SIERRA KINGS
HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARDMEETING
MINUTES

TUESDAY, April 08, 2025, 12:00PM
1011 G Street
Reedley, CA 93654

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	**REPRESENTATION**
Bruce Hunter	Zone 1
Pete Perez	Zone 4
Susan Chapman	Zone 2
Suzanne Johnson	Zone 3
Kathy Omachi	Zone 5

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	**REPRESENTATION**
None	

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:	**TITLE**
Chinayera Black Hardaman, MPA	Chief Executive Officer
Merari Gutierrez	Program/ Finance Manager
Brooke Garcia	Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 12:00p.m. by Chair Pete Perez.

2.0 ROLL CALL:
Present: Bruce Hunter, Pete Perez, Suzanne Johnson, Susan Chapman, and Kathy Omachi.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:
3.1 Consideration of the District Agenda

ACTION: Motion to approve the District Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Omachi/Hunter. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, Chapman-aye, Johnson-aye, and Perez-aye.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

5.0 ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

CEO Chinayera Black reminded the Board to sign and submit conflict of interest forms and noted the addition of the 'City of Reedley Swim Lessons' mini grant to the packet.

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER RFP NO. 2025-16.

Two applications were received but were not independently scored. There were enough funds to afford both therefore no competition. However, they were reviewed and summarized by Program Manager Merari Gutierrez.

City of Parlier – Wellness at Parlier Senior Center

Staff recommended against funding this application due to prior implementation challenges related to deficiencies in financial reporting, program reporting and communication. Instead, staff suggested starting small with consideration of a mini grant to support a community garden initiative.

Binational of Central California –Embrace Care

Staff recommended against funding due to concerns regarding the feasibility the proposed budget and feasibility.

ACTION: Motion not to fund the General Grant applications received under RFP No. 2025-16.M/S: Hunter/Omachi. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Johnson-aye, Omachi-aye, Perez-aye, and Chapman-aye.

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF MINI GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER RFP NO. 2025-17.

One application was received but was not independently scored since there was no competition. However, it was reviewed and summarized by Program Manager Merari Gutierrez.

City of Reedley – *Swim Lessons (FY 2025)*

The Board reviewed the mini grant application submitted by the City of Reedley for its FY 2025 Swim Lessons program. The program has been modified from a five-day to a four-day format due to scheduling constraints. Board members expressed strong support for the initiative, emphasizing its importance in promoting water safety and physical activity among underserved children.

ACTION: Motion to approve funding of $5,000 for the City of Reedley Swim Lessons Mini Grant application received under RFP No. 2025-17. M/S: Chapman/Hunter. Motion passed: Hunter-aye, Johnson-aye, Perez-aye, and Chapman-aye. Abstained: Omachi-nay.

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER RFP NO. 2025-18.

The following renewal applications were presented for review and approval:

- **Boys and Girls Club – Developing Healthy Habits**
- **Sierra View Homes – Get Moving Program**
- **Parlier Unified School District – PUSD Behavior and Social Emotional Intervention Program**
- **City of Reedley – Pickleball**
- **City of Reedley – Swim Lessons (FY 2026)**

Board Member Susan Chapman abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest related to the City of Reedley Pickleball program.

ACTION: Motion to approve all five renewal applications submitted under RFP No. 2025-18.M/S: Hunter/Omachi. Motion passed: Hunter-aye, Johnson-aye, Omachi-aye, Perez-aye.

Abstained: Chapman-nay.

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF "PROGRAM PITCHES" BY INVITATION ONLY

United Way – 2-1-1 Pilot Project
United Way presented a concept to customize and promote its existing resource database and call line (2-1-1) for the local community. The proposal focuses on increasing awareness, improving data accuracy, and offering a navigator resource to assist callers with referrals. This would be for up to $25,000.

St. Agnes Medical Center – Diabetes Management Program
St. Agnes presented its diabetes self-management program aimed at providing peer-led training and education focused on managing diabetes. The program intends to offer interactive six-week sessions, incorporate culturally and linguistically appropriate instruction, and use incentives to boost recruitment and retention. This would be for up to $25,000.

Community Youth Ministries (CYM) – Mental Health Feasibility Study
CYM pitched a feasibility study to assess the potential for expanding youth mental health services within the district. The study would review existing service gaps (e.g., provider access, long waits, and infrastructure concerns) and recommend a sustainable therapeutic service model. CYM proposed a matching funding arrangement of $15,000 from the Board and $15,000 from CYM for this phase one study.

City of Parlier – Senior Center Community Garden
The City of Parlier presented its plan to enhance an existing outdoor space at the Parlier Senior Center by establishing a community garden. The proposed project includes installing raised vegetable beds along with fruit trees, developing educational gardening workshops, and fostering social interaction among seniors. The pilot is intended to promote physical activity, healthy eating, and community engagement while using a budget of approximately $5,231.

Parlier Unified School District – La Canasta Food Pantry
Parlier Unified School District showcased the La Canasta Food Pantry initiative, which addresses food insecurity among district families. Operating twice a month at a school site, the pantry uses a self-select model based on MyPlate guidelines while incorporating nutrition education and health screenings. The program, initially funded with a $10,000 grant, aims to serve around 150 families per distribution and further promote obesity and diabetes prevention. This would be for up to $10,000.

Action: Motion to invite the "Program Pitches" agencies to the Sierra Kings Health Care District grant award ceremony and to issue a ceremonial check not to exceed specified amounts. Final contracts will be contingent upon the submission and approval of a detailed scope of work and budget. M/S Omachi/Hunter. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, Chapman-aye, Johnson-aye, and Perez-aye.

6.0 ANNOUCEMENTS
None

7.0 NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Sierra Kings Health Care District will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 1801 10th Street, Reedley.

8.0 ADJOURMENTS

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 4:00 p.m. M/S Perez/Hunter. Motion passed: Perez-aye, Hunter-aye, Chapman-aye, Omachi-aye, and Johnson-aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Johnson

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Board Secretary