

CEO Report January 21, 2021

1. I attended the County's Continuum of Care meetings in mid-December and early January. We are having to re-prioritizing non performing projects and re-allocate funds to new projects. We anticipate initiating the Strategic Planning work in March.
2. Continued to work with County Public Health Dept. to revise the Tobacco Project's scope to focus on the Coachella Valley. I hired the person that will be performing the job, Trinidad Arredondo. He started on Jan. 4. The position is full-time and grant funded for one year. Trini has been getting introduced to other staff members who started this work in western Riverside County as well as in the City of Indio. Trini's job is to focus on the City of La Quinta and introducing policies that will reduce the use of tobacco by our youth. We reached out to our attorney to get some clarification about advocacy and education in the form of a Legal determination should it ever come into question.
3. After attending a webinar regarding potential State of California COVID Relief grants, it was necessary to get direction from the Executive Committee if RAP should apply for this funding. They also considered the CARES Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) Grant Round II funding anticipated in the near future. The Executive Committee authorized the CEO to pursue funding if we qualified. However, I learned during the application process for the State grant that our gross revenue exceeded the eligible amount so I abandoned the effort. Also, in consultation with our Treasurer, we do not anticipate that we will qualify for the CARES Round II funds based on early information released.
4. The Executive Committee continues to explore the differences between Fiscal Sponsor and Fiscal Agent. At their January meeting, they heard from the consultant we hired who happens to be a CPA and Attorney, Brian Yacker, who specializes on this work. The Committee decided to continue discussing this topic in February to gain a better understanding of the information that was shared during and after the meeting before making a recommendation to the Board for consideration.
5. I participated in the Riverside County Health Coalition webinars to learn how nonprofits are assisting the County in distributing information about the vaccines to hard to reach communities. Also, there are several nonprofits, for example Borrego Health, Clinicas de Salud and DAP are assisting with vaccinations. The County plans to open up more sites and increase outreach efforts in the future once they are assured of having sufficient supply. They anticipate that the supply issue will be resolved in the next 4-6 weeks.
6. The County has extended the CARES Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) project for several months/until funding is expended. We anticipate that this may be until March. Eva will continue to devote 100 percent of her time to this project. According to our most recent weekly meeting, we are on target to have to return approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 to the County but Eva and Richard are exploring offering a 3rd round of funding to SNFs so that we can reduce this amount. The County recognized that RAP has performed well in administering this contract and agreed to increase our administrative fee from 10% to 20% of direct costs.
7. I continue to participate in the AB 617 meetings relating to air quality issues in the eastern Coachella Valley. Since the AQMD Governing Board approved the Committee's Priority List which included: Salton Sea, Fugitive Road Dust, Open Burning and Dumping, Pesticides, the Committee will be divert their focus to next issues which could include: Monitoring, community outreach, etc.
8. Staff has re-started our Results Based Accountability efforts which were interrupted with the Pandemic. We postponed the training recognizing that it was not practical to expect participation since nonprofits were struggling to survive. Stephanie anticipates completing her RBA Certification in Feb./March. Kristal Granados, United Way of the Desert Executive Director will work as a CNA consultant to mentor Stephanie and assist us in training of nonprofits. CNA will produce the training/workshops required in our Request For Proposals. Christine will assist Stephanie and Eva to get the Score Card software we will need for our funded organizations to enter their data so we can track progress and evaluate effectiveness over time.
9. The Quarterly Newsletter was distributed in early January. If you missed it, [check it out here](#).