



**MINUTES
GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 12, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

In accordance with the current State of Emergency and the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, of March 12, 2020 and N-33-20 of March 19, 2020, 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 10:33 a.m.

In attendance: Committee Members Kate Schwartz-Frates and Stephanie Ortiz
CEO Rachel Mason and staff members Linda Bannerman and Mireya Banuelos

2. Public Comments

Leticia Stamos said she would comment on Agenda Item b.ii.

3. Discussion Items

a. Government

i. Legislative Updates

Director Schwartz referred to the CDC COVID-19 tracker link. President Biden launched a 100-day masking challenge, began re-engaging in the World Health Organization, and named a COVID-19 Response Coordinator.

ii. San Diego County & Live Well Updates

Anyone eligible, but not insured, can sign up with Covered California up to May 15th. The Legislature has approved, and Governor Gavin Newsom has signed into law an extension of the state's eviction moratorium and allocation of federal rental and utility assistance funds.

Health and Human Services announced \$22 billion in funding to support expanded testing and vaccinations for COVID-19.

A Clinical Advisory Group brings together local and community clinical partners to provide guidance using a phased approach for vaccine distribution and provide recommendations using a health equity lens when vaccine supply is limited.

b. Public Engagement

i. Health District's COVID-19 Response

Chair Schwartz asked Community Health Coordinator Mireya Banuelos to discuss the District's public engagement efforts. Ms Banuelos said FRHD is looking to its community members of Bonsall, De Luz, Fallbrook, and Rainbow to gather feedback on the development of the future wellness center that will be housed at our 1636 E. Mission Rd., Fallbrook property that has hosted many COVID-19 testing dates and are looking forward to transforming it to continue to serve the health and wellness needs of the community.

Responses to date: English Surveys: 291 Spanish Surveys: 22

End date postponed to 2/22/2021.

Mireya commented she is providing surveys in Spanish via e-mail as that is the most preferred method of distribution.

Director Ortiz thanked volunteer helpers who assisted her to distribute the survey at local markets and businesses, as well as COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine information. She and Director Schwartz have been meeting with residents to provide this information in the community. COVID-19 updates are provided via e-mail to a list of more than 700 people having indicated interest in the updates.

ii. FRHD and Community Events

The Community Collaborative for Health and Wellness meets on the 17th. The Farmworker Care Coalition meets on the 19th. Persons with interest can sign up to attend via Zoom.

Lastly, Mireya reviewed the social media updates provided by Jen Koester and herself.

Committee Chair Schwartz further discussed legislative updates as follows:

- SB89
- SB91
- New Secretary of State Shirley Weber
- Telehealth Hearing discussing beyond the pandemic
- Redistricting of political districts
- California Small Business COVID-19 Relief
- County Supervisor redistricting

Leticia Stamos thanked Director Ortiz for the opportunity to assist her in outreach efforts to the community regarding the survey and COVID-19 updates. She voiced concerns regarding what the District is doing to meet the underserved for vaccine distribution. There was clarification about her questions regarding the online survey and why the survey cannot be taken more than once on a cellphone.

Director Ortiz said regarding ongoing public engagement there will be temporary bilingual staff to assist callers with questions regarding testing, vaccines and the survey. In addition, mailers will be sent in Spanish/English throughout the District.

CEO Rachel Mason further clarified the District's Plan. She noted that we are not in control of the availability of vaccine. Banners, flyers, mailers, and a billboard are included to direct people to call FRHD. Those without digital access will be funneled to the Foundation for Senior Care and Fallbrook Senior Center. A tiered rollout is planned. Lastly, bilingual temp employees will be on staff for the next couple of months.

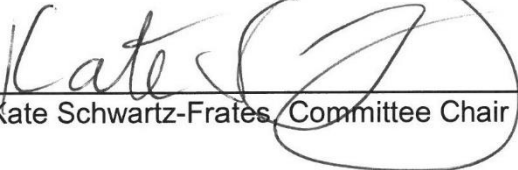
Ricardo Favela commented that he relies on and appreciates the District's website for updated COVID-19 information.


4. Board Comments and Future Agenda Items

Director Schwartz thanked staff for all their community engagement efforts and thanked members from the public for their interest and participation.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.


Kate Schwartz-Frades, Committee Chair


Board Secretary/Clerk