



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260

March 22, 2023, 9:00 AM

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I. CALL TO ORDER- Roll Call

II. Approval of the AGENDA

In order to meet Brown Act requirements, items may be added to the agenda only upon decision by a majority of the Board of Directors to add the item because of a need for immediate action.

Motion: Second: Approved: Opposed: Abstention Name(s):

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

Any individual wishing to comment on the agenda or an item not on the agenda may do so by emailing Mreyes@RAPFoundation.org or calling in at the number above. All emailed comments must be received prior to 9:00 AM. Persons wishing to speak on general comments regarding non-agenda items will be called for at this time. Specific comments regarding agenda items will be called for during discussion of each item. Please be prepared to limit your Public Comment remarks to three (3) minutes.

Jake Wuest, Market President with First Bank – Overview of CV Giving Day Act For MS – Ann Grier

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: **Action Required**

- A. February 22, 2023 Board Meeting Draft Minutes (**Attach. #1**) - Receive and file.
- B. CEO Report (**Attach. #2**)- Receive and File
- C. Grant Manager's Report (**Attach. #3**)– Receive and File
- D. NPO Centric Report (**Attach. #4**) - Receive and File
- E. Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report – Receive and File (**Attach. #5**)

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the February 22, 2023 BOD Minutes, CEO, Grant Manager, NPO Centric Director and Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report.

Motion: Second: Approved: Opposed: Abstention Name(s):

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

A. Request from Desert Health Care District & Foundation (District) to sponsor the “A Night of Stars” - The event will recognize Promotoras and Community Workers on April 21 at the Agua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage. The event is not a fundraiser and the amount requested, \$10,000, will be used to offset the cost for the promotoras and community workers and their families.

Executive Committee Recommendation: For the Board to ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee to approve the request for \$10,000 to serve as Premier Level Sponsor.

Motion: Second: Approved: Opposed: Abstention Name(s):

B. Update the Conflict of Interest Policy – The Conflict of Interest Policy was approved Sept. 2022. Clarification is needed on the 2- hour Training on Ethics Every 2 years, per AB 1234, will be required.

ETHICS TRAINING

All members of the RAP Foundation Board of Directors will complete a two-hour course of training in ethics similar to that required of publicly elected officials (AB1234).

This training is required of all newly appointed Board members within one year of assuming a position on the Board and must be renewed thereafter every two years.

All Board members must be current with their AB1234 training in order to receive any reimbursement or stipends.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To require that all board members take the 2-hour Ethics Training every 2 years. Members may provide Certificate from other entities to satisfy this requirement.

Motion: Second: Approved: Opposed: Abstention Name(s):

C. Reallocation of \$100,000 from Performance Grants to Mental Health Request for Proposal – The Joint Request for Proposal by RAP and DHCD resulted in 45 LOIs, of which 30 have been invited to submit an application. RAP would like to increase the allocated amount by \$100,000 for a total of \$500,000. RAP has requested that DHCD consider matching RAP’s increase for a total of \$1M for this RFP.

Grants Committee Recommendation: To recommend reallocation of \$100,000 to the Mental Health RFP.

Motion: Second: Approved: Opposed: Abstention Name(s):

D. Desert Healthcare District as Voting Members for Health/Mental Health Grant

Grants Committee Recommendation: To allow Desert Healthcare District to be voting members during the Grants Review Committee for the Health/Mental Health applications

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Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

E. REVIEW OF GRANTS TRACKER: (Attach. #6)

F. GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS - Action Required

1. Small Grant Request:	Friends of the Braille Institute
Program:	<i>Low Vision Program</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Braille Institute Coachella Valley provides free Low Vision rehabilitation services including education, prevention, and disease management for those with vision impairment. Vision loss impacts emotional and physical health, including the ability to live independently, leading to more falls, fractures, hospital visits, and higher medical costs. This program consists of experienced, certified Low Vision Specialists/Occupational Therapists.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	79%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve their request for \$10,000 to be used for equipment only.

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Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

2. Small Grant Request	Beacon Foundation
Program:	<i>SMART Recovery Training and Meetings</i>
Requested Amount:	\$4,956
Beacon Foundation, through SMART Recovery, will partner to pay for training of new facilitators, buy handbooks for participants who cannot afford them, and pay a stipend to facilitators when starting new meetings. Populations that benefit are persons who have addictive behaviors. There were no SMART Recovery meetings in the Valley before the efforts of Beacon Foundation Board Members.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	73%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve their request for \$4,956 and award an NPO Centric Premium Local Membership.

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Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

3. Sponsorship Request:	Rotary Club of Indio
Program:	<i>Rotary Math Field Day for Middle School Children</i>
Requested Amount:	\$1,000

Rotary Math Field Day is a math competition for middle school children that has been in existence since 1994. This is the only math competition in the valley open to all middle school students attending public or private schools. The Indio Rotary event is an opportunity for students from the entire valley to come together and showcase their math skills and meet with other students. The award ceremony allows students to cheer and celebrate their schoolmates' accomplishments and show their school spirit.

Reviewer's Average Scores:	87%
Prior RAP Funding:	Math Field Day for Middle School Children 2017

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve their request for \$1,000.

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G. Draft Grants Flow Chart 2023 (Attach #7)- The Grants Review Process is being updated.

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve and file the Grants Flow Chart 2023

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H. Revisions for Mental Health Initiative Committee Structure: (Attach. #8)

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the revisions to Mental Health Initiative Committee Structure.

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I. The Board Chair will seek ideas from all board members on topics/trainings- What do board members want to be discussed/addressed in the future? This topic will be brought up regularly to respond to the Strategic Plan goal.

J. Peace from Chaos is requesting RAP to serve as their fiscal sponsor. **(Attach. #9)**

NPO Centric Recommendation: To serve as Fiscal Sponsor and authorize CEO to enter into agreement.

Motion: Second: Approved: Opposed: Abstention Name(s):

K. NPO Centric Workshop Proposed for May 4 from 9 AM –1 PM -The NPO Centric Business Plan is required to be presented to the Board before the end of the fiscal year. The NPO Centric Committee is proposing a 4- hour Board workshop to review the plan and provide input for the Committee to process and incorporate in their discussion planned for their May meeting.

NPO Centric Recommendation: For the Board to schedule a Board Workshop on May 4 from 9 AM – 1 PM to discuss the future direction of the program.

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- L. Consider supporting State of California Legislative Assembly and Senate Bills Identified as the “California Nonprofit Contracting Equity Initiative Package”: AB 433, AB, 590, AB 619, AB 696, AB 860, AB 885, SB 336, SB 557 ([Attach. # 10](#))

These Bills are being supported by Cal Nonprofits, and regional nonprofits. The goal is to have 500 nonprofits sign-on as supporters when the Bills are introduced to their respective Committees.

Executive Committee Recommendation: The Committee is scheduled to have a Special Meeting on March 22 at 8:00 AM. The Board Chair will report on a recommended action for the Board to consider.

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VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS- **No Action**

- a. **BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2023** ([Attach. #11](#))
- b. **Grants Committee:** Met on March. 13. Feb. 14 Minutes attached ([Attach. #12](#)). Next meeting: Special Meeting on April 11 at 9 AM.
- c. **Executive Committee:** Met on March 13. Approved Feb. 14, 2023, Minutes attached ([Attach. #13](#)). Next meeting April 17 at 9 AM.
- d. **Facilities Committee:** Met Dec. 7. Next Meeting on March 22.
- e. **Finance/Investment Committee.** Next Meeting on April 20 at 9 AM.
- f. **Mental Health Committee:** Next meeting March 16 at 2:30. Minutes for Jan. 19, 2023 attached ([Attach. #14](#)). Next meeting is set for April 20 at 2:30 PM.
- g. **NPO Centric Committee:** Met on March 15. Approved Feb. 15 Minutes ([Attach. #15](#)) Next meeting TBD.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Senior Inspiration Awards Luncheon to take place on March 30. If board members are interested in attending, please RSVP with Mireya so we can notify the Supervisor’s office how many seats we need.

NPO Centric Spring Social is on April 13, 2023, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at RAP.

The Annual Blythe Mental Health Summit will take place on May 15 from 10 AM – 1 PM- Will Have To Cancel/Reschedule the Committees set for that day.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting is on April 26, 2023, at 9 AM.

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