



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 26, 2023

**APPROVED MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** *by Chairperson J. Pye at 9:01* - Roll Call: *S. Benoit, M. Blue, C. Borba, A. Dew, M. Gialdini, M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez, J. Hayes, B. Kroonen, T. St.Johns, V. Tanner, A. Wilson, K. Quintanilla, Supervisor Perez/P. Cooper, J. Pye.*  
*Excused Absences: C. Galvez, R. Gutierrez, S. Loureiro, R. Ortega*  
*Absent: E. Romero*  
*Also Present: L. De Lara, M. Reyes, G. Montano, S. Garcia, D. Morales, C. Golds, K. Garcia, M. Alaniz.*

**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: C. Borba to approve the agenda as is. Second: B. Kroonen Approved: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0*

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS - None**

Presentation of Core Capacity Assessment Tool (CCAT) - Connie Golds, NPO Centric Director - *Presentation was made and questions were addressed.*

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required**

- A.** March 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)
- F.** Financials for February 2023 (Attach. #6A) and March 2023 (Attach. #6B)
- G.** Senior Inspiration Award Honorees' List of Chosen Organizations for \$1,000 contribution. (Attach. #7)

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the March 22, 2023 BOD Minutes, CEO, Grant Manager, NPO Centric Director, Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report, Financials for February 2023 and March 2023, and the Senior Inspiration Award Honorees' List of Chosen Organization for \$1,000 contribution.

*Motion: B. Kroonen to receive and file items B, C, D, F, G Second: V. Tanner Approved: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0 The request was made by C. Borba that staff reach out to Supervisor's office prior to the date of the future event to vet the name of the nonprofits selected by the honorees to ensure that they meet RAP's criteria. Pat Cooper explained that the staffing change was the reason for the delay in providing the names of the nonprofits selected for this year.*

*D.Morales made a presentation about her program activities.*

*Motion: C. Borba to approve the Draft Minutes, with corrections – per M. Blue. Second: B. Kroonen*

*Yes: 14 – J. Hayes was out of the room No: 0 Abstentions: 0*

**V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required**

A. Lift To Rise (LTR) request to submit an application for consideration.

Heather Vaikona, LTR CEO made a presentation to the Executive Committee on April 18. She

addressed questions. LTR has been invited to submit an application to a funder which requires a local match by the end of May 2023.

Executive Committee Recommendation: For the Board to allow LTR to submit an application. The application will go through the regular Grants Review Process.

*Motion: B. Kroonen to approve the Executive Committee Recommendation. Second:M. Blue  
Approved: 13 Opposed: 0 Name(s) of persons who recused themselves: M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez*

B. Letter of Support (LOS) for Tobacco Enforcement – CEO provided (Attach. # 8) - RAP CEO Provided LOS for the County of Riverside to enforce the ban on all flavored tobacco products and push for a more comprehensive county-wide tobacco policy, and limit access to tobacco products to youth.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify the action taken by the RAP CEO to provide the LOS.

*Motion: A. Dew to approve the Executive Committee Recommendation. Second: C. Borba Approved: 15  
Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0*

**D. FISCAL SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS**

1. Wyld Womxn -Requesting RAP to serve as their Fiscal Sponsor. Fiscal Sponsor Agreement (Attach. #9)

NPO Centric Recommendation: For the Board to conditionally approve the request to serve as Fiscal Sponsorship if 1) confirmation is received that Wyld Womxn has applied for their EIN with the Internal Revenue Service, 2) RAP's attorney provides opinion on stipends paid to artists, 3) and general insurance

including RAP as additional insured.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To continue until next month to address issues raised by M. Gonda.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>C. Borba</b>	<b>A. Dew</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

E. REVIEW OF GRANTS TRACKER: (Attach. #10)

F. GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS - Action Required

1. MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE (MHI) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Grants – RAP released the Request for Proposal (RFP) on January 30, 2023, in partnership with the Desert Healthcare District. Each organization allocated \$500,000 for a total of \$1M. In addition, both entities are investing (a total of \$72,450) in capacity building services to be provided by NPO Centric. The applications which were invited to apply focused on improving the psychological, emotional, physical, and social well-being of residents of the Coachella and Palo Verde Valleys. The RFP includes a Strategy Map which identifies the following specific Strategies:

- Improve quality of MH services to remote areas through innovative systems that address policy, access, and delivery channels.
- Improve awareness of mental and emotional health resource services for residents north of Palm Springs to Blythe through systems that address access, policy, and delivery channels.
- Support cultural competency of service providers and reduction of language/stigma/cultural barriers to service access for clients.

**Motion made by C. Borba to approve MHI RFP #1-#30, except #15 and #29 requests as recommended by the Grants Committee.**

**Second: K. Quintanilla. Yes- 15 No –0 M. Gonda**

**Motion made by C. Borba and Second by K. Quintanilla to approve #15 Shelter From the Storm and #29 – About Families Yes- 14 No – 0 Abstentions: M. Gonda**

MHI RFP #1	Hope Through Housing
Program:	Connections to Care Coachella Valley
Requested Amount:	\$20,000
Hope through Housing’s Connections to Care program seeks to improve the health and well-being of 996 residents living in low-income affordable housing communities housing children, families and seniors, specifically Cathedral City, Indio and La Quinta. The focus is on care coordination by utilizing community health resources/services to ensure residents access much-needed health insurance (Medi-Cal) and maintain their physical, emotional and mental health. The goal is to provide education to increase knowledge and awareness of resources and reduce the stigma of mental health.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	79%
Prior RAP Funding:	2020 for \$12,500

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$8,000 of the request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

MHI RFP #2	Jewish Family Services of the Desert
Program:	Increasing Current and Future Access to Mental Health Services
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS) provides low- or no-cost mental health counseling services. For those without insurance or a sustaining income, a sliding scale fee and scholarships are offered, ensuring all those who want to engage with a JFS therapist are able to do so, regardless of their ability to pay.	

Reviewer's average Scores:	88%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Small Grant: \$10,000, FY21-22 Mental Health Initiative: \$50,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request of \$50,000.**

MHI RFP #3	Cathedral City Senior Center
Program:	Creating the Mid-Valley Center for Emotional Wellness at Cathedral Center
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
The equity initiative Phase one employs an iterative community needs survey addressing emotional wellness. Phase two of the Equity in Aging initiative is the creation of the Mid-Valley Center for Emotional Wellness. The senior center provides many 'embedded' social service partners with a free workspace. Cathedral City Senior Center has become a 'go-to' place for help for all ages in the city.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	81%
Prior RAP Funding:	COVID-19: \$10,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$25,000 of the request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

MHI RFP #4	Martha's Village and Kitchen
Program:	Connect for BIPOC, Homeless, and Impoverished Individuals & Families
Requested Amount:	\$75,478
Martha's will target distribution of mental health awareness materials to: (a) homeless individuals and families living in Martha's homeless shelter and its new location in Palm Springs (b) homeless and impoverished individuals and families utilizing Martha's homeless and impoverished services (c) homeless and impoverished individuals and families participating in partner organization programs and/or living in hard to reach locations and (D) Martha's CalAIM Clients in Blythe.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	81%
Prior RAP Funding:	COVID-19: \$6,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$50,000 of the request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

MHI RFP #5	The Joslyn Center
Program:	Mental Health Counseling for Isolated and Underserved Communities
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
The program is designed to provide culturally competent evidence based individual or group Problem Solving Therapy (PST) to low-income, underserved Hispanic/Latinx residents in communities with the highest demographics representing these residents. These residents are isolated from receiving mental health services because of language barriers and because of stigma related to mental health services in their community. PST is an evidence-based behavioral health intervention that focuses individually and in group settings on helping patients manage stressful events.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	83%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY20-21 Health/Mental Health Initiative: \$21,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request for \$50,000.**

MHI RFP #6	Oak Grove Institute
Program:	Mental Health 3C: Connecting, Collaborating, Coaching
Requested Amount:	\$43,400
The Sanctuary Palm Springs, a transitional housing program for non-minor dependents, specifically focuses on meeting the needs of the LBGTQ+ community foster youth transitioning to adulthood. The Mental Health 3C Program will provide mental health services to children, youth and families who desperately need access to care. Mental health support will be available through drop-in hours and remote sessions, telehealth appointments and	

phone support at our Palm Springs location, in person at Sanctuary and through telehealth services virtually.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	77%
Prior RAP Funding:	2016 Small Grant: \$5,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$29,000 of the request.**

MHI RFP #7	Voices for Children
Program:	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program
Requested Amount:	\$20,000
A CASA's advocacy is tailored to address the individual needs of the child they serve. Their advocacy can increase access to mental health. CASAs communicate with medical providers; monitor a child's health needs, medications, and referrals; and prevent needs from being overlooked when children change housing. In addition to providing children with access to care, CASAs can directly benefit the child's mental health through their positive relationship.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	89%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Mental Health Initiative: \$20,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$20,000 of the request.**

MHI RFP #8	Innecare (Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo)
Program:	Behavioral Health Capacity Building
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
The proposed project is to assign a Behavioral Health Case Manager to support the current existing Behavioral Health Clinician. The behavioral health Case Manager will evaluate patients undergoing mental health conditions and connect them with the services and resources needed to meet their recovery goals. Case management visits will be conducted virtually and telephonically to reduce barriers of access to care. The goal is to provide 18 case management encounters per week Blythe.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	85%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Mental Health Initiative: \$50,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request for \$30,000.**

MHI RFP #9	ABC Recovery Center, Inc.
Program:	The Family Program
Requested Amount:	\$151,226.81
The family program is dedicated to supporting family members who have been impacted by the loved one's substance use disorders and providing them greater opportunities for good mental health. Treating the individual without family involvement may limit the effectiveness of treatment for two main reasons: it ignores the devastating impact of SUDs on the family system leaving family members untreated, and it does not recognize the family as a potential system of support for change. Substance use disorders (SUDs) are a family disease.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	76%
Prior RAP Funding:	2016 Mental Health Initiative: \$75,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$75,000 of the request.**

MHI RFP #10	Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services
Program:	Sycamores Community Mental Health Services
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
To provide mental health assessments, individual and family therapy, crisis intervention, Intensive Care Coordination, Intensive Home-Based Services, collateral services to parents and caregivers, substance abuse counseling, and psychiatry. Mental Health Rehabilitation is also offered and includes skill building, case management and linkage to community resources. All consumers are low income. The average age of those receiving services is 13 years old. Thus far, of those receiving services, 31% are Black, 31% are Latinx and 38% are Caucasian.	

Reviewer's Average Score:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

***Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$30,000 of the request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.***

MHI RFP #11	Olive Crest
Program:	Counseling/Mental Health Services for Children/families living in Coachella Valley/Blythe
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Olive Crest continues to tackle the long-term consequences of the pandemic and its impact on the behavioral/mental health of children within the child welfare system. There has been a surge in abuse and neglect due to the financial pressure families are under in an uncertain economy. In addition to increased caseloads, there is an increase in the acuity of trauma for the kids in care.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	87%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Sponsorship: \$5,000, FY22 Small Grant: \$6,675

***Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$50,000 of the request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.***

MHI RFP #12	Step Up on Second Street
Program:	Extended Case Management and Community Supports in the Coachella Valley
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Along with linkages to permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing services, Step Up provides a comprehensive set of services designed to help clients be self-sufficient, build a sense of belonging, and maintain housing. These services include psychiatric and physical healthcare, individualized case management, life skills education, crisis intervention, and connections to community resources such as medical, dental, mental health, substance use counseling, childcare, and workforce development services. Step Up is also an active participant in California's Project Homekey program, transforming motels into supportive housing and providing housing placement opportunities for individuals served through other Step Up programs.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	77%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

***Grants Committee Recommendation: To deny the request.***

MHI RFP #13	Angel View
Program:	Improving Awareness of and Access to Mental Health Services for Local Families Raising Children with Disabilities
Requested Amount:	\$39,880
The proposed project seeks to improve awareness of and access to mental, emotional, and behavioral health resources among local families raising children with disabilities. The goals are to: 1) provide information on mental, emotional and behavioral health resources and services to local families raising children with disabilities; 2) assist with applications for insurance and other safety net benefits programs that cover mental health services; 3) help families find mental, emotional and behavioral health providers contracted by their insurance plans, and 4) reimburse them for miles traveled accessing mental, emotional and behavioral health services.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	81%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grant: \$10,000

***Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$20,000 of the request***

MHI RFP #14	United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire (UCPIE)
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Program:	Family Empowerment Program
Requested Amount:	\$26,475
UCPIE will offer five tracks with six family units per track, over a seven-week period, for a total of 30 families benefiting from the program. Sessions are provided by a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT); 630 hours of counseling will be rendered to these families. The specialized curriculum covers: learning that you have power, balancing caretaking, respecting emotional differences, processing feelings, taking care of yourself and building a healthy relationship.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grant: \$3,850

***Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$18,000 of the request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.***

MHI RFP #15	Shelter From the Storm, Inc.
Program:	Case Management and Counseling Services Program
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
Providing victims with a safe location to receive therapeutic, counseling, and case management services. Focus on: Safety planning, Providing shelter resources, Recognizing the signs of abuse and increased violence in relationships and Supporting efforts to become self-sufficient. Individual therapeutic counseling sessions help to set goals to address safety and mental health and to recognize the patterns and cycles of abuse in their lives and how to break free.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	82%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

***Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$42,000 of the request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.***

MHI RFP #16	Queer Works
Program:	The Pink Flamingo
Requested Amount:	\$55,000
The Pink Flamingo is a refurbished motorhome that is staffed by licensed mental health providers and clinical staff who are specifically trained in providing culturally competent care to LGBTQ+ individuals. The program uses an innovative system to provide services, including "street" individual and group therapy, mental health screenings, and referrals to other healthcare providers when necessary. The center is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including telehealth capabilities, which allows clients to access mental health services remotely if needed. In addition to providing direct mental health services, Queer Works will utilize The Pink Flamingo to offer training and education to service providers and organizations to promote cultural competency and improve the quality of mental health services for LGBTQ+ individuals.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	88%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

***Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$40,000 of the request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.***

MHI RFP #17	Desert Arc
Program:	Family and Caregiver Social Well-Being Resource Pilot
Requested Amount:	\$24,750
Desert Arc has experienced a paradigm shift in its program and service delivery since the onset of the pandemic. The ensuing requisite pivot was initially to 100% virtual programming and services to its current hybrid IDD model of on-	

site and remote. Desert Arc staff and its base of over 700 adults with disabilities have successfully adapted to changes. However, it is important to recognize that this evolution also precipitated people experiencing stressful situations in adapting to this new normal. This includes the clients' family members and caregivers.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	87%
<b>Prior RAP Funding:</b>	<b>COVID-19: \$10,000</b>

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$24,800 of the request.**

MHI RFP #18	Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (VIM)
Program:	Connections to Care Coachella Valley
Requested Amount:	\$42,000
The approach to provide individual and small group behavioral health services to VIM clients. Assessments and standardized tests are used to measure individual anxiety or depression levels and coordinate a beginning Plan of Care to address identified behavioral health issues. Patients may be seen directly by the Patient Advocate or a volunteer behavioral health (BH) provider for follow-up. VIM also plans to recruit behavioral health professionals interested in volunteering to provide no-charge, individual or group support.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grants: \$4,500, \$1,700

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$32,000 of the request.**

MHI RFP #19	Parkinson's Resource Organization
Program:	Support Group Expansion
Requested Amount:	\$100,000
Since the beginning of COVID-19, attendance at virtual support groups has more than tripled and continues to grow – the monthly meetings increased from 11 to 17. Support groups for caregivers and people with Parkinson's are a core part of programming since the beginning.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	70%
Prior RAP Funding:	2020 Small Grant: \$1,500

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To deny the request**

MHI RFP #20	Refuge Pregnancy Center
Program:	Education Center
Requested Amount:	\$37,200
The Refuge Education Center (REC) is a division of Refuge Pregnancy Center. REC provides support and training to parents experiencing unanticipated pregnancies. Located in Indio, many of the expectant mothers and fathers reside in the East Coachella Valley. Clients from other nearby communities and Palo Verde Valley participate as well. Clients become aware of the free services through a variety of linkages with collaborative agencies: The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Mama's House, ABC Recovery, Oasis Behavior Health, local churches, medical professionals and Riverside County Court system. When appropriate Refuge would refer clients to these support agencies.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	71%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

MHI RFP #21	Youth Leadership Institute
Program:	Que Madre Media!
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
The Mental Health Awareness Week will be a week-long hybrid event hosted by ¡Que Madre! Media, a youth-led	



program that has dedicated advocacy efforts to de-stigmatizing and increasing access to mental health providers and services in the Eastern Coachella Valley since 2018. Young people will build connections with adult allies and partners who are passionate about mental health in order to plan the Mental Health Awareness Week. Young people will also receive support and training in a safe space to develop and strengthen their advocacy, leadership and community organizing skills in order to lead the organization of this event.

Reviewer's Average Scores:	80%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To deny the request.**

MHI RFP #22	Consejo de Federaciones en Norte America
Program:	Hablemos de Salud Mental 2.0/ Let's Talk About Mental Health 2.0
Requested Amount:	\$58,646
The program will be a continuation of the Hablemos de Salud Mental/Let's Talk About Mental Health 2022-23 project. The Hablemos de Salud Mental 2.0/Let's Talk About Mental Health 2.0 will continue to promote preventative care and resources in the Eastern Coachella Valley to address the social stigma and stereotypes of mental health. COFEM proposes to reach 1,000 Latinx families and individuals by conducting community outreach and providing 10 participatory therapeutic workshops in a non-clinical environment, 6 informational sessions in collaboration with Vision y Compromiso, and resource referral guides.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	83%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21-22 Health/Mental Health Initiative: \$45,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$35,000 of their request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

MHI RFP #23	Soroptimist House of Hope, Inc.
Program:	Substance Use Disorders Recovery Program for Women
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
The Treatment Center in Desert Hot Springs serves low-income women ages 18 and over suffering from substance use disorders and helps them to achieve sobriety and self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. Clients are referred to SHOH through the County of Riverside's Substance Use CARES program, law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, and community-based organizations. The 6-bed Treatment Center provides a free 45-90 day program that includes housing, 12-step meetings, individual and group counseling, daily household duties, access to medical services, linkages to supportive services and benefits, and life skills, planning workshops, and post-residency Recovery Services.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	89%
Prior RAP Funding:	2021 Mental Health Initiative: \$15,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To deny the request.**

MHI RFP #24	Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE)
Program:	Alternative Education Therapist
Requested Amount:	\$150,000
RCOE's CAREspace currently provides mental health and related services including individual counseling, family counseling, classroom presentations, parent workshops, staff training, resources and referrals, TAY services, and Lucky PAWS. All of the services are free and are available in person and via telehealth. The program proposal is to expand the capacity of current services by hiring a therapist for Alternative Education (AE) to provide mental health and related services to AE students across the Coachella Valley. These mental health and related services would include individual counseling, family counseling, group counseling, crisis counseling, social emotional learning screening and interventions, classroom presentations, parent workshops, and community resources.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	83%

Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
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**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$150,000 of their request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

MHI RFP #25	Advancing Steps
Program:	Mental Health Awareness Program
Requested Amount:	\$25,569
Advancing Steps' program ensures access to quality mental health services for formerly incarcerated individuals. Staff conducts initial mental health assessments during the intake process, allowing the identification of mental health issues. Case Managers then refer clients to Riverside University Health Systems for further mental health assessments and treatment plans. In addition to referrals, a mental health counselor will be available to discuss the importance of mental health awareness. After each session, clients can engage in one-on-one sessions with the counselor.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	78%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation: Award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

MHI RFP #26	We Are One United
Program:	Mental Health for All
Requested Amount:	\$34,500
The program harnesses leadership, compassion, and technology to provide youth with mental health resources, safe spaces, and practical skills to navigate crises and reduce adverse experiences. They provide in-person and online forums to connect youth, community mentors, and behavioral health specialists. They will develop informative, engaging, and compelling social media campaigns by youth for youth to increase awareness of mental health. Parent Learning Walks and Circle of Friends programs are used to have crucial conversations prepare parents and caregivers.	
Reviewer's Scores:	73% Five reviewers scoring: 60, 71, 74, 80, 80
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$30,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$20,000 of their request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

MHI RFP #27	Vision y Compromiso (VyC)
Program:	Improving Access to Mental Health and Emotional Health Resources in Blythe
Requested Amount:	\$75,000
VyC will use the Promotor Model to raise awareness about mental health topics. VyC will partner with Peace from Chaos in Blythe to reach the community, conduct outreach & education, reduce stigma, and share information about local resources via one-on-one conversations and community-wide events. VyC will also provide training to develop local leadership, increase awareness about mental health issues, and build residents' skills to advocate for improved access to mental health resources through policy and systems change.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$49,254.80

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the request for \$75,000.**

MHI RFP #28	The Learning Different Alliance
Program:	Creating a Healthy, Vibrant Coachella Valley
Requested Amount:	\$30,000
The Learning Different Alliance will provide at-risk students & their parents with one-on-one academic support, behavioral modification activities, guidance counseling, parent-teacher-district IEP support and advocacy, and connection to additional academic and mental health services and resources.	

Reviewer's Average Score:	72%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation: Award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant and have NPOC do an Assessment.**

MHI RFP #29	About Families
Program:	Parent Support Network
Requested Amount:	\$62,000
About Families main priorities are identifying childbearing persons at increased risk of experiencing PMADs, facilitating linkage to appropriate mental health services, non-judgmental one-on-one peer support, and empowering new parents' self- efficacy in their childrearing journeys. About Families is offering 3 support groups per week for parents with infants. One of the groups is facilitated in Spanish and takes place in Indio and on Zoom. About Families is also offering a support group for parents who have experienced the loss of a pregnancy or infant. A new program is being created this year for new mothers and their infants to attend weekly groups in order to be supported in the transition to motherhood as well as exposed to best practices on how to respond to their baby and developing child.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	74%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Sponsorship: \$5,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$30,000 of the request.**

MHI RFP #30	Barbara Sinatra Children's Center (BSCC)
Program:	Blythe Expansion
Requested Amount:	\$46,328.53
BSCC seeks to expand clinical and forensic programming to Blythe and Palo Verde communities. BSCC will provide a clinician and a Group Therapy Clinical Intern, who is a full-time BSCC employee. They will co-facilitate three free of cost groups in one day within the Palo Verde School District (PVSD). One group will be from each school; elementary, middle, and high school. BSCC will receive referrals from Child Protective Services (CPS) and the PVSD School Psychologist. CPS will act as the communication lead and liaison between BSCC and PVSD. PVSD will provide a confidential space at each school site. Therapy groups will consist of 10-12 participants. The clinical support group will be held with a psychoeducation component – addressing topics of abuse.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	84%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$47,000 of their request and award \$3,800 for the Technical Assistance Grant.**

## 2. SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

Sponsorship #1	Peacemaker Corps Association
Program:	Peace in the Streets
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
Peacemaker Corps plans to organize a local event on April 22 – International Earth Day- at the RAP Foundation featuring films from our Peace in the Streets Global Film Festival for world youth 18 and under. The event will include 5-minute films from young local film makers as well as meaningful films from global youth expressing their visions for their communities and the world. It is important to highlight how critical telling their stories by making films and expressing their feelings, concerns and hopes are critical to the alleviation of some of the serious mental health issues that our youth today are now confronting.	
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve their request for \$5,000.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve their request for \$5,000.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>

<b>A. Dew</b>	<b>M. Blue</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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Sponsorship #2	Reynaldo J. Carreon MD Foundation			
Program:	Scholarship Awards Banquet			
Requested Amount:	\$5,000			
The funding requested is for the annual Scholarship Awards Banquet, allowing approximately 60 family members who would otherwise not be able to afford the cost to join the celebration of this academic achievement. The Dr. Carreon Foundation assists low income Mexican-American, African-American and other minority groups in the Coachella Valley and Blythe accomplish their dreams of higher education through scholarships and leadership opportunities.				
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grant: \$1,500			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve their request for \$5,000.

Motion:	<b>To approve their request for \$5,000.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<b>A. Dew</b>	<b>M. Blue</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Sponsorship #3	Alianza			
Program:	The Hue Music and Arts Festival			
Requested Amount:	\$5,000			
The Hue Music and Arts Festival is a decade-long tradition for Eastern Coachella Valley Youth. Planned entirely by Alianza Coachella Valley's Youth Organizing Council program participants, for youth - The Hue brings together local musicians, artists and community partners. It is an important way to bring together the community and uplift local artists. The event is FREE to the public, providing an affordable, family friendly community resource, thanks to sponsors and local partners.				
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$50,000			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To deny the request (Applicant did not want to be considered).

Motion:	<b>To deny the request due to applicant's decision to withdraw from application.</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<b>A. Dew</b>	<b>M. Blue</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 3. SMALL GRANT REQUESTS

Small Grant #1	NAMI Coachella Valley			
Program:	NAMI Mental Health for All			
Requested Amount:	\$7,570			
Organize 5 resource fairs throughout the East Coachella Valley (Indio/Coachella, Mecca/North Shore, Thermal/Oasis, Blythe) and Desert Hot Springs/Indio Hills targeting underserved and Hispanic communities. Lack of information surrounding mental health issues can prevent people in Hispanic communities from getting the help and support they need. Provide resources and information about accessing mental and emotional health resources in positive community event may reduce negative stigma.				
Reviewer's Average Score:	81%			
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A			

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve their request for \$7,570.

Motion:	<b>To approve request of \$7,570</b>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
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H. Engage Coachella Valley Accounting & Auditing (CVAA) for FY 2021-2022 and up to 3 additional years to perform the Audit and complete Form 990s.

In February 2022, the RAP Board approved CVAA to conduct our audit for FY 2021-2022 and they completed the FY 2021-22 Form 990. RAP was satisfied with the quality of work for both. CVAA is also qualified to perform “Single” Audits which we anticipate needing in FY 2023-2024. This would be for a separate cost, TBD.

- Audit of financial statements and issuance of letter on any findings or recommendations of internal control FY 2021-2022 \$13,650 - FY 2022-23 \$14,000
- Preparation of income tax returns (Form 990) FY 2021-22 \$ 2,500 - FY 2022-23 \$2,600

Audit Committee Recommendation: For the Board to select Coachella Valley Accounting and Auditing to

conduct our FY 2022 –2023 audit and authorize the CEO to engage with this firm for up to 3 additional years, with NTE 5% yearly increase. The service and cost are:

- Accounting and Auditing for the cost of \$14,000 for the audit of financial statements and issuance of letter on any findings or recommendations of internal control
- Preparation of income tax returns (Form 990) for \$2600

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the Audit Committee Recommendation.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>V. Tanner</i>	<i>C.Borba</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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. Pye – commented that she prefers not to “do committee work” during board meetings to increase efficiency.*

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS- No Action

- BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2023 (Attach. #11)
- Grants Committee: Met on April 11 and April 12. March 13, 2023, Minutes attached (Attach. #12). Next meeting: Special Meeting on April 26.
- Executive Committee: Met on April 18. Approved March 13 and March 22,2023, Minutes attached (Attach. #13 and #14). Next meeting May17 at 9 AM.
- Facilities Committee: Next Meeting TBD. March 22, 2023
- Finance/Investment Committee. Next Meeting on April 20 at 9 AM.
- Mental Health Committee: Met on April 20 at 2:30. Minutes for March 16, 2023, attached (Attach. #15). Next meeting is set for May 24,2023, at 2:30 PM.
- NPO Centric Committee: Met on April 19. Approved March 15, 2023, Minutes (Attach. #16) Next meeting May 17, 2023, at 1:00 PM.
- Audit Committee: Met on April 14, 2023. Minutes for Nov. 29, 2022 (Attach. #17). Next meeting

TBD.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

- ARPA Grant Status -The ARPA grant has been delayed by the County. The new anticipated date it will be considered by the BOS is May 2.

*L. De Lara introduced newest RAP team member, Marisol Alaniz*

*Supervisor Perez mentioned that many residents do not understand jurisdiction of special districts, cities, and counties - RAP may consider creating a curriculum to help address this need to better understand this issue.*

*J. Pye mentioned recently attending the Riverside County Economic Summit and she met the person who is with the Firebirds Foundation. She suggested that RAP CEO make outreach efforts to explore potential opportunities.*

- Blythe Mental Health Summit in Partnership with Supervisor Perez - May 15 from 10 AM – 2 PM  
The RAP team will leave Palm Desert at 7:30 AM.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Next meeting is on May 24, 2023, at 9 AM. **10:45**