


BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPROVED MINUTES
9:00 AM March 28, 2018
41550 Eclectic Street Palm Desert, CA 92260

- I. CALL TO ORDER-at 9:05 AM Roll Call: C. Borba (acting Chair), A. Amaya, A. Dew, B. Kroonen, B. Gonzalez, M. Gialdini, J. Pye, L. Parrish, T. St. Johns, R. Loretta, V. Tanner, A. Zavala, E. Romero (arrived 9:10), V. Hudson, P. Cooper.**
Excused absence: R. Gutierrez, C. Galvez, J. Hayes, M. Moran, R. Ortega
- II. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA -None**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS**
SafeHouse of the Desert's Maribel Pimentel made a presentation and addressed questions from board.
Overview of presentation:
**In 2017 there were 685 texters (15 repeat); 16,663 texts exchanged: 678% increase in usage from previous year: 3 predominant concerns: Depression, Anxiety, Relationship Issues; 30.7% of texters were given referrals to Shelters, Regular Counseling, Extracurricular activity organizations/other resources; 71.5% of texters reported support was helpful: 71% of texters location remains unknown. Texters from the areas excluding unknown 71%.
Riverside Area 29%, Coachella Valley 56% and Blythe 15%.
In Jan. 2018 there were 271 individuals helped.**
- IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Action Required**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the February 28, 2018 Minutes. Receive and file the Grant, CNA, CEO Reports and Financials as submitted.
- Motion: B. Kroonen to accept Staff Recommendation. Second: V. Tanner Approved: 14**
Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0
- A. MEETINGS MINUTES** of February 28, 2018 Board meeting (attach. #1)
 - B. GRANT/ PROGRAM OFFICER REPORT** (attach. #2) – Receive and File.
 - C. CEO’s REPORT** (attach. #3) – Receive and File.
 - D. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Receive and File Draft Financials up to February 28, 2018** (attach. #4)
- V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action Required**
- A. Resolution No. 2018-05 Resolution of Regional Access Project Foundation, Inc. Amending the Functions of Responsibilities of the Secretary** (attach. #5)- Action Required
The Governance Committee provided input and forwarded this resolution for the full board to consider adopting.

Staff Recommendation: The board to adopt Resolution No. 2018-05.

Motion: A. Dew to accept Staff Recommendation Second: B. Kroonen Approved: 15
Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0
 - B. Resolution No. 2018-06 Resolution of Regional Access Project Foundation, Inc. Amending the Functions of Responsibilities of the Treasurer** (attach. 6) - Action Required
The Governance Committee provided input and forwarded this resolution for the full board to consider adopting.

Staff Recommendation: The board to adopt Resolution No. 2018-06.

**Motion: V. Tanner to accept Staff Recommendation. Second: B. Kroonen Approved: 15
Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0**

C. GRANTS and SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS – Action Required

Review of Annual Allocations and current grants budget – Stuart McClain

1. GRANTS

In response to the Mental Health Initiative 2017-02 Request for Proposal (Prevention/early Intervention for ages 6 to 18) released Oct. 18 four applications were advanced to Stage 2. Only 3 of the 4 received the minimum rating from the Reviewers and were advanced to the Grants Committee for consideration. The Grants Committee consisting of C. Borba, M. Gialdini, A. Zavala, R. Ortega, V. Tanner.

a. Jewish Family Services (JFS) of the Desert \$50,000 (Attachment #7)
Mindfully Resilient Pilot Program is a collaborative effort between JFS, One Future CV, SafeHouse of the Desert, CV and Indio High School Health Academies. It will demonstrate how community partners can support health academy teachers and train student leaders to embed mental health education and resource information into existing curriculum. It will establish a student peer-to-peer support and education component.

Interviewed was: Maureen Forman, LCSW, Executive Director, Jewish Family Services.

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve \$40,000. The committee felt that the transportation and marketing costs could be negotiated to reduce cost.

Motion: L. Parrish to approve the Grants Committee Recommendation. Second: B. Kroonen Approved: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

b. California State University San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus (CSUSB-PD) \$30,000.00 (Attach. #8)

Palm Desert Campus Neurofeedback Center is an expanding program which helps children and adults who are not functioning at their highest possible levels due to mental or physical health challenges. Neurofeedback uses cutting-edge technology and proven counseling techniques to challenge the brain function better to support positive mental health. The focus is for children and youth use of Neurofeedback as an alternative approach to traditional therapy.

The \$30,000 request was for two years. The amount was reduced to \$15,000 for one year with the possibility of submitting a Performance Grant for year 2.

Interviewed was: Shawn Shepherd, Director of Fund Development.

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve \$10,000 which would be contingent on the applicant collaborating with a partner agency which can bill for medical or other insurance.

Motion: V. Tanner to accept the Grants Committee Recommendation. Second: A. Dew Approved: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

c. Community Partners Request for \$19,974.00 (Attach. #9)

Per RAP Board Code of Ethics Policy: Disclosure of Conflict of Interest- board member Amber Amaya is the Program Manager with Coachella Unincorporated which is using Community Partners as their Fiscal Agent for this proposal.

This project will develop a cohort of young women, ages 15-18, from the eastern Coachella Valley to develop storytelling skills to better tell the narrative of their lives as they navigate mental health challenges including, but not limited to, depression, anxiety, relationship issues and childhood trauma.

Interviewed: Young Women's Storytelling Representative – Paulina Rojas, Coachella Unincorporated Program Coordinator and Reporter and Tim Haydock, Youthwire Director

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve \$14,000, excluding the amount allocated for the CV Program Manager and Editor.

Motion: B. Kroonen to accept the Grants Committee Recommendation. Second: A. Zavala
Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0
Board member A. Amaya left the room before discussion and returned after the vote was taken.

2. SPONSORSHIP-

a. The Unforgettables Request for \$5,000.00 (Attach. #10)

The 5th Annual Child and Families Crises Conference Series provides timely education, instruction, and inspirational topics. The event will take place on April 18 at CSUSB-PD Campus.

Interviewed was: Tim Evans, Founder/CEO

Grants Committee Recommendation: The board to approve \$2,500 from the Prevent Child Abuse CV funding restricted to education/training for families to reduce child abuse.

Motion: A. Dew to accept the Grants Committee Recommendation. Second: A. Amaya
Approved: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

VI. Informational Items – No Action Required

A. Board Assessment

RAP staff has revised the McKinsey and Company Organizational Capacity Assessment Tool (OCAT) to assess RAP's board. We are asking each board member to complete this survey which should take between 30- 60 minutes. Please submit by April 6. We will share the results at the April 25 Board Strategic Planning meeting.

B. Results Based Accountability (RBA)

RBA is a disciplined way of thinking and taking action uses by communities to improve the lives of children, families and the community as a whole. RBA is used by agencies to improve the performance of their programs. The two key principles are:

1. Starting with ends, working backwards to means.
2. Data-driven, transparent decision making.

On March 22, the Executive Committee listened to an overview presentation by Heather Vaikona, Director of Lift To Rise. Also, they listened to Krystal Granados, the Executive Director of the United Way of the Desert (UWD), who provided first-hand experience of the UWD's decision to adopt the RBA framework for funding decisions. Also, the process they undertook to reach the point of implementation.

The Executive Committee is interested in learning more about RBA before taking it to the full board for consideration. They have directed staff to introduce this topic for discussion at the Grants Review Committee.

Vice-Chair C. Borba stated that if we adopts RBA, he wants HARC to be included in future trainings. Board members E. Romero and B. Gonzales share their experience with RBA and expressed support for adopting it in the future.

C. Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) Letter of Support

The DHCD requested a Letter of Support of their efforts to expand their current boundaries to encompass the entire Coachella Valley. The RAP board has expressed support of this expansion in the past. The letter was requested on March 22 and due by March 23 for submission for the March 27 Board of Supervisors meeting. (Attach. #11)

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS– Committees - No Action

- A. EXECUTIVE – Met on March 22. Minutes available attach. #12. Next meeting set for April 9 at 11 AM.
- B. NOMINATION - Tentatively to meet in October 2018.
- C. MENTAL HEALTH – Met on March 22. Minutes available, attach. #13.
- D. GRANTS - Met on March 12. Minutes available, attach. #14.
- E. GOVERNANCE – Next meeting TBD.
- F. FINANCE AND INVESTMENT – Met on January 19. Next meeting TBD.
- G. AUDIT – will meet late spring 2018 – TBD to review auditors
- H. FACILITIES- Met on February 28. Minutes Available, attach. #15. Next meeting on March 28, immediately following the Board Meeting.

I. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Thank you to Rosemary Ortega for her decision to name the RAP suite after her late husband, Carlos Ortega, the architect of RAP's formation. - **Unfortunately, Rosemary was unable to join us today.**

Senior Inspiration Awards on April 20 from 11:30 – 1:00 at the JW Marriot in Palm Desert.

CEO presented the Rotary Award which was presented at the Luncheon the day before. The event was very well done by Rotary.

Also, reminded everyone of the Galilee event at 3 PM later in the day.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held at 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM April 25, 2018 at 41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert.

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