



**MINUTES
GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

In accordance with California Government Code Section 54953 teleconferencing was used for this meeting. Board members, staff and members of the public were able to participate by webinar and members of the public were also able to participate by telephone

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Kate Schwartz called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In attendance: Committee Members Kate Schwartz and Howard Salmon, CEO Rachel Mason, Executive Assistant Linda Bannerman, Wellness Center Administrator Theresa Geracitano, Administrative Officer Judith Oswald, and Public Outreach/Communications Specialist Dani Vargas

2. Public Comments

None

3. Discussion Items

a. Government

- i. National
- ii. State
- iii. San Diego County & Live Well Updates

Committee Chair Schwartz provided brief overview of County, State, and National guidelines.

b. Public Engagement

Summary provided by Wellness Center Administrator Theresa Geracitano. There are several events taking place at the Community Health and Wellness Center: blood drive, CPR training, support groups, and Michelle's Place open house. CEO Rachel Mason updated committee on ongoing conversations with Diabetic Prevention Programs and Mental Health First Aid program. Public Outreach/Communications Specialist Dani Vargas shared information on collaboration posts in social media which provide increased public reach and engagement.

- i. COVID-19 Updates
- ii. Budgetary Considerations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget
CEO Rachel Mason inquired about this committee's budgetary requirements for fiscal year 2022-2023 outside of the anticipated promotional items.

c. Review of District Government and Public Engagement Committee Goals and Objectives
CEO Rachel Mason summarized findings about how other healthcare districts utilize committees like our District Government and Public Engagement Committee. There is little consensus amongst districts, this provides opportunity for the committee to define goals as it best fits the needs of the district. Director Howard Salmon recommended:

- Support or oppose bills in the legislature affecting healthcare districts
- Public town-meetings quarterly
- Find metrics to determine public awareness of district events

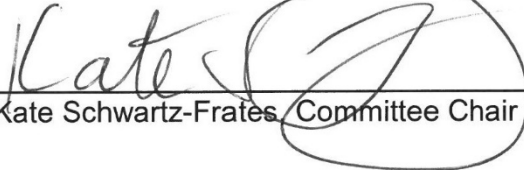
4. Board Comments and Future Agenda Items

Chair Schwartz commented that governmental mandated requirements, such as redistricting maps, may be considered in this committee first.

Chair Schwartz would also like for the district to be cognizant of service delivery methods in the development of the Community Health and Wellness Center

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 6:42 p.m.


Kate Schwartz-Frutes, Committee Chair


Board Secretary/Clerk