



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

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May 24, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 by Chair Jan Pye** - Roll Call *S. Benoit, M. Blue, C. Borba, C. Galvez, M. Gialdini, M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez, R. Gutierrez, J. Hayes, B. Kroonen, R. Ortega, E. Romero, T. St. Johns, A. Wilson. K. Quintanilla, P. Cooper, J. Pye.*
Excused Absences: B. Gonzalez, S. Loureiro, A. Dew.
Unexcused Absence: V. Tanner

Also present: A. Dew (public), Sup. Perez (public), Staff- M. Reyes, C. Golds, S. Garcia, D. Morales, K. Garcia, M. Alaniz, L. De Lara.

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 submitted. Second: M. Gialdini Approved: 16 – E. Romero not present. Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

Brad Ward, NPO Centric Consultant to present a workshop, Board Boot Camp, on June 2nd from 10 AM – 2:30 – *Brad joined remotely to provide a brief overview of the planned workshop.*

Supervisor Perez attended remotely to talk about the recent Blythe summit. Mentioned that there is a great deal work to be done in Blythe. Mentioned promising trends including hiring of mental health professional by school district and county, new services offered by nonprofits which were funded by RAP (Vision, Innercare). There is a need to be more consistent with services and communication throughout the year to continue the work/collaboration started. Would like RAP to explore evaluation methods starting with an asset mapping of resources/unmet needs. Brought up the need to include the senior needs as well as youth needs.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

- A.** April 26, 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.** Senior Inspiration Award Honorees’ List of Chosen Organizations for \$1,000 contribution. (Attach. #6)

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the April 26, 2023 BOD Minutes, CEO, Grant Manager, NPO Centric Director, Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report, and the Senior Inspiration Award Honorees’ List of Chosen

Organization for \$1,000 contribution.

**Motion: R. Gutierrez to approve the Staff Recommendation. Second: P. Cooper Approved: 16
Opposed: 0 Abstention Name(s): 0**

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

A. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative- to provide update on County matters of interest.

B. Grants Tracker (Attach. #7)

C. Funding Requests - The RAP Grants Committee met on April 26 to review the Juvenile Intervention (JI) Applications received in response to the \$300,000 JI RFP released on Jan. 30, 2023. The April 17 Special Meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The delayed rescheduled meeting will negatively impact the grant period timeline. The Executive Committee met on May 3 to consider the grant requests. They decided on the actions below and are requesting that their decisions to be ratified by the Board.

Juvenile Intervention #1	Olive Crest
Program:	Enhanced Intervention Support for Transitional –Aged (18-21) Foster Youth
Requested Amount:	\$17,500
This project provides enhanced support for vulnerable juveniles, to provide safe places to live and gain access to resources so youth can reach their potential, become healthy, productive adults, and thrive. Olive Crest’s Operation Independence program focused efforts on one of the highest-risk populations – Transitional Aged (18-21 years old) Foster Youth. More than 10,000 young people are in our local foster system as a result of abuse or neglect. When they exit the foster care system, they are alone, with no family or support system. Without housing, basic needs and supportive services, youth are less likely to complete education, find employment, and gain access to health care—all of which jeopardize their ability to make a successful transition to independence.	
Reviewer’s Average Score:	92%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Sponsorship: \$5,000, FY22 Small Grant: \$6,675, FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$50,000

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$17,500.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$17,500			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #2	John F Kennedy Memorial Foundation
Program:	Ophelia Project Teen Mentoring
Requested Amount:	\$15,000
Ophelia Project is a proven comprehensive five-year team mentoring program serving at-risk but capable teen girls in 8th through 12th grade who may be at risk of becoming high school drop-outs, as determined by their school counselors. The program provides enrichment curriculum designed to: increase GPA and graduation rates, improve academic achievement, encourage college preparation and career readiness, and provides resources for higher education. The model consists of team-mentoring that takes place in the schools during the school day.	

Ophelia Project currently operates 15 programs in 14 schools across all 3 Coachella Valley School Districts. The program serves 305 girls (reaching an additional 690 household members). The program is delivered by a trained and certified volunteer mentor base consisting of 65 professional women (reaching and additional 147 household members) who provide support and encouragement, resulting in a 100% graduation rate, with many mentees pursuing higher education. Volunteer recruitment and orientations are ongoing throughout the year.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	95%
Prior RAP Funding:	COVID-19: \$10,000

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$15,000.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee action to approve \$15,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	15	0	A. Wilson
Juvenile Intervention #3	Integrated Learning Institute			
Program:	Enhancing Social and Emotional Outcomes in School-Age Children Through Educational Therapy			
Requested Amount:	\$30,000			
Educational Therapy can be a valuable tool for children who struggle to learn due to cognitive, perceptual, or sensory weaknesses. Without the ability to accurately process the information in their environment, including social and emotional cues, they are frequently confused and frustrated. These children often face social and emotional challenges that can persist into adulthood, including a belief in their own incompetence, learned helplessness, and risky behaviors. Educational therapists use a battery of tests and interviews to identify patterns of weakness and develop an individualized, systematic process of strengthening cognitive efficiency. By working in a one-to-one environment and developing empowering relationships with each child, educational therapists help children become energized for learning and manage their reactions to new and complex learning. One of the first noticeable outcomes of this "productive struggle" is the social and emotional benefits that children experience. By learning how to strategize for success, children become independent learners who view success and failure as open-ended processes. These skills also translate into social and emotional regulation giving tools for success beyond the classroom, Bi-monthly Parents and Friends nights provide a place to share concerns and ask questions specific to children who struggle to learn.				
Reviewer's Average Score:	79%			
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grant: \$5,000			

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$5,000 and require the grantee to limit funds to supplies and salaries only.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$5,000 and require the grantee to limit funds to supplies and salaries only.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #4	Barbara Sinatra's Children Center
Program:	Coalition to End Human Trafficking Coachella Valley Riverside County
Requested Amount:	\$154,920
The current program goals are to provide awareness campaigns with youth and young adults throughout the Coachella and Palo Verde communities through various awareness and outreach efforts. In-person outreach and awareness to youth and adults through community events, schools, clubs, and recreational programs. Virtual outreach and awareness through digital marketing on social media platforms as well as programmatic banner advertising and video campaigns on popular apps, websites, and video streamers (YouTube). For youth, traditional talk presentations offer a limited audience. BSCC and the Coalition are committed to attending schools, clubs, recreational programs, and community events to educate in	

person as this connection is valuable. We believe traditional school and community events are necessary as well as reaching young people in the digital space.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	73%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$26,700 as recommended and to exclude use towards marketing and consulting.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$26,700 as recommended and to exclude use towards marketing and consulting.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #5	Variety Children's Charities of the Desert
Program:	Freedom, Future, and Care Programs
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
The Freedom Program delivers vital life-changing equipment and services for mobility, independence, and social inclusion for children. Over 90 adaptive bicycles, specialized strollers, wheelchairs, and mobility aids have been provided to children with disabilities and other special needs. 45 passenger vans have been provided to our partners at Angel View, Boys and Girls Clubs, Family YMCA of the Desert, Camp of Champions, Childhood Cancer Foundation, and many more, to transport an estimated 4,000 children annually to after-school programs, medical appointments, and treatments. In partnership with Coachella Valley School districts, over 8,300 bicycles, locks, and helmets have been distributed to honor the academic success and good citizenship of deserving, underprivileged students. The Future Program delivers crucial life-enriching services, education, and self-esteem to children. The program provides socially inclusive experiences and activities for children who are at risk or living with special needs as well as their families.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	83%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Sponsorship: \$8,000, FY22 Small Grant: \$5,000

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their decision to approve \$12,500 and award a Technical Assistance Grant.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee decision to approve \$12,500 and award a Technical Assistance Grant.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #6	We Are One United
Program:	United Endeavor
Requested Amount:	\$51,000
This after school program will start with a Summer Youth Program (06/05/2023-07/28/2023) and continued throughout the school year from (08/09/2023- 05/24/2024) with optional dates (05/29/2024-06/07/2024) continuing to the last day of school. The program's goals are to provide a safe space to develop education, social, and life skills and resilience while meeting their personal, academic, and social goals. The structured program will include academic growth and resources, leadership skill training, mental health and coping mechanisms, physical activity, and teaching important life skills.	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	82%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$30,000

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$17,000 and direct it towards supplies, field trip admissions and program services.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$17,000 and direct it towards supplies, field trip admissions and program services.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	15	0	K. Quintanilla

Juvenile Intervention #7	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Desert
Program:	One-to-One Youth Mentoring
Requested Amount:	\$15,000
The CDC has reported that levels of childhood abuse or neglect doubled and levels of emotional abuse or neglect quadrupled during the COVID-19 pandemic. Children of single parents or parents who are incarcerated are some of the most at risk for abuse or neglect. The evidence-based, youth centered one-to one mentoring of Big Brothers Big Sisters has been highlighted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) as one of the most effective supports for children. The CDC cites the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) model of connecting kids to caring adults as a critical success factor to protect against harmful effects of ACEs and improve long-term outcomes.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	87%
Prior RAP Funding:	COVID-19: \$10,000

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$15,000 and a Technical Assistance Grant.

Motion:	To ratify their approval of \$15,000 and a Technical Assistance Grant.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #8	Desert Recreation Foundation
Program:	RISE Mental Wellness Program for Youth
Requested Amount:	\$41,441
The District's youth RISE program is extremely beneficial and will allow for youth to improve their quality of life through: daily physical activity, wellness activities & programs, healthy eating opportunities, creative arts, self-care activities, and access to health-related education and resources. This program will keep participants engaged in enrichment activities, cultural growth, leading to positive mental health outcomes. Youth aged 8-10 will meet twice a week for 6 weeks for 1.5 hours each day at the 14 afterschool programs. They will provide 14 (6 week) program sessions that will begin in October 2023 - June 2024. Topics will include how to be a good listener, positive self-talk, fixed vs growth mindsets, how to identify and cope with different emotions, identifying and adopting healthy habits, simple and enjoyable ways to be active, creating and developing healthy coping skills.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	78%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22 Small Grant: \$5,000, FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$30,000

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$20,000 to be used towards any item on submitted budget.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$20,000 to be used towards any item on submitted budget.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	15	0	R. Gutierrez

Juvenile Intervention #9	Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley
Program:	Developing Youth through the Ages

Requested Amount:	\$35,000
Passport to Manhood/ Palabra focuses on young men who do not have a positive male role model in their lives and/or have had an incident with law enforcement or are identified as being at risk of engaging in criminal activities. Participants have experienced trauma associated with absent fathers, due to deportation, incarceration, or death. The program provides a safe space where youth can meet to express their emotions, frustrations, fears, difficulties, and unmet needs with a trusted, qualified Club member. It is a culturally responsive, targeted effort to engage young men in discussions/activities reinforcing character, leadership, and positive behavior. It teaches youth to engage in leadership opportunities, set SMART goals and objectives to ensure personal and academic progress, make informed decisions regarding their collegiate and/or career goals, and habituate healthy living choices (nutrition and physical fitness).	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	77%
Prior RAP Funding:	COVID-19: \$10,000

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval for \$35,000.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval for \$35,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #10	Raices Cultura
Program:	Youth Wellness Program
Requested Amount:	\$45,628
The Community Engagement portion consists of 6 awareness events youth-led supporting social-emotional learning, fostering a positive group dynamic, and encouraging cross-pollination of youth from high schools across the CV. Examples of possible formats could be neighborhood clean-ups with a celebratory meal & fun activities for all participants & neighbors, mini community beautification projects such as painting fences in blighted areas, mailbox art, etc. for select neighborhoods, a mini film festival, a mini music & art festival, school supply drive, etc. with diverse groups of adolescents and teenagers. We will extend an invitation to local youth services organization(s) to join each group for a specific event to share their work & resources while participating also engaging in volunteerism.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	70%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$15,000 and a Technical Assistance Grant. The cash grant to be used for items on budget.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$15,000 and a Technical Assistance Grant. The cash grant to be used for items on budget.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #11	Genuine, Animate, Navigate, Assist, Succeed, DBA., GANAS
Program:	Padres con GANAS

Requested Amount:	\$64,547
<p>The Padres con GANAS (Parents with Desire) program targets Hispanic/Latino English and Spanish speaking special needs community and their families in the Coachella Valley. GANAS educates and trains parents to advocate for their loved ones. The two peer-mentors have a combined experience of over 17 years working with the target population educating and training on service navigation to improve their loved one's quality of life so they could live to their fullest potential. The project will use quantitative data at an individual level to monitor progress of specific skills and track the increase in service access. The program design is as follows:</p> <p>1:1 Consultations: Parents will have 1:1 meetings with a Peer-mentor. The parent and peer-mentor will create action steps for the parent to complete before the next meeting. Aside from assisting parents with navigating their barriers, the Peer-mentors will work on advocacy skill development relevant to the current barrier encountered by using the Behavior Skills Training technique and collecting Task Analysis data on each skill.</p>	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	78%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$45,000 and a Technical Assistance Grant. The cash grant is to be used for items listed in budget.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$45,000 and a Technical Assistance Grant. The cash grant is to be used for items listed in budget.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #12	Alianza
Program:	Thriving and Healthy Communities Through Youth Organizing Council
Requested Amount:	\$50,000
<p>Alianza Coachella Valley and its collaborative partners seek to: expand youth engagement efforts, invigorate our leadership pipeline and continue to provide guidance and safe spaces for CV youth through our Youth Organizing Council (YO-C). Alianza CV exists to reduce the inequities of the CV - to build a sense of community, restore dignity in our places and its people, promote agency and self-determination, and amplify the voice of traditionally marginalized people. One of the ways that we continue to uplift our community voices is through YO-C, a program that provides youth in the CV, ages 14 to 18, with a safe space to express their community concerns, find solutions, be in community together and step into their personal power. YO-C youth become active community leaders, and contribute to each of Alianza's campaigns by continuously advocating for their needs as youth and community members.</p>	

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$16,000 to be used towards items listed on budget.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$16,000 to be used towards items listed on budget.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #13	Boys and Girls Club of Palm Springs
Program:	STEAM Development Center
Requested Amount:	\$35,000
The full implementation of the STEAM Development Center to better accommodate the digital needs of our youth. The Center and accompanying programming conducted will be available for all youth at the Club from ages 6-18 years old. The funding will go directly to the purchase of high-end computers, desks, chairs, 3-D printers, instruments, and other items to support a space providing educational and creative opportunities for all members. The space will be used for activities such as filmmaking, photography, music classes, coding seminars, general entertainment, and digital design classes. The level of equipment planned will provide a space filled with resources such as Adobe Creative Cloud, cameras, editing software, Digital Audio Workstation software, programming languages, and games to learn new skills and interests in a structured environment offered year-round.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	88%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY21 Mental Health Initiative: \$43,200

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$35,000.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$35,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #14	Women Leaders Forum
Program:	Young Women Leaders Mentor Program
Requested Amount:	\$22,000
The program engages high school seniors throughout the CV. Students who participate in the program receive educational programs, informational resources for higher education and career counseling, and access to women leaders who serve as mentors and role models. The program requires a minimum of 24 hours of educational training monthly, after-school activities and some weekend volunteer efforts at other non-profits. Participants complete a presentation about what they have learned to be included as part of their higher education application assets. Participants are partnered one-on-one with a mentor who helps guide them through the program, and teaches them valuable networking skills, business etiquette and leadership skills. Seniors who successfully complete the educational programming and project requirements are eligible to apply for either a need-based or merit scholarship. This program focuses on young women who may be overlooked by other mentoring and/or scholarship programs	
Reviewer's Average Score:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$5,000 utilizing Sponsorship Funds. The applicant will have to submit the new application on grants portal for recording purposes but the approval decision is completed with this action.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$5,000 utilizing Sponsorship Funds. The applicant will have to submit the new application on grants portal for recording purposes but the approval decision is completed with this action.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gialdini	J. Hayes	16	0	0

Juvenile Intervention #15	Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City
Program:	Teen Center- Leaders in Training (LIT) & Managers in Training (MIT) Program
Requested Amount:	\$45,000
This program provides life skills and leadership development for teens. It prepares them to be job-ready and contributing citizens by providing learning experiences through meetings/workshops/internships, along with Club and community service projects. The program empowers teens to become responsible community leaders, through positive interactions as mentors to younger youth, by developing the necessary tools of character and leadership skills to compete in the world,	

as mature and responsible young adults. MIT is a program modeled designed to prove additional training and experience to LIT members who have shown exceptional leadership qualities; and have proven responsible to conduct, manage and implement LIT programs; and mentorship opportunities. CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION & CAREER, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES	
Reviewer's Average Scores:	80%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To ratify their approval of \$34,700 and a Technical Assistance Grant.

Motion:	<i>To ratify the Executive Committee approval of \$34,700 and a Technical Assistance Grant.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>M. Gialdini</i>	<i>J. Hayes</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>K. Quintanilla</i>

D. The reallocation of Technical Assistance (TA) funds to Juvenile Intervention (JI) allocation. The amount requested by staff to be transferred to cover all of the Juvenile Intervention grants is \$10,000. The remaining balance of TA funds will be \$6,000 with the transfer.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To ratify their decision to transfer \$10,000 of TA funds to the JI allocation.

Motion:	<i>To ratify the Executive Committee decision to transfer \$10,000 of TA funds to the JI allocation.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>M. Gialdini</i>	<i>J. Hayes</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

E. Funding Priorities for FY 2023-2024 (Attach. #8) The Funding Priorities are established by the Board prior to the proposed budget being presented to provide direction to staff and the Finance Committee in preparing the next year's budget.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To recommend to the Board the Funding Priorities with the following changes: Change the Contingency/Emergency amount to “?” and the amount will be from the Unallocated amount to be recommended by the Finance/Executive Committee at a later date.

Motion:	<i>To approve the Funding Priorities with the following changes: Change the Contingency/Emergency amount to \$100,000 and the amount will be from the Unallocated amount to be recommended by the Finance/Executive Committee at a later date.</i>			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>R. Gutierrez</i>	<i>M. Gonda</i>	<i>17- E. Romero arrived and voted</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

F. Technical Assistance Requests for NPO Centric services - The following organizations applied for the 2023 MHI Request for Proposal considered by the Board in April 2023. The organizations are eligible for technical assistance grants in addition to the cash grants: Oak Grove Institute, Angel View, Desert Arc, and About Families.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee will have met on May 22. The Committee Chair will provide verbal recommendation.

Motion:	To approve Technical Assistance amount of \$3800 for Oak Grove Institute, Angel View, Desert Arc and About Families.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
K. Quintanilla	R. Gutierrez	16	0	M. Gonda – Re: About Families

G. Core Capacity Assessment Tool (CCAT) provided by NPO Centric granted to nonprofit requires designation of the funds used. - Learning Different Alliance was approved for \$750 for CCAT. The amount will be allocated as follows: \$500 from 2023 MHI Grant- Technical Assistance and \$250 from the Small Grants category.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee will have met on May 22. The Committee Chair will provide verbal recommendation.

Motion:	To approve Learning for \$750 for CCAT utilizing \$500 from NHI Grant Tech. Assistance allocation and \$250 from Small Grants allocation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R. Gutierrez	M. Gonda	17	0	0

H. Distribution of Remaining 2023 Mental Health Initiative (MHI) Grant Funds – On 4/26/23, the RAP Board distributed \$1M for the 2023 MHI Grant. ABC Recovery Center was approved for \$75,000. There was a balance of \$24,200. Staff has conferred with Desert Healthcare District staff and would like to increase the grant to \$99,200.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee will have met on May 22. The Committee Chair will provide verbal recommendation.

Motion:	To approve an additional \$24,200 to ABC Recovery for a total MHI grant of \$99,200.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
K. Quintanilla	R. Gutierrez	17	0	0

- I. Implement 2-year funding cycles for FY2022-2023 for the Mental Health Grant. It will be beneficial to have the same grantees apply for funding to demonstrate impact utilizing the RBA framework. The grantees would be required to submit a Performance Application and follow the grant review process. The amount suggested by staff is \$500,000 to be allocated to the FY2023-2024 Performance Grant.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee will have met on May 22. The Committee Chair will provide verbal recommendation.

Motion:	To approve the implementation of a 2 year funding cycle for the grantees of the 2022-2023 MHI grant. Inviting the grantees to apply for year 2 and have the applications go through the Grants Review process.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
E. Romero	B. Kroonen	17	0	0

- J. Change in Banks from First Republic to First Bank- The recent take-over of First Republic by CHASE lead to the discussion at the May 17 Executive Committee meeting. Staff provided three banks to consider: CHASE – which unfortunately does not have client information yet and may not have any for several months;

First Foundation – the bank that RAP used to have prior to changing to First Republic – provided information; First Bank – provided information.

Executive Committee Recommendation: For the Board to decide to transfer our bank accounts to First Bank.

Motion:	To transfer our business from First Republic/Chase to First Bank. To have the same signers on the new account(s).			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C. Borba	M. Gonda	17	0	0

- K. Approve The Updated Grants Process Flow Chart (Attach. #9) - The Grants Committee met on May 22 and considered the changes staff would like to make to the Grants Process Flow Chart. The new chart includes the “Special Grant Requests”.

Grants Committee Recommendation: The Committee would have met on May 22. The Committee Chair will announce their action verbally.

Motion:	To approve and adopt the updated Grants Process Flow Chart.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
D. Borba	M. Gonda	17	0	0

- L. NPO Centric Independent Contractor Agreement (Attach. #10) This Agreement will be used for professional services provided by consultants for NPO Centric for all grants including RAP, other funders, ARPA, etc. RAP’s

attorney have reviewed and approved the final version which includes adding the indemnity clause requested by the NPO Centric Committee.

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: To approve the updated Agreement to be used with consultants working with NPO Centric. For the Board to authorize NPO Centric Committee to approve all contracts over \$2,500 and for the NPO Centric Director to have the authority to approve contracts below \$2,500.

Motion:	To refer to the Executive Committee to allow for input by M. Gonda as accounting issues need to be addressed. The Executive Committee is authorized to make a decision on their next meeting June 12 and their action would be ratified at the next board meeting.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Gonda	C. Borba	17	0	0

M. 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. - **No update/information provided. Board Chair has decided to have this item removed for future meetings, unless there is a specific issue.**

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS- No Action

- a. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2023 (Attach. #11)
- b. Grants Committee: Met on April 26 and May 22. April 11, April 12 and April 26 2023, Minutes attached (Attach. #12, #12b. #12c). Next meeting: Special Meeting on June 12 at 1:30 PM.
- c. Executive Committee: Met on May 17. Approved April 18, 2023, and May 3 Minutes attached (Attach. #13a and #13b. Next meeting May 17 at 9 AM.
- d. Facilities Committee: Next Meeting May 24, 2023 at 8:00 AM.
- e. Finance/Investment Committee. April 20 Minutes attached (Attach. # 14). Next Meeting TBD.
- f. Mental Health Committee: Met on April 20 at 2:30. Next meeting is set for June 28, 2023, at 11 AM.
- g. NPO Centric Committee: Met on May 17. Approved April 29, 2023, Minutes (Attach. #15) Next meeting June 21, 2023, at 1:00 PM.
- h. Audit Committee: Next meeting TBD.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

- Blythe Mental Health Summit in Partnership with Supervisor Perez - May 15 from 10 AM – 2 PM

J. Pye announced that J. Epps is the new Board Chair for HARC Board of Directors.
L. De Lara announced that Connie was honored as the Founder of the Year by Women Leaders Forum.
L. De Lara announced that S. Minor, RAP’s Executive Consultant will be honored as the Fundraising Professional of the Year by AFP at the November National Philanthropy Day luncheon.

R. Gutierrez mentioned that he would like board members share “best practices” with fellow board members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: **10:05**

Next meeting is on June 28, 2023, at 9 AM.