

**Meeting of the
EDEN HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPEN SESSION**

April 19, 2023

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic – Held by Zoom Teleconference
5:30 p.m.

APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Directors Present:

Chair Russo
Director Lewis
Director Hernandez
Director Grant

Directors Absent:

Director Faria

Staff Present:

Barbara Adranly, District Clerk
Michelle Robles, Director of Finance
Mark Friedman, Chief Executive Officer

Guests:

Salina Patel, Director of Nursing and
Compliance, George Mark Children's
House
Alison DeJung, Executive Director, Eden I&R
(via Zoom)
Ahmad Zamani, Executive Director, Afghan
Care
Judy Huie, Afghan Care (via Zoom)
Diana Doyle, Principal, Socius Group (via
Zoom)
James Gillis, Socius Group (via Zoom)
Dominique Mellion, Families United for Equity
(via Zoom)
No members of the public

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: Motion made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Hernandez, to approve the Agenda of the April 19, 2023, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of March 17, 2023 Special Meeting:

The Open Session Minutes for the March 17, 2023, special meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Grant, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve the Open Session Minutes of the special meeting of March 17, 2023, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

V. GRANTEE REPORTS:

A. George Mark Children's House:

Salina Patel, Director of Nursing and Compliance, George Mark Children's House, reported on an overview of the George Mark Children's House grant project and that they have partnered with the Cal State East Bay palliative care school program for nurses; progress and expected outcomes and number of people served within the District; how the project is improving health; how the District can partner with their agency to let the community know about our collaborative work together; and how funding has impacted the individuals they serve.

Discussion held regarding the George Mark Children's House.

B. Eden I&R:

Alison DeJung, Executive Director, Eden I&R (via Zoom), reported the services provided by Eden I&R. She also presented a Power Point and reported on an overview of the Eden I&R grant project; progress and expected outcomes and number of people served within the District; demographics information of people served; how the project is improving health; free disaster training they provide; care coordination through the community information exchange; how the District can partner with their agency to let the community know about our collaborative work together; and how funding has impacted the individuals they serve.

Discussion held regarding the Eden I&R's grant project.

C. Afghan Care:

Ahmad Zamani, Executive Director, Afghan Care, reported on the services they provide; an overview of the Afghan Care grant project; progress and expected outcomes and number of people served within the District; how the project is improving health; how the District can partner with their agency to let the community know about our collaborative work together; the challenges encountered by their agency; and the number of clients served in the District.

Discussion held regarding the Afghan Care grant project.

VI. SPONSORSHIPS:

A. San Leandro High School Multiplying Good:

Director Hernandez reported on the San Leandro High School Multiplying Good, Vape Buy Back Program. He reported that last year the District supported this program in the amount of \$500.00. He also reported that they would like to continue with the Vape Buy Back Program and that San Leandro High School is requesting support of the Vape Buy Back Program at the \$2,000.00 level.

Discussion held regarding the Vape Buy Back Program.

The board tabled this agenda item to the May 17, 2023 board meeting.

VII. FAMILIES UNITED FOR EQUITY PRESENTATION:

Director Grant reported on the East Bay Regional Center and the services they provide for the developmentally disabled and challenged population, respite care, and development care and training. She reported on group care homes and the referrals they are not getting from the East Bay Regional Center. Director Grant reported that the East Bay Regional Center is located in San Leandro, which is within the District's boundaries. She introduced Dominique Mellion from Families United for Equity.

Dominique Mellion, Families United for Equity, reported on the goals for the people of color with disabilities and their families. She reported on the Little Hoover Commission report and the disparities which were highlighted in this report. She also reported on the Disability Equity and Accountability Act, AB 1147. Ms. Mellion reported that they are seeking grant funding to help with their initiatives and are asking that the District partner with the East Bay Regional Center. She reported that they are in the process of selecting a brick and mortar center. She also reported that they would like to establish a partnership with the District to help fund their initiatives.

Discussion held regarding the Families United for Equity and the East Bay Regional Center.

Mark Friedman reported that the District can send a letter of support regarding AB 1147, but unfortunately the District's grant program has been determined for this year and funding from the District is not available.

VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MARCH, 2023:

Michelle Robles reported on the financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2023.

On a cash basis, the District had a cash gain of \$175,005 for the month ending March 31, 2023. For the medical office buildings the District owns, Dublin Gateway had a cash gain of \$206,804 and the Eden Medical Building had a cash gain of \$62,728. Community Services expenses were \$30,021. The District Office operating expenses were \$64,507.

The District had a net gain of \$102,962 for March, 2023.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Hernandez, to approve the March, 2023 financial statements, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN FOLLOW UP:

A. Grant Priorities:

Was not discussed.

B. Strategic Plan Update:

Mark Friedman reported on the 2023 Strategic Plan Implementation. He reported that the priorities for the 2023 strategic plan are mental health, housing and homelessness, food and nutrition, and health access. He reported that the board identified four key projects to address these priorities at the strategic planning meeting held on March 17, 2023, which are:

- Initiate and supervise a feasibility study for the future of St. Rose Hospital in meeting crucial community needs.
- Convene a gathering of key stakeholders to determine health priorities within the District and plan for addressing the identified priorities.
- Explore potential senior living project with Baywood Court.
- Review and update website.

Mr. Friedman reported on the objectives, activities, timeline, and comments for each strategic plan priority. He reported that he can report to the board on the progress of the Strategic Plan every 2 to 3 months.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve the 2023 Strategic Plan, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

X. COVID-19 UPDATE:

Mark Friedman reported on the current status of COVID-19. He reported on new guidelines from the FDA and combining the initial and booster shots. He also reported that the pandemic has been declared as over, but COVID-19 is still present. Mr. Friedman reported on problems with long Covid and not enough research has been done regarding long Covid. He reported that Federal funding for testing and immunizations have been sunseting, but the State of California is still funding testing and immunizations.

XI. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Mark Friedman reported on the responses received for the St. Rose study RFP. He reported that the Steering Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Discussion held regarding funding for the St. Rose feasibility study.

XII. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Russo reported that she attended a Rotary meeting where Lex Reddy from St. Rose Hospital made a presentation. She reported that he acknowledged the District for spearheading the St. Rose feasibility study. She also thanked the board members who participated in the Meals on Wheels March for Meals events.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

The next meeting to be held will on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Attest:

Pamela Russo
Chair, Board of Directors
Eden Health District

Roxann Lewis
Secretary, Board of Directors
Eden Health District