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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

- I. Open - Reading of GOFERR 91-A compliant guidance II.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review proposals:
 - a. Unemployment trust fund shortfall be moved to future considerations
 - b. Sen. Morse's recommendation 50 million from Unemployment Security be moved to Nonprofits totaling 65 million
 - c. Rep. Wallner asked that 300 stipend included child protection services; 25 million out of Business and move to fund this.
 - d. Senator Morse funding for hospitals recommendation - 75 million added to 30 million totaling 105 million
 - e. Senator Soucy would like hospitals to receive 100 million above and beyond the existing 30 million left in the Healthcare Relief Fund
 - f. Speaker Shurtleff would like Department of Agriculture to receive immediate funding
- IV. Wrap up proposal for recommendation and cover letter

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

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3 JERRY LITTLE: The GOFERR Legislative
4 Advisory Board was created by Executive Order 2020-06.
5 That order is publicly available for viewing on the
6 governor's website.

7 Today's meeting is an official meeting of the
8 board, is open to the public, and will be run in a
9 manner compliant with RSA 91-A. We are taking minutes.
10 Those minutes will be posted to the GOFERR web page.

11 Today's meeting, as we've just noticed, is also
12 being recorded. Should you be a speaking participant
13 and not wish to be recorded, you may disconnect now or
14 at any time.

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

18 Because the board is meeting by phone under RSA
19 91-A, there are some logistics that we need to
20 establish.

21 First, each of us must state our names, where we
22 are located, and who is with us in the room. We'll do

1 it this way, with a roll call.

2 I am Jerry Little, Director of GOFERR, in the
3 GOFERR offices at One Eagle Square in Concord. With me
4 are Rhonda Hensley, Joe Dorian, Wendy Gillman, Kate
5 Giaquinto. President Donna Soucy.

6 DONNA SOUCY: Hello, this is Donna Soucy. I am at
7 my home in Manchester, and I am alone.

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

10 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Steve Shurtleff. I'm at my
11 residence in Penacook, and I am alone.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Senate Leader Chuck Morse.

13 CHUCK MORSE: Chuck Morse. I'm in my office in
14 Atkinson, and I'm alone.

15 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch.

16 DICK HINCH: Dick Hinch. I am in my office in
17 Merrimack, and I am alone.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Lou D'Allesandro.

19 LOU D'ALLENSANDRO: I'm Senator Lou D'Allesandro.
20 I'm in my home in Manchester, and I am alone.

21 JERRY LITTLE: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner.

22 MARY JANE WALLNER: Mary Jane Wallner. I'm in my

1 home in Concord, New Hampshire, and I am alone.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Reagan.

3 JOHN REAGAN: Reagan, office, alone.

4 JERRY LITTLE: And Representative Erin Hennessey.

5 ERIN HENNESSEY: Erin Hennessey, I'm in my home in
6 Littleton, and my two minor children are in the house
7 with me.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you all very much. As we
9 move through our agenda today, each board member and
10 anyone else speaking is asked to identify themselves
11 before speaking.

12 Should you choose to take any votes today, they
13 must be done by roll call following the process we just
14 used.

15 And finally, before we begin today's presentation,
16 please remember to use 5 Star if you would like to ask
17 a question. Also, if there are any other presenters on
18 that we ask to speak, we will need to hit 5 Star so we
19 can unmute your line.

20 Last Friday you decided to review the documents
21 sent to you before the meeting to allow more time to
22 review information so we could work on a proposal that

1 had been discussed and presented by Senator Morse and
2 Senator D'Allesandro. You also looked at Senator
3 Soucy's cover letter.

4 We had actually sent you out an updated copy of
5 that spreadsheet, but it was apparently not prepared
6 yet for distribution, so I apologize for that and take
7 responsibility for it.

8 We're going to work, I'm told, from last Friday's
9 spreadsheet, the same document that you used for your
10 conversations then.

11 Senator Morse, would you like to return to the
12 conversation about the spreadsheet?

13 CHUCK MORSE: Let's go to unemployment because I
14 think we all agree on that one. We can start there.
15 But what I suggested on Friday was on unemployment,
16 take that \$50 million -- actually take that number out
17 and just take the pot of funding from the unemployment
18 trust fund and put it down to things to be discussed in
19 the future and eliminate that category.

20 I think we all agreed on that -- eliminate it from
21 this first document. If no one's thinking any
22 different than that, I'd just as soon we go ahead with

1 that.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Are there any questions or comments
3 about that proposal?

4 CHUCK MORSE: Okay, the next thing is state
5 government, which -- I know this is getting
6 repetitious, but the reality is I don't think there was
7 any changes to state government unless we were going to
8 add language in the far right column.

9 But the reality of what's been spent by the
10 governor and what's being proposed for front line
11 workers hazardous pay is already allocated. So I don't
12 know if anyone has any changes to state government.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Any questions or comments about the
14 category of state government? Representative Mary Jane
15 Wallner.

16 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you, Mr. Little. I
17 would just like to again ask that under eligible
18 workers we include child protective workers.

19 I don't think we probably need to add additional
20 funds at this point, at least according to the
21 accounting we were given on Friday. But I would like
22 to see them included in the \$300 a week, especially now

1 that they're starting to -- my understanding is they're
2 starting to have face-to-face visits with families.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Any other questions or comments
4 about state government? I see none. Are folks
5 generally amenable to the idea of adding child
6 protection workers under eligible workers for this
7 front-line worker hazard pay? Not seeing any hand
8 raising. Representative Hennessey?

9 ERIN HENNESSEY: Thank you, Director Little. I
10 just have a question for Chairman Wallner. In your
11 proposal, are these the workers that are the ones
12 visiting the households or are they all child
13 protective workers?

14 MARY JANE WALLNER: The ones that are visiting.
15 Actually, I was told -- though I don't have it with me
16 right now -- there is a methodology for this that the
17 department has providing hazard pay for child
18 protective workers if they're doing face-to-face
19 visits.

20 I don't know exactly how it is, but they already
21 have a methodology for doing this.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Soucy.

1 DONNA SOUCY: I was just going to say that if
2 Representative Wallner's suggestion was in the form of
3 a motion that I would second it. It does make sense to
4 add that class of workers as well.

5 JERRY LITTLE: Senator D'Allesandro? Senator
6 D'Allesandro, do you have a question?

7 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Can you hear me?

8 JERRY LITTLE: Yes, sir, we can.

9 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you. Yeah, under the
10 category eligible workers include Medicare-funded
11 direct care workers, where do nurses fit into this
12 category? Are they in this category?

13 CHUCK MORSE: I believe that that is the section
14 of funding for front-line workers at nursing homes.
15 And so these are -- it definitely includes nurses, but
16 on a limited scale, not at all healthcare facilities.
17 But it's those that are Medicaid funded.

18 And that also includes employees at the veterans
19 home, the Glencliff home, and the Sununu Youth Services
20 Center.

21 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Okay, thank you.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Hinch?

1 DICK HINCH: Yes, thank you. I just have a
2 question of clarification. So if we're in state
3 government, there has been incurred costs so far of \$65
4 million.

5 And then we go down to front-line workers, and
6 there's been two allocations made by the governor, one
7 for \$25 million, one for \$75 million. Do I understand
8 the verbiage of adding the eligible workers for child
9 protection would be included within those numbers that
10 had been allocated and not the new advisory board
11 allocation?

12 JERRY LITTLE: I believe, Representative Hinch, --
13 and I don't want to be speaking for you, Representative
14 Wallner -- but my understanding is that you are
15 proposing to add child protection workers to the
16 section that has the \$25-million figure beside it.

17 So added to fire, police, EMS, and corrections we
18 would also add child protection workers. I did not
19 hear anything about adding more money to that category.

20 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes, that's correct. We had
21 an accounting on Friday. We had an accounting of these
22 categories, and the spin-down was we were well below

1 what is in these categories at this point. So my
2 intention is to try to add child protection workers
3 into the list of providers that would be able to
4 receive this \$300-a-week benefit.

5 DICK HINCH: Thank you for the clarification.

6 MARY JANE WALLNER: And I can make it into a
7 motion if you want it as a motion.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Morse, you are the chairman
9 of the committee. I believe a motion and a second -- a
10 motion was made by Representative Wallner and seconded
11 by Senator Soucy. Would you like me to facilitate a
12 roll call for you, sir?

13 CHUCK MORSE: Yeah, that's probably how we'll have
14 to handle all these changes, based on our rules. So
15 yes.

16 JERRY LITTLE: And we can either take them one by
17 one or you can roll through your entire spreadsheet and
18 take a single roll call at the end, whichever works
19 best.

20 CHUCK MORSE: I hope we don't have so many of
21 these we can't take single roll calls.

22 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: I would concur with Chuck. We

1 ought to do a single roll call at the end. You just
2 added the item, so the item is in. And there's no
3 change in the dollar amount.

4 It's just an amendment to the narrative. It seems
5 we ought to move forward and vote on the entire package
6 at the end.

7 JERRY LITTLE: I see Senator Soucy, you have your
8 hand up, ma'am.

9 DONNA SOUCY: Yes, I was going to suggest that we
10 need to do separate motions on each of these to the
11 extent that we're changing them. I don't know that
12 just doing one at the end is fair to membership because
13 there may not be consistent buy-in with each of the
14 items being proposed. So I thought we should do them
15 one at a time.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Are you amenable to that, Senator
17 Morse?

18 CHUCK MORSE: Sure.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Would you like me to run a roll
20 call for you, sir?

21 CHUCK MORSE: Sure.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Very well. We are going to -- I

1 will facilitate for you a vote on -- at this point in
2 time, we actually have two suggestions made.

3 But I think the motion and the second were only
4 for adding child protection workers to the front-line
5 workers hazard pay section under state government.

6 This is a roll call. Senate President Donna
7 Soucy?

8 DONNA SOUCY: Yes.

9 JERRY LITTLE: House Speaker Steve Shurtleff?

10 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Steve Shurtleff votes yes.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Senate GOP Leader Chuck Morse?

12 CHUCK MORSE: Yes.

13 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch?

14 DICK HINCH: Dick Hinch votes yes.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Lou D'Allesandro?

16 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

17 JERRY LITTLE: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

18 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Reagan?

20 JOHN REAGAN: Yes.

21 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Erin Hennessey?

22 ERIN HENNESSEY: Hennessey votes yes.

1 JERRY LITTLE: It's a unanimous roll call to add
2 child protection workers to the front-line workers
3 hazard pay.

4 Senator Morse, would you like to move on to the
5 next category, sir?

6 CHUCK MORSE: Yes. We'll move on to local and
7 county government. Right now the governor, I believe,
8 has \$40 million in that category. And this is probably
9 a good place to remind everyone this document's just
10 going on an advisory.

11 So I think as we're putting numbers in, the
12 debate's much more about, you know, 100's bigger than
13 25, so it shows where our priority is. It's not like
14 building the budget as much as it is -- although at the
15 bottom line I believe is that if we all agree we
16 shouldn't be spending more than X percent, I mean, you
17 have to live within that.

18 But the reality is I think as we go along through
19 this document, it rises to a level of above something
20 else. Anyhow. So it's \$40 million right now in local
21 and county government. Are there any changes?

22 JERRY LITTLE: Any questions or comments regarding

1 the local and county government section? Seeing none -

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3 CHUCK MORSE: Next we'll move on to business
4 relief funding plan. Jerry, I wasn't sure -- because I
5 definitely heard from members that we want to make sure
6 that this piece is set up with BFA and regional
7 economic development centers.

8 I'm just curious as to recommendations that might
9 come out of your office because you're listening to the
10 other group. Do we need to actually break this down or
11 are we putting enough detail into the column that we
12 want to make sure it's done through someone besides,
13 you know, like your office and it's done with an
14 organization that exists already?

15 JERRY LITTLE: Difficult question. I think the
16 easy answer to it is that with this document you are
17 making recommendations to Governor Sununu, who will
18 ultimately decide what part of a proposal to use
19 Business Finance Authority, if at all, he is
20 comfortable with.

21 So you can present this to any level you wish, but
22 please understand that at the end, he is going to vet

1 the proposal through the BFA as well and decide what
2 makes him comfortable.

3 What I understand is presented at this point is
4 funding to BFA to be -- who would request some
5 assistance from the regional development centers to
6 find businesses within their geographic areas to fund.

7 But I can't tell you what the governor's current
8 belief, feeling, and thought is about that. Have not
9 had that conversation.

10 CHUCK MORSE: I was much more, Jerry, as to you're
11 listening to the other advisory group that I think has
12 put some time into that category. I didn't know if
13 there was something we should include in our document.

14 I certainly think that at the least we all believe
15 that we should use BFA and organizations like that to
16 distribute the money because they're already set up for
17 doing something like that.

18 JERRY LITTLE: So, Senator Morse, my understanding
19 is that, one, the Stakeholder Advisory Board has
20 discussed this. They have strongly recommended that
21 GOEFRR recommends to the governor that he use existing
22 mechanisms that have been established that have

1 experienced staff and just general institutional
2 experience and knowledge of how (inaudible).

3 But that's entirely up to the governor to decide.
4 Does that answer your question, sir?

5 CHUCK MORSE: Yes, and something like that I think
6 should be included either in the letter that we're
7 writing or in this document.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Soucy, would it be
9 acceptable to you to add that sort of a suggestion to
10 use existing mechanisms to your letter?

11 DONNA SOUCY: Yes, Commissioner Little, I actually
12 think that's a very good idea, and I concur with what
13 Senator Morse said. I think it's important to the
14 extent we have existing structures like BFA that have a
15 good track record that can quickly, fairly, and
16 accountably get this money out to places that need it
17 we should include those recommendations.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator Soucy. Senator
19 D'Allesandro, you have a question, sir.

20 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yeah, thank you. My question
21 is we have -- in our design we have mentioned the BFA.
22 We've mentioned the CAP program. We have mentioned

1 temporary bridge loans. We have mentioned regional
2 economic development centers.

3 Existing entities have to be used to facilitate
4 giving of these dollars across the board. That should
5 be a theme that we accentuate when we make this
6 presentation to the governor that we have existing
7 mechanisms in place to distribute these dollars, and we
8 should use them to the best of our advantage.

9 That'll give us two things. A, it would give us
10 accountability but it would also give us a mechanism to
11 get these dollars out quickly where they're needed.

12 So I think we should make that point in a document
13 and in the letter that is transcribed and sent by Donna
14 and Steve Shurtleff and the chairman of our committee
15 to the governor.

16 We have existing (inaudible). He may not, but
17 we'll present them to him (inaudible), which I think is
18 very important.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions or comments
20 about the section titled "Business Relief Funding
21 Plan"? I do not see any additional questions. Hello?

22 CHUCK MORSE: Somebody's rattling some papers or

1 something.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Someone needs to mute their line,
3 please.

4 CHUCK MORSE: Okay, I think we understand what we
5 have to do on the letter, so as we get to the letter, I
6 think we do that. Are we ready to move on to
7 agriculture?

8 JERRY LITTLE: Yes, Senator.

9 DONNA SOUCY: Yes.

10 CHUCK MORSE: Okay. I think we agreed on
11 agriculture the other day. We should eliminate this
12 category. I think we're all pretty clear we support
13 this. Move on I think from that one.

14 On nonprofits, I don't think we settled on a
15 number, but again I think 15's too low. What number we
16 want to put in this category, you know, we can decide
17 on. But I think it's a message that we want to support
18 New Hampshire charities.

19 And remember we can still come back to this next
20 month and support it again. And then obviously we want
21 to support the food banks. So someone want to make a
22 suggestion on what we change New Hampshire charities

1 to. I think 15 sends the wrong message, so we should
2 probably change it.

3 JIM LITTLE: Senator D'Allesandro, you have a
4 question, sir? Senator D'Allesandro?

5 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Am I unmuted?

6 JERRY LITTLE: Yes, sir.

7 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: I think we wanted to move this
8 item to at least \$30 million. And there was some
9 discussion about increasing it and we could do that
10 maybe in another round. But the 15 was too little.
11 Thirty makes sense given the scope of the problem and
12 how the problem can be dealt with.

13 So I would suggest that the \$30 million number is
14 a better number at this point.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions or comments?

16 CHUCK MORSE: Well, I'll second that for debate.
17 I just -- I told you my original theory was when I saw
18 Senator D'Allesandro's number, I thought with the way
19 the requests were coming in that you had to find a
20 percentage of what they were asking for in order to
21 balance off this document.

22 In this particular case, you know, that is -- I

1 don't know, that's probably -- it's a little greater
2 than 20% of what they're asking for. We didn't quite
3 do that with business, and we didn't do that with
4 hospitals.

5 So maybe 30 is the right number because it's
6 saying we support this. And then when we come back
7 next month, we can talk about what we need to land at.
8 I still haven't seen anything about all the
9 applications that they're getting (inaudible) charities
10 so that we know the categories that are being talked
11 about in here.

12 But I would think this'll work itself out in a
13 period of time fairly quickly quite honestly. And
14 we'll all be receiving letters, you know, that the
15 groups that need help aren't going to get it. I think
16 it's a fair number.

17 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Jerry, do we need to vote on
18 that number, that change?

19 JERRY LITTLE: We would, but we have more hands up
20 at this moment.

21 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Okay.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Hinch?

1 DICK HINCH: Yes, thank you, Jerry. I concur with
2 Senator Morse. I actually was in the \$25 million
3 range. Thirty million is acceptable. So I think it'll
4 work its way out and we will certainly hear from them
5 and be able to enhance and redistribute as time goes
6 on. So 25 or 30 million is certainly reasonable.

7 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Representative Hinch.
8 Senator Soucy, please.

9 DONNA SOUCY: Thank you, Commissioner. I agree
10 with the 30 million number I think as a first round
11 number.

12 I think we probably will have to do an additional
13 30 million later, but that's why this committee will
14 continue to meet and revisit some of these decisions.
15 But I think as a first round number, 30 would be
16 reasonable.

17 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions or comments?
18 The question is whether or not we would increase New
19 Hampshire charities under the nonprofits to 30 million
20 from 15.

21 CHUCK MORSE: I think you can call the roll,
22 Jerry.

1 JERRY LITTLE: There is a second subsection under
2 nonprofits for the food bank at \$5 million. Would you
3 like to consider them at the same time?

4 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: I don't think there's any
5 problem with that one, but that could be a mistake on
6 my part.

7 JERRY LITTLE: Would you like me to facilitate a
8 roll call, Senator Morse?

9 CHUCK MORSE: Yes.

10 JERRY LITTLE: Senate President Donna Soucy?

11 DONNA SOUCY: Yes.

12 JERRY LITTLE: House Speaker Steve Shurtleff?

13 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Yes.

14 JERRY LITTLE: Republican Leader Chuck Morse?

15 CHUCK MORSE: Yes.

16 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch?

17 DICK HINCH: Dick Hinch yes.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Chairman Lou D'Allesandro?

19 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

21 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Reagan?

1 JOHN REAGAN: Yes.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Erin Hennessey?

3 ERIN HENNESSEY: Hennessey yes.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you all. Senator Morse, back
5 to you. We're at health care.

6 CHUCK MORSE: Going to hospitals first, I think it
7 was suggested that we raise that from 75 to 100. I
8 also think the committee would like to figure out how
9 this is going to be set up in the sense that I have
10 made a proposal the other day that certainly didn't
11 come from me.

12 But, I mean, I thought it made sense to review the
13 losses and the money that institutions had gotten
14 already and then use some sort of formula to figure out
15 how to distribute money to the hospitals doing that.

16 I think that makes a lot of sense in suggesting,
17 you know, to the governor that the \$100 million is more
18 of a cash flow thing on this phase of it. And I'm not
19 suggesting we do this every time that this money needs
20 to get out based on that scenario.

21 And I think that's pretty much what I heard from
22 committee members is that they're hearing from the

1 hospitals that there's issue when they want to see this
2 100 that's being suggested go out now and go out to
3 help those that needed it the most.

4 And then, you know, maybe in the future we create
5 a formula that's a little different than that. But at
6 least at this point in time I think they're looking for
7 the help.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Soucy, you have a question
9 or a comment, ma'am?

10 DONNA SOUCY: Yes. As I said on Friday, I believe
11 the \$100 million going out as expeditiously as possible
12 is really required. There was also a round of federal
13 funding that was based on rural hospitals. I want to
14 make sure that we account for that revenue.

15 So much like Senator Morse, I think that an easy
16 way to look at this is to look at the losses for the
17 months of March and April and then consider the federal
18 funds that have come in, including what came in this
19 past week or at least what was announced this past week
20 and then dispersing those funds between the remaining
21 hospitals, the hospitals that still are experiencing
22 significant losses.

1 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, President Soucy.

2 Representative Hennessey.

3 ERIN HENNESSEY: Thank you, Director Little. I
4 agree with the \$100 million amount. And I do think
5 that all of these should go out as cash grants and not
6 loans in any form.

7 They should go to the hospitals that are cash poor
8 right now for those that have not received the federal
9 grants as President Soucy had mentioned.

10 One thing that I would like to just bring up
11 again, I just want to make sure that we reserve monies.
12 I know that we haven't really added too much today so
13 that we reserve money going forward because although
14 some have received cash now, they may not have what
15 they need to operate going forward in the fall.

16 Also for the hospitals that have set up surge
17 facilities, I want to make sure that these funds would
18 pay for the 25% of the cost to set these up and operate
19 them that FEMA is not going to cover.

20 I spoke with several presidents today of critical
21 access hospitals, and they're not sure how these funds
22 are going to get distributed, if ever.

1 And I know that when we spoke with Commissioner
2 Quinn very early on, they said they had made a promise
3 to the -- I believe there's ten surge sites throughout
4 the state, that they would cover these costs 100% for
5 anything that FEMA doesn't cover.

6 And some of these surge sites are very big and
7 there's rental costs and lease costs that are going on
8 for these. And for those hospitals that don't have a
9 lot of cash now, they really need this type of funding
10 to come in.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Representative. Senator
12 D'Allesandro?

13 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman
14 Little. I agree with the \$100 million. I think two
15 things need to be looked at. A, how are you going to
16 distribute it.

17 Secondly, the double dipping situation so that
18 there is no chance for a clawback. That's important.
19 And the other thing is the amount of federal monies
20 outside of this that are flowing into the hospitals
21 have to be accounted for.

22 That way you get at least a fair distribution of

1 the monies. And we should do it quickly.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions on this section,
3 healthcare -- subsection hospitals?

4 CHUCK MORSE: Jerry, I think the things that need
5 to be noted are one, it's \$100 million. Two, it's
6 direct grants.

7 And three, we want to look at what I call P&L -- I
8 don't know if hospitals call them something different -
9 - for March and April minus what they receive in
10 outside funding and then work out the percentage out of
11 the 100 to deal with the balance.

12 I think that's pretty clear what we've been asking
13 for. And that would be this committee's suggestion to
14 the governor's office.

15 JERRY LITTLE: President Soucy.

16 DONNA SOUCY: Yeah, I would make that in the form
17 of a motion, that we are doing \$100 million right now
18 based on the criteria as outlined by committee member
19 Morse, by Chairman Morse, that we look at losses for
20 March and April offset by revenues received up to a
21 certain date, and that the money be disbursed
22 immediately in the form of grants.

1 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: I would second that motion.

2 JERRY LITTLE: And we have several hands up with
3 questions and we have a motion and a second. And
4 further discussion, Representative Hennessey.

5 ERIN HENNESSEY: Thank you. I just want to
6 clarify that funds received should not include any
7 loans to the organizations, anything that they would
8 have to pay back, such as the loans that the state has
9 made to a few of the hospitals already or their
10 Medicare prepayment loans that some of the hospitals
11 have also received.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Representative Hinch.

13 DICK HINCH: Yeah, I'll wave off. Senator
14 D'Allesandro, did the second, which I was going to do.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. And Representative
16 Wallner?

17 MARY JANE WALLNER: I don't need to speak.

18 JERRY LITTLE: That appears to -- if all the
19 questions have been asked, Senator Morse, would you
20 like us to facilitate a roll call?

21 CHUCK MORSE: Well, I think while we're under
22 health care, I don't think we're really in disagreement

1 on the last part of all other health care providers.

2 I think what we talked about or was suggested on
3 someone's document was reducing that line to 40,000 and
4 adding a line that said "nursing homes" -- and I would
5 hope that includes all nursing homes -- at 20 million.

6 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: You said 40,000, Chuck. I
7 think you meant 40 million.

8 CHUCK MORSE: Yeah, I was cheaping out, wasn't I?

9 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: That's okay. You're a saver.

10 CHUCK MORSE: Putting a new category underneath
11 that of nursing homes at 20 million.

12 JERRY LITTLE: So under all other health care
13 providers, we'll split that, reduce the 50-million
14 figure to 40 million and add a line "all nursing
15 homes," which I assume means Medicaid as well as non-
16 Medicaid reimbursed to nursing homes, at 20 million.
17 And are those loans or grants, Chuck?

18 CHUCK MORSE: I'm assuming what the state's doing,
19 1.2 is grants at this point. In the nursing home case,
20 it's a little fuzzy. I don't believe they can afford
21 to pay back a loan.

22 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: I think it should be clear to

1 everybody that we're talking about grants at this point
2 in time.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Senator Soucy?

4 DONNA SOUCY: Thank you. That was actually the
5 suggestion that I had offered to the committee last
6 week was that we go to 40 million for all healthcare
7 providers and then 20 million for nursing homes, that
8 that be in the form of grants, recognizing that our
9 long-term care facilities at this point, other than
10 hospitals, are dealing with the largest number of COVID
11 patients and have had the most significant impact.

12 And I would add that to the motion if you'd like
13 so that it would be 100 million for hospitals as
14 described, 40 million for all other health care
15 providers, 20 million for long-term care facilities,
16 and that that'd be in the form of grants.

17 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: If you wanted, I would second
18 that motion.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator D'Allesandro.
20 Representative Wallner.

21 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes, thank you. I just have
22 one question, and that is I had received many letters

1 concerning the rate, the daily rate that we pay to
2 nursing homes with this discussion, is the daily rate
3 be increased.

4 And I wondered if that was how you saw the 20
5 million or do you actually see this as a nursing home's
6 applying and actually getting specific grants.

7 CHUCK MORSE: Well, I think if finance is going to
8 go back in June to have that discussion it might be too
9 late for these groups on the -- that works with
10 Medicaid, Mary Jane, but it doesn't work with some of
11 the privates that I think are struggling with the same
12 issue.

13 I don't know the answer to that, to be honest with
14 you. I think all these long-term care facilities are
15 struggling right now. So I think the biggest thing
16 there is we're putting 20 in and we're doing it with
17 direct grants. It could come back in the beginning of
18 June. That's probably a category that we'll see a lot
19 of applications in.

20 I like the 30-dollar funding issue, but I think
21 that would be -- I don't know the calculation to be
22 honest with you.

1 DONNA SOUCY: Thank you. The grant is fine. I
2 just wanted to be sure that I understood how we were
3 going to actually be getting this to the nursing homes.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions or comments.
5 Seeing none --

6 CHUCK MORSE: I think you can call the roll,
7 Jerry.

8 JERRY LITTLE: I'm sorry, Senator Morse, I did not
9 catch that.

10 CHUCK MORSE: I think you can call the roll on
11 that.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. Senate President Donna
13 Soucy?

14 DONNA SOUCY: Yes.

15 JERRY LITTLE: House Speaker Steve Shurtleff?

16 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Shurtleff votes yes.

17 JERRY LITTLE: Senate Republican Leader Chuck
18 Morse?

19 CHUCK MORSE: Yes.

20 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch?

21 DICK HINCH: Dick Hinch yes.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Chairman Lou D'Allesandro?

1 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

3 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Regan?

5 JOHN REAGAN: Yes.

6 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Erin Hennessey?

7 ERIN HENNESSEY: Hennessey votes yes.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you all very much. You have
9 a unanimous vote. You're on to education, Senator
10 Morse.

11 CHUCK MORSE: This category I don't think we had
12 consensus on at this point. I really think that we
13 probably should -- this is my opinion now, and I'm sure
14 everybody's got an opinion.

15 We should wait a month on this category. If we
16 want to say with what's in the original document, the
17 ten and the five, we could vote on that today.

18 Increasing anything on that right now, I think it
19 takes away from the message of we want to say at some
20 number of half or 45%. I don't care what it is, I mean
21 --

22 But I don't think we're ready for the rest of this

1 yet. But that's just my opinion, so --

2 JERRY LITTLE: Senator D'Allesandro?

3 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Thanks, Jerry. I think in
4 light of what's happened where the publics have said
5 they will reopen in September, and the privates have
6 said they will reopen in September, I think that's a
7 new ingredient in the discussion process.

8 We know what the publics had to return in terms of
9 room and board allocations, and for the publics it was
10 \$41.6 million. There has been faculty leave that's
11 been put in place. I think Keene even eliminated some
12 positions, so there's definitely this area.

13 The private institutions, they're tuition-driven
14 institutions to begin with. With the exception of
15 Dartmouth, their endowments are slim. They are slim.
16 And again, with the decision to reopen in September,
17 they're going to need some help.

18 And I pointed out that the private institutions
19 are probably the largest taxpayers in their
20 communities. I talk about Franklin Pierce, New
21 England, Saint Anselm, Colby-Sawyer. They're
22 significant taxpayers with a property tax assessment in

1 the half-million-dollar range. So it's a category I
2 think we got to focus in on.

3 We can address it later. I don't have a problem
4 with that. But I think the severity of the situation
5 is clear. The decision to reopen is a very significant
6 decision.

7 The amount of money they had to return very, very
8 significant. The fact that the privates are taxpayers
9 and have a tremendous impact on the local communities,
10 that really has to be considered.

11 I put some of these numbers together. I'm happy
12 to discuss them at any time. But I think it's a
13 category that we have to focus in on based on what's
14 happening in the environment. Thank you.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Hinch.

16 DICK HINCH: Yes, thank you, Jerry. I was going
17 to agree with Senator Morse's sentiments. I think that
18 this is certainly going to be a category that is going
19 to need some attention.

20 But whether it needs attention today or a few
21 weeks from now I think we can come back and address it
22 in a more strategic fashion.

1 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Mary Jane Wallner.

2 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you. I would agree that
3 this is a category that I think we really do need to
4 come back to. And I hope that we will make the
5 commitment to come back to it because I think the
6 decision to reopen in the fall must have a lot of
7 financial implications to it.

8 We may want to get an update from the colleges
9 about what kinds of funding they're going to need to be
10 able to get up and running again this fall.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions or comments?

12 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: I think it's fine to push it
13 off, but I think it's a significant item. It's
14 something that we're going to have to deal with. And
15 remember that they're doing their preparations for the
16 fall as we speak.

17 Students are putting their deposits in. Students
18 are thinking about returning. All of this is in place,
19 and the decision to open I think was a very significant
20 one on the part of the public and the private.

21 MARY JANE WALLNER: I think it's really important.
22 I think it's really important that we get them in and -

1 - or we receive information from them concerning what
2 they're going to really need. It's going to have to
3 happen, like Senator D'Allesandro said, very soon
4 because they are making all their plans now.

5 CHUCK MORSE: But it may be -- and trust me, I
6 don't have the answer today. I don't think anyone does
7 yet. It may be that scholarships are a bigger category
8 as we're going into the fall than funding directly to
9 the institution. And that was suggested by one of the
10 institutions. So I don't know --

11 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: And, Chuck, we've addressed the
12 scholarship situation through the 529 program by
13 increasing the scholarship allotment to New Hampshire
14 students going to New Hampshire institutions, both
15 public and private.

16 We did that at the last meeting of the 529
17 commission recognizing the fact that kids may need more
18 financial aid. So we've upped the financial aid
19 considerably.

20 So we looked at that and moved very quickly in
21 that direction. That has been addressed to some
22 extent. And it's (inaudible) million dollars, by the

1 way.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Soucy, your hand is raised.

3 DONNA SOUCY: Yes, I was going to echo much of
4 what's been already said. I do think that the colleges
5 and universities are at this very moment making those
6 decisions.

7 So I do think it is imperative that if we don't do
8 something today beyond what's listed on the page
9 currently we get back to make a decision very quickly
10 because they are mid-process. They are accepting
11 deposits, so the schools and the students are really
12 anxious to formulate those decisions.

13 And our ability to assist with some of those costs
14 will be perhaps determinative of how some schools
15 proceed going forward.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Further discussion.

17 CHUCK MORSE: Well, I think we can move on from
18 this. I think the pledge from the committee is this a
19 category that needs to be increased next month, but we
20 need to do some more homework.

21 JERRY LITTLE: Speaker Shurtleff.

22 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Thank you, Commissioner.

1 Commissioner, I just wondered if this group could not
2 agree on a number today to the colleges and then come
3 back in a few weeks and discuss adding to that number.

4 But at least as we leave this meeting today our
5 colleges and universities will know that money is
6 coming forward and there could be more coming down at a
7 later date.

8 JERRY LITTLE: I don't see any other hands up.
9 Can someone state for me what they believe -- Senator
10 Morse?

11 CHUCK MORSE: Yes, I was going to do that. You
12 know, the call I was on this morning I was on direct
13 talking, and I didn't have to use 5 Star, so I
14 apologize for jumping in.

15 I think what's on the document that originally was
16 proposed by Senator D'Allesandro -- and I actually
17 agreed with him -- was \$10 million for USNH and \$5
18 million for the community college system.

19 I think that sends a message that we're supporting
20 them and then we're all agreeing today to come back at
21 our next period in time and address all of this
22 category.

1 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: I agree with that, but my
2 original document, I don't know how it got taken off,
3 but I had \$5 million in for the privates also, my
4 original suggestion.

5 CHUCK MORSE: That could have been me.

6 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: I just don't want the privates
7 left out because they're considerable players in our
8 economic situation in New Hampshire.

9 JERRY LITTLE: Any further comments? Seeing none,
10 I'd just like to clarify, are you suggesting that we
11 leave this category as it is presented on the paper?

12 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Well --

13 JERRY LITTLE: Ten thousand to the university
14 system of New Hampshire -- \$10 million, I'm sorry --
15 and \$5 million for community college system of New
16 Hampshire.

17 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: And I would suggest that we put
18 \$5 million in for the privates as that was my original
19 suggestion.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Any further comments or questions?
21 It appears that we need a motion to add \$5 million for
22 private colleges and universities. Speaker Shurtleff?

1 STEVE SHURTLEFF: I'd second that motion.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Wallner?

3 MARY JANE WALLNER: I just want to say that I
4 support Senator D'Allesandro's suggestion that we put
5 in \$5 million for the private universities and
6 colleges. I think that we need to be sure that we keep
7 them in this funding pot.

8 JERRY LITTLE: If it's okay with you, Senator
9 Morse, I would restate that, although a little bit out
10 of order, it sounded to me like a motion from
11 Representative Wallner and a second from Speaker
12 Shurtleff to add \$5 million for private colleges and
13 universities.

14 CHUCK MORSE: Yes, I'm not sure who made the
15 motions, but I think what's what we're voting on.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions or comments
17 and would you like me to facilitate a roll call for
18 you, Senator Morse?

19 CHUCK MORSE: Please.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Senate President Donna Soucy?

21 DONNA SOUCY: Yes.

22 JERRY LITTLE: House Speaker Steve Shurtleff?

1 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Steve Shurtleff votes yes.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Senate Republican Leader Chuck

3 Morse?

4 CHUCK MORSE: Yes.

5 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch?

6 DICK HINCH: Dick Hinch yes.

7 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Lou D'Allesandro?

8 DL: Yes.

9 JERRY LITTLE: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

10 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Reagan?

12 JOHN REAGAN: Yes.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Erin Hennessey?

14 ERIN HENNESSEY: Hennessey votes yes.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. The next category,

16 Senator Morse?

17 CHUCK MORSE: The next category is child care

18 providers. I was trying to get a question answered

19 today, and maybe someone on this call can answer it for

20 me.

21 We had at least two presentations from child care

22 providers. I was trying to figure out what was asked

1 of us in those two presentations because we're talking
2 about increasing this significantly, and I was trying
3 to figure out what that meant.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Soucy, do you have a
5 question?

6 DONNA SOUCY: A comment. The child care increased
7 last week from \$15 million to \$25 million. First of
8 all, I think child care is foundational to all other
9 businesses trying to start up again.

10 People can't get to work if they can't access
11 child care. And child care in New Hampshire tends to
12 be very expensive, one of the most expensive in the
13 states.

14 With the child care providers -- and perhaps
15 others can amplify this -- my understanding is with the
16 new guidance for child care providers, they will still
17 have many of the same overhead costs, so for example,
18 keeping the lights on, their supplies.

19 They'll have added costs for (inaudible) and for
20 other things, but they're going to in many cases take
21 in about half as many children, at least initially. So
22 it's going to take a little bit of time for them to

1 ramp up and to get going.

2 But I think child care is one of those issues that
3 it's not just the provider's needs. The provider's
4 needs are very important, and (inaudible) get the
5 provider started.

6 But those providers will enable businesses
7 throughout the state to begin to ramp up. And they're
8 key to that function. So I think what they need is the
9 ability to get started up again, reconfigure their
10 facilities in many cases, purchase (inaudible) and
11 start getting back out there.

12 I suggested a couple possibilities for
13 distribution of those funds through non-state agencies,
14 either the CDFA or the New Hampshire Community Loan
15 Fund.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Mary Jane Wallner.

17 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you. I think that
18 Senator Soucy really hit on a lot of the important
19 issues. These are -- you know, child care is -- they
20 make up -- these are small business providers, and many
21 of them have been closed down for the last almost two
22 months.

1 It didn't mean that their expenses didn't continue
2 to go on. And as they ramp up, they're going to need
3 help in ramping up and getting back some of them open.

4 And some of them -- those that remained open
5 actually probably remained open at a loss because there
6 were less children in them, so they still had ongoing
7 expenses for staffing and their ongoing expenses for
8 overhead.

9 So in order to be sure that when they stay open,
10 get open and stay open, that they are financially
11 solvent and able to continue running because they are
12 so important.

13 And there are child care providers all over the
14 state. There is close to 800 child care providers
15 serving about 45,000 children in our state when they
16 were all open. And of course now many of them have
17 been -- most of them have been closed for the last
18 couple of months.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Morse.

20 CHUCK MORSE: No, actually Mary Jane just answered
21 my question because my original question was trying to
22 figure out how many different providers there were and

1 what 25 million actually did.

2 I like the theory we're going to do this to run it
3 through an organization like CDFA. If that's not the
4 right organization, I think we can use the same
5 terminology we use on the business line for this
6 category.

7 I can see on the document we got from (Scott's
8 filing) that it was 46,000 participants originally.
9 But I'm just trying to figure out, you know, comparing
10 that to nursing homes.

11 We put 20 million into nursing homes. How many
12 different people are we helping and how many nursing
13 homes are there in the state of New Hampshire? That's
14 how I was trying to figure out earlier today what
15 should be in this category.

16 I'm not against putting money in this category.
17 Maybe the simple solution is that we put the 25 million
18 in the category, and we require outside oversight of
19 how the money is applied for. That's probably
20 something I could support.

21 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Wallner.

22 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes, I was just going to say

1 that I agree with Senator Morse that an outside agency
2 like the Business Finance Authority, I mean, these are
3 small businesses. I think it's really important to
4 remember that, that these are small businesses.

5 They are all different sizes, and they will need
6 assistance for many different things. Some will need
7 assistance to help pay for staff. Some will have to
8 pay their mortgage. Some will have to pay their
9 lights.

10 Some will have to reconfigure their building. So
11 it's a wide variety of things. So I think looking at
12 it from a business model is the way to really look at
13 this.

14 So if it would be the Business Finance Authority
15 or CDFA or the Community Loan Fund, which also ran a
16 child care program, a child care grant and lending
17 program at one time, any of those might be options.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions or comments
19 on the topic of child care providers? Senator Soucy?

20 DONNA SOUCY: Yes, I also wanted to be clear --
21 and I'm happy to make a motion on this -- that this be
22 for child care providers, typically referred to as day

1 care providers.

2 But those providing after-school programs would
3 also be eligible. I would hope that we would include
4 Boys & Girls Club and others so that they would apply
5 for those funds as well because that's an important
6 part of programming and care for various age students.

7 JERRY LITTLE: Is that your motion, Senator?

8 DONNA SOUCY: Yes, it is. So it would be for \$25
9 million, and it would be for providers of day care,
10 child care, after-school care, and that it be
11 administered by an organization as the CDFA or the
12 Community Loan Fund and that money be part of a first
13 round to not only help those businesses themselves but
14 to allow them to ramp up so that all other businesses
15 would benefit by having the provision of child care for
16 workers across our state.

17 JERRY LITTLE: Sorry, was that a second?

18 MARY JANE WALLNER: I'll second the motion.

19 (CROSSTALK)

20 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Morse seconded that I
21 believe. Would you like me to facilitate a roll call
22 for you, Senator Morse?

1 CHUCK MORSE: Please.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Senate President Donna Soucy?

3 DONNA SOUCY: Yes.

4 JERRY LITTLE: House Speaker Steve Shurtleff?

5 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Shurtleff votes yes.

6 JERRY LITTLE: Senate Republican Leader Chuck

7 Morse?

8 CHUCK MORSE: Yes.

9 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch?

10 DICK HINCH: Yes.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Chairman Lou D'Allesandro? Senator

12 D'Allesandro.

13 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Did you lose me?

14 JERRY LITTLE: We have you now, sir.

15 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Hi. Yes.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Thanks.

17 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: You're welcome.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

19 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Reagan?

21 JOHN REAGAN: Yes.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Erin Hennessey?

1 ERIN HENNESSEY: Yes.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Unanimous. Back to you, Senator
3 Morse.

4 CHUCK MORSE: Well, I know everyone has a whole
5 bunch of new categories that -- I shouldn't say a whole
6 bunch, but there's significant amount. I would hope
7 that unless there's something really that sticks out
8 that we put those onto our discussion for next month.

9 And I think between the senate president, the
10 speaker, and the membership we could decide who we want
11 to hear from, you know, within this month to discuss
12 some of these other topics that have come up.

13 But right now unless I'm totally wrong, we're
14 probably at somewhere around -- we're probably 15
15 million more than we started the day at, which would
16 put the total at about 600 for the first round if you
17 put what we have and what the governor had already as
18 where we'd be today.

19 So I guess let's hear from everyone what they
20 think about other items that have to go in this day.

21 JERRY LITTLE: Speaker Shurtleff?

22 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Thank you, Commissioner. I had

1 an item for a small amount of money, but I have no
2 problem putting that off to another meeting.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Any other questions or comments?

4 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yes, it's Lou D'Allesandro. I
5 think that two items that really have to be worked on -
6 - and I don't think we can put them off -- are the
7 emergency housing recovery fund and the homeless
8 shelter program.

9 Those things are omnipresent in the area that I
10 represent, and I know that they're growing
11 exponentially really almost on a daily basis.

12 And having to do with the homeless situation, the
13 rent situation, the mortgage situations, the ability of
14 people to react to landlords coming down hard on them,
15 I think those are immediate concerns.

16 So those two items I think are very significant as
17 we go through this process. Now, Chuck, you might want
18 to put them off until next time, but I think that they
19 are very, very important.

20 And I was thinking that we ought to talk to some
21 extent about legal aid becoming involved in defending
22 some of these people and maybe us putting some monies

1 aside to help them with that task because I think
2 that's going to be very, very significant.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Wallner.

4 MARY JANE WALLNER: I would like to, in the next
5 several weeks, maybe have a presentation around where
6 we are with testing and whether or not we need to be
7 adding in additional funds for testing.

8 You hear all the time how important it is going to
9 be to reopening our businesses that we're going to need
10 to have testing in place. And I don't think that we
11 ever really discussed testing or how much funding we
12 need for that.

13 I know that we're doing some now, but is there
14 going to be the need in the near future as more and
15 more business open particularly for more testing and
16 making it more available to the general population?

17 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Soucy?

18 DONNA SOUCY: Thank you, Commissioner. I actually
19 had wanted each of those items. I did want to say in
20 terms of the housing issue that Senator D'Allesandro
21 raises, although I think the housing issue isn't quite
22 as imminent because of the governor's executive orders

1 that are in effect, I think the homelessness issue
2 actually is.

3 I know around the state, certainly here in
4 Manchester, we have camps set up because of crowding or
5 fear of being in the homeless shelters. So it's really
6 a significant problem. It's an imminent problem. I
7 would hope we could do something on the issue of
8 homelessness today.

9 And the other one was what Representative Wallner
10 just suggested, which is testing. And testing is
11 another one of those issues that I think is sort of
12 fundamental to -- and foundational to allowing other
13 businesses to be able to grow.

14 In the proposal that I think was e-mailed last
15 week I had suggested that we included \$2 million for
16 testing and part of that be to expand existing
17 capacity.

18 My understanding is that in addition to the state
19 lab, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is the only
20 other that is doing -- processing testing.

21 I think \$2 million would be a modest start to look
22 at that issue since people across the state are

1 actively seeking more testing opportunities, locations.
2 And the types of testing are going to expand, not just
3 for COVID-19 itself but for antibodies and for other
4 things moving forward.

5 So I think it's -- \$2 million would be a start in
6 that area. And I hope, as I said, we could consider
7 doing something in the very short term for homelessness
8 but then continue to explore the issue of housing as
9 that starts to unfold and people are outside of the
10 time frames established by the governor's executive
11 orders.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Morse.

13 CHUCK MORSE: In any of these categories, I'm not
14 suggesting we don't have to pay attention, but I just
15 don't think we've discussed them to the extent that we
16 can make a decision.

17 And I'm looking back at Senator Shaheen's
18 document. And there's definitely categories that cover
19 some of this. It's like hospitals. When I ask them to
20 give me their revenues, their expenses in all the
21 federal categories, they gave us documents that
22 included all those things.

1 Matter of fact, I just received another one today
2 from a hospital that decided to do it on their own.
3 But homelessness, Manchester was given \$540,000 out of
4 \$3.2 million that came to this state.

5 And on a community development block grant
6 specifically for housing, the CDFA was given \$7.5
7 million. And some of that was directed to the cities
8 like Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, Dover, and
9 Rochester.

10 So I think there's a lot of work that needs to
11 happen in these categories.

12 As for testing, quite honestly you're way out of
13 the league that I even know if we need to put money in
14 that or not put money into that category.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions or comments?
16 Would someone like to state where they believe we are
17 right now in this conversation, if you would like us to
18 add or not add?

19 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Jerry --

20 JERRY LITTLE: Senator --

21 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Lou D'Allesandro. Are we
22 asking that we put these items on hold at this time and

1 look for more testimony or look for more information?

2 Is that the motion that's sort of on -- or is that the
3 statement that that's on the floor as we speak and that
4 we get back to these at our next call?

5 CHUCK MORSE: Lou, this is what I think we should
6 do.

7 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Sure.

8 CHUCK MORSE: I think if we're going to make the
9 motions to increase funding, we should put that off,
10 and I pick June 3 just because it's a Wednesday and I
11 don't want to interfere, I hope, with where I see
12 sessions coming.

13 But if that date were to work for that, then I
14 think in between now and then -- and I'm not suggesting
15 it's Monday, Wednesday, Friday either. I think we need
16 to take a break from it, not to take a break because
17 we're ignoring things, because to catch up to the mail
18 that's actually coming in already to all of us.

19 I think there's a lot of work to do. So I would
20 think we could come back next week with some
21 (inaudible) more information and public working, the
22 same way we did with the hospitals.

1 I mean, we've had a meeting outside of the
2 committee. We listened to them. We got documentation
3 from them. We met with the U.S. senator to see where
4 everything was going. I think we need to do that all
5 over again.

6 But I think we've done a lot, so our message is
7 meaningful to the governor. I think we take what we've
8 done so far, make our letter represent that with a
9 couple of the key things we suggested today and we go
10 from there.

11 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Well, I agree we've made
12 substantial progress. I think today was a great day
13 for us in terms of the work that we had done. So it
14 makes sense, and we had unanimity across the board,
15 which I think is very essential in this process as we
16 move it forward.

17 As we move it forward, I think that's essential.
18 And coming back and looking at these other items, I
19 don't have any problem with that. I think we just have
20 to set a time when we're going to come back.

21 Senate President, are we going to meet between now
22 and maybe our next meeting here or what's the plan

1 there? Because that would play into our process,
2 wouldn't it?

3 DONNA SOUCY: Senator D'Allesandro, you were
4 talking about when we would meet in full session?

5 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

6 DONNA SOUCY: The absolute earliest that could
7 occur would be June. And we are currently working with
8 the speaker. I'm currently working with the speaker
9 and house leader to determine those dates. They have
10 not been set at this moment, but we are working towards
11 sometime in June to have full session.

12 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Great. So we have time between
13 now and the end of the month of May to get the kind of
14 input we need to make decisions on these last items
15 that are on our agenda. Does that make sense to
16 people?

17 I think the faster we get a document to the
18 governor the better our chances of getting funds at
19 this point in time because remember the governor is
20 making decisions as we move forward in our discussion
21 process.

22 And I hope that they're going to be consistent

1 with the recommendations that we're making.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Morse, you have your hand
3 up?

4 CHUCK MORSE: Yeah, I don't think the new subjects
5 are the only subjects we'd come back -- and let me use
6 June 3 as the date, and that can change based on what
7 the speaker and the senate president decide to do with
8 sessions.

9 I don't think those are the only subjects we'd
10 bring up, Lou. I think some of the subjects that we
11 voted on today I think by then we'll be coming back and
12 talking about then.

13 And, you know, do they need more? Did we make a
14 mistake in how we suggested we go forward? And along
15 with that, I mean, obviously the governor's making
16 decisions. We'll be able to see what those are and
17 we'll be able to put them on a document.

18 And it's just like I do think this committee was
19 loud and clear about the 50 million of health care
20 that's out there now. And I think efforts are being
21 made to move that forward and get that money out.

22 I mean, so I think we're having an effect. And I

1 think it's -- I don't think we should come back before
2 next Monday. And if we wanted to put a few things on
3 an agenda next Monday I think we could do that.

4 But, you know, Donnalee's committee by then will
5 have gone through probably as many hearings as ours so
6 we can get information from there. And I think we
7 could continue to work on this.

8 But I think things like sessions and committee
9 work are going to start to come into play.

10 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yeah, I agree with committee
11 work. We're all working on our committees and trying
12 to get that done. But in between meetings, last Friday
13 through the governor's action and through his
14 informational items, another \$100 million was allocated
15 -- that's outside of the CARES money -- to different
16 departments throughout the state.

17 How that money is being used would be kind of an
18 important piece of information that we ought to get.
19 It would help us in the decision-making process because
20 you don't want to duplicate.

21 That's another 100 million that flowed in addition
22 to what we're talking about. So all of those things

1 obviously have to be considered, and the better
2 information we have the better equipped we are to make
3 these decisions.

4 I agree that you should look at everything, relook
5 at everything, because there's always something that
6 comes up. We know that from the hearings that we have
7 in our representative bodies.

8 But there's a lot flowing as we speak, and it's
9 happening on a daily basis. There are millions and
10 millions of dollars flowing. And unless you have a
11 handle on all of them, we could have some problems.
12 That's from where I sit.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator. Our next
14 question is from Representative Mary Jane Wallner.

15 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you. I would just like
16 to see us come back maybe next Monday and have a
17 presentation around the issues around housing and
18 homelessness because in all of the presentations that
19 we had, we did not have a presentation on that subject.

20 And I think that it's a category that we really
21 need to take a close look at. So maybe some time on
22 that one, maybe there might be a couple of groups that

1 we would want to bring from different specific areas.

2 So I'm hoping that maybe next Monday we might be able
3 to get someone in.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Representative, this is Jerry
5 Little. The Stakeholder Advisory Board spent most of
6 their afternoon on Thursday last week hearing
7 presentations from housing advocates.

8 We could ask them to either hear their
9 presentations online or we could ask them to re-present
10 to you next week.

11 MARY JANE WALLNER: Either way works for me. I'm
12 fine listening to it online. I wasn't aware that they
13 had had the presentations last week. But I'm fine to
14 listen or to have them come back and do it so that we
15 can ask questions.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Very good, we will ask -- we'll see
17 if we can't facilitate a re-presentation from the folks
18 that spoke to the Stakeholder Advisory Board next
19 Monday. Senator Soucy, your hand is --

20 DONNA SOUCY: Yes. I think that on the document,
21 the spreadsheet before us, where we have future
22 considerations, I do think we should add these items to

1 that -- testing, housing, and homelessness. Right now
2 it has broadband expansions, state budget, legislative
3 branch, and unemployment.

4 I think we should include the items that we are
5 continuing to work through to make it more reflective
6 of the path that we've set.

7 JERRY LITTLE: Okay. So I have a couple of
8 messages that I'm receiving. One is that you want to
9 meet next Monday. The other one is that you want to
10 meet next month. Please give me some guidance on that.

11 CHUCK MORSE: Yeah, I think they're two different
12 things, Jerry. I think the next month one is the first
13 we'd come back to do any financial suggestions. I
14 think we could send the strong message today with the
15 document and letter, you know, that that's what we see
16 at this point.

17 And then to the extent that we want to include
18 other items for the future, I would agree we could put
19 these items in that category to review them. I think
20 all those things need to be reviewed.

21 I've heard from Comcast, and I haven't had time to
22 follow it up. I would think we want to hear from all

1 these groups.

2 So what I don't think we want to do right now is
3 come back Wednesday and Friday of this week and start
4 working on additional "we're going to fund this
5 tomorrow" thing because it won't be as effective as
6 what we're doing today.

7 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions or comments? I'm
8 still looking for guidance as to whether or not you
9 want to be back here on Monday or if you prefer to
10 listen to the Stakeholder Advisory Board meeting from
11 Thursday to hear about housing issues. (Inaudible)

12 CHUCK MORSE: I have no problem coming back next
13 Monday, Jerry. I just think we need a little break
14 here to get caught up on everything that's coming at
15 us. And probably by next Monday, the governor will
16 have done something else that we could take a look at
17 too.

18 So it'd just be a guess, but I mean it seems to be
19 how it's working. So I don't have a problem setting
20 the meeting up for next Monday. We can work on the
21 agenda through the week and see what we want to look
22 at.

1 But I don't think we need to meet every Monday,
2 Wednesday, and Friday for the month of May. I don't
3 think that's necessary.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Senator D'Allesandro?

5 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yeah, thank you. I think
6 meeting next Monday to have those principals in to talk
7 about those key areas that we have discussed is a good
8 idea. I agree with Senator Morse. We don't have to
9 meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

10 We meet when the need presents itself. And I
11 think we need time to look over what we have and do our
12 critical analysis of where we're going forward. We
13 will have heard some things that the governor has done
14 during that time period.

15 But it seems to me meeting next Monday and having
16 a series of groups come in and talk about the
17 homelessness and the housing would be I think an
18 important issue. Thank you.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions, comments?
20 Senator Soucy?

21 DONNA SOUCY: Yes, I'm fine with the scheduling
22 conversation that's going on of meeting Monday. I

1 think that's completely appropriate. And then we can
2 set out further meeting dates from there.

3 I did just want to say with regard to the
4 suggestion that was made about edits to the letter, if
5 I could take that back and do those -- I don't know
6 that we want to do that here on a call.

7 But I will make the edits that were suggested and
8 then circulate those through the chair so that
9 everybody has a copy of it and we can get it out first
10 thing.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator Soucy. Senator
12 Morse?

13 CHUCK MORSE: No, the senate president said
14 exactly what I believe we should do, so yeah, I think
15 that's what we should have.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. Have you completed your
17 matrix, Senator Morse?

18 CHUCK MORSE: Excuse me?

19 JERRY LITTLE: Have you completed your review of
20 the matrix, of the sheet that we were going through?
21 Is there anything else you wish to discuss?

22 (CROSSTALK)

1 JERRY LITTLE: After you, sir.

2 CHUCK MORSE: I think my numbers are right. I
3 think we're at 600 in total. I think this could raise
4 their spending from 330 to 345. So that's what the
5 document says right now.

6 I mean, Josh can tidy it up with our comments from
7 today. I think the document, unless there's been new
8 federal money that's come in that will affect
9 interactively how the document works, I would suggest
10 we update it as much as possible today.

11 But I wouldn't hold it. I would send the document
12 and the letter once the senate president's written it.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator Morse. And
14 please thank Josh Elliot for the excellent work he's
15 done on this spreadsheet.

16 There's one item I just want to point out that at
17 the start of the conversation my recollection is that
18 you asked to eliminate the trust fund shortfall issue.
19 You voted on everything else except for that.

20 Can we circle back and since you voted on every
21 other item line by line, then we take a roll call on
22 that just to close that loop?

1 CHUCK MORSE: Yeah, my motion would be to
2 eliminate from the upper level of this document the
3 unemployment section and to put down for future
4 discussion unemployment trust fund shortfall.

5 JERRY LITTLE: Is there a second on that?
6 Representative Hinch?

7 DICK HINCH: I second that motion.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Wallner?

9 MARY JANE WALLNER: I just had my hand up to
10 second the motion. Somebody else beat me to it.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Any further conversation or
12 discussion on that motion and second? Senator Soucy?

13 DONNA SOUCY: Could we just amend the motion to
14 add both housing and testing under the future
15 considerations?

16 CHUCK MORSE: I'll amend the motion to say that.

17 DICK HINCH: The second's fine.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Any further conversation? Seeing
19 none, Senator Morse, would you like me to facilitate a
20 roll call for you?

21 CHUCK MORSE: Yes, please.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Senate President Donna Soucy?

1 DONNA SOUCY: Yes.

2 JERRY LITTLE: House Speaker Steve Shurtleff?

3 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Shurtleff votes yes.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Senate Republican Leader Chuck

5 Morse?

6 CHUCK MORSE: Yes.

7 JERRY LITTLE: House Republican Leader Dick Hinch?

8 DICK HINCH: Hinch yes.

9 JERRY LITTLE: Chairman Lou D'Allesandro? Senator

10 D'Allesandro.

11 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

13 MARY JANE WALLNER: Yes.

14 JERRY LITTLE: Senator John Reagan?

15 JOHN REAGAN: Yes.

16 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Erin Hennessey?

17 ERIN HENNESSEY: Hennessey yes.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Unanimous. Senator Morse, Senator

19 President Soucy, Speaker Shurtleff, anyone else,

20 anything else you would like to discuss today?

21 I believe you have completed your agenda for

22 today. Anything else for the good of the order?

1 CHUCK MORSE: Jerry, I'd just like to thank the
2 GOEFRR office and obviously Josh and the committees for
3 everything they've done. I think it's a good start,
4 and there's an awful lot more to do, but I think it's a
5 good start.

6 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator Morse.

7 LOU D'ALLESANDRO: Like to follow up and to thank
8 Josh and Chuck. And, Jerry, are we going to get the
9 updated spreadsheet?

10 JERRY LITTLE: We will work with Senator Soucy's
11 office (inaudible) the updated cover letter. Senator
12 Morse will work with Josh Elliott to get the updated
13 spreadsheet. We will compile them together and
14 distribute them.

15 And unless we hear back from you, we will forward
16 them -- I guess I need to give you time to comment on
17 it. I think Senator Soucy's letter has a place for
18 signatures. We will send that around to get signatures
19 and then forward it to the governor.

20 CHUCK MORSE: Okay, thank you, Jerry.

21 DONNA SOUCY: And I'm hopeful we can complete that
22 later today and then have it ready for presentation in

1 the morning.

2 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. Thank you all very,

3 very much.

4 COLLECTIVE: Thank you.

5 JERRY LITTLE: This meeting is ending at 2:39.

6 [End of Proceedings]

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