

HUMBOLDT GENERAL HOSPITAL  
**COMMUNITY GIVING COMMITTEE**  
April 24, 2019 Meeting  
Sarah Winnemucca Conference Room

**COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Nicole Maher, Co-Chairman  
Mike Bell, Member  
Darlene Bryan, Member  
Bryn Echevarria, Member

**COMMITTEE ABSENT:**

Jennifer Hood, Co-Chairman  
Hannah Kohler, HGHEC President  
JoAnn Casalez, Trustee Representative

**GUESTS:**

Karen Cole – HGH Interim CEO  
Susan Rorex – Humboldt Hospital Auxiliary  
Kate Fries, RSVP – Humboldt  
Gene Hunt – Winnemucca Rotary Club

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Co-chairman Nicole Maher called the April 24, 2019, meeting of the HGH Community Giving Committee to order at 1:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**BUSINESS ITEMS-OTHER REPORTS:**

**1. Committee member review and recommendations on: (i) Committee organization, purpose, mission statement, goals; (ii) Committee governance, bylaws, policies, procedures; and, (iii) Committee funding.**

Co-chairman Nicole Maher said her HGH budget currently houses the Community Giving Committee's funding for FY19. She said HGH CFO Sandi Lehman suggested the CGC become a 501(c)(3) organization to transfer that money out of HGH's accounts. The committee discussed the pros and cons of 501(c)(3) status. HGH Interim CEO Karen Cole said changing status only makes sense if the CGC plans to become an HGH foundation. The group said that has been part of the CGC discussion for the future; the bylaws were also written to accommodate that possibility, but committee members were not sure if that was a necessary step right away. Committee member Mike Bell made a motion to table discussion of the

CGC's funding status until the next meeting when members can address the issue with more information and greater clarity.

## **2. Committee member review, recommendation and determination on applications and requests for funds, including Winnemucca Rotary and RSVP Nevada.**

Gene Hunt presented a funding request for \$5,000 on behalf of the Winnemucca Rotary Club. He discussed some of the projects Rotary is involved in, including the "Baby's First Book" program, kindergarten literacy kits, support for the 4-H and FFA programs, youth leadership camps, scholarships, kiosks in Water Canyon, shade benches, a fish cleaning station, and a smoke detector installation program. He noted that Rotary receives funds from other organizations and then distributes those funds to worthy causes in the community. Gene said no funds are used for administrative costs and the club tries to keep all money in the community. Co-chairman Maher asked the group if they felt at least some of Rotary's various causes could support the CGC mission of health, wellness and safety. Committee members Darlene Bryan and Bryn Echevarria agreed some of the programs are a good fit, especially the "Baby's First Book" program, the kindergarten literacy kits and the smoke detection installation program. Committee member Bell made a motion to fund the Winnemucca Rotary Club for \$5,000; committee member Echevarria seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Kate Fries presented a funding request on behalf of RSVP-Humboldt. RSVP is a nonprofit organization that transports senior and disabled residents throughout northern Nevada to medical and dental appointments, banks, shopping malls and more. RSVP also provides respite care. Kate previously asked for funding at the October 18, 2018, CGC meeting, but her request was tabled as the committee expressed discomfort with granting funds that may not be used exclusively in Humboldt County. This time, Kate asked for funding to purchase backup cameras for the organization's two transport vans in Humboldt County; Bosch Motors estimates each camera will cost approximately \$500. Kate also asked for funding to purchase at least five phone speakers that will allow her drivers to use their phones hands free. Committee members questioned Kate about RSVP's respite care to see if the CGC could meet any needs there, but that program's educational and other components are covered by state funding. Committee member Echevarria made a motion to fund RSVP-Humboldt for \$2,000 to cover the cost of two back-up cameras and phone speakers for the nonprofit's drivers; committee member Bryan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

The Community Giving Committee will plan to meet next at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, in the Sarah Winnemucca Conference Room.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

Committee co-chairman Maher adjourned the April 24, 2019, meeting of the HGH Community Giving Committee at 2:20 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Jennifer Hood, Committee Co-Chairman

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Nicole Maher, Committee Co-Chairman