



**MINUTES  
GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Friday, July 9, 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 Schwartz called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

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

2. Public Comments

None

3. Discussion Items

a. Government

i. National

NY Times reported President Biden encouraging workplaces to encourage employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and allow time off to do so as only 54% of people in rural areas have been vaccinated compared to 72% in urban areas.

ii. State

Committee Chair Schwartz briefly reviewed a couple of Assembly bills in process. She noted that SB129 provides a relief fund for special districts having experienced additional costs in providing services due to the pandemic.

iii. San Diego County & Live Well Updates

Text messages had been sent out asking about vaccination status. Unvaccinated people account for the current increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths.

b. Public Engagement

i. COVID-19 Updates

Three testing and vaccination clinics are scheduled this month.

Three community meetings are scheduled with groups to discuss our public outreach and continue to communicate in the best way with all residents. Discussion ensued.

ii. Public Engagement Plan

1. NCFPD – Public Outreach/Communications Specialist Position Update

Rachel Mason said candidates for this position were interviewed and a fantastic person has been identified. That person is currently undergoing a background check.

2. Zoom Translation Upgrade Plan Cost

Rachel Mason said the District has been researching the best translation services for District Board meetings. There will be an increase in cost from our present Zoom plan of \$600 to \$2,000 for the upgraded plan and \$70.00 per hour for a simultaneous interpreter. At the present time, only meetings of the full Board (not committee meetings) are being considered for translation. The services would be online (Zoom), not in person. In person translation services would double the length of the meeting(s).

**Recommendation:** The Government/PE Committee recommended full Board consideration of the Zoom Translation Upgrade Plan and Cost.

3. ACHD "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" Grant Application

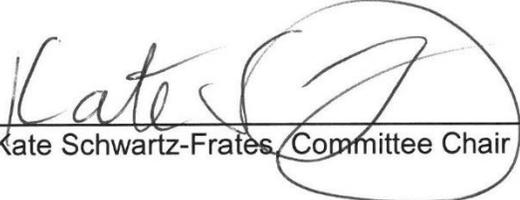
CEO Rachel Mason said this topic had been previously discussed by the Board and she had written the Grant Application for this program and submitted it to ACHD. With the development of the upcoming Community Health & Wellness Center and the knowledge that the Board had ranked diversity as a top priority, she believes FRHD is a good candidate to receive this grant.

4. Board Comments and Future Agenda Items

Add the Zoom Translation Upgrade Plan Cost discussion to the Board regular meet in July

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

  
Kate Schwartz-Frates, Committee Chair

  
Board Secretary/Clerk