

CEO Report Feb. 2019

1. Eva and I attended the two day weekend Integrating Street Medicine Workshop hosted by Volunteers in Medicine with Education at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission on Feb. 2 and Feb. 3. The featured speakers included: Supervisor Perez, Dr. James Withers – Medical Director and Founder of Street Medicine Institute & Operation Safety Net, Dr. Jim O’Connell- President of Boston Health Care in Boston, and Dr. Noemi Doohan – Founder of Doctors Without Walls in Santa Barbara. In addition we had local speakers from the CV Rescue Mission, The Well in the Desert, The Narrow Door, Eisenhower Hospital and others.
2. I participated in a Special Continuum of Care Board of Governance Meeting on Feb. 7 to review funding requests for Homelessness projects throughout Riverside County. I am pleased that the following eastern Riverside County organizations were awarded grants: Martha’s Village, CV Rescue Mission, Cathedral City, Path of Life, and CVAG. The total amount awarded to organizations throughout Riverside County was approximately \$11.8M.
3. I participated in a Funders Alliance meeting on Feb. 13. The topics included the “Changing the Narrative Campaign.” RAP’s CNA will provide training to nonprofits on how they can benefit by using the “tool kit” created by the Funders Alliance. Also, we discussed the Census 2020 efforts underway. The County of Riverside had entered into an agreement with UCR’s Center of Social Innovation to collaborate and ensure a better count. CNA will be taking the lead in eastern Riverside County. This announcement was just made, more information to follow.
4. I attended the “Go Red for Women” along with RAP board member Aurora Wilson on Feb. 15. This is the 15th year that the American Heart Association hosts this event to bring attention to preventing heart disease and stroke by promoting healthy lifestyles.
5. Board members Mark Moran, Mike Gialdini and Aurora Wilson (Capital Campaign Committee (ad hoc) members joined me in a meeting with Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and Pat Cooper. We discussed RAP’s need to replace the remaining 23 AC units to improve our energy efficiency. We also share the news, that solar or other energy producing alternatives are not feasible due to roof space limitations. Our goal is to raise approximately \$200,000. Supervisor Perez informed us that the County’s financial situation makes it difficult for him to provide this funding but he will explore potential funding (public and private).
6. I attended the Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) pancake breakfast on Feb. 16 and their Wine Tasting event that evening. This is VIM’s annual event where they raise the majority of their operational funds for the year.
7. I have continued to work with our Results Based Leadership Consultant, Toni Cook, to orient her about RAP’s operations, our community and our issues. The following individuals/organizations are expected to join RAP board members (Jan, Craig, Mike, Bill, Ann, and Aurora) and staff: Kathy McAdera, Jewish Family Services, Path of Life, HARC, Alexis Ortega with The LGBT Center, Krystal Granados, and Suget Lopez with Lidres Campesinas. This will not only allow them to assist us in our process but also giving them the opportunity to be exposed to this process for possible adoption in their own agencies.
8. CNA Director John Epps and RAP board member Bea Gonzalez were recognized along with other community leaders for their contributions to our community. We were joined by RAP board members Mark Moran, Jan Pye, and Aurora Wilson at the breakfast event on Feb. 22.
9. CNA staff is currently working on applications to The Weingart Foundation and Kaiser Foundation. Both funding requests are focusing on capacity building.