



**MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
PETALUMA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Elece Hempel called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM in the Room 100 conference room at 1425 N. McDowell Blvd.

**PRESENT**

Elece Hempel, President  
Fran Adams, RN, BSN  
Gabriella Ambrosi

**ABSENT**

Crista Barnett Nelson  
Jeffrey Tobias, MD

**ALSO PRESENT**

Ramona Faith, CEO, PHCD  
Andrew Koblick, Controller, PHCD  
Ruth Wells, Board Clerk, PHCD

**CALL FOR CONFLICT**

President Hempel noted a quorum was present and called for conflict. Ms. Hempel acknowledged her outside role as a nonprofit organization leader, a program of which is under consideration for grant funding.

**MISSION AND VISION**

Director Ambrosi read the mission and vision of the Petaluma Health Care District.

*The mission of the Petaluma Health Care District is to improve the health and well-being of our community through leadership, advocacy, support, partnerships and education.*

*Petaluma Health Care District envisions: A healthier community; a thriving hospital; local access to comprehensive health and wellness services for all.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

There were no board comments.

## RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF 2019-20 PHCD GRANT AWARDS

CEO Ramona Faith and Community Health Program Manager Halley Cloud summarized the grant awards review process. Sixteen applications were received for consideration. The review committee comprised of three community representatives, two PHCD staff members and one PHCD director evaluated the proposals. Two meetings of the committee were used to review the proposals, research any questions raised in the first meeting and formulate recommendations for funding.

Proposals were evaluated against the District's service priorities: access to health services, mental health and substance abuse treatment, heart health and health food consumption, cradle-to-career (education attainment), and housing.

In FY2019 the District provided \$54,000 in grant funding. The recommendation includes a short list of funding totaling \$55,000. However, in light of declining state and federal funding for social service programs, it was recommended that the board consider dedicating additional grant funding for FY2020 to address more community needs. While it is not possible to fund all applications, 10 were selected as having the greatest impact on PHCD's priorities.

Due to additional recent funding from St. Joseph Health to support the Seeds of Awareness proposal, a conversation will occur between SJH, SOA and District staff to determine how best to leverage the partnership and confirm the proposed grant objectives.

Director Hempel suggested that the impact of this funding might be leveraged by creating a networking opportunity to strengthen relationships between the funded agencies. Even though these organizations participate in CHIPA, convening the recipients could further leverage and align efforts among the fund recipients. Participation in this convening would be optional and result in additional funding of \$500 per organization.

**A MOTION was made by Director Hempel and seconded by Director Ambrosi to approve the grant funding recommendations of staff and the grant review committee, plus \$5,000 to create a stipend for a mid-year convening of funded program managers who participate in the convening. The grants will be distributed as follows:**

**Buckelew Programs, \$10,000**

**Burbank Housing after school program, \$10,000**

**Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) Mary Isaak Center, \$10,000**

**Literacyworks, \$10,000**

**Mentor Me advocacy team, \$10,000**

**Petaluma Adult School AVANCE program, \$9,500**

**Petaluma Bounty A.L.I.V.E program, \$10,000**

**Redwood Empire Food Bank Food Assistance Program, \$5,000**

**Seeds of Awareness, \$10,000, funded through a Petaluma Education Foundation partnership grant**

**The Salvation Army Food Box Program, \$5,000**

**In addition, the Kid Scoop News application will be funded with \$3,500 from marketing dollars in the FY2020 budget.**

**The motion passed by a vote of three Ayes (Adams, Ambrosi, Hempel), zero Noes. Directors Nelson and Tobias were absent.**

The Board thanked Director Adams for participating as a member of the grants review committee.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

**BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORTS**

This subject was deferred to the next regular board meeting.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, at 12:00 PM at the District office.

**PLUS / DELTA**

No comments were offered.

**ADJOURN**

President Hempel adjourned the meeting at 8:36 AM.

Submitted by Fran Adams, Secretary

Recorded by Ruth Wells, Board Clerk