

HUMBOLDT GENERAL HOSPITAL  
**COMMUNITY GIVING COMMITTEE**

October 18, 2018 Meeting  
Sonoma Conference Room

**COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

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

**COMMITTEE ABSENT:**

Hannah Kohler, HGHEC President  
JoAnn Casalez, Trustee Representative

**GUESTS:**

Kate Fries, RSVP – Humboldt  
Jolinda Warn – LHS Sober Graduation

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Co-chairman Nicole Maher called the October 18, 2018, meeting of the HGH Community Giving Committee to order at 1:33 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.**

There was no discussion under this item.

**2. Committee member review, recommendation and determination on applications and requests for funds, including Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services, RSVP Nevada, Drug Free Graduation Committee, and Winnemucca Grammar School.**

Kate Fries presented a funding request for \$5,000 on behalf of RSVP-Humboldt. Kate said the nonprofit organization transports senior and disabled residents throughout northern Nevada to medical and dental appointments, banks, shopping malls and more. RSVP also provides respite care. Currently, the organization has eight drivers and three “homemakers” that go into homes and help with daily chores. Eight people are currently on the waiting list to receive this service. In all, RSVP has 27 volunteers.

Transport volunteers travel to Reno five times each week and to Elko two to three times each month. There are two vehicles and a wheelchair van. People must be 60 or over to qualify or 59 and under if they have a documented disability. Following some discussion, the committee expressed discomfort with granting funds to RSVP as they may end up in Carson City for the state-funded program (RSVP's headquarters) and will not be used exclusively in Humboldt County. Kate said she would find out more information from her Carson City office regarding possible local funding opportunities. Committee member Mike Bell made a motion to table RSVP's funding request pending further information.

Jolinda Warn presented a funding request for \$5,000 on behalf of the Lowry High School Sober Graduation; she is co-chairing the 2019 event with Gina Rackley. She said the Humboldt County community has supported the Sober Graduation for more than 20 years and during that time, there has never been a fatality on graduation night. Lowry High School sets up an account for the party and all donations are deposited and distributed from there. The party goes until 4 a.m. and so donations are used to keep kids busy with dancing, games, entertainment and food. Each year's committee sets aside \$2,500 as seed money for the following year's group. Initial donations (like the one being asked of the CGC) covers deposits, while later donations cover prizes. Jolinda said the idea is not to get "outrageous" but rather to keep kids safe. Co-chairman Jennifer Hood said how much the community appreciates the efforts of the parents who "step up to the plate." Co-chairman Hood made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the 2019 Sober Graduation; committee member Mike Bell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

There were no committee comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

Committee co-chairman Maher adjourned the October 18, 2018, 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