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Special Grants Review Committee Meeting

Monday, July 29, 2020

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

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This meeting is being conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means only. There will not be a physical location.

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MEETING MINUTES

I. Call To Order at 1:32 PM by Chairman Craig Borba

Roll Call:

Craig Borba, Chairman

Aurora Wilson, Board

Maria Blue, Board

Van Tanner, Board

Lety DeLara, CEO

Ann Dew, Emeritus

Karina Rios, Staff

Eva Guenther-James, Staff

Absent:

Rosemary Ortega, Board

Mike Gialdini, Board

Stephanie Minor, Staff

Tricia Gehrlein, Community Member

- II. Public Comment:** Any individual wishing to comment on the agenda or an item not on the agenda may do so by mailing evagj@rapfoundation.org or by calling in at the number above. All emailed comments must be received prior to the 1:30 PM start time. Persons wishing to speak are requested to be recognized at the appropriate time. General comments regarding non-agenda items will be called

for at this time. Specific comments regarding agenda items will be called for during discussion of each item. Please be prepared to limit your **Public Comment remarks to three (3) minutes.**

No public.

III. Approval of June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attach #1) Action Required
Accept and file June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion: V Tanner Second: A Wilson Approve: 5 Denial: 0 Abstention
Names: 0

IV. Foundant Grantmaking Software

Mikayla Vale, Client Success Manager, will provide an overview of Foundant grantmaking software.

Brief overview of Foundant in which Mikayla Vale provided some demonstrations on functionality including committee's ability to include an online Reviewer process for their use.

V. Grants Applications

A. View examples of applications - Small Grant, Health/Mental Health Initiative letter of intent and application.

Examples of applications were viewed.

B. View example of scoresheet for Sponsorship Request

Viewed scoresheet example

C. Consider Reviewer role for specific funding requests

Discussion on ability to utilize Reviewer role option in Foundant as part of their committee process. Committee likes the ability to view applications and Reviewer' score sheets and comments. Members indicated they are currently not interested to take on a Reviewer role and complete scoresheets for specific processes.

VI. Funding Requests Action Required

Small Grants

A. Applicant: **California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) Foundation (Attach # 2a, 2b, 2c)**

Program: **Street Medicine**

Funding Request: **\$5,000**

Review Rating: **81%** Recommend funding

Summary: In 2019, the CSUSB Department of Nursing received a one-year grant from the CW Fund to strengthen the street medicine programs in the Coachella Valley. The Department of Nursing faculty and students are collaborating with the University of Riverside (UCR) School of Medicine (to be replaced by the Desert Regional Medical Center medical residents), Well in the Desert, and the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (CVVIM). In order to have nursing students involved, the program must have nursing faculty

members to supervise them. The CW grant allows the participation of CSUSB Palm Desert campus (PDC) nursing students by funding the service of two nursing faculty members to be their supervisors.

The grant also covers the equipment and supplies the students need to allow them to be most useful. That funding support ends August 31, 2020 so we are proposing a request to RAP to continue the purchase of the essential clinical supplies.

The Palm Springs unsheltered population will be served by the street medicine clinic at the Our Lady of Guadalupe free lunch program sponsored by the Well in the Desert on Fridays. The Indio population will be served through the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine street medicine outreach serving homeless people in their encampments.

Representatives: Diane Vines, Principal Investigator for CSUSB's Street Medicine Program, Matt Durkan, Director of Development at CSUSB's Palm Desert Campus, Deborah Logan, Corporate and Foundation Relations Specialist

Interview timeslot: **2:30 PM to 2:45 PM**

Brief overview of the program and the collaboration with partnering organizations The Well in the Desert and Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (CVVIM). The current funding will end in August and CSUSB is looking at ability to continue this program so that student nurses obtain clinical experience. Some examples were given of other sites and locations student nurses have performed various levels of medical treatment and followup for primarily unsheltered population throughout Coachella Valley. Desert Healthcare District has been approached to fund this program as well, although at a higher amount to support salaries of nursing supervisors to the students in addition to supplies. The Well in the Desert and CVVIM provide updates to the student nurses so that they can follow up if needed.

B. Applicant: **Academic Solutions**

Program: Gifted & At-Risk (GAR) Program
\$5,000

Funding Request:

Review Rating: **76.1%**

Recommendation: Recommend \$5,000 and additional funding for CNA membership. Focus for CNA is budget and assisting in program details. Reviewers see this as a pilot project.

Summary: The Gifted & At-Risk (GAR) project is targeted to identify and work with the special population of gifted juveniles who fall through the cracks because of their atypical gifted traits. For these students to achieve their highest potential, the project will include briefly:

(A) Meeting with school administration confirming program approach and objectives

(B) Assess nominees (including conducting Irlen Syndrome Screening and identifying giftedness)

(C) Initiate the Autonomous Learner Model (ALM) which includes five dimensions to complete by the end of the academic year: a. Orientation b. Individual Development c. Enrichment d. Seminars e. In-depth study

The **higher risk sub-special populations** who are potentially within this group are those who are gifted but **under-identified and under-served**: 1. unidentified and in trouble 2. potentially dangerous to society and themselves 3. economically disadvantaged 4. English Language Learners 5. twice-exceptional 6. females 7. LGTBQ+ and 8. underachieving

Representative: **Holly Armstrong, Founder**
Interview timeslot: **2:50 PM to 3:05 PM**

Brief overview of program in working with gifted at-risk students and the various testing instruments such as WISC-5 and RAVENS. Applicant discussed the Autonomous Learner Model which she wants to implement for students at the middle school level. Also, applicant want to include Irlen Syndrome screening of students. Applicant has interest from Bobby Duke Middle School for the proposed program. Student classroom size whether in person or virtual is six.

Applicant was asked numerous questions, including her education, expertise, ability to conduct testing using various instruments, whether she was qualified, meaning licensed or credentialed, if supported by all three school districts and who would do the follow up and assessments. Applicant indicated she was a doctoral student to which the committee wanted to know if she would be supervised and by whom.

VII. James Irvine Foundation Regranting Funds RFP 2020.1 (Attach # 4a, 4b)
Action Item

Applicant: **Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Foundation**
Allowed to resubmit application.

Program: **Mental Health Therapeutic/Counseling Services**
Funding Request: **\$60,000**

Reviewer rating for Resubmission: **58%** Initial /Reviewer rating: **43%**

Summary: Loma Linda University Children's Health (LLUCH) Indio clinic in seeks to provide behavioral health services to the underserved immigrant population of the Coachella Valley. A large number of those served are part of

this population and would benefit from culturally sensitive behavioral health services.

Review time: **3:10 PM to 3:20 PM**

Karina shared results of the resubmission by Applicant and Reviewers concerns. Although the percentage increased the application did not meet threshold once again. As was the first submission, the second submission did not diminish the concern that the cost per unit/session was considered too high.

Recommendation: Follow the recommendation of the Reviewers and not fund for requested amount \$60,000.

Motion: V Tanner Second: M Blue Approve: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstention Names: 0

Committee directed staff to contact Applicant inviting them to submit a supplemental to the application if willing to offer more sessions or units of service for the requested amount or reduce the amount requested.

VIII. Funding Request Recommendations Action Required

A. CSUSB Foundation Request: \$5,000

Recommendation: Recommend funding at requested amount of \$5,000

Motion: V Tanner Second: M Blue Approve: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstention

Names:0

B. Academic Solutions Request: \$5,000

Recommendation: Recommend funding at requested amount of \$5,000

Motion: V Tanner Second: M Blue Approve: 0 Oppose: 5 Abstention

Names:0

Recommendation: Recommend funding in the amount of \$1,068 for premium level membership in Center for Nonprofit Advancement and ability to return and apply.

Motion: V Tanner Second: M Blue Approve: 2 Oppose: 3 Abstention Names: 0

IX. Rental Waiver Request (Attach #5a 5b) Action Required

Tenant requests 3-month rent waiver

Amount: \$1,500

Recommendation:

Motion: Second: Approve: Oppose: Abstention Names:

Lety indicated there were new developments since the waiver request was submitted. The request has been withdrawn.

X Announcements

None

XI. Adjourn at 3:55 PM

Next meeting July 13, 2020 if Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Foundation submits a supplemental to the application in accordance to what the committee outlined.

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