



NPO Centric Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 1:00 PM Pacific Time

41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert CA, 92260

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I. CALL TO ORDER - Roll Call

NPO Centric Committee Members		
1. Aurora Wilson (Chair)	2. Beatrice Gonzales	
3. Jan Pye	4. Jenai Morehead	
5. Rosemary Ortega	6. Kenny Rodgers	
Staff		
7. Leticia De Lara	8. Taly Fantini	9. Vanessa Arroniz

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Action Required

To meet Brown Act requirements, items may be added to the agenda only upon a decision by a majority of the Board members to add them because of a need for immediate action.

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

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS** – Any individual wishing to comment on the agenda or an item, not on the agenda may do so by emailing varroniz@rapfoundation.org or calling the number above. All emailed comments must be received before the start time. Persons wishing to speak are requested to be recognized at the appropriate time. General comments regarding non-agenda items will be called for at this time. Specific comments regarding agenda items will be called for during the discussion of each item. Please be prepared to limit your Public Comment remarks to three (3) minutes.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

(It is recommended that Consent Items be acted upon simultaneously unless separate discussion and/or action is requested by a Committee Member or member of the audience.)

A. NPO Centric Draft Minutes – June 2, 2025: (Attach. #1)

Staff Recommendation: To approve and file the NPO Centric Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2025.

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

B. Technical Assistance Grant Request

Organization #1:	Friends of the Children – Coachella Valley (Attach. #2)
Request Description:	Technical Assistance grant for technical assistance consulting services.
Prior Technical Assistance Services:	None.
	The request is for 30 hours of strategic and financial planning valued at \$4,500.

Staff Recommendation: To approve 30 hours of technical assistance for strategic planning and financial planning.

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

Organization #2:	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (Attach. #3)
Request Description:	Technical Assistance grant for technical assistance consulting services.
Prior Technical Assistance Services:	None.
	The request is for up to 60 hours of strategic planning valued at \$9,000.

Staff Recommendation: To approve up to 60 hours of technical assistance for strategic planning.

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

C. NPO Centric Committee – Vice Chair Nomination

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Organization #1:	Family Services of the Desert, Inc., dba Food Now
Request Description:	Technical Assistance grant for technical assistance consulting services.
Prior Technical Assistance Services:	Through ARPA Grant in 2023.
	Under the discretion of the NPO Centric Director, 20 hours have been approved for technical assistance for Marketing and Communications support valued at \$2,500.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

a. Upcoming Events

- **Leading Through the Unknown: Thriving Through Change**
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025 | Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Free Workshop (In Person) | Location: NPO Centric Community Resource Center
- **Making the Ask: Inspiring Donors to Give**
Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 | Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Hybrid Workshop | Cost: Members - \$10, Non-members - \$20
Location: NPO Center Resource Center
- **Coffee With... Session: CRM Systems: Streamline Donor Management**
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | Time: 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM
Hybrid Session | Cost: Members: Free, Non-Members: \$10
Location: NPO Centric Community Resource Center

b. NPO Centric has been awarded a Kaiser Permanente Grant – “Strengthening Community- Networks Capacity Building Initiative.” This initiative will help support NPO Centric’s capacity-building work 2025-2026 throughout Riverside County.

- **\$29,029.00**

The 2024-25 Kaiser Grant projects are complete, and the final grant report has been submitted.

c. Houston Grant Technical Assistance Grantees (new additions highlighted):

- CVDPN
- Culturas Coachella Valley
- Girlfriend Factor
- Parent Education Center
- RB House of Love
- United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire

- Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley
- Variety Children's Charity of the Desert
- Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert

VI. **NPO Centric Membership Report (Attach. #4)**

Membership Overview: 2024 vs. 2025

YTD Membership Activity

VII. **Workshop Registration/Attendance Reports: (Attach. #5)**

VIII. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 20, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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