinate senior services with a valley-wide coalition.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The committee interviewed Maureen Foreman, Exec. Director, Judy Cressman, Dir. Of Development and Ken Katz, Fund Development on Feb. 15. They are recommending that the Board approve a grant of \$89,816 (option 2) because the agency evaluation component will not be included due to the participating agencies in the valley-wide coalition's lack of capacity.

*Motion: J. Pye to approve the Grants Committee Recommendation Second: V. Tanner
Approved: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0*

3. UCR School of Medicine (Attach. #9) \$66,063

The psychiatry training program at the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine places an emphasis on diverse and eclectic training opportunities in the full breadth of psychiatry, including psychotherapy and pharmacology. Residents are encouraged to grow academically by participating in advocacy, community outreach, and research.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee (minus T. Gehrlie, who recused herself from the interview, discussion and vote due to a Conflict of Interest) interviewed Dr. John Luo, Program Director of the Psychiatry Residency and are recommending to the Board to approve \$66,063 to create an "Eastern Valley Riverside County Track" with the hope of recruiting local youth and growing our own mental health professionals in future years.

Motion: J. Pye to table the item to allow the Grants Committee to address five questions from the Board to the applicant. Second: A. Meza Dawe Approved: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

4. American Red Cross (Attach. #10) \$22,000

"Reconnection Workshops" offer a safe, confidential forum to aid those returning to civilian life from military deployment, by providing individual/small group discussions which create positive reunions among family members and successful reengagement to society. Topics covered include: managing anger; supporting children; building communication; reconnecting with others; diagnosing PTSD; TBI; etc.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee interviewed Lois Beckman, Executive Director, Bryan Daly, Director of Major Gifts, and Courtney Norton, Service to the Armed Forces Specialist. They are recommending that the Board approve a grant of \$22,000 to duplicate a successful model in other regions in the Coachella Valley

*Motion: J. Hayes to approve the Grants Committee Recommendation but to verify that applicant has an MOU with the Veteran's Dept. and Veteran's of Foreign Wars Second: V. Tanner
Approved: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0*

5. Mizell Senior Center (Attach. # 11) \$75,000

“A Matter of Balance” - Managing Concerns About Falls is an evidence based Cognitive Behavior Model based upon research at the Roybal Institute at Boston University. The eight session course addresses the fear of falling among seniors and how that fear can be overcome to reduce isolation, depression, and inactivity.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee (minus C. Borba, who recused himself from the interview, discussion and vote due to a Conflict of Interest) interviewed Jack Newby, Director of Development and Suzanne Spencer, Program Director to address questions on the program they would like to expand to focus on the seniors in eastern Coachella Valley. The committee is recommending a grant of \$75,000.

*Motion: R. Loretta to approve the Grants Committee Recommendation Second: > Parrish
Approved: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): C. Borba left the room and did not participate in the discussion or vote due to his conflict of interest.*

6. Path of Life Ministries (POLM) (Attach. #12) \$185,652

Mobile Connections-Assertive Community Treatment Team with Peer Support. POLM will enhance a mobile behavioral health program (Mobile Connections) by creating an Assertive Community Treatment Team composed of current therapists, case managers, and employment support, and new peer support, benefits specialists, and medical personnel to establish a continuum of care around our homeless housing clients in eastern Riverside County.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee interviewed Janice Rooths, Vice-President of Development and Marketing and Michelle Green-Leary, Director of Behavioral Health. The Committee is recommending to not fund at this time. They would like to see the pilot project currently underway with more results before moving forward with implementing it throughout the CV. They would also like the MH component to be developed further. Additionally, there is an anticipated impact by the closure of Roy’s Homeless Shelter which is not fully known yet.

*Motion: J. Hayes to support the Grants Committee’s Recommendation not to fund. Second: A. Dew
Approved: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0*

7. Riverside University Health System (Attach. #13)– Public Health \$110,636.14

RUHS-PH seeks to decrease stigma on seeking mental health services and foster a sustainable suicide safer community within the City of Blythe. This will be accomplished by:

- Providing evidence based suicide intervention training to school and district staff, law enforcement personnel, emergency medical service providers, and social service agencies.
- Engage parenting adults through bilingual presentations on the signs and symptoms of teen suicide as well as information on mental health resources.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee interviewed Rebecca Antillon, Program Coordinator II, Injury Prevention Services. The Committee recommends to the Board not to fund at this time. Instead they would like the Board to invite the applicant to resubmit a revised program and budget for training. They suggest that the request be for no more than \$30,000 and preferably a Blythe agency/organization or a County staff member assigned to Blythe be identified to be a trainer and train the community.

*Motion: B. Kroonen not to fund the request. Second: A. Dew Approved: 15 Opposed: 0
Abstention Name(s): M. DEArmond left the room before the discussion and returned after the
vote was complete due to a conflict of interest.*

VI. Strategic Planning Session

Introduce Debra Williams, Facilitator

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS– No Action

A. Reminder that Conflict of Interest Forms are past due.

B. Submit Form 700 by March 15.

VIII. COMMITTEES - No Action

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Met March 6. Next meeting TBD.

B. NOMINATION COMMITTEE- Will meet in the Fall 2017.

C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE- Will meet on April 6 in Blythe.

D. GRANTS COMMITTEE- Met on Feb. 15 and 28. Next meeting TBD.

E. AUDIT COMMITTEE – Scheduled for March immediately after RAP Board meeting.

F. FINANCE - INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – Next meeting TBD

G. POLICIES PROCEDURES/PROCESS & BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Will meet in late March to review Bylaws and make a recommendation for the April Board meeting.

H. CENTER FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT (CNA) – Will meet monthly.

IX. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

A. RAP will be moving out of our current office on March 30 and 31.

B. Senior Inspiration Luncheon on March 24 11:30 -1:30 at the Desert Springs Marriot in Palm Desert.

C. First Foundation Bank presented RAP with a \$1,000 check earlier this month for their annual contribution.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held at **9:00 A.M.** on April 26, 2017 at 41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert.

Motion to adjourn ty V. Tanner and second by J. Pye. Approved: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0