



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS **APPROVED MINUTES**

41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260

February 22, 2023, 9:00 AM

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:07 by J. Pye- Roll Call: J. Pye, S. Benoit, M. Blue, C. Borba, A. Dew, C. Galvez, M. Gialdini, M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez, J. Hayes, B. Kroonen, R. Ortega, E. Romero, T. St. Johns, V. Tanner, A. Wilson, K. Quintanilla, S. Perez- P. Cooper, Bea Gonzalez joined at 9:16.**

Excused Absence – R. Gutierrez, S. Loureiro

Staff Present: L. De Lara, M. Reyes, G. Montano, S. Garcia, K. Garcia, D. Morales.

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: V. Tanner to accept the agenda as is. Second: A. Dew Approved: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

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.

Act For MS – Ann Grier - ***Presenter did not attend and no public comments.***

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

- A.** January 25, 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)
- E.** Resolution 2023.06- Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings (Attach. #6) - In order to continue to have the flexibility to hold remote public meetings, AB 361 requires the public agency’s Board of Directors to pass a resolution re-ratifying the state of emergency and reauthorizing remote teleconference meetings on a monthly basis. The State of Emergency ends February 28.

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the January 25, 2023 BOD Minutes, CEO, Grant Manager, NPO Centric Director and Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report, Resolution 2023. 06.

Motion: C. Borba to accept Staff Recommendation. Second: M. Blue Approved: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

- A. Financials for period July 2022 – January 2023 (Attach.#7). The transition from the old Quick Books (QB) to the new QB has been completed. Budget to Actuals will be provided in the future.

Finance-Investment Committee Recommendation: For the Board to accept the July 2022 – January 2023 Financials.

Motion: C. Borba to accept Finance- Investment Committee Recommendation. Second: V. Tanner Approved: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

- B. Resolution No. 2023.07 (Attach. #8) To authorize additional user for Brex Credit Card – Action Required

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve Brex credit card for Diane Morales for Coachella Valley Healthy Living Grant

Motion: C. Borba to accept Finance- Investment Committee Recommendation. Second: V. Tanner Approved: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

- C. Board Members' Committee Assignments for 2023- (Attach. #9) - Information Only

Changes have been made to include board member A. Dew and S. Benoit to the Mental Health Committee, Vito Larson (non-board member) to the NPO Centric Committee, remove V. Tanner from the CPO Centric Committee (at his request) and add M. Blue to the Executive Committee.

D. Future staffing need for the Reception Desk- (Attach. #9A) -Action Required

One of RAP's volunteers is no longer available to volunteer. We were notified that the program that covers the cost of the other part-time receptionist will no longer be able to do so as of February 25. RAP CEO is requesting funding to be allocated for this current fiscal year for 25 hours to keep this staff member.

Finance and Investment Committee Recommendation: For the Board to allocate funding to cover 25 hours starting March 1 until the remainder of this fiscal year only and consider extending it beyond this period when next year's budget is created. The CEO will confer with HR Consultant to address benefits for part-time employees.

Motion: V. Tanner to allocate funding to cover the staffing cost for 25 hours plus benefits for a receptionist position for the remainder of the fiscal year. Second: J. Hayes Approved: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

E. NPO Centric Committee Structure (Attach. #10) -Action Required

The document has been updated to reflect changes need to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of this Committee's work.

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: For the Board to adopt the revised document.

Motion: A. Wilson to accept the NPO Centric Committee's Recommendation. Second: B. Kroonen. Approved: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

F. REVIEW OF GRANTS TRACKER: (Attach. #11)

G. GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS - Action Required

Motion by C. Borba and seconded by A. Wilson to approve the Grant Committee Recommendations for #1-#4.

G. Montano added that per the Committee's direction she did reach out to CV. Community Research Initiative and confirmed that they are able to serve at a reduced funded level of \$7,500 as recommended by the Grants Committee. Yes: 0 No: 0 Abstentions: 0

#1	Coachella Valley Community Research Initiative, dba HIV+Aging Research Project -Palm Springs
Program:	<i>The Positive Connections 50+ Virtual Village</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000

The Positive Connections 50+ Virtual Village is an on-line platform developed to reduce isolation, foster support systems, and connect older people living with HIV (OPLH) to needed behavioral health, medical, and supportive services. The project addresses HARP-PS research findings demonstrating that social isolation and depression are top concerns of OPLH and their service providers. The platform is free of charge to our entire target population consisting of Coachella Valley OPLH age 50 and older.	
Reviewer's Scores:	85% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 87, 87
Prior RAP Funding:	\$20,000 in May 2020

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the amount of \$7,500. To contact applicant to confirm that they have the capacity to serve at the reduced amount. \$6,780 to be directed for Salaries & Professional services.

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

#2	Palms to Pines Parasports
Program:	<i>Increasing Adapted Sport and other Offerings for People with Disability to be Healthy-Physically, Socially and Emotionally</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
To use sport and other activities to level the playing field, teaching life lessons through sport playing. Incorporated in May 2020 due to a lack of consistent adapted sport offerings throughout Riverside County. Focus on the CV and through a partnership with Desert Recreation District Adaptive has grown the number of athletes and programs that athletes and their family members can participate in.	
Reviewer's Scores:	77% Three reviewers scoring: 67, 80, 83
Prior RAP Funding:	\$2,500 Sponsorship in March 2022 (extension approved for March 2023), \$5,000 Small Grant May 2022, \$10,000 Mental Health Grant in April 2021

Grants Committee Recommendation: To deny their request for \$10,000 until previously approved funds are expended.

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

#3	Escuela De La Raza Unida
Program:	<i>Ballet Folklórico Colores De Aztlán</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Ballet Folklórico Colores De Aztlán (BFCDA) is a community program of Escuela De La Raza Unida (ERU) for all ages, primarily focusing on youth. It teaches dances from different regions of Mexico and indigenous Aztec dances. It is dedicated to the research, preservation, education through the arts, music, dances of Mexican regions and of indigenous culture such as the Aztecs. Blythe has very few opportunities for the youth to grow and avoid negative activities. BFCDA will divert them to positive activities and outcomes and develop their character and broaden their view of the world.	
Reviewer's Scores:	89% Three reviewers scoring: 73, 97, 97
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve their request for \$10,000 and the Premium NPO Centric Membership - \$746.

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

#4	PS Test Inc
Program:	<i>Relocation Project</i>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
<p>PS Test’s mission is to lower the rate of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) at no charge without insurance while treating each patient with dignity in a safe, comfortable environment. Despite COVID-19 restrictions and limitations implemented mid-throughout 2020 and 2021, on July 1, 2021. They opened the doors of the first free STIs/HIV testing and services linkage clinic in Riverside County. Within one year of opening our doors, PS Test examined more than 1,500 clients who otherwise would have postponed or neglected to receive testing and treatment – thereby exponentially decreasing the rate of exposure throughout Riverside County and potentially nationwide.</p> <p>As PS Test’s two-year joint clinic arrangement concludes, it is vital that the clinic relocates to an area close to the current trusted testing & treatment site. Local residents, community organizations, and health agencies regularly refer concerned community members to be tested and/or treated for HIV/STIs to the centrally-located no-fee clinic adjacent to Desert Regional Medical Center in the downtown district – known for both the prolific LGBTQ+ community and the second largest homeless population in Riverside County. Although PS Test has remained sustainable through the support of Riverside County, donors, and healthcare agency sponsorships, we are appealing to local funders to support the relocation of this vital no-fee STI/HIV testing and treatment clinic.</p>	
Reviewer’s Scores:	91% Three reviewers scoring: 87, 90, 97
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve their request for \$10,000 and a Premium NPO Centric Membership of \$746.

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

G. 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. - ***A. Dew. Suggested to review the regional representation of board members to identify gaps and potentially impact future board recruitment efforts.***

H. Update on Request to the County of Riverside for ARPA Request For Proposal- Information only

The County accepted the proposal submitted by Inland So. CA United Way which has partnered with IE Community Foundation and RAP for ARPA funds of \$14.5M. The grant period is April – June 30, 2024. Funds are for programs, services, or capital expenditures, loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship such as declines in revenues or increased costs, or technical assistance. The Breakdown is as follows:

Financial Support Funds administered by IE So. CA; Programmatic Support funds administered by IECF and Technical Support funds administered by RAP. The amount allocated for RAP’s Technical Assistance is \$649K plus admin. of \$323,549. Grant applications to be made available April 1, 2023, and funding available in June, with multiple rounds. Technical assistance will be an option on all grant applications and will begin in April. Programmatic funds will be available by July.

I. Women Who Rule Awards & Scholarship Luncheon – Action Required The annual Women Who Rule Awards & Scholarship Luncheon is a celebration of women across the Coachella Valley, specifically honoring three

amazing women for their contributions. This spring's event is the main fundraiser for Women Leaders Forum and our Young Women Leaders (YWL) Program that provides life skills education sessions and awards scholarships to Coachella Valley high school seniors. We are proud of the girls whom this program has served, many currently thriving as adults in the Valley. Please join us in celebration of our four honorees, and help raise funds for our exceptional young ladies.

Mary T. Roche -Community Leadership Award -Connie Golds, Founder, Desert Best Friends Close

Helene Galen -Excellence in Education Award -Theresa A. Mike, Founder, Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Found.

WLF Visionary Award -Victory Grund, President Old Town Artisan Studios

Power Couple Award -Raju and Jaishri Mehta, Owners El Paseo Jewelers

Sponsor of a Table is \$900 before March 2 and \$1200 after this date. Per person \$95 - \$125 (non-member)

***Motion: V. Tanner to accept the Executive Committee's Recommendation to sponsor a table at the cost of \$900 and to utilize the Board's contribution to cover this cost. Second: C. Borba
Approved: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0***

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS- No Action

A. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2023 (Attach. #12)

B. Grants Committee: Met on Feb. 14. Jan. 17 Minutes attached (Attach. #13). Next meeting March 13.

C. Executive Committee: Met on Feb. 14. Approved Jan. 17 2023, Minutes attached (Attach. #14). Next meeting March 13 at 9 AM.

D. Facilities Committee: Met Dec. 7. Next Meeting on February 22.

E. Finance/Investment Committee. Met Feb. 14. Approved Minutes for Dec. Special Meeting and Oct. Meeting (Attach. # 24 and #25) . Next Meeting on April 20 at 9 AM.

F. Mental Health Committee: Next meeting March 16 at 2:30.

G. NPO Centric Committee: Met on Feb. 15. Approved Jan. 18 Minutes (Attach. #15) Next meeting TBD.

VI. 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.

Annual Form 700s and Conflict of Interest are due by February 22.

NPO Centric Spring Social is on April 17, 2023 at RAP. ***CEO corrected her error by announcing the Spring Social will take place on April 13 from 4- 6 PM***

J. Pye mention that board member T. St. John was honored by the City of Palm Spring recently and invited Tori to share comments. Tori received the Community Service Award to recognize the 30 years of serving the LGBT kids in the community.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 Next meeting is on March 22, 2023, at 9 AM.