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in

One Eagle Square

Concord, NH 03301

Legislative Advisory Board Members:

SENATOR	Senator Lou D'Allesandro
SENATE PRESIDENT	Donna Soucy
SENATE LEADER	Senator Chuck Morse
SENATOR	John Reagan
SPEAKER	Steve Shurtleff
HOUSE LEADER	Rep. Dick Hinch
CHAIRWOMAN	Mary Jane Wallner
REPRESENTATIVE	Erin Hennessey

AGENDA

- Call to Order - Reading of Public Meeting Statement
- Attendance
- GOFERR programs status reports
 - First Responder Stipend Program - Steve Giovinelli
 - NH Frontline Protective Worker Stipend Program - Steve Giovinelli
 - Long Term Care Stabilization Program - Steve Giovinelli
 - NH Agriculture Grants - Steve Giovinelli
 - NH Nonprofit Grants - Lisa English
 - NH Childcare Relief - Lisa English
 - NH Food Bank - Shaun Thomas
 - Municipal & County Payments - Shaun Thomas
 - Main Street Relief Program - Shaun Thomas
 - Healthcare System Relief Program - Nancy Smith
 - NH Higher Education Systems Grants - Lisa English
- Other
 - Housing and Homelessness
 - Private Post-Secondary Education
- Adjourn

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 JERRY LITTLE: The GOFERR Legislative Advisory was
4 created by Executive Order #2020-6. That order is publicly
5 available on the Governor's website.

6 Today's meeting is an official meeting of the
7 Board. It is open to the public and will be run in a manner
8 compliant with RSA 91-A.

9 We have someone on the phone taking minutes, which
10 will be posted to the GOFERR webpage. Today's meeting is
11 also being recorded. Should you be a speaking participant
12 and not wish to be recorded, you may disconnect now or at
13 any time.

14 JERRY LITTLE: My name is Jerry Little. I am
15 Director of the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and
16 Recovery, and I will facilitate today's meeting.

17 Because the Board is meeting by phone, under RSA
18 91-A, there are a few initial logistics that we need to
19 establish. First, each of us must state our names, where we
20 are located, and who is in the room with us. We'll do that
21 via a roll call like this:

22 I am Jerry Little, Director of the Governor's

1 Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery in the GOFERR
2 office at One Eagle Square in Concord, New Hampshire; and in
3 the room with me are Rhonda Hensley, Steve Giovinelli, Nancy
4 Smith. Senate President Donna Soucy, are you with us?

5 DONNA SOUCY: Yes, Commissioner. This is Donna
6 Soucy. I am at my home in Manchester, New Hampshire, and I
7 am alone.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. House Speaker Steve
9 Shurtleff?

10 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Yes, Commissioner. I'm in the
11 Speaker's Office at the State House, and I am alone.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Senate Republican Leader Chuck
13 Morse?

14 CHUCK MORSE: Yes, Jerry, I'm in my office in
15 Atkinson, and I am alone.

16 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch?

17 DICK HINCH: This is Dick Hinch. I am in my
18 office in Merrimack, New Hampshire, and I am alone.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Chairman Lou D'Allesandro? Senator
20 D'Allesandro?

21 LOU D'ALLESSANDRO: I'm at my home -- and this is
22 Senator D'Allesandro. I'm at my home in Manchester, and I am

1 all alone.

2 LOU D'ALLESSANDRO: Thank you, Senator.

3 Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

4 MARY JANE WALLNER: Mary Jane Wallner. I'm at my
5 home in Concord, and I am alone.

6 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Reagan?

7 JOHN REAGAN: John Reagan, I'm in my home office,
8 alone.

9 JERRY LITTLE: And Representative Erin Hennessey?

10 ERIN HENNESSEY: Erin Hennessey. I'm in my home
11 in Littleton with my two minor children.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you all. As we move through
13 our agenda today, each Board member and anyone else speaking
14 is asked to identify themselves before speaking. Should you
15 choose to take any votes today, they must be done by roll
16 call, following the process we just used.

17 And finally, before we begin today's
18 presentations, please remember to hit 5* if you would like
19 to ask a question.

20 So it's been a couple of weeks, I guess, since
21 we've had a Legislative Advisory Board meeting. At your
22 last meeting, you chose to meet again on today's date. And

1 what we have put together for an agenda are brief -- and by
2 brief, I mean a minute or two -- presentations on the 11
3 programs that have been stood up so far by the Governor's
4 Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery.

5 There is a -- I'm going to take them a little bit
6 out of order from the agenda that was posted only for -- to
7 facilitate some issues that are going on here at the GOFERR
8 office. There's another meeting going on downstairs that
9 has some of our folks tied up.

10 And so, we're going to take in order presentations
11 on: the First Responder Stipend Program, the Frontline
12 Protective Worker Stipend Program, the Long Term Care
13 Stabilization Program, and then the NH Agriculture Grants,
14 all because those presentations will be made by our
15 Financial Officer, Steve Giovinelli.

16 We will then go to New Hampshire Nonprofit Grants,
17 New Hampshire Childcare Relief Program, the New Hampshire
18 Food Bank, and then the Healthcare System Relief Fund,
19 because those presentations will all be made by Nancy
20 Smith, who is here with us.

21 And then we will move on -- and I guess she'll --
22 some of those will also be done by Lisa English, who

1 hopefully will be able to join us.

2 And then we'll move onto the Higher Education
3 Systems Grants, Municipal & County Payments, and the Main
4 Street Relief Program.

5 So we're going to go -- start with the Stipend
6 Program, which groups them all together. So I'm going to
7 hand this off to Steve Giovinelli, who is GOFERR's
8 Financial Officer, and ask him to start with an update on
9 the First Responders Stipend Program.

10 STEVE GIOVINELLI: Okay, this is Steve Giovinelli
11 with the GOFERR office. The First Responder Stipend
12 Program was operationalized last week, at the tail end of
13 the week.

14 The Department of Safety received a multitude of
15 requests from various different agencies throughout the
16 state totaling \$14.5 million dollars. Those requests have
17 been reviewed. They've been looked at, and they are in
18 process with the New Hampshire First, to be paid out and
19 those payments should be going out within the next day or
20 two.

21 There's also a state portion of the stipend also
22 being directed through the Department of Safety. We've

1 received approximately \$2 million dollars' worth of
2 requests for reimbursement for those stipends to the
3 various state agencies. We're still waiting for a couple
4 there to be complete.

5 We had budgeted about \$4 million for state
6 employees, and \$20 million for nonstate First Responders.

7 So that's going very well. My impression from
8 Safety is there aren't a lot of nonstate organizations left
9 to apply for funds. So it's looking like the budget of \$20
10 million for the nonstate workers should be pretty good for
11 meeting the needs that we set out there.

12 The Long Term Care Stabilization Fund -- the
13 stipend being put out -- that is being put out through New
14 Hampshire Employment Security. The GOFERR office is in a
15 position of reimbursing employment security for payments
16 made to the various employers with eligible recipients.

17 So far, the GOFERR office has reimbursed
18 employment security \$13.6 million dollars. As of the close
19 of business yesterday, employment security has paid out
20 \$16.9 million dollars in stipends. So there is a balance
21 from the original \$45 million provided for funding of about
22 \$28 million left, with about five weeks to go.

1 It's looking like the program is sufficiently
2 funded to meet the end date of June 30 there. We have seen
3 a ramp up in the weekly costs slightly with the expansion of
4 the eligible recipients for the stipend. If that ramp up
5 continues, it might fall a little bit short, but it's hard
6 to say at this point in time, but it looks pretty safe.

7 The last stipend is for (sic) the Frontline
8 Protective Worker Stipend Program. That's for various
9 different workers at the Department of Health and Human
10 Services.

11 I spoke with them this morning to begin to set up
12 a process for how the Department of Health and Human
13 Services will inform the GOFERR office of who's eligible for
14 the stipend and receive reimbursement from the relief funds
15 for those payments.

16 So putting that together is going on right now.
17 They have already -- they've been making those payments to
18 their employees, so we'll be in a reimbursement position
19 there.

20 Does anybody have any questions? Are there any
21 questions about any of the stipend programs? These are the
22 programs that are providing either \$300- or \$150- additional

1 per week, depending upon whether somebody's part-time or
2 full-time.

3 Yes, Representative Wallner, do you have a
4 question?

5 MARY JANE WALLNER: I do, I do. So I've asked
6 this a couple of times in the past, and I guess I still need
7 to have a better understanding of it, but I was wondering
8 why the workers at the New Hampshire Hospital, the state
9 mental health hospital, are not receiving any of the
10 Frontline Worker benefits from this stipend program?

11 It seems like most of our other institutions that
12 the state runs -- Corrections, the Sununu Youth Center,
13 Glencliff -- a number of other institutions are receiving
14 it. And I wondered what the reason was for not having it
15 available for hospital workers.

16 STEVE GIOVINELLI: I don't have an answer for you
17 on that. These are not designs or limitations that were
18 created by the GOFERR staff, these are generally requests
19 from the senior managers at the agencies involved. Lisa, do
20 you have something to add to that?

21 LISA ENGLISH: Ah --

22 STEVE GIOVINELLI: I'm sorry, so Lisa English has

1 joined us from the GOFERR staff. She was not in the room
2 when we did the roll call. Lisa English.

3 LISA ENGLISH: And my apologies. Thank you,
4 Director. My apologies for being late to the meeting. I
5 think also certainly there have been some very specific
6 requests and recommendations from this Board. For example,
7 the CTSWs was a request made by this particular Board.

8 STEVE GIOVINELLI: Right.

9 LISA ENGLISH: So I don't know that there's
10 necessarily a closed door there, but I think it is certainly
11 related to recommendations that we receive.

12 MARY JANE WALLNER: So Commissioner Little,
13 hearing Lisa say that, I'd like to know if at some point the
14 GOFERR Advisory Board could have some discussion about the
15 workers at the New Hampshire Hospital -- the mental health
16 facility here in Concord?

17 JERRY LITTLE: Certainly. You may hold
18 conversations about any topic you wish. If you like, we can
19 add it to the other category at the end of today's agenda.

20 MARY JANE WALLNER: That would be fine with me, if
21 other members of the committee feel the same way.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Got it. So I'm just -- I'm writing

1 that in at the bottom of my agenda, pardon me.

2 Any other questions about any of the stipend
3 programs? Seeing none, Steve were you also going to talk to
4 us about the Agricultural Grants Program?

5 STEVE GIOVINELLI: Yes. We have started working
6 with the Department of Agriculture. On the Agricultural
7 branch, there are a couple concerns -- working specifically
8 on the category for dairy and for the growers.

9 For the dairy farm relief, shortly after we began
10 working on that, some additional federal monies became
11 available for dairy farmers. So it kind of -- I don't want
12 to say it upset the apple cart, but it had -- Commissioner
13 Jasper had some plans and it kind of changed his plans a
14 little bit.

15 So he had to step back and reexamine what the need
16 is in the dairy farmer community. He doesn't want to make
17 them more than whole, so he went back to the drawing board
18 on that.

19 For the growers, we've been working on an
20 application/survey that is going to -- similar to what was
21 done with the Main Street Relief Program, but on a much
22 smaller scale to gather information and determine where the

1 needs are, and how to administer the aid for the growers.

2 That particular process did take a -- for lack of
3 a better way to say it -- took a back seat this week as we
4 accelerated getting the Main Street Relief Program up and
5 running.

6 So we will be getting back in touch with the
7 Department of Agriculture towards the end of the week to
8 resume working on that, and hopefully over the next week or
9 two we'll have the surveys out there.

10 JERRY LITTLE: Any questions about the
11 Agricultural Grants? Seeing none, I just want to step back
12 into the previous topic about stipends. I think Nancy
13 Smith, our general Counsel, may have a couple of comments to
14 make. Nancy?

15 NANCY SMITH: Just I believe that the most recent
16 Treasury FAQs what came out last week on May 28 were sent to
17 you with your agenda. On page 7, there is one additional
18 FAQ that may provide some additional insight on the topic of
19 hazard pay. It's at the bottom of page 7.

20 And the question was, "May payments from the fund
21 be used to cover across the board hazard pay for employees
22 working during this phase of emergency?" And the Treasury

1 answer was, "No. The Guideline says that funding may be used
2 to meet payroll expenses for public safety, public health
3 care, human services and similar employees whose services
4 are substantially dedicated to mitigating and responding to
5 COVID-19."

6 So there are some limits on who can be given
7 hazard pay.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Nancy. Any new
9 questions as a result of that comment? All right. Seeing
10 none, then we'll move along. Steve, you're welcome to stay
11 with us, but thank you very much for that update on the
12 stipend program.

13 STEVE GIOVINELLI: Okay. I will exit then.

14 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, sir. Next, I'd like to
15 move to the Nonprofit Grants section, and Lisa English is
16 going to be briefing us on that. There's been quite a bit
17 of activity relative to that program that we're doing in
18 conjunction with the Charitable Foundation, the Center for
19 Nonprofits and the CDFA.

20 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you, Director Little. So
21 there's not -- I wouldn't say there's a ton of new
22 information put out there, but I know we're all very excited

1 about this program. Certainly, the work being done by the
2 New Hampshire Charitable Foundation as well as the New
3 Hampshire Center for Nonprofits and the Community
4 Development Finance Authority, they're working very hard on
5 finalizing the program's overview and development.

6 And we certainly anticipate having more
7 information soon to talk about that program and how non-
8 profits will be able to apply, and what the criteria will
9 be.

10 But I can -- I'm certainly thrilled to be working
11 with those organizations, as they have brought exactly what
12 people have hoped for, which is their expertise and their
13 understanding of how things are working and how non-profits
14 have been impacted in the state of New Hampshire.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Any questions for Lisa about the
16 Nonprofit Grants Program? Representative Wallner?

17 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you. I wondered how far
18 along they are on the application process, and when do you
19 think that grants actually will be going out to the non-
20 profit sector?

21 LISA ENGLISH: So I think that they are getting,
22 like I said, very close as far as being able to announce the

1 final criteria and program.

2 And I think that they will then be in line with
3 the process that had been looked at initially, which has
4 some time for the application process a couple of weeks
5 there, and I think some time to make sure that there is an
6 application review followed by funding decisions.

7 So I don't have an exact date at this point in
8 time, but I think we will have some dates soon, as we roll
9 out that program.

10 And certainly, the time; obviously making sure
11 that we get everything right is as important as making sure
12 we get funds out there as quickly as is reasonably possible,
13 because we understand that the pain is very real out there,
14 in both the non-profit and business world.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Not holding you to it Lisa, is a
16 good estimation that we're looking at mid to late July
17 before funds start hitting the street?

18 LISA ENGLISH: I think that's a good assumption,
19 yeah.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Further questions?

21 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes. I do have a further
22 question.

1 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, please go ahead.

2 MARY JANE WALLNER: Do we know, do we have an
3 idea, did they have a preapplication process? Do we have
4 any idea how many applicants there are?

5 JERRY LITTLE: The only preapplication process
6 that I'm aware of at this point in time is with the Main
7 Street Program, and Childcare.

8 MARY JANE WALLNER: Okay.

9 JERRY LITTLE: But not in the non-profit sector.

10 MARY JANE WALLNER: Okay. So not in the non-
11 profit sector? Just the other two? Okay.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Correct.

13 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you.

14 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions about the
15 Nonprofit Grant Program? Senator D'Allesandro? You may
16 have to take yourself off mute, Senator D'Allesandro maybe?

17 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. I'm off mute?

18 JERRY LITTLE: Yes, you are, sir.

19 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Am I off? Can you hear me
20 okay?

21 JERRY LITTLE: Yes, sir.

22 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. With regard to the

1 not-for-profits, July might be late in the game for many of
2 these not-for-profits who are suffering as we speak. Is
3 this part of the money that that can go on until the
4 thirtieth of December before it all has to be spent?

5 JERRY LITTLE: That's correct.

6 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. So indeed, you could
7 do a lookback in terms of the grant application, if indeed
8 it comes mid-July or the end of July, it could be
9 retroactive to the beginning of the application period? Is
10 that a correct assumption, or am I on the wrong track there?

11 JERRY LITTLE: That is correct. CARES Act Flex
12 funds can cover COVID-19 related expenses and issues from
13 March 1 through December 30. So there can be a lookback.

14 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. Because I think that
15 many of these are in dire straits as we speak, and will they
16 be notified that there is a lookback provision?

17 LISA ENGLISH: So again, without having the final
18 program documents, I do think that these organizations
19 understand the challenges here, and given that the CARES
20 Flexible funds can be used back to March, I would anticipate
21 that this is something that would both include costs and
22 expenses from prior to the program announcement and

1 application period, as well as looking forward at some of
2 the additional funds that non-profits face as they move
3 through the rest of the calendar year.

4 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Great. Thank you very
5 much.

6 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions about the
7 Nonprofit Grant Program? Seeing none, then we will move on
8 to the New Hampshire Child Care Relief Program. Again,
9 Lisa.

10 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you. So this is the New
11 Hampshire Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Program,
12 which is a child care program working with the New Hampshire
13 -- the DHHS as well as the Department of Education. It is
14 building upon some of the earlier work those two departments
15 have done between themselves as well as with other
16 stakeholders and providers in the emergency child care
17 program.

18 And so there are some important dates that are out
19 there right now, which is there is currently a
20 prequalification process. And if you go to the GOFERR
21 website, you'll be able to take a look at that, and that
22 date is being extended to I believe the end of this week.

1 Some data for your consideration: As of right
2 now, there are 526 child care providers that have been
3 designated through that prequalification process. There are
4 362 child care providers that are open and caring for
5 children. There are 154 that are listed as planning to open
6 within the next 30 days, and an additional I believe 10
7 opening by September 8.

8 There are 9693 children being served in open
9 programs, and there are 11,584 total full-time child care
10 slots -- full-time equivalent child care slots available in
11 open programs.

12 And I believe I have 1891 open full-time child
13 care slots. So I'm not sure -- I'll have to get
14 verification about the discrepancy between those two
15 numbers. But that program is certainly described on our
16 website. And again, there is this prequalification period
17 that goes through the end of this week which will then be
18 followed by a formal application period.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Speaker Shurtleff, do you have a
20 question, sir?

21 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Yeah, thank you Commissioner.
22 Commissioner, I received an e-mail a day or two ago from an

1 owner of the youth summer camp, and with your indulgence
2 I'll read. It's very brief.

3 It says, "I'm hoping that -- some help and
4 guidance from you as a member of GOFERR. I am the owner of
5 a youth summer camp. Youth summer camps were advised not to
6 apply for funding through Main Street Program, because they
7 would be covered under the funding specific to child care.
8 Camps have now been notified that to be eligible for child
9 care funds, they must be open by the end the summer.

10 "If not, they cannot qualify. Camps across the
11 state of New Hampshire have made the difficult decision to
12 close for the summer due to COVID-19. Now, they are
13 ineligible for any relief funding from the state of New
14 Hampshire. This is devastating to the entire youth camping
15 industry. How can this be rectified?

16 "Thank you."

17 And so, I guess my question, Commissioner: Is
18 this a problem, and what can we do to rectify the situation
19 that our youth summer camps are now in?

20 JERRY LITTLE: We agree that it's a problem. I
21 also received that letter. We have discussed it here in the
22 office. I also saw the woman who wrote the letter. I

1 believe she was on the evening news last night on Channel 9.

2 And so, I'm aware of what the problem is. I don't
3 have a good answer for it at this point in time. I
4 understand that timing has been unfortunate for her -- that,
5 and for many of the other summer camps.

6 So not to personalize this, because I think she
7 speaks for a number of people, but that they had to make a
8 call a while ago whether or not they would have a season. I
9 believe they're now being allowed to start to flex open, but
10 for a number of reasons -- whether it is they can't get
11 enough people, they can't manage 10:1 sort of ratio for safe
12 operation, that most of their work is done with
13 preregistration, which there's no time for at this point in
14 time.

15 And that there was confusion over what program
16 they might be eligible for. It's a problem, without a
17 doubt. It's something that we need to put some thought into
18 and figure out, because they do provide a very vital service
19 for the children and families of New Hampshire.

20 So I'm sorry, I don't have a good answer, but the
21 letter came in yesterday, and I'm very aware that the issue
22 is there. We're talking about it.

1 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Yeah. All right, Commissioner,
2 I wonder -- I support Representative Wallner' request to
3 have somebody come in to speak to about the New Hampshire
4 hospital and their getting additional benefits for what
5 they're doing.

6 And I wonder if it would be possible to have
7 somebody from New Hampshire camps or some other trade
8 organization. I understand they had someone speak to reopen
9 New Hampshire, but I thought if you had somebody come in
10 from the New Hampshire camps to explain the situation, and
11 possibly come up with some kind of solution for them to be
12 able to open before the end of summer, to provide relief to
13 those employees that want to get back to work that have
14 child care issues...

15 JERRY LITTLE: Very good.

16 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Thank you Commissioner.

17 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Wallner, do you have
18 a question? Representative Wallner, question?

19 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes, I would just like to
20 chime in here on Speaker Shurtleff's suggestion of having
21 someone come in. I really think this could lead to really
22 serious problems for this summer. We already know this;

1 many children have been out of school and parents have been
2 home with them, but a lot of parents do need to get back to
3 work.

And these summer day camps provided
4 really valuable child care experience for children and for
5 their families, so that they could work and the children
6 could enjoy a camp experience in the day camps.

7 And I'm really concerned if they are not opening,
8 and we haven't been able to find a way to help them open
9 safely, but get back -- you know, get back to some ability
10 to be there for the kids and the families that need it as
11 they go back to work.

12 I think they -- I think this could be a really
13 serious problem for New Hampshire this summer. So I hope
14 that we will have them come in, and I hope that we will work
15 on this, and see if we can't come up with some ideas about
16 how they can get -- how they might be able to get open.

17 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, representative. Lisa,
18 do you have a comment?

19 LISA ENGLISH: Yes. Just I wanted to take this
20 opportunity because I think there are some real challenges
21 that are happening, and to recognize that this is some of
22 the benefits of the work that has happened between different

1 departments.

2 So you have, as well as with different
3 stakeholders -- you have the work, for example on child care
4 being conducted in tandem with the [00:29:42 audio unclear
5 Cliff] effect work and whole family work being done by the
6 state, as well as -- you know, including a focus on child
7 welfare.

8 And the fact is that we -- so there's a lot to
9 learn from this area -- certainly from my perspective. And
10 there are financial challenges. But there's also challenges
11 with the fact that parents are looking for different ways.
12 They don't -- some parents don't want to send their children
13 back into the same kind of circumstances.

14 So where I know that for example the Council for
15 Thriving Children will look at this: DHHS and DOE will look
16 at data and try and find the best way to navigate how to
17 address child care as we go on through this -- you know post
18 public health emergency.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Lisa.

20 Senator D'Allesandro, you have a question or
21 comment, sir?

22 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Yes, thank you very much

1 Michelle, Commissioner Little. And Lisa, a couple of
2 things. I think all of us received that e-mail from the
3 camp Director. So I think that's something that everybody's
4 aware of, the severity of that situation.

5 We've had kids that have been cooped up now since
6 really let's say the end of the month of March, so you've
7 got April, May going into June. These camps provide an
8 outlet, and I'm thinking about the mental health of these
9 kids, which I think is very, very significant.

10 Secondly, the parents who need this opportunity to
11 get themselves back to work, but also have a place for their
12 children to go. And these camps have been very helpful, and
13 have been flourishing as part of the New Hampshire landscape
14 for a long period of time. So it seems to me this is an
15 issue that's very significant at this point in time.

16 I'm from an area where we have a number of
17 youngsters that use these day camps. They've been a
18 significant part of their -- you know, of their learning
19 experience. So it seems to me the sooner we can address
20 that situation, the better. It's going to have a long
21 lasting effect.

22 We're coming out of a very, very difficult period

1 as far as education is concerned. I think DOE should be
2 very much involved in this. These kids have been cooped up
3 for a long time and that's, you know, K through 12. And they
4 need an outlet, they need this experience. The families
5 need this experience.

6 I think it's vital that we hear from people with
7 regard to this. It gets clarification as to what's going to
8 happen. As we've stated, some of these people have closed
9 down and they would like to know if they have the ability to
10 open up and take advantage of the dollars that are
11 available. I think it's a very, very critical issue, to be
12 honest with you. Thank you.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator. Any other
14 comments about day care? Seeing none? Sorry,
15 Representative Wallner. Representative Wallner? Question?

16 MARY JANE WALLNER: This is not a question about
17 the day camps, but it's a question about the Childcare
18 Relief Program.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Sure.

20 MARY JANE WALLNER: I wondered when the
21 application will be available for child care providers to
22 apply -- actually I know that they have done the

1 preapplication, but when will they actually see the
2 application that they need to fill out?

3 LISA ENGLISH: So I believe it will be after the
4 prequalification closes. And I believe it will be -- I
5 don't want to say immediately after, although that may be.
6 I know that the original point in time that the link would
7 have been live was going to be the morning after it be
8 essentially midnight close of the prequalification.

9 That prequalification has been extended, so my
10 assumption is that by next week that grant application will
11 be live, but I'm sorry I don't have the exact time. But
12 certainly, this information will be made available on our
13 website, as well as on Child Care Aware of New Hampshire.

14 MARY JANE WALLNER: And this is a follow-up to
15 that question. And I wonder does -- not only for the
16 Childcare Center Program, but also for the Main Street
17 Relief Program, I was wondering what sort of reporting
18 guideline will be attached to these grants?

19 What kinds of things will providers who receive
20 these grants in both -- I guess in the Nonprofit Grant, the
21 Main Street Relief and Childcare -- what kind of
22 requirements is the federal government asking of us for the

1 grant recipients? What will they have to report on?

2 NANCY SMITH: Representative, this is Nancy Smith.
3 The requirements will vary a bit between programs, because
4 of the different nature of the recipients. It will depend
5 on whether basically these are going to end users of the
6 money -- you know, beneficiaries, or whether they are going
7 to businesses that are being asked to provide services to
8 others with the grant money.

9 There are different requirements under "2 CFR 200"
10 (sic) distinguishes between requirements and non-profits,
11 which do get some of the federal audit requirements passed
12 through to them, as opposed to for-profit businesses. So
13 there isn't a one-size-fits all answer for your question.

14 MARY JANE WALLNER: And is that available to us
15 someplace where we could take a look at what these reporting
16 requirements would be at the end of the grant process?

17 NANCY SMITH: Each of the -- I'm not quite sure
18 how to answer your question. Each of the grants -- each of
19 the programs, the arrangements sort of developed. The
20 agreement would be available to -- for you to look at. Some
21 of them are still being developed, so we don't have them all
22 to give to you now. But once the agreement is done an in

1 existence, they could be provided.

2 MARY JANE WALLNER: Okay, thank you very much.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Anybody else? I think there's also
4 -- there are different requests for data that are coming
5 from us, the GOFERR office, because we're trying to
6 aggregate data that is useful for uploading to the GOFERR
7 website, to the dashboard so that we can explain to the
8 people of New Hampshire as soon as possible how the monies
9 are being put to use, by whom, and where in the state of New
10 Hampshire, so that we can show geographic disbursement of the
11 funds.

12 And then at the back end, we need to be able to
13 prove to the federal government in the closeout period that
14 we used the money in a compliant manner. So as we're
15 writing agreements with the various entities that we're
16 distributing funds to, we're looking at it from both of
17 those perspectives -- not just simply what do the feds want,
18 but what do we need to see, to be able to explain what we've
19 done to the people of New Hampshire.

20 Representative Wallner, do you have another
21 question? Another question?

22 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes. I just wondered if that

1 information that GOFERR -- that the GOFERR office is going
2 to be asking for, if that will be up on the website, or if
3 that would be available to the Advisory Committee, so that
4 we could see what kind of information we -- what kind of
5 data we are gathering?

6 JERRY LITTLE: Yes. We will definitely make it
7 available to you, without a doubt. Everything that we're
8 collecting and why we're doing it to the extent that we can,
9 we're making it available to you. Lisa, did you try to get
10 my attention?

11 LISA ENGLISH: I do suggest one additional purpose
12 of collecting information as especially right now: We are
13 continuing to make sure we understand where the need exists,
14 where there are gaps, where there are things that have not
15 yet been anticipated.

16 And so, some of this coordination was coordination
17 is really important to make sure that we're leveraging these
18 funds in the way that is the most effective as we can do.

19 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions on this? I
21 don't see any, so I'm going to ask Lisa to jump quickly to
22 New Hampshire Food Bank Grant Program. Oh, is that --

1 that's Sean? Perfect. So we'll go to Shawn on the Food
2 Bank Grant Program, and then there are a couple others that
3 Shawn's going to talk to us about. Go ahead, Shawn.

4 SHAWN THOMAS: Thank you, Director Little. Short
5 and sweet on the food bank -- so, as I'm sure you probably
6 know, the Governor allocated \$5 million dollars the food
7 bank, \$2 million immediately and \$3 million will be held in
8 reserve.

9 The current status is we have been working on the
10 agreement. Do we expect that will be completed soon? And
11 as soon as it is, the grant will be issued shortly
12 thereafter. And it's a \$5 million-dollar -- finally a total
13 of \$2 million now, \$3 million held in reserve for additional
14 needs.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Yeah. Thank you. And I think I
16 assumed everybody knew who Shawn was. Shawn is Shawn
17 Thomas. He and Lisa are our Policy Directors. Shawn is
18 also working on the Municipal and County Payments Program.

19 SHAWN THOMAS: On the Municipal and County
20 Payments Program, this is well underway. We are receiving
21 payment requests. I think the most important thing to
22 mention is there was a recent change to the program.

1 So as originally announced, the program
2 contemplated three request periods with due dates of June 1,
3 July 15 and September 15. Each of those dates corresponded
4 to a specific reimbursement period.

5 For instance, by June 1, the municipality or
6 county needed to submit reimbursements for expense incurred
7 from March 1 to April 30. However, as we approach June 1,
8 we realized that we had very few requests, as coming getting
9 close to that June 1 date.

10 We also had received a number of questions making
11 it clear that there was certainly confusion among the towns.
12 I mean, that confusion was just general about the program.

13 There was also configuration specifically about
14 FEMA reimbursements. So two things changed with FEMA since
15 the program was originally announced. One is the FEMA
16 program is not moving as fast I think as we had hoped, and
17 that's important because this Municipal County Program does
18 not reimburse ever FEMA eligible expenses.

19 So to the extent the municipality could request
20 that from FEMA, they are not allowed to request it from this
21 program. And so that's causing confusion, because with the
22 program not moving as fast as we had hoped, some of the

1 municipalities and counties were wondering, you know,
2 "Should I be including this, should I not?" And so, that was
3 causing confusion.

4 The other piece on FEMA that came down after the
5 program was originally announced was a 25 percent match.
6 Originally, we could not use these funds for the 25 percent
7 match; we can now. So that changed.

8 And so, that method is put out there. So those
9 two things, and just the general confusion, we thought it
10 made sense to eliminate those reimbursement specific
11 periods.

12 So now in July 15, say, which is the next kind of
13 filing period, you could submit a reimbursement request for
14 expenses going back to March. So those periods have now
15 been eliminated. To the extent you did not file a request
16 by June 1, you could still file requests by July 15, and you
17 would receive those -- any expenses incurred even before
18 June 1.

19 So just a little more leeway there with the
20 program. And just a quick update on some of the staff. As
21 of yesterday, we had received reimbursement requests from
22 seven counties in 129 municipalities. So some of the

1 municipalities and counties obviously decided to use that
2 new -- kind of that new leeway provided with the revisions
3 and they will share -- submit reimbursement requests but at
4 the next deadline of July 15, or even after by September 15.

5 I hope that made sense. That was -- squished a
6 lot in there, but --

7 JERRY LITTLE: We can find out. Are there any
8 questions for Shawn about the Municipal and County Grant
9 Program? Seeing none, I'll ask Shawn to move on to the
10 final area of his report, which is the Main Street Relief
11 Program.

12 SHAWN THOMAS: On Main Street Relief, as I'm sure
13 you probably know, the first phase of the program, what we
14 were calling, a "prequalification application phase" ended
15 on May 29. That period -- the application period there was
16 from May 15 to May 29.

17 We received over 13,000 submissions or
18 applications. And so, the next phase, or the -- and the
19 final phase I should say, will be starting soon. And that
20 phase will also require a separate application or
21 submission.

22 And I did want to clarify when the program was

1 originally announced, the thought was that this next and
2 final phase would begin on June 1. It has not started. The
3 reason for that is things are taking a little longer, and it
4 makes sense because we want to get it right. I mean, I can
5 assure you that everyone is working very hard on this. It's
6 really all hands on deck.

7 DRA [00:46:06 indiscernible proper name], which is
8 the DRA RMS vendor, GOFERR, the Governor's Office, are all
9 working hard on this. Doing it quickly is still a top
10 priority, but I think -- you know, we think getting it right
11 is better than wrong.

12 So there was a lot of information we received from
13 the prequalification phase. We're still working through
14 that information, and otherwise developing the program
15 details and the online application.

16 So again, I expect this will roll out this next
17 phase and roll out soon. I don't have an exact date for you
18 yet, but it should be soon, and once those decisions are
19 made, it will be announced and the information will be
20 available at a number of places on the GOFERR and DRA
21 websites for sure.

22 There will be a program overview, program details,

1 we'll have FAQs. We will update those FAQs as we receive
2 more questions.

3 Also, to the extent you are a business that
4 completed a prequalification application, you will receive
5 an e-mail with information on how to proceed to the next
6 phase. So that word will get out. It's just the dates for
7 now have not been set, and I do want to clarify.

8 So as originally announced, this next phase was
9 supposed to start on June 1 and end on June 8. Now it's not
10 starting on June 1, that June 8 date will also change. So
11 businesses will not be held to that date. Obviously, that
12 will be pushed back as well.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Questions regarding the Main Street
14 Relief Program, grants to small businesses?

15 SHAWN THOMAS: And I think that's probably one of
16 the major decisions that has been made so far is they're
17 grants, not loans.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Right. Representative Wallner?

19 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you. We've certainly --
20 I mean, certainly the public has been notified about this
21 program, and I was impressed with the amount of outreach to
22 the community, and I've read it several times in my local

1 newspaper with an ad telling people about the program and
2 how to apply. So I really want to commend whoever was in
3 charge of doing the outreach.

4 What I've been wondering is what will the
5 application be like for the business? How long do you
6 anticipate the application to be? And what kind of time will
7 it take the applicant to apply? And what kind of backup
8 materials will they need to provide?

9 SHAWN THOMAS: The application will be very
10 similar to the pre quote -- and I'm sorry, because it gets
11 confusing when we use the same words -- but this final
12 submission will be very similar to what the prequalification
13 application looked like. And in most respects, it will
14 function like a verification. So we want to make sure the
15 information they entered on their prequalification is
16 accurate information.

17 And so, this final submission will not take --
18 will probably take about the same amount of time it took the
19 business to complete the prequalification application.
20 There isn't much additional information that will be needed.
21 It really is primarily a verification, but it is a separate
22 submission.

1 So even though it functions as a verification,
2 they will need to submit this separate submission.

3 I don't know if that answers your question. I'm
4 sorry, but it is going to look and feel a lot like the
5 previous application, except the format will be a little
6 different, but it really is primarily to verify everything
7 that was already entered.

8 We're not talking pages and pages of data or the
9 need to collect a huge amount of information to be able to
10 complete the return. I can't imagine it will take anybody
11 much more than half an hour, probably less, right?

12 JERRY LITTLE: Right. Quite a bit less to file
13 the application.

14 SHAWN THOMAS: Right. And if you have all the
15 information that you use to complete a prequalification
16 application, you basically have everything you need, and it
17 shouldn't -- to Jerry's point, he said 30 minutes, I would
18 say closer to 15. It's not a difficult application.
19 Getting it right and making sure we're kind of -- you know,
20 making sure we're asking all the questions the right way is
21 the difficult piece, and that's what we're working on now.

22 MARY JANE WALLNER: Great. Thank you very much.

1 I appreciate hearing that.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions about the Main
3 Street Relief Program? I don't see any, so thank you very
4 much, Shawn, appreciate it.

5 We have two more programs out of the 11 that have
6 been stood up so far to brief you on. I think Nancy is --
7 is Nancy taking the lead on these, or are you doing it,
8 Lisa? Lisa English will be taking the lead on the Health
9 Care System Relief.

10 LISA ENGLISH: I'm Higher Education, I'm sorry.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Okay. So I thought it was Nancy,
12 yeah. Nancy Smith is going to be talking about the Health
13 Care System Relief Fund.

14 NANCY SMITH: Hello again. Part of the challenge
15 with moving forward on the Health Care System Relief Fund
16 was, as you know, there was \$50 million in state funds
17 initially allocated to that before the CARES Act came into
18 existence, where we got the Flex funds.

19 And so, part of the challenge with that has been
20 determining how to move forward now that we're going to use
21 CARES Act funds to be sure that we're complying with the
22 CARES Act requirement, and sending the money for the

1 existing applicants, as well as for the additional
2 allocation that the Governor made a few weeks ago, adding
3 another \$50 million, \$30 million of which is designated for
4 long-term care providers.

5 So we have a -- I can tell you we have a plan for
6 moving forward, and we're working very hard on
7 operationalizing that. The long-term care providers will
8 have a separate application process for the \$30 million that
9 was allocated to them, so that we can be sure that it is all
10 going to that universe of provider. I think there's some
11 concern about that.

12 The remainder -- we are trying to wrap up a few
13 remaining applications that have been evaluated from the
14 first application, and give them an opportunity to receive
15 loans on the same terms as the people that originally got
16 loans from the program.

17 But then, the plan is to move forward and move the
18 other remaining funds that are available for health care
19 providers into being grants, similar to -- and the long-term
20 care will also be grants.

21 So the -- moving forward, we're going to be going
22 into the branch for these providers. We are -- so we're

1 working on new applications that will contain all the CARES
2 Act information we need for both long-term care and for the
3 health care providers.

4 So -- and I can't give you an exact time frame on
5 that. Part of our challenge is that trying to
6 operationalize so many programs like Main Street and this at
7 the same time, that that sometimes -- you know, if I said we
8 wanted to have these up and running by Friday where Main
9 Street is taking a bit longer, this may get pushed back a
10 few days as well. But we are -- we hope to have those new
11 applications and notices and program information out very
12 soon.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. And you also mentioned
14 they are converting things -- loans to grants, which is for
15 a very good reason the major focus of all of the programs.
16 We want to put this money out in grants. We don't want to
17 be in the business of making loans, recovering loan funds at
18 the end of the day. So --

19 NANCY SMITH: The Treasury Guidance, the
20 Frequently Asked Questions that I referred to earlier than
21 came out on May 28 did actually hit the loan question head
22 on finally. And the Treasury has said that if you make

1 loans, it can -- if you recover the loan, it can only be
2 used for the same purpose as the original funds. And if you
3 got it back next year, you'd have to return it to the
4 federal government.

5 JERRY LITTLE: Yeah. And one of our general
6 philosophies is the last thing any of the entities we're
7 trying to assist need at this point in time is additional
8 debt that they might have to repay, so we're strongly in the
9 grantmaking business.

10 NANCY SMITH: I guess the final piece, and that is
11 that to the extent that some of the providers have taken
12 loans from the initial disbursement, our focus right now is
13 getting the rest of the money allocated and processing the
14 existing applications and new applications.

15 But then our intent is to go back and reexamine
16 those loans that were given to the first batch, and approach
17 those and see if we can convert those to grants -- certainly
18 before...

19 But we want to get the money spent, and then go
20 back and look at the existing loans for conversion of those
21 to grants as well.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Any questions for Nancy

1 about the Health Care System Relief Fund? Or any questions
2 about the Health Care System Relief Fund generally? Seeing
3 none, we'll move on to the last -- it will be 11 that we had
4 stood up so far -- GOFERR-related programs, which are Higher
5 Educational Systems Grants. And Lisa English is going to
6 speak to those?

7 LISA ENGLISH: And before I do that, if I may,
8 Director Little, I just wanted to clarify the data on the
9 child care. So I had talked about the number of children
10 being served as 9693. If every currently open slot was
11 filled, that would be the 11,584 number, which leaves right
12 now -- or excuse me, as of June 1, 1891 open child care
13 slots.

14 And just for some context, when we talk about 362
15 being opened and 526 having gone through the
16 prequalification process, on March 13, there were 788
17 licensed child care facilities. So my apologies for really
18 making some errors in characterizing those numbers, but I
19 wanted to provide that to you.

20 So for the emergency funding for higher education
21 for the university system of New Hampshire and the community
22 college system of New Hampshire, as you likely know, the

1 university system of New Hampshire is a \$10 million-dollar
2 proposed budget, and for the community college system it's
3 \$5 million.

4 And this is funding to be used for coronavirus
5 testing, contact tracing as well as with USNH, the plan for
6 isolation and care of those who may become infected. And
7 this is in part, obviously, too as to schools look to
8 reopening, the potential for reopening, and any changes that
9 need to be made for the fall.

10 Part of those funds would also at USNH be used to
11 build out its infrastructure to strengthen and expand its
12 ability to consistently deliver remote, online learning and
13 degree programs as well as any modifications that the
14 university would see as necessary to allow for on-campus
15 social distancing.

16 The Community College Fund is similar. They are
17 back to the lab proposal, which is essentially learning
18 supports that are needed for lab and hands on courses that
19 have to be delivered in person.

20 And so, this is going to be used across the seven
21 regionally dispersed colleges to pay instructors for
22 extended hours to allow students to access lab spaces in

1 smaller numbers, allowing for social distancing, as well as
2 to -- and this is important obviously for people that are
3 completing degrees and a certificate as we close out the
4 spring and head into the summer and fall in technical
5 trades, as well as students who need to cut their lab hours
6 to complete licensing requirements.

7 And there's also funding there as well for testing
8 and any necessary modifications for social distancing.

9 Those grant applications are -- we're working on
10 them. They're in draft form, and hopefully will be
11 finalized very soon.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Any questions about
13 that program? Seeing none, I will just first apologize for
14 taking those out of order for -- it hadn't been shown on
15 your agenda, but we had to do that to facilitate the need
16 for some of our staff in another meeting going on
17 downstairs. So I apologize, but hopefully you've gotten
18 some value from those updates.

19 I would note that there is one more program that
20 the Governor has announced -- a twelfth program called, "The
21 Small Business Gap Fund." We don't have any details to
22 present to you on that, because we're waiting to find out

1 how the other programs flesh out to identify any gaps that
2 might reveal themselves, so that we can use that program,
3 which will be administered by the Business and Finance
4 authority to close those gaps. So that may be in fact an
5 opportunity dealing with things like summer camps.

6 So that is -- are there any questions about
7 program status reports or any of the programs? If not, we
8 will move onto Item 4, which is "Other, " and when the
9 agenda was sent out, we had requests. They had
10 conversations about the housing and homelessness programs.

11 And Senator D'Allesandro asked us to talk about
12 private, post-secondary education, and we've added a couple
13 of things during the conversation today. Housing and
14 Homelessness, I believe that issue was raised by
15 Representative Wallner.

16 MARY JANE WALLNER: Oh. Thank you, thank you Mr.
17 Little. We did have presentations a couple of weeks ago by
18 people from the Housing Action New Hampshire. They talked
19 to us about the challenges around people with housing issues
20 and evictions, rental subsidy and homeless shelter programs
21 as well as trying to fill the affordable housing pipeline
22 program.

1 What I'd like to do is talk about some of these
2 and get people's ideas about what GOFERR might be able to
3 suggest to the Governor around providing some funding for
4 these housing programs. It seems like especially I was
5 thinking about the homeless shelter program.

6 They were talking about what they need to do is
7 sort of reconfigure some of the shelters, so that they can
8 get the appropriate spacing so that people can be safe in
9 those facilities. But it seems like it's something that
10 probably needs to get started pretty soon. We're in the
11 time when it's probably easiest to work on sort of refitting
12 and making the physical spaces more appropriate in our
13 shelters.

14 And I just wanted to know -- I guess I would like
15 to know what other people are thinking about them and, you
16 know, how we might move forward with a program around
17 housing?

18 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Morse, you have a question
19 sir?

20 SENATOR MORSE: Yep. Jerry, first of all, let me
21 thank you for giving such a quick response, because I asked
22 if we could get an update on all the federal funds that are

1 coming in for homelessness in New Hampshire, and how it's
2 being used. Is Lisa still on this call?

3 JERRY LITTLE: Yes, she is. Lisa, I think that
4 was her -- Lisa is still here, and I think that was a
5 request from Senator Morse who -- you wrote a memo about
6 federal funds already contributing toward housing and
7 homelessness.

8 LISA ENGLISH: Would it be helpful to go through
9 the points in that e-mail?

10 JERRY LITTLE: Well, I think it would be helpful
11 to go through it, but I think if we've had any contact with
12 these different groups, maybe it can answer some of the
13 questions that our committee has.

14 LISA ENGLISH: Certainly. So -- and I think it's
15 fair to say before I go through some of that, even the
16 conversations that took place before the Legislative
17 Advisory Board as well as the Stakeholder Advisory Board, I
18 have been -- we have been having conversation with Chris
19 Santaniello as well as Melissa Hatfield in looking at some
20 of the proposals or injunctions that were presented to the
21 Board about how to address specifically certainly the issue
22 that Representative Wallner just mentioned, the homeless

1 shelters and what does this look like?

2 Because winter is coming really, really quickly.

3 It seems really far away until you think about how the
4 challenges that we face with regard to sheltering every
5 winter pre-COVID, as we head into the end of 2020.

6 And then certainly thinking about issues related
7 to rental assistance or other kinds of assistance that may
8 keep people from becoming homeless, or from losing their
9 housing, avoiding eviction.

10 So I certainly don't have, we don't have a
11 recommendation or a proposal at this time, but those
12 conversations have been ongoing since the presentations were
13 made to the Board -- both the Legislative and the
14 Stakeholder Advisory Board.

15 So the other assistance, if you'd like me to go
16 through that, if you'd like me to go through that, that
17 exists in New Hampshire through essentially -- I think it's
18 primarily through the CARES Act -- the CARES Act had
19 allocated \$4 billion nationally for homeless assistance
20 grants, and that -- the New Hampshire received a total of
21 \$3,740,000 from that program, which means after receiving
22 \$540,000 of that total amount, DHHS is using the \$3 million

1 -- over \$3 million dollars to provide essential dollars in
2 the form of stipends for eight weeks for direct staff
3 working with people who are experiencing homelessness.

4 They provide occasional dollars directly to
5 shelters to assist them with increased costs that are a
6 result of the pandemic. And then the CHHS is providing
7 additional dollars for permanent supportive housing
8 programs.

9 The other programs I have less details on, but I
10 will just go through them very quickly. The CARES Act
11 allocated an additional \$1.25 billion for tenant-based
12 rental assistance.

13 The challenge with that is that funding is
14 specific to cover any increases in cost associated with
15 existing vouchers. So these funds aren't to be used, at
16 least in the initial CARES Act. These funds cannot be used
17 with new or additional clients.

18 There is the Community Development Block Grant.
19 That was \$ 5 billion nationally. And that is to provide
20 assistance for economic and housing impacts, including
21 community health facilities, child care centers, food banks
22 and senior services.

1 New Hampshire should have received, or was slated
2 to have receive \$7.5 million, with \$5.4 million of that
3 could be administered through Community Development Finance
4 authority, as well as some sent directly to Manchester,
5 Nashua, Portsmouth, Dover and Rochester.

6 And then finally, the Community Services Block
7 Grant. This is \$1 billion nationally allocated to the
8 Community Services Block grant to help local community-based
9 organizations.

10 I don't have a New Hampshire-specific number for
11 that, nor do I have a sense of how much of that is being
12 used for housing, but I include it in the list, just as
13 these are some resources that could be used for housing
14 support.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Questions or further comments?

16 MARY JANE WALLNER: Well Lisa -- I'm sorry, this
17 is Mary Jane. I guess having heard what you just went
18 through, I don't think I got the e-mail, or I didn't -- I
19 haven't seen that information. So that was really -- that
20 was helpful.

21 Where do we -- where do you see gaps? I mean,
22 though those are pretty big numbers, it probably doesn't

1 realistically meet the kind of needs that a lot of our -- a
2 lot of the housing needs that we have.

3 So where do you see the first gap that we might
4 put some funding for housing? Would you think the homeless
5 shelters, so that they can get started on some of this work,
6 so we do not find ourselves in the middle of December having
7 an issue with our shelters again?

8 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you for question,
9 Representative. I think that that is certainly one place
10 that is a gap. I mean, there is -- the Homeless Assistance
11 Grants are helpful, but it certainly isn't at an amount that
12 would allow for some of the changes that need to be done in
13 advance of a winter situation, especially to the extent
14 there's a fall outbreak.

15 And again, I do spend time speaking with homeless
16 -- with people that are experts in the area of housing. And
17 I am not one, but it is another area that is certainly very
18 important to the whole staff here at GOFERR.

19 So I am certain that Chris Santaniello and other
20 folks at DHHS would be able to provide additional details to
21 the extent they're requested. But I think absolutely
22 funding to help get shelters ready for the winter is an

1 important place.

2 And then there's the challenge of identifying
3 where the gaps exist with regard to rental assistance. One
4 of the challenges there is certainly with the additional
5 unemployment benefits -- to the extent that those are not
6 continued -- there might be individuals who are able to meet
7 their rent obligations right now, and they could find
8 themselves in a very different position come September.

9 And of course, we're always mindful of our
10 December 30, 2020 deadline to extend these funds. So it
11 certainly is a challenging area, and we continue to try to
12 understand where the gaps are.

13 Another gap I have heard a lot about is it's not a
14 gap, but you have people where they have family members
15 coming home, who may have been away at school, or they may
16 be a parent who moves in with their adult children, and
17 people who were getting food elsewhere and grocery bills and
18 utility bills and things like that continue to increase.

19 So I think there's a lot to the question, and I
20 think it's a very good one and a very important one.
21 Sheltering is certainly one place. And then understanding
22 where there is a need for any assistance maintained housing,

1 to avoid the issue of someone becoming homeless.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Lisa. Senator

3 D'Allesandro, you have a question, sir.

4 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Jerry.

5 Appreciate those comments, Lisa. I've got a couple of
6 questions. One, housing stock is at a premium, so it's very
7 difficult to find housing in both -- particularly the urban
8 areas like Manchester. So I want to talk about two things.

9 a) If you're in, and you get beyond the fact where
10 you don't have to pay your rent, you got a problem there
11 with eviction. That's something that we have to deal with.

12 Secondly, the homeless problem in Manchester has
13 accelerated. People are living in encampments along the
14 Merrimack River, and the encampment under the Amoskeag
15 Bridge is growing rapidly. And as you say, time is flying,
16 and the bad weather is going to come, and those people can't
17 sustain in that environment for a variety of reasons.

18 So the question of are there shelters that are
19 going to become available, and will these people be able to
20 access those shelters? And that's a difficult task getting
21 them out, I understand that, but the availability of a place
22 to go and the question of sustainability once they're there.

1 We hope that the job situation is going to open up, and that
2 people will have the opportunity to get back to work.

3 But there isn't any housing stock. People who are
4 problematic with their jobs are going to lose the fact that
5 they're -- the moratorium on the payment of their rent is
6 going to disappear and the homeless environment is growing
7 dramatically, and that creates a series of other problems.

8 So those are key elements that I think we have to
9 talk about in terms of how -- what solutions are going to be
10 out there.

11 And I realize that the long-term solutions are
12 going to fall on the backs of the local municipalities and
13 the state for the long-term, but for the immediate
14 situation, the monies that we have set aside to deal with
15 this I think have to be used properly, expeditiously to
16 solve those problems that are right in front of us. Thank
17 you.

18 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you, Senator. I think those
19 are just incredibly important points, and that's certainly
20 the issue with the lack of affordable housing. That is one
21 that is very important to the housing question, and it's one
22 that we're not able to address because of the parameters on

1 the CARES Act, meaning when it needs to be spent, and it's
2 different than stimulus funding, which might have different
3 guardrails to it.

4 I do know that there is a devoted crew at the
5 department focused on rapid rehousing, and making sure that
6 people aren't evicted, and we will continue to look at these
7 issues as we go forward and take whatever action we're able
8 to.

9 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you Lisa.
10 Representative Wallner, is there anything else you'd like us
11 to discuss on this topic?

12 MARY JANE WALLNER: Well, I think we've had a good
13 discussion. And I guess what I'd really like to know is
14 whether or not -- you know, I don't know how really to
15 suggest that we go forward, but maybe Senator Morse has some
16 ideas.

17 You know, should a few people get together and try
18 to come up with how we might make a proposal for a -- you
19 know, a first round of grants around the housing issue and
20 leave it then as something that as we move forward with the
21 department can certainly give us a lot of information about
22 what gaps are and the kinds of things we need to do.

1 But it seems like we need to get started on this,
2 because, like Lisa said, it will be winter before we know
3 it, and we need to get the -- I think particularly the
4 shelters need to get appropriately retrofitted to work, or
5 we're going to have a really limited number of spaces in
6 them.

7 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Senator Morse?

8 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Yeah. I'm not sure how to
9 break it down, because of what I see the challenges are the
10 next three weeks on the Legislature. But the -- I think we
11 could obviously put something together in July and start
12 working on this.

13 My concern was -- and that's why I called Jerry
14 yesterday and asked to give me an update, because I thought
15 I had read somewhere in a document -- and it was Senator
16 [01:17:44 indiscernible proper name]'s document I believe --
17 that money was coming in outside of local.

18 So that's why Lisa, I received that today and I --
19 well, I only asked yesterday, so it was pretty quick. But,
20 you know, what's coming in and what we're doing and what
21 we're doing with it and everything I thought was important
22 to go over.

1 I have no problem getting involved with, you know,
2 the issue and seeing what the gaps are. I just -- maybe
3 this is one for the Reps, because I have a feeling the
4 Senate right now is going to have their hands full for a
5 couple of days.

6 But the -- why don't we work on that? Mary Jane,
7 I'll call you and figure out how to get a group together to
8 work on that.

9 MARY JANE WALLNER: Great, thank you. I really
10 appreciate that. Thank you.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Two things. One, would it be okay,
12 Senator, if Lisa shared with the rest of the Committee the
13 e-mail that she sent to you?

14 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Oh, absolutely, absolutely.
15 That's why I brought it up. I wasn't sure that that hadn't
16 already happened. So I meant to ask that question, but
17 absolutely.

18 JERRY LITTLE: And secondly, I think you're aware
19 of some other efforts going on already, Lisa?

20 LISA ENGLISH: Yes. So DHHS is working on this
21 issue. So I wonder if it would be helpful as they finalize
22 a recommendation, which is based on information provided to

1 the Board if we provide that to you? It may well be in line
2 with what concerns you're trying to address.

3 MARY JANE WALLNER: I think that would be very
4 helpful, thank you.

5 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Yeah, I think we could --
6 you know, I'll talk with Mary Jane, and then I'll certainly
7 call the GOFERR office and work out how we do this. So I
8 don't want to do things twice, but I -- she's not -- Mary
9 Jane's not the only one that has called me about this
10 concern. So we'll work with you. And thank you for getting
11 that so fast.

12 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you.

13 MARY JANE WALLNER: And thank you for putting this
14 on the agenda.

15 JERRY LITTLE: I'm sorry, Representative Wallner,
16 I was speaking at the same time. What -- I missed your
17 comment.

18 MARY JANE WALLNER: I just said thank you so much
19 for putting it on the agenda today.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Absolutely. Also on the agenda,
21 Senator D'Allesandro you were asking to talk about private
22 postsecondary education?

1 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Yes. Thank you, Jerry.
2 And first of all, thanks for putting it on the agenda. I
3 think this has been one of our most productive meetings so
4 kudos to you on the staff, because the information that
5 flowed today is essential in the decision-making process,
6 obviously.

7 We talked about private post-secondary education
8 at our last -- the last time we met, and we talked about a
9 \$5 million-dollar appropriation. In light of the fact that
10 they're an economic driver for the state of New Hampshire,
11 in many communities they're the largest taxpayer in the
12 community, they're the largest provider of jobs in the
13 community, and they provide significant economic development
14 for the state.

15 And it's certainly -- the academic area they
16 provide quality education.

17 They need help -- remember that most of them were
18 forced to close down. They were forced to refund room and
19 board money, and went into them to millions of dollars at
20 the private level, but certainly at the public level also.

21 And they -- in order to prepare for their
22 reopening in September, based on the COVID situation,

1 they're going to have to make many accommodations. And
2 those accommodations come at a cost, and I think that we
3 should be helpful to them.

4 They're an integral part of New Hampshire, and an
5 integral part of the economic ability of the state of New
6 Hampshire.

7 They have a mechanism -- New Hampshire College and
8 University Council that can work with all of the privates in
9 determining a methodology for how this money would be
10 distributed to each one of the entities.

11 And as I said, they're in dire need. They -- no
12 one has ever faced anything like this, and in the field of
13 education when you had to send people home, replace their on
14 campus academic environment with a virtual environment,
15 there's a cost and all of these costs were incurred and
16 carried by the institutions.

17 So I'm thinking of the private -- let me -- you've
18 got New England College, you've got Colby-Sawyer College,
19 you've got Saint Anselm's College, you've got Franklin
20 Pierce University. All of these are valuable entities
21 within the communities that they reside in, and with the
22 greater New Hampshire and greater New England community, and

1 really the greater eastern portion of the United States that
2 they serve, as well as taking foreign students.

3 So I believe -- I spent most of my life in
4 postsecondary education, as most of you know, and I just
5 think it's essential that we support them and recognize the
6 fact that this virus caused tremendous disruption in that
7 area, and enormous costs were placed on the entities, no
8 fault of their own, it just happened.

9 And that's my pitch. I know when we talked about
10 this in the group, I thought we had unanimous support for
11 the \$5 million dollars that was talked about.

12 At one time I talked about \$10 million, but we
13 reduced it to \$5 million. I looked at my notes from the
14 initial discussion we had, and we did talk about the \$10
15 million dollars. But anyway, that's my narrative on the
16 subject, and I'm happy to answer inquiries that people have.

17 And I know you, Jerry, and your group must have
18 spent some time looking this over and looking at the
19 economic positive effect private, postsecondary education
20 has on the state of New Hampshire. That's my pitch.

21 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator. Any comments
22 or questions for Senator D'Allesandro or us? So far, I see

1 a question from Senator Soucy.

2 DONNA SOUCY: Thank you Commissioner. I do want
3 to just echo the comment of Senator D'Allesandro and just
4 add two things. One, I think the timing for many of our
5 universities is very critical. They've had to extend the
6 time frame by which students make decisions about what --
7 they're going to come here.

8 But the other thing that I would is that a great
9 number of employees -- a large sector of our workforce is as
10 a result of these students coming to our colleges and
11 universities. And they're in the process of making those
12 decisions. If they don't come, that will further I think
13 our workforce challenges here in this state. So I do
14 believe it's something we need to move forward with and we
15 need to do so quickly. I really think it's there.

16 But I also have one other question for you
17 Commissioner, or for a member on the GOFERR staff could
18 answer. And it was regarding the Governor's Emergency Order
19 #48, but particularly the in-person special education
20 requirements that that imposed.

21 It was unclear to me in the order, and I don't
22 know if there's been a further discussion -- whether CARES

1 funding would be used to help the communities that are being
2 asked to meet those requirements providing those in-person
3 services?

4 JERRY LITTLE: I'm sorry, Senator. I am not
5 familiar with all the emergency orders, and so, I'm trying
6 to pull up the emergency order #48.

7 DONNA SOUCY: So it's about our school districts
8 and the provision of special education services, and did
9 have some requirements for in-person visitation.

10 I've heard from several schools that that posed a
11 particular challenge, and will continue to do so, and that
12 there were some added costs on doing that, and was just
13 questioning if there were any resources that will be flowing
14 from the CARES fund to our institutions to help them with
15 that process.

16 JERRY LITTLE: I'm just -- I'm reviewing that
17 Executive Order now. So I see it. And your question is
18 whether or not CARES Act money will be available to school
19 districts --

20 DONNA SOUCY: -- that are incurring costs by
21 having --

22 JERRY LITTLE: -- that are incurring costs --

1 DONNA SOUCY: -- by having in-person services,
2 yes.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Right. I don't know the answer to
4 the question. We'll push it forward.

5 DONNA SOUCY: Okay with that.

6 JERRY LITTLE: Generally what happens is we get
7 recommendations they have come, primarily from this group,
8 the Legislative Advisory Board or the Stakeholder Advisory
9 Board.

10 There have been a couple that have been offered by
11 the GOFERR team and sent over there. I think the way to
12 handle this is to simply ask the question, as you've placed
13 it. So that's what we'll do.

14 DONNA SOUCY: Thank you.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Lisa, did you have a question to
16 ask, or a comment?

17 LISA ENGLISH: Just to the extent -- I mean, I
18 know that we've talked a little bit about some of the
19 education funding that is out there, but to the extent there
20 was -- there is some CARES Act education funding, and
21 providing some of these supports is certainly an allowable
22 expense for that CARES Act funding, and that is at the

1 discretion of the local education agency. Because it's the
2 school district, essentially.

3 And I believe there's some additional funding that
4 I am less familiar with that involves some additional grants
5 that can be sought. But I don't have my hands on that
6 information. But -- so there is non coronavirus relief
7 funding available as well.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Senator Morse, you have
9 your hand up?

10 SENATOR MORSE: Well, I just, I knew we were
11 coming back in June to make some more recommendations. I
12 think the funding going out is a little slower than I think
13 all of us anticipated.

14 But the -- I think that's because you're doing an
15 awful lot of work to make sure that it goes to the right
16 people, which I applaud you for that.

17 But I'm wondering if out of today's meeting we
18 just make the one recommendation that Senator D'Allesandro
19 has talked about, and maybe we can follow up with a letter
20 that -- we don't have to today, but we can just make the
21 recommendation, and we can work with the Speaker and the
22 Senate President to have a letter follow with that?

1 JERRY LITTLE: So that's a request, that we
2 reiterate the suggestion from the Legislative Advisory Board
3 that to the Governor to direct \$5 million dollars in funding
4 to private?

5 SENATOR MORSE: Did we put the \$5 million in the
6 original one Jerry? Because I thought the private we held
7 back on in the original one?

8 JERRY LITTLE: I don't have your spreadsheet in
9 front of me right now. But I thought that's what I heard.

10 SENATOR MORSE: We did --

11 JERRY LITTLE: -- on the call today with Senator
12 D'Allesandro that we had made a recommendation for \$5
13 million.

14 SENATOR MORSE: And then think we took it back.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Oh, we did take it back?

16 SENATOR MORSE: Yes.

17 JERRY LITTLE: Okay.

18 SENATOR MORSE: Well, you can always --

19 JERRY LITTLE: Yeah. I think it would be
20 appropriate if Lou just made a motion, and then if there's -
21 - if we're -- if there's an issue here, we'll take care of
22 it. But we can always -- you know, if we're double counting

1 here, we can come back and take care of it at our next
2 meeting.

3 But we said we were coming back on June 3 to take
4 care of a few of these things. I don't think it would be
5 appropriate to review any of the other categories. We've
6 got a lot of information today, which is great, but I think,
7 you know, going forward with this would be appropriate if
8 Lou wants to do that.

9 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Yep. I'd like to make that
10 motion that we recommended \$5 million dollars be sent to the
11 private postsecondary education institutions, and they come
12 up with the distribution formula and present that.

13 ERIN HENNESSEY: Second, Hennessey.

14 JERRY LITTLE: So we have a motion and a second to
15 suggest to the Governor that he identify \$5 million dollars
16 and the CARES Act Flex funds for distribution to the private
17 colleges and universities. And I believe -- did I hear
18 somebody say that we would rely on the schools to figure out
19 how to distribute it?

20 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Well, relying on the New
21 Hampshire College and University Council, which is the
22 organization that represents both the publics and the

1 privates to come up with a distribution formula and present
2 that, yes.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Okay. Very good. So I understand
4 your motion, and the second, is there further conversation,
5 discussion? Seeing none, we will -- under RSA 91-A, because
6 this is a public meeting being held by a conference call, we
7 will have to take a roll call for this vote. Are you ready
8 for the roll call?

9 Senate President Donna Soucy?

10 DONNA SOUCY: I vote yes.

11 JERRY LITTLE: House Speaker Steve Shurtleff?

12 STEVE SHURTLEFF: I vote yes.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Senate Republican Leader Chuck
14 Morse?

15 SENATOR MORSE: Yes.

16 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch?

17 DICK HINCH: Dick Hinch, yes.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Chairman Lou D'Allesandro?

19 CHAIRMAN D'ALLESSANDRO: Yes.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Yes.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Reagan? [Pause]

1 Senator Reagan?

2 SENATOR REAGAN: Yes.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Erin Hennessey?

4 ERIN HENNESSEY: Hennessey, yes.

5 JERRY LITTLE: That is a unanimous vote. We will
6 light it up and send it over to the Governor's Office.

7 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Jerry, can I make another
8 comment?

9 JERRY LITTLE: Certainly.

10 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Senator Soucy talked about
11 the special ed, and I think one of the members did some
12 special work for Senator Morse and monies outside of the
13 CARES Act that went to the different entities. \$38 million
14 dollars went directly to the Department of Education for
15 distribution.

16 Now, there was some thought that that distribution
17 would take place along the Title 1 lines. That would indeed
18 help to satisfy some of the needs manifested by Senator
19 Soucy in her comments. I wonder if there's a possibility
20 that that could be looked into by your office, as it
21 addresses a question that was posed here and there may be an
22 answer to that in those other funds?

1 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. We can take a look into
2 that. I think that would require a call in to the
3 Department of Education.

4 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you. Thank you very
5 much.

6 JERRY LITTLE: Okay. Very good. So getting back
7 to of our agenda, if I can figure out what I did with it.
8 There we go.

9 Representative -- I think it was Representative
10 Wallner asked that we add State Hospital Workers Stipend to
11 the end of our agenda for today, sort of a new item that's
12 not on the agenda. Representative Wallner?

13 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes. I've actually had a
14 number of persons who work at the state hospital reach out
15 to me concerning the stipend program. And it seems to me
16 that the work they're doing at New Hampshire State Hospital
17 is some of the most difficult work of any of our state
18 workers.

19 It's certainly I think as difficult as people who
20 are working in the prisons, people who are working at Sununu
21 Youth Center, people who are working maybe at Glencliff
22 nursing home.

1 They're working with some of our most seriously,
2 like, ill citizens, and I know that sometimes in these
3 situations it can be very physical. Patients are often
4 difficult to manage. I think it's very stressful work, and
5 when you add something like the virus that we have at this
6 point that could possibly come into that into the New
7 Hampshire hospital, I feel like these workers are definitely
8 on the front lines.

9 And I would like to see us consider them also for
10 the stipend. It sounded like some of the stipend programs
11 were not drawing down maybe as rapidly as we thought they
12 might, and I think these are workers that also need to be
13 considered for a stipend.

14 So I will actually make a motion that we include
15 workers at New Hampshire State Hospital in the stipend
16 program. And I know there are social workers, there are
17 mental health workers and nurses there.

18 JERRY LITTLE: So you have a motion. Is there a
19 second?

20 DONNA SOUCY: I'LL second the motion. This is
21 Senator Donna Soucy.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator. And Speaker

1 Shurtleff, did you have your hand up?

2 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Yeah, I did just to second the
3 motion.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Any further
5 conversation? Senator Morse?

6 SENATOR MORSE: Yeah, I certainly have worked a
7 lot with DRF program and everything, to make sure that we
8 actually improved our beds and everything, and I support
9 these people.

10 But this is the problem with putting stipends in.
11 It's going to become, you know, who's not important? I
12 mean, you know, I look at what every business is doing, and
13 they're certainly doing the same things because their
14 employees are coming to work.

15 The -- I really don't know the answer to be honest
16 with you. I don't -- making the recommendation is, you
17 know, I guess the point of the recommendation is they're
18 important to us in the whole community of Health Care in New
19 Hampshire, I get that. I mean, and I support that part of
20 the motion.

21 I just would like to make it clear I have concerns
22 about the stipend all the way through all of these things,

1 because who isn't important? I mean, and that's the
2 question you get when you're out now is, "So these people
3 are more important than my guys?"

4 And I just -- I guess I'm not trying to send that
5 message. But I wouldn't want to send the message to the
6 employees at New Hampshire Hospital that I do not support
7 them.

8 So it's kind of a Catch-22, to be honest with you.
9 But if it's what the Committee wants to do today, I mean,
10 I'll support it. But I think we're basically -- the whole
11 group of people out there that we're probably not
12 acknowledging. And I don't think there's enough money in
13 the world to tell people they're doing -- you know, the
14 right work for the right time. And I just get concerned
15 about that, to be honest with you.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator Morse, any other
17 conversation?

18 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Well, I think Senator
19 Morse's point is well taken. We appreciate the work that
20 everyone's doing, and the question is, how far do you go
21 with this? And I think I'll -- certainly I'm going to
22 support the motion, but the question that we're going to

1 have to address one of these days is how far does it go, and
2 who gets left out, and who as a result of being left out
3 gets a negative opinion of themselves?

4 That's not a very good situation. That's part and
5 process of the service element connected with their job.

6 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator D'Allesandro.
7 Representative Hinch, you have a question, sir or a comment?

8 DICK HINCH: Yes, thank you. And, you know, I
9 have the same feeling that Senator Morse and Senator
10 D'Allesandro just echoed. And I think it might be a prudent
11 exercise for us to at least find out how many people this
12 covers, and what the expense for this is going to be.
13 Because, as Senator Morse said very well, you know, who
14 isn't important?

15 And this could get, you know, out of control,
16 especially if we don't know the metrics that are involved
17 with this.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Representative Hinch.
19 Further comments? So if I could restate the motion just to
20 make sure I know what we're voting on. The motion from
21 Senator Wallner and seconded by Senator Soucy and Speaker
22 Shurtleff is to recommend that COVID-19 stipends be extended

1 to employees at New Hampshire Hospital.

2 I guess I'm wondering if there's clarification to
3 Representative Wallner to identify which employees of New
4 Hampshire Hospital? My understanding is that in the other
5 facilities they've been client facing employees, and not
6 administration or other nonclient facing staff. Do you have
7 any thoughts --

8 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes, clients, yes. People who
9 deal direct (sic) with the patients.

10 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Senator Morse?

11 SENATOR MORSE: Yeah, I -- you know, I've got down
12 here Hampstead Hospital, which we moved the children to in
13 order to create 48 new beds over there. You know, that was
14 one of our goals. You know, you move 24 children, you
15 double the capacity at New Hampshire Hospital.

16 I would prefer even if it means we have to come
17 back, you know, next week and vote on this that we get a
18 clarification. I support the issue, but I -- you know, I'm
19 not sure I understand the difference between, you know,
20 something that I was part of to make sure that we move the
21 children down here, so we create more space... The people at
22 Hampstead Hospital [are] included in there.

1 I -- this is the problem with the stipend, but I
2 guess we should have a definite, you know, where we're
3 ending this and -- where we're starting it and where we're
4 ending it part of this motion, because otherwise, it
5 probably won't happen anyway.

6 So I prefer we -- even if we just come back for
7 this issue, that we put this on an agenda for next week and
8 just come back and vote on it. I think it would make more
9 sense. It's more detailed. I mean, I could get that out
10 technically, so.

11 MARY JANE WALLNER: I certainly would agree to
12 that.

13 JERRY LITTLE: So is -- are you asking us to --
14 are you going to withdraw the motion, Representative
15 Wallner, or -- and revisit this next week, is that the
16 suggestion?

17 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes. I will withdraw the
18 motion and have us come back for a look at this next week.
19 I don't know which day you want to come back, but at that
20 point we can have more information.

21 JERRY LITTLE: Yeah. If the Committee will allow
22 it -- I think I have to talk to the Senate President about

1 that because I'm not -- I mean our calendars are starting to
2 book up, so why don't we work together and figure out a date
3 next week that works. I mean, I don't think it's going to
4 be a long meeting, but I do think we need to do some
5 homework.

6 So if you're withdrawing the motion, I April it,
7 but I'll work to set up a day next week that works for all
8 of us.

9 SENATOR MORSE: Great. I think that makes a lot
10 of sense.

11 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you.

12 SENATOR MORSE: Thank you, Mary Jane for that, and
13 thank you for withdrawing the second. So that makes a great
14 deal of sense. And we'll meet on a date to be determined,
15 is that correct?

16 JERRY LITTLE: Yeah. I just think we've got to be
17 careful, because we're setting up all these committees, and
18 I have to speak with Donna about that.

19 SENATOR MORSE: Right.

20 DONNA SOUCY: Thank you, yes. We will discuss
21 that, because we do have a number of hearings that have
22 already begun to be scheduled for next week, so we'll make

1 something work.

2 SENATOR MORSE: Right, right.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. So --

4 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: And Director Little, I want
5 to reiterate what I said in terms of the meeting. I got
6 more information out of this meeting, in particular about
7 the amount of money that passing out the doors, and the
8 accountability for that. And I certainly appreciate that.

9 I really appreciate the numbers that were given to
10 us on the child care, and the fact that we know how many
11 seats are open. We know how many seats are open. We know
12 how many seats are occupied. And the conversation about the
13 camps I think is essential. And I hope that we'll be able
14 to discuss that at our next go-around, because I think that
15 has a significant economic impact on New Hampshire.

16 And as I said, the mental health of these kids --
17 because I think that's really significant. These kids have
18 been cooped up. And when you get children, you know, and
19 I'm talking about K through -- K through 8 or 9, they need
20 it and these camps provide an essential activity for them,
21 and it's good life experience. It's a good socialization
22 experience, so.

1 The other thing that I think was clarified is the
2 FEMA situation, and the fact that the money can be used for
3 the match. That's very important, as 25 percent payment is
4 very significant in this business, particularly when you're
5 building up some pretty large numbers.

6 So thank you very much for all of the information
7 that was given to us, and I hope that you'll keep sending
8 that information out to us.

9 And I think the last thing is the information
10 provided on the non-CARES Act monies that are flowing into
11 the state, and how they affect some of the decisions that
12 we're making in terms of money flowing into those areas that
13 provide additional support. It's good for us to know that.

14 I think it's -- again, it's very helpful in terms
15 of the whole experience of dealing with this. So thank you
16 and your staff very much for that, and thank my colleagues
17 for their good work.

18 JERRY LITTLE: And thank you, Senator
19 D'Allesandro. So the motion has been withdrawn, pending
20 further conversation. The next meeting will be held next
21 week. Senator Morse, I will wait to hear from you as to
22 what the date of that next meeting is going to be, and once

1 we have the date, I will send out a meeting notice and an
2 agenda, which will probably be fairly short, unless I hear
3 from folks otherwise. We will revisit the issue of stipends
4 for New Hampshire Hospital workers.

5 We will -- the staff here will work to get some
6 details for you about that, and I believe Senator
7 D'Allesandro wants us to talk a little bit more about summer
8 camps at the next meeting.

9 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

10 JERRY LITTLE: Is there anything else for the good
11 of the order?

12 SENATOR SOUCY: Commissioner Little, could I just
13 add if it's possible to get that information about Executive
14 Order #48 and if any CARES funding will be provided for --
15 special ED? That would be helpful as well, thank you.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Absolutely. Thank you, Senator
17 Soucy. And is there anything else? Seeing no hands raised
18 on the Board, or hearing otherwise, we will then adjourn
19 this meeting of the Legislative Advisory Board at -- what
20 does that say, 2:50.

21 COLLECTIVE: Thank you.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, all. Thanks, everybody.

1 Have a great weekend.

2 [End of Proceedings]