



**MINUTES
GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.
Virtual and In-Person at Administrative Office
1st Floor Community Room, 138 S. Brandon Rd., Fallbrook**

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
Chair Howard Salmon called meeting to order at 5:34 pm
In attendance: Committee Members Howard Salmon, CEO Rachel Mason, Executive Assistance Linda Bannerman, Administrative Officer Judith Oswald, Wellness Center Administrator Theresa Geracitano, and Public Outreach/Communication Specialist Dani Vargas. Palomar Family Healthcare Executive Director Lisa Turner LCSW, and Patti Christensen LCSW. (Note: Director Ortiz is absent)
2. Public Comments - Announcement
None
3. Discussion Items
 - a) Public Engagement
 - FRHD and Community Event Updates
 1. Wellness Center Administrator
Wellness Center Administrator, Theresa Geracitano noted the continued successful engagement with the community. For the month of September, there were a total of 76 events at the Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC). The 76 events were both closed groups and public groups/events. CHWC is becoming a hub for support groups such as grief support groups, caregiver support groups and Multiple Sclerosis support groups just to name a few. The Live Well Bus inquired about partnership for the following year. Wellness Center Administrator, Theresa Geracitano, indicated website traffic in September reached 60K site visits and summarized a variety of metrics
 2. Public Outreach/Communications Specialist
Public Outreach/Communication Specialist Dani Vargas shared metrics on social media engagement. Highlighted the parenting class from the Cultivate Health series, the engagement on the post was up 61%; the engagement is there but the follow through for participation experiences a drop. She continues to create posts about committee meetings to inform the public on opportunities to engage.
 - Public Engagement Brainstorming
 1. Grantees Services Presentations at Gov/PE meetings – Palomar Family Counseling Services

Committee Chair Howard Salmon introduced Palomar Family Healthcare Executive Director Lisa Turner LCSW. Executive Director Lisa Turner thanked the district for the continued support and provided brief history of their presence in Fallbrook since 1960, as well as an overview of services available through their programs: Full-Service Partnership Program, School Based Services, Domestic Violence Offenders Program, and Clinical Programs. FRHD provides grant funding for their following two programs:

- **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Mind**
Patti Christensen LCSW explained that this program serves the youth in our district. Young children and adolescents. This program has a great partnership with the Fallbrook Boys & Girls club, this partnership serves those in our community who lack access. They also serve as a safety-net in the community as it pertains to mental health services. The third component of this program is the wellness early intervention groups.
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren programs**
Patti Christensen – Palomar Family Counseling provides support to grandparents raising grandchildren. Similar in nature to the county kinship program. There is a case-management component, that is local and available during very convenient hours for grandparents.

CEO Mason inquired about unmet needs of the program. LCSW Patti Christensen voiced a need to access to legal information regarding topics that impact them such as guardianship, adoption, and financial.

- **COVID-19 Updates**
CEO Rachel Mason provided updates; Mondays and Thursdays are still testing dates at the district. Our next vaccination clinic in partnership with Champions for Health is set for Saturday November 5th; there will be both covid and flu vaccines available.

b. Government

CEO Rachel Mason stated there are no substantial updates at this time

4. **Board Comments and Future Agenda Items**
None

5. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Howard Salmon, Committee Chair

Board Secretary/Clerk