

CEO Report May 2020

April 30 - Mireya and I participated in a CAL OSHA webinar to educate us in how to prepare for our return to working in the office, the anticipated date is June 22. This topic will be covered during the board meeting.

May 5 – I participated in the first meeting since March of CVAG’s Homelessness Collaborative CV Heart that was created in March as a short term Ad Hoc committee to provide input on topics related to funding and policy ideas as it pertains to affordable housing, homelessness and related programs. The main topic discussed at this meeting was the idea of the Coachella Valley “spinning off” of the Riverside County wide Continuum of Care (COC). The pros and cons were discussed and there was agreement that the best plan would be to gain the COC’s support to create a CV COC which would not replace the primary COC but instead be a “branch” of it.

May 7- I participated in a Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce webinar featuring HR Attorney Karen Sloat. The main topic was how to address employee’s safety concerns about Covid- 19. As a response to the training, Employees were required to read and acknowledge our newly adopted Employees Covid -19 Policy Handbook.

May 14 – I participated in a webinar for Foundant, our new on-line application process that Eva, Christine and Karina are taking part in every week. I wanted to get an overview of the Program to have a general understanding of the level of ease/difficulty and even though I am a low-level technical person, I was able to follow along in the webinar. The staff response has been positive. Many of the processes we need for our purposes have actually already been created by Foundant because they have a great deal of experience handling these applications for other nonprofits. We anticipate going “live” in early July.

May 20 - Earlier this year I was selected to serve on the AB 617 CV Committee created by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Although COVID -19 disrupted the last month’s meetings, they have resumed by ZOOM. “This is part of a series of meetings for the committee and the public to provide input on the development of **Community Air Monitoring Plans** and **Community Emissions Reduction Plans** implemented through **Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Air Initiatives.**” This is a great opportunity to interact with potential collaborative partners as well as residents that are dealing with health issues as a result of air quality issues. There were approximately 70 people who participated in the meeting.

May 22 – I plan to participate in a Southern California Grantmakers (RAP is a member) webinar addressing how to better serve our Immigrant Community through multi sector collaboratives.

May 26 - The remaining work, striping, on the parking lot and sidewalk is due to be complete this week. We should be ready to submit the final paperwork to the County by the end of the fiscal year to close out the project.

May 20 - Our CN A team, Stephanie and Christine hosted a successful “Coffee With..” Zoom meeting attended by 37 people. One of the topics that was featured was based on information provided by Dr. Ann Dew. Also, Karen Suarez from Wells Fargo was a speaker. We received several comments about how well done it was!