



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 28, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Board of Directors Minutes

1. **Call to order** @ 6:30 pm by Vice President Luis Avila
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Board of Directors Roll Call.**

**Directors Present:** Vice President, Luis Avila  
Secretary, George Gallo Mac Master  
Treasurer, Anne Stokman  
Director, Steve Pittson (arrived @6:32 pm)

**Directors Absent:** President, Becky Campo

**Staff Present:** Administrative Director/CEO, Karin Hennings  
Ambulance Director, Paul Willette  
Health Center Manager, Suzie Benitez  
Clerk of the Board, Cheryle Pickle

**District Legal Council:** Dave Ritchie, Cole Huber, LLP

We have a Quorum

#### 4. **Reading of the *DRAFT* Mission Statement**

*"The District's primary mission is to deliver quality, personalized, and compassionate health care and build partnerships that expand healthcare services for our West Side communities."*

#### 5. **Public Comment Period - Present:** None

#### 6. **Declarations of Conflict:** There were no conflicts of interest.

- #### 7. **Approval of Agenda:** **M/S/C to accept the agenda.** Director Stokman/Director Mac Master **Ayes:** Directors Avila, Stokman, Mac Master, Pittson **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Passed**

#### 8. **Public Hearing #4 – Election Zones** *[discuss and revise the draft maps]*

**Started @ 6:33 pm**

- A. Presentation by Consultant Jeff Tilton, PhD, National Demographics Corporation  
Reviewed the process and the rules. Reviewed each of the proposed maps and their demographic summary.
- B. Board Comments  
The board reviewed the proposed maps and demographic statistics. Discussion was made regarding each of the maps reviewing their pros and cons. After discussion the board decided to recommend Map 103.
- C. Public Comments - No comments
- D. Final Map Selection – March 28, 2022, Board Meeting

**Closed @ 5:53 pm**

#### 9. **Presentation – CSDA Update, Dane Wadle**



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Mr. Wadle gave an overview of the CSDA and their advocacy. CSDA's advocacy was able to help bring the California Covid Fiscal Relief Funding to special districts. They also provide advocacy at the federal level. They are working on the issues of cybersecurity and grant assistance. CSDA has resource training for both board members and staff. He also provided an update on the Stanislaus County chapter.

#### 10. Consent Calendar\* [*Routine committee reports, minutes, and non-controversial items*]

- A. \*Approve Board Meeting Minutes January 31, 2022
- B. \*Accept Finance Committee Minutes January 19, 2022
- C. \*Accept Financial Reports – Jan 31, 2022
- D. \*Approve FY21-22 Budget Mid-Year Revision
- E. \*Continuing Resolution 2022-02 Option to Continue Use of Emergency Meeting Protocols
- F. \*Update Investment Policy to remove length of investment restrictions
- G. \*Adopt Cycle 3 Restatement for Retirement Plan-001
- H. \*Resolution 2022-04 Declare 2014 Ambulance Surplus

**M/S/C That the Board of Directors accept the Consent Calendar as presented.** /Director Stokman / Director Mac Master

**Ayes:** Directors Avila, Stokman, Mac Master. Pittson

**Nays:** None

**Abstains:** None

**Passed by roll call vote**

#### 11. Regular Calendar

- A. \*Any Consent calendar items moved to regular calendar **None**
- B. District General Counsel Contract Renewal  
Discussion was had. Questions were answered.

**M/S/C That the Board of Directors approve the contract with Cole Huber as general and employment legal counsel and authorize the CEO to execute the contract.**

**M/S/C** Director Stokman / Director Mac Master

**Ayes:** Directors Avila, Stokman, Mac Master. Pittson

**Nays:** None

**Abstains:** None

**Passed by roll call vote**

- C. Approval to obtain a Design-Build Legal Opinion  
Discussion was had on whether we needed to explore the benefits of building with a design-build contract. It was pointed out we need to know if design-build contracting is an option. Mr. David Gehrig of Hanson Bridgett wrote the legislation regarding health care district design-build. His written legal opinion would be valuable to defend our decision to use this approach. It was discussed that after we get this decision, we would then need to evaluate our options weighing the pros and cons of both the design-build and design-bid-build methods. Ms. Hennings will other districts that have used the design-build method for their projects and get more information from them about the process. After we get the decision from the attorney, the board wants to discuss the pros and cons of each method before proceeding.



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**M/S/C That the Board of Directors approve the engagement of David Gehrig of Hanson Bridgett to provide legal services related to design-build contracting, including research and advice on legislative authority, and assistance with contract documents not to exceed \$16, 000. Then bring this opinion back to the board /Director Stokman / Director Pittson**

**Ayes:** Directors Stokman, Mac Master. Pittson

**Nays:** None

**Abstains:** Director Avila

**Passed by roll call vote**

**12. Reports**

**A. Employee Anniversaries & New Hires**

Ambulance:

February

Years

Chuck Coelho (PT)

10

Lori Valdovinos (PT)

10

Health Center:

Susi Perez

6

Yesenia Sanchez

7

Laura Palafox

New

**B. West Side Health Care Task Force – Director Avila - There will be a meeting on 03/10/2022**

**C. Del Puerto Hospital Foundation – Director Mac Master  
Meeting will be 03/23/2022 after the Finance Committee Meeting**

**D. Legislative Advocacy Committee – Director Avila and Campo  
Proposed legislation (SB 1993) that would require all eligible employees to have Covid vaccines.**

**E. Ambulance – Director, Paul Willette  
Mr. Willette reviewed the Ambulance report for January. It was another busy month. The payor mix has not been favorable. There is still a large amount of mutual aid out of the District. We have been trying to staff P93 when WS is down an ambulance. Lots of calls into the Modesto/Turlock area.**

**F. Health Center – Manager, Suzie Benitez  
Ms. Benitez reviewed the Health Center Report. Covid testing has slowed way down with very few positive results.**

**G. Administration – Administrative Director/CEO, Karin Hennings  
Written report submitted Ms. Hennings stated that Keystone C was paid off. 800K was transferred to Stifel Investment Account per Board direction. The state of California has granted up to 80 hours of Covid-19 related leave to all employees. Enclosed Walker Report for board education.**

**13. Strategic Planning**

Addressed in CEO's written report.



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### 14. Director Correspondence, Comments, Future Agenda Items

- Thank You note from Evan Schutt.
- News article regarding Community Health Centers of America opening a clinic in Gustine.

### 15. Upcoming Regular Board and Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Finance – Wednesday, Mar 23, 2022 @ 8:30 AM Board – Monday, Mar 28, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Finance – Wednesday, Apr 20, 2022 @ 8:30 AM Board – Monday, Apr 25, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Finance – Wednesday, May 18, 2022 @ 8:30 AM Board – Monday, May 23, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

### Adjourned to Closed Session @ 8:05 pm

### 16. Closed Session *[Board of Directors may recess to closed session for discussion of certain matters as legally permitted. Any action taken shall be reported in open session.]*

A. Gov't Code § 54956.9(b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated litigation or significant exposure to litigation: One (1) potential case.

B. Gov't Code § 54956.9 Existing Litigation  
Case CV-21-003566 Stanislaus County  
Parente & Parente v. Del Puerto Health Care District

### 17. Reconvene to Open Session – Report of Closed Session

Reconvened @ 8:24 pm.

No reportable items. Instructions given to staff.

### 18. Adjourn @ 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

George "Gallo" Mac Master

Date