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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
- Discussion on:
- Additional Funding for
 - USNH/CCSNH
 - NH Hospital Stipend
 - Summer Camp follow up
 - Nonprofit Updates
- Next Scheduled Meeting
- Adjourn

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3 JERRY LITTLE: The GOFERR Legislative Advisory was
4 created by Executive Order #2020-06. That order is publicly
5 available on Governor Sununu'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 New Hampshire RSA 91-A.

9 Today's meeting, as we've mentioned, is being
10 recorded. Should you be a speaking participant and not wish
11 to be recorded, you may disconnect now. The recording from
12 today's meeting will be transcribed and posted on the GOFERR
13 webpage.

14 As I've stated, my name is Jerry Little. I am
15 Director of the GOFERR Office and will be facilitating
16 today's meeting.

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

22 I am Jerry Little, Director of the GOFERER< in the

1 GOFERR office at One Eagle Square in Concord, and with me
2 are Rhonda Hensley, Lisa English, and Nancy Smith. We're
3 all staff members of the Governor's Office for Emergency
4 Relief and Recovery.

5 Senate President Donna Soucy, are you with us?

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

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

10 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Thank you, Jerry. Steve
11 Shurtleff, I'm at my residence in Pennacook, and I am alone.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, sir. Senate Minority
13 Leader Chuck Morse?

14 CHUCK MORSE: Hi, this is Chuck Morse. I'm at my
15 office in Atkinson, New Hampshire, 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 Merrimac, New Hampshire, and I am alone.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Senator D'Allesandro?

20 LOU D'ALLESSANDRO: I'm Senator D'Allesandro and
21 I'm at my home in Manchester, and I am all alone.

22 LOU D'ALLESSANDRO: Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner?

1 MARY JANE WALLNER: Mary Jane Wallner. I'm in my
2 home in Concord, New Hampshire, and I am alone.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. And Representative Erin
4 Hennessey?

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

8 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you very much. And I will
9 just note for the record that Senator John Reagan did not
10 for us that he is unable to attend today's meeting.

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

16 Finally, before we begin today's presentations,
17 please remember to use 5* if you would like to ask us a
18 question. In addition, presenters are asked to hit 5* when
19 their turn comes up, so that allows us to unmute your line.

20 We last met on Wednesday the seventeenth of June.
21 There are a couple of items that you asked at that time to
22 be added to the agenda for today, including additional

1 funding through the University System of New Hampshire and
2 the Community College System of New Hampshire, a discussion
3 about the New Hampshire Hospital Stipend, or proposed New
4 Hampshire Hospital stipend; follow up on the summer camp
5 conversation we had last week.

6 And then we did have some requests after the
7 meeting for an update on the non-profit program; an update
8 on the housing plan and discussion of monies for Legal
9 Assistance with rent and foreclosure needs.

10 So that's the agenda. Hopefully everybody got an
11 updated agenda from Rhonda within the past couple of hours I
12 think. If not, you might want to check your e-mail; there
13 should be a new agenda there with the last several items
14 added to it.

15 So I guess we'll start and take them in order as
16 they appear in the agenda. A request from Senator
17 D'Allesandro; he's the first one for consideration of
18 additional funding for University System of New Hampshire
19 and the Community College System of New Hampshire.

20 Senator D'Allesandro?

21 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Chairman Little.
22 We discussed this early on, and we agreed at one number, but

1 I don't think that number gives enough to sustain what we
2 want to happen at our public universities.

3 We know that they had to refund \$41.6 billion
4 dollars based on the fact that they had to close down for
5 the second semester. We also know that they're going to
6 reopen in the fall, and then the COVID situation has created
7 a tremendous expense to get the place back going. And that
8 expense has to be taken care of.

9 There seems to be -- this is a way for us to help
10 in terms of doing two things: Mitigating to some extent the
11 expense by providing funds; and also once again professing
12 our support for the public university system and for the
13 students of New Hampshire, who want to take advantage of
14 this opportunity -- want to be on campus -- and know full
15 well that if you're on campus, certain things have to be
16 done in order to make it a safe learning environment.

17 And originally, we had tossed around the number of
18 \$20 million for the University System of New Hampshire and
19 \$10 million for the Community College System. We agreed on
20 \$10- and \$5-, and an opportunity to look at it as we've
21 moved forward, and found out a) if they were going to
22 reopen, and what had to be done in order to make this

1 reopening successful.

2 And I think we've looked at the these things at
3 the present time, and as a result I would think that we need
4 to put an additional \$10 million in the University System
5 and an additional \$5- in the Community College System of New
6 Hampshire to make these situations safe, affordable and
7 accommodating to the students who want to come back.

8 And I think there's a real desire on the part of
9 students to return to the campus, and there's some concern,
10 obviously. You have to create a safe environment, and
11 that's an expensive situation.

12 And there's another situation we have a number of
13 faculty members who are 60 years of age or older. And do
14 they want to come back, and how can that be taken care of,
15 and what about the students who want to learn virtually and
16 don't want to come back?

17 So all of those things presented costs that have
18 to be taken care of in order to keep this situation viable.

19 So I ask my colleagues to consider requesting that
20 the additional \$10 million for the University System and the
21 additional \$5 million for the Community College System of
22 New Hampshire -- both extremely important public operations

1 that provide an opportunity for New Hampshire youngsters, as
2 well as others from around the country to attend very, very
3 quality educational institutions that provide the kind of
4 learning experience that kids enjoy.

5 And I think that if further financial information
6 is required, we could get in touch with the Office of the
7 Chancellor, and Catherine Provencher, who is the financial
8 person, and she could lay out some of the costs that have to
9 be expended in order to get this thing going again that at
10 COVID-related.

11 So with that, Chairman little, I hope that my
12 colleagues would support the additional \$10 million for the
13 University System, and the additional \$5 million for the
14 Community Colleagues.

15 And I think the Governor has been very thoughtful
16 in expressing his support for the public system, as well as
17 for the private system.

18 And I think he knows, as well as my colleagues,
19 how important education is and how important getting this
20 thing back up on track is, and the problems that are
21 omnipresent because of the virus.

22 So with that, I again express my hope that my

1 colleagues would support this recommendation and move it
2 forward, because I think it's in the best interest of the
3 state of New Hampshire. Thank you.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator D'Allesandro. I
5 have several questions. Speaker Shurtleff, sir?

6 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Thank you Commissioner. I'd
7 second Senator D'Allesandro's motion.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. So as motion and a
9 second, and I believe the motion is to add another \$10
10 million to the University System and \$5 million to the
11 Community College System, to COVID-19 related expenses?
12 It's a motion from Senator D'Allesandro and second from
13 Speaker Shurtleff.

14 Representative Hinch, do you have a question, sir?

15 DICK HINCH: Yes, I do, thank you. So I'm not
16 suggesting that I'm not in support of this, but I thought I
17 heard the Senator and can that he thought it was prudent,
18 which I agree with, to have Catherine Provencher and others
19 provide us with a roadmap of what another \$10 million
20 invested would do, and what another \$5 million invested
21 would do.

22 And I think it would be appropriate to get that

1 information before we vote on the motion. Again, I don't
2 want the Senator or anybody else to think that I'm not in
3 support, I just think it's prudent to have a roadmap of what
4 \$15 million dollars would achieve.

5 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Well, I think that's -- if
6 I can, Chairman Little, I think that's certainly an
7 excellent suggestion by Representative Hinch, and I think
8 Catherine Provencher and Todd Leeds would be more than
9 willing to come before us and give us a full outline of how
10 these monies would be spent.

11 And I think that the Chairman of the Community
12 College System as well as the Interim Chancellor of the
13 community colleges, they would be happy to do that. I think
14 there's an imperative -- you know, timing is the key issue
15 here.

16 But I think that's a great success, great
17 recommendation by Representative Hinch, and I'm sure that
18 they -- both the University System and the Community College
19 System would be more than happy to come before us and lay
20 out the plan for the spending of this money, and its
21 relevance.

22 And that activity's got to be done pretty quickly

1 because -- you know, the schedule for the beginning of the
2 semester will be in August, and things have got to -- things
3 have got to get going in order to be prepared for that.

4 But I appreciate Representative Hinch's
5 suggestion, and I'm sure that -- as I said, University
6 System and Community College System would be available to
7 give us some detail as to how that money would be spent.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Morse, do you have a
9 question, sir?

10 SENATOR MORSE: Actually, two-part. I'll start
11 with a question, and then I have a comment, which I assume
12 everybody got the same sheet I got. But anyways, the
13 question is, where do we stand in the \$1.2 billion right
14 now?

15 JERRY LITTLE: I can hear you, Senator. I was
16 just looking for a sheet of paper. Of the \$1.2 billion,
17 we've allocated \$938 million dollars, or roughly 75 percent.
18 We have about \$312 million, a little bit less than that, or
19 25 percent, that is unallocated at the moment.

20 My recollection is that the concept would be to
21 hold onto about \$200 million dollars in reserve to third or
22 fourth quarter of this year, to see whether or not there was

1 a coronavirus spike, and whether or not there would be other
2 needs to -- ways that we want to focus some of that money to
3 respond to that towards the end of the year.

4 So just to recap that quickly, you've got \$938
5 million allocated -- roughly 75 percent -- \$311- or 25
6 percent not yet allocated, but that amount does include the
7 \$200 million that we have general agreement with the LAB,
8 the Stakeholders Advisory Board and the Governor's Office
9 that should be held in advance, leaving about \$111 million
10 left to appropriate.

11 SENATOR MORSE: Okay. And then I received the
12 document from Todd Leach, which -- I didn't think I was the
13 only one that it was sent to, but maybe I'm wrong there --
14 but it's an FY21 Operating Budget -- Costs, Revenue Loss,
15 and it's got one-time expenses on it.

16 The -- it's broken out into different sections,
17 but in total they're claiming \$81 million in one-time
18 financial impact. They've certainly got it broken out in
19 different sections. I mean, I don't think anyone is looking
20 at Revenue Loss in any of the industry right now, as much as
21 they're looking at the actual expense.

22 The actual expenses on this document are, like,

1 sanitizer, testing, cleaning, utilities, facility
2 modification. [00:15:01 audio unclear I don't know why
3 you have some cleaning fee but that totals \$38 million.

4 But I would guess this is what they do in the
5 presentation. It looks like it's been written for a] to be
6 honest with you.

7 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Speaker,
8 question?

9 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Just a comment, Jerry. Like
10 Senator D'Allesandro, I too agree with Leader Hinch's
11 comments, and I would withdraw my second.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Any further questions
13 or comments about additional funding, proposal for an
14 additional \$10 million to the University System; additional
15 \$5 million to the Community College System?

16 But I believe the position now is that the second
17 has been withdrawn pending a conversation with the
18 leadership of both schools regarding their COVID-19 need.
19 Any further comments or question?

20 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: If I could, Chairman
21 Little, I think it's appropriate that they come before us.
22 I think Senator Morse has pointed out that the system is

1 indeed prepared to do that. They have the numbers ready. I
2 hope the community college falls in the same category. And
3 I would hope that they come before us and state their case.

4 I can tell you that situations involving
5 enrollment are contingent on a couple of things. And one is
6 that the students come back to a safe and secure
7 environment, and that the learning experience, if it's
8 actually done and remotely done, should be of the highest
9 quality available. And that requires substantial change.
10 And I think the university and the community college can
11 point that out.

12 It's a worthy use of an additional \$10 million to
13 the university and an additional \$5 million for the
14 Community College system.

15 But they should come before the GOFERR committee,
16 and certainly speak for their case and give us all of the
17 documentation, answer all of the questions that are needed,
18 in order for a positive vote to be taken supporting this
19 situation.

20 I think it's an imperative. You know, kids are
21 planning on coming back to school, and I think the one thing
22 that they have to be assured of is that they will be

1 entering a safe, secure environment as it relates to the
2 COVID situation, and that the learning experience in the
3 classroom, if they choose a virtual learning experience:
4 That will be available at the same high-quality level that
5 the in-class experience generates.

6 So again, I hope that they come. We can schedule
7 them to come ASAP, and then a positive can be moved at the
8 point in time. But I thank my colleagues, and I appreciate
9 their willingness to have the people come before us, and
10 certainly appreciate the ability of the University and the
11 Community College to come up with the details. Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 JERRY LITTLE: President Soucy, do you have a
14 question, ma'am?

15 DONNA SOUCY: It wasn't a question; I was just
16 going to reiterate what Senator D'Allesandro said. I agree
17 that we should have representatives from both the University
18 and Community College in; I just hope we do so quickly,
19 because they need to make decisions very rapidly, given
20 student enrollment.

21 JERRY LITTLE: Senator Morse, do you have a
22 question?

1 SENATOR MORSE: Well, just a comment. I mean, I
2 don't know if the committee wants me to read at least a
3 portion of this that I received, because I think it -- when
4 they come before us, it's going to open -- I should probably
5 read this, because it's got a lot of things to consider here
6 that I think go beyond our committee.

7 If you don't mind, I think I probably should read
8 it, because this is as recent as yesterday -- and I don't
9 mind sharing it with everyone, because it looks like it's a
10 public document -- but the -- it says, "I want to share with
11 you a list of direct, one-time COVID expenses that were
12 shared with Mac (sic) earlier today. Those direct expenses
13 amount to \$38 million dollars, not including lost revenue
14 associated with dorm density, which adds another \$10
15 million.

16 "The attached list also does not include
17 approximately \$10 million needed to prepare remote teaching
18 options, which the initial \$10 million GOFERR dollars was
19 largely absorbed by.

20 "Finally, we also had additional student aid
21 expenses needed to support students and families facing
22 challenges of economic situation."

1 I think, you know, that -- there's a couple of
2 categories in here that go far beyond our categories that I
3 think we deal with.

4 I think the original \$38 million when they come
5 in, there's probably things that we should deal with, but,
6 you know, I don't know beyond that. I think they're
7 starting to step into legislative areas that are challenges
8 that, you know, we're going to have to take up in the
9 Legislature.

10 Anyhow, Jerry, I'll get this document to you as
11 soon as we get off the call today, and you can get it to
12 everyone.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. Thank you, Senator
14 Morse. Is the -- are there any further questions about the
15 additional money for the University System and Community
16 College System?

17 And I'm going to work with what appears to be
18 direction to us to have representatives from both of those
19 systems on the phone for our next meeting. So I guess the
20 speed with which we'll hear from that will depend upon when
21 you choose to have your next meeting, which we'll get to at
22 the end of the agenda today.

1 Any other questions about, or comments about
2 additional funding for USNH and CCSNH?

3 Hearing none, seeing no hands raised on the Board
4 here, we'll move on to the next item, which is New Hampshire
5 Hospital Stipend. I can report to you that the Governor has
6 determined that he is not going to create a new, separate
7 stipend program for all employees at the New Hampshire
8 Hospital.

9 Any comments or questions? I don't see or hear
10 any. Probably a good point to reiterate what the Governor
11 said during his press conference yesterday, which is that
12 all stipend programs with the exception of the Long-term
13 Care Assistance Stipend will be ending at the end of this
14 month.

15 As initially anticipated in his emergency orders,
16 that one stipend program for employees at Medicaid
17 reimbursed long-term care facilities will go until the end
18 of July with the other federal stipend program.

19 The next issue is summer camp follow up, and each
20 of you should have received an e-mail mid to late morning
21 today from Rhonda Hensley with a proposal from Ken Robbins
22 of the Summer Camp Director's Association for financial

1 CARES Act monies in support of summer camps.

2 Any comments, questions? Mr. Robbins is on the
3 phone if you would like to hear from him. I'm not seeing or
4 hearing anything.

5 Oh, a question from Representative Mary Jane
6 Wallner.

7 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you, Mr. Little. I
8 would like to hear from Mr. Robbins, but I just barely
9 started reading this, so I would like to hear him talk to us
10 a little bit about the request.

11 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. Senator D'Allesandro, I
12 see your name has a question mark beside it. Are you
13 requesting the same, a briefing from Mr. Robbins?

14 [Pause]

15 I'll assume -- Ken Robbins, we're going to unmute
16 your line. Good afternoon.

17 KEN ROBBINS: Good afternoon, thank you.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you for the proposal that you
19 sent to us this morning. Would you like to give us a quick
20 overview of it?

21 KEN ROBBINS: I can certainly try. I'm -- it took
22 us a while of discussion to try and process what data

1 aggregation we have and think about where we are going.

2 The costs that we are looking at -- the costs the
3 camps are looking at for not operating and returning
4 tuitions that had been collected going all the way back to
5 really the end of last summer -- I think the big realization
6 that we are trying to help people understand is that this is
7 two years with next to no revenue or no revenue for 160
8 camps here in New Hampshire.

9 And I hope that that makes sense. It was not easy
10 to map that out in a couple of short paragraphs. But a camp
11 like mine -- and I'll use my own camp as an example, we
12 operate with a revenue that hovers around \$1 million dollars
13 for an eight- to 10-week program that runs late June to mid
14 to late August.

15 All of those funds, or a majority of those funds,
16 are collected in the late winter and through the spring. We
17 collect deposits in the fall, we collect balances in the
18 spring, and then we are ready to go.

19 The deposits that we collect in the fall, they
20 help to see us through our expenses for the winter and
21 spring and to begin ramping up for the summer.

22 We're also using the revenue that's left over from

1 the previous summer to cover those costs. And those costs
2 have run year-round. They are utility costs, payroll costs,
3 property taxes, insurance, and the costs just to start
4 hiring and start opening the camps for the upcoming season.

5 So all of that revenue that has been collected for
6 this coming summer for all of the camps that have closed is
7 being refunded, or it has been refunded.

8 And so, what's left is nothing in terms of revenue
9 for this year. So we will be waiting until at least the
10 fall to begin collecting modest deposits, but really until
11 next spring to begin collecting tuition balances for 2021,
12 assuming that 2021 will be more favorable to open.

13 So it's 22 months or so of no revenue. And that's
14 where camps are looking at a very stark situation.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, sir. Are there
16 questions for Mr. Robbins? Representative Wallner?

17 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you, Mr. Little. Mr.
18 Robbins, would you suggest that this be a fund that would be
19 set up that camps could apply to and each camp would lay out
20 what their specific needs were?

21 And if so, who would you see as being able to
22 administer that kind of a particular -- maybe like a grant

1 program, something like what Main Street was or, like, the
2 child care program is.

3 And would you limit it to just residential camps,
4 or would you limit -- would it be inclusive of day camps?

5 KEN ROBBINS: Thank you for that question. Taking
6 the last part of that question first, I would -- you would
7 have to include day camps, I believe. Half of the day camps
8 in the state are closed. The other half that are still
9 trying to open will be doing so at diminished populations,
10 and added expense.

11 But for those that are closed, they're looking at
12 really the exact same scenarios that residential camps are.
13 So I do believe it should be inclusive of all of the youth
14 recreation camps in the state.

15 I do see a process where camps apply and in much
16 the same way the Main Street Relief Fund or the other funds
17 ask to spell out what is the revenue loss? What is the
18 impact, what is the nature of the impact and what is the
19 need?

20 As to who'd administer that: I had not considered that
21 question, and I'm not sure I have a -- I don't have an
22 answer off the top of my head, though I certainly think that

1 the New Hampshire Camp Director's Board, which is made up of
2 20 directors of camps throughout the state probably could
3 put together some thoughts on that very quickly.

4 And if I could add, one of the things we wanted to
5 point out in the memo was that camps' access to other
6 funding sources that were set up by the GOFERR office is
7 varied.

8 Some camps yes, we're able to apply, some camps
9 we're actually instructed not to, and other camps simply
10 didn't have the opportunity because their expectation was
11 that they would be able to open all the way up through the
12 point up to and past the point of guidelines being issued,
13 and beyond that point concluded that no, they could not.

14 At that point, the Main Street Relief Fund I
15 believe had already closed. And those funds don't fully
16 address camps' needs based on the unique impact.

17 And so, I think an application process for camps
18 would want to take into account was there funding received
19 through other sources? In which case, you know, whatever
20 that was should be stripped away from whatever this fund
21 might see their added need to be.

22 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you. I do have a follow

1 up, if it's okay.

2 KEN ROBBINS: Mm-hm.

3 MARY JANE WALLNER: Were any of the non-profit
4 camps eligible to apply to the non-profit program?

5 KEN ROBBINS: Yes. I do believe that some are.
6 In that scenario -- and actually the deadline for that is
7 tomorrow at 4:00. I'm still working on my own application
8 for that. I'm working on that with a few different people
9 assisting me.

10 We're having -- it's challenging for us to fit
11 into -- to fit our operation into that application process
12 and understand exactly how to calculate the impact based on
13 the questions that are being asked. I

14 think we will be able to submit an application,
15 but I'm not sure that we'll feel like it -- that it's
16 exactly the right fit, just because of that extremely
17 seasonal nature of our revenue and expense.

18 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you.

19 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions for Mr. Robbins?
20 Okay. Speaker Shurtleff?

21 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Thank you, Mr. Robbins, for
22 being back with us again. I've got to admit, I've been kind

1 of bouncing from one meeting to another, and I haven't read
2 your proposal. What were you looking for a dollar amount,
3 if any, to go into this fund?

4 KEN ROBBINS: Thank you, sir. I think what we
5 aimed to do was to explain the impact and explain what the
6 loss is. And when we totaled that up, we made some pretty --
7 some very general assumptions, based on what data we were
8 able to collect quickly.

9 But across all 160 camps, we feel like it's a safe
10 estimate, and perhaps even slightly conservative, that the
11 lost revenue will total around \$146 million dollars.

12 And as far as expenses, camps have kind of a
13 limited ability to reduce their expenses when they don't
14 operate. Because so many of those expenses are -- they're
15 set.

16 And in particular for some of those camps that
17 worked right up until -- into June, which is most of them --
18 trying to open the hired staff, they lined up vendors, they
19 had their systems up and running, to ultimately hit the wall
20 and realize that this can't be done, not this year, leaves
21 them with the vast majority of their expenses as something.

22 So \$146 million dollars is an enormous number, and

1 that's not the ask.

2 We tried to look at the way that -- you know, as
3 the Main Street Relief Fund has done their allocation, and
4 we heard, or it was reported, that approximately 17 percent
5 of anticipated losses were being covered, our thought was
6 that's for impact in and around the second quarter. Our
7 impact is not second quarter limited, it's all four quarters
8 of the year.

9 When we just sort of took that 17 percent and
10 applied it to what we saw of this \$146 million-dollar
11 revenue loss, that multiplied out to somewhere just short of
12 \$100 million dollars. I think that too is not the ask.
13 It's just letting you know what the impact is, and where our
14 shortfall is going to be.

15 We understand that some -- perhaps many of our
16 camps -- were able to tap into some amount of funding
17 through -- whether it was the Main Street Relief Fund or it
18 ends up being the non-profit Economic Relief Fund, we
19 certainly are not interested in trying to double dip or take
20 advantage of both sides by each, we're just looking to make
21 sure that the impact is recognized as being very different.

22 I'm sorry that I --

1 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Sure.

2 KEN ROBBINS: -- if that doesn't answer that
3 question.

4 STEVE SHURTLEFF: No, that helps a lot. I
5 appreciate it.

6 KEN ROBBINS: Okay, thank you.

7 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Thank you very much.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions for Mr. Robbins?
9 And while you're thinking of this, I'll just add in that
10 there are some summer camps in the Main Street Relief Fund.
11 We know that applications have been put into the non-profit
12 fund as well from summer camps.

13 The reference to funds that they were asked not to
14 participate to I believe was there was an application or two
15 that went into the child care support fund, and they were
16 recommended to go to the non-profit fund instead. So there
17 are other opportunities out there is my point.

18 KEN ROBBINS: Yes, there -- is it okay to respond
19 to that with just a comment?

20 JERRY LITTLE: Certainly.

21 KEN ROBBINS: Yeah, the challenge with the child
22 care fund -- and I'm thinking, I have in my mind one day

1 camp that is a for-profit day camp for a -- it's a private,
2 for-profit day camp -- they cannot apply to the non-profit
3 economic relief fund. They were guided away from the Main
4 Street Relief Fund because they fall into child care.

5 Although they are not child care, we license all
6 youth recreation camps and lessons through a subdivision or
7 subdepartment of the child care licensing unit of DHHS, but
8 when they got to the child care fund, that fund was
9 specifically -- I believe -- you had to open. You had to
10 open and be serving children no later than early September,
11 I believe.

12 And so, that's not going -- that would not have
13 addressed any camp that felt they could not open this
14 summer.

15 And it just was confusing at that point as to
16 where should we fit ourselves in?

17 I think camps are somewhat like a square peg
18 trying to fit into a round hole with some of these
19 opportunities, is our point. And while some camps
20 definitely have, and that's great, we're concerned for those
21 camps that either felt like they couldn't, or genuinely
22 could not open.

1 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions or comments about
2 summer camps? All right, seeing none, thank you, Mr.
3 Robbins. You're always welcome to listen to [00:40:52 audio
4 unclear] if you would like.

5 We'll move onto the next item on the agenda, which
6 is a non-profit update. I will tell you that there's been
7 an awful lot of activity in the past week and a half, as we
8 work on some grant-related language. Nancy Smith, General
9 Counsel for the GOFERR office, has been leading that effort
10 for us, and she has an update for us.

11 NANCY SMITH: Good afternoon. This is Nancy
12 Smith. So for an update on where the group of partners
13 administering the non-profit fund reports that they are as
14 far as applications, they indicated they had over 1000
15 people participating in the webinars and information
16 sessions that they had at the beginning.

17 They had indicated that they have done a
18 significant amount of outreach, and one-on-one counseling.
19 The numbers that they told us, they had over 200 requests
20 for technical help with the application. I have their e-
21 mails asking questions about it. They have had over 100 one
22 on one appointments, and they have 510 applications

1 [00:42:38 audio unclear]

2 [Pause]

3 NANCY SMITH: Was I awful?

4 JOHN REAGAN: No, no. That was my mistake.

5 Sorry.

6 NANCY SMITH: Okay. We were just having a bit of
7 confusion with the mute button. They certainly got a lot of
8 things in progress. They indicated that with most
9 applications, an awful lot of applicants wait until the very
10 last day to finish the application. So they're anticipating
11 that tomorrow will be a very busy day. But the application
12 period does close tomorrow.

13 So that's the update on where they are in the
14 application process, as the Director indicated. The
15 ultimate grant agreement that the non-profits will enter
16 into will be directly with GOFERR, so that's a document that
17 we have developed.

18 The Non-Profit Foundation has raised some
19 questions about it, we're still working on that with them to
20 do what we can to make it as easy as possible while still
21 maintaining compliance with our funding source and with the
22 state's requirements that go into grants.

1 So we're working through a few remaining issues on
2 what the grant agreement that we would enter into with the
3 non-profits will look like.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Questions for Nancy? Very good.
5 Thank you. Thank you, Nancy. The next item on the agenda
6 is an update on the housing plans. Lisa English, from the
7 GOFERR office is here to tell us about that.

8 LISA ENGLISH: Thank you. Thank you, Director
9 Little. So the New Hampshire Housing Relief Program is
10 designed to keep people from losing their housing, and to
11 secure or maintain permanent housing.

12 The Governor allocated \$35 million dollars for
13 this program to support families or individuals, and \$20
14 million to be initially expended, with \$15 million being
15 held in reserves, depending on what the need and use of the
16 funding will be.

17 So the DHHS is working with the Community Action
18 Program agencies to set up this program, and you can find
19 information on our website, but also on CAPNH.org; C-A-P-N-H
20 [dot]org. There, you'll see that there are two parts to
21 this program; the one-time assistance grant that can be used
22 too assist households with past due rents, housing-related

1 expenses, or one-time expenses that if not paid impact the
2 ability to maintain housing.

3 And this program is really meant for people that
4 just need a little bit of help, but otherwise are able to
5 maintain their housing.

6 There is also a rental -- a short-term rental
7 assistance as part of this program as well. And all of
8 these -- and if there is a need, that need has to be linked
9 to COVID-19.

10 So again, if you look at CAPNH.org, there is more
11 information, and I believe the applicants and I believe the
12 application goes live on June 30. And we'll make sure to
13 update the links on our website as well, so that you can go
14 to GOFERR to find this information.

15 JERRY LITTLE: Perfect. Thank you. Any questions
16 for Nancy about that housing plan? And if there aren't, I'm
17 going to ask her to keep on going. Because I think the next
18 item on the agenda, "Monies to Legal Assistance to aid those
19 with rent and foreclosure needs"?

20 NANCY SMITH: I think that was a request for a
21 discussion.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Oh, was that a request from Senator

1 D'Allesandro I believe, for a new issue? I'm sorry, Nancy.

2 Lisa? I'm sorry. Boy! This is Wednesday, right?

3 COLLECTIVE: [Laughter]

4 JERRY LITTLE: Senator D'Allesandro, are there any
5 questions about the housing plans? If not, Senator
6 D'Allesandro, I believe you requested a new item, "Monies to
7 Legal Assistance to aid those with rent and foreclosure
8 needs"?

9 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Yes. Thank you, Chairman
10 Little. I think you really could incorporate that in the
11 housing claim, because I think that there's a definite
12 synergistic relationship there.

13 These renters and some homeowners will need some
14 assistance with regard to foreclosure. And I think Legal
15 Assistance is in a position to help them.

16 Now, we know that particularly in the area that I
17 represent, there are a number of renters, and rent --
18 because of the median family income, because of the job
19 losses and because of the pressure that's on the family, I
20 think we need to provide these people with some legal
21 assistance. And Legal Assistance is the place to do it.

22 Now, as to the amount of money, I would think that

1 we should be thinking about something like between \$300 and
2 \$400,000 to cover that particular segment of help that
3 people will need. Because the situation that exists today
4 expires, I think at the end of the month, where there was a
5 moratorium on rent payments, and a moratorium on your other
6 household delinquency.

7 So this is something that I think is important,
8 and these renters are going to need help, it's going to have
9 to come from someplace, and to me Legal Assistance is the
10 place to go, because that's the area that has represented
11 these people in the past, and has done it well.

12 And I think that there will be a real surge as
13 time moves on, with regard to this particular situation. I
14 know that I've received calls from renters who are concerned
15 -- have tried to work out arrangements with the people who
16 own the buildings, and have met with some success. But
17 that's going to be a problem, and that's why I propose that
18 we do something about it.

19 And one of the mechanisms that I'm suggesting is
20 Legal Assistance, because the housing area is their area of
21 specialization.

22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm happy to address any

1 questions or comments that people have with regard to this
2 subject.

3 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Senator. Are there any
4 questions or comments relative to Senator D'Allesandro's
5 suggestion of monies for New Hampshire Legal Assistance to
6 assist renters and others facing housing matters?

7 [Pause]

8 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Do I need to make a motion
9 that we allocate monies for this, and these monies could
10 come out the Housing Relief plans, or relief program?

11 JERRY LITTLE: If you would like to make a motion,
12 you could certainly do that, and we do have numerous
13 questions now that have just queued up, so.

14 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Well, I would move that we
15 set aside between \$3- and \$400,000 for the purpose of
16 defending the renters and homeowners as the situation
17 develops, and that money be allocated to Legal Assistance.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. Thank you, Senator.
19 Representative Mary Jane Wallner?

20 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you, Mr. Little. I will
21 second Senator D'Allesandro's motion. Thank you.

22 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Next in the queue in

1 order was Senate President Donna Soucy.

2 DONNA SOUCY: I was going to do the same, and
3 Representative Wallner beat me to it.

4 JERRY LITTLE: Very well, thank you.
5 Representative Hinch, sir?

6 DICK HINCH: Thank you, Jerry. So here once
7 again, I'm not suggesting that I'm not in favor of doing
8 this, but I think that, you know, with all due respect to
9 Senator Lou, you know, I think he came up with a number, but
10 I think it would be better served if we have someone from
11 Legal Assistance come to us and tell us what does \$300- to
12 \$400,000 do?

13 I don't know if that number is too low or too
14 high. But to just set aside money without having an
15 actionable plan at this time doesn't make sense to me.

16 Again, I don't want anybody to misunderstand. I
17 may be in favor of this, but I think we need to have someone
18 come and tell us exactly what the needs are, and what does
19 \$300,000 do for us?

20 Thank you.

21 DONNALEE LOZEAU: Thank you, Representative Hinch.
22 Further questions or comments?

1 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Well, as was the case with
2 the University, I don't have any problem with having Legal
3 Assistance come before us. The problem is intensifying,
4 because the moratorium disappears very shortly, and there
5 are renters who are going to need some assistance; there are
6 homeowners who are going to need some assistance.

7 And as to the number, I think he makes a valid
8 point: how much money do they think they'll need? So if
9 they could come before us and make a presentation, I think
10 that would be wonderful. I know of the need. I brought the
11 need forward because I see it probably that's on the
12 horizon, and I want to deal with it.

13 But I certainly appreciate what my colleague is
14 saying, and hopefully we can get someone from Legal
15 Assistance to come before us and state their case. Thank
16 you, Mr. Chairman.

17 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you, Lou. Representative
18 Mary Jane Wallner?

19 JAMES WILLIAMSON: Thank you. I did second the
20 motion, and I will withdraw my second, so that we can have
21 someone from Legal Assistance come before us and talk to us
22 about how much funding they think would be appropriate.

1 I do want to remind people that they were before
2 us maybe several meetings ago. They did -- Legal Assistance
3 did do a presentation to our committee. I don't think at
4 that time they specified a certain funding level, but we
5 have had a presentation from them in the past. So I will
6 withdraw my motion just so we can have them come at
7 hopefully our next meeting.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. I believe it was on May
9 18, Representative Wallner that --

10 MARY JANE WALLNER: Thank you.

11 JERRY LITTLE: -- I'm sure that Sarah Mattson
12 Dustin spoke to us on housing issues, along with Dean
13 Christon and Elissa Margolin. So you can look those
14 materials up on the GOFERR website.

15 So then with the second withdrawn, we will -- I
16 will contact Sarah Mattson Dustin, and arrange for her to
17 speak to you again about the proper amount that she sees for
18 representation of renters and others with immediate housing
19 needs.

20 Any other questions or comments on this issue?
21 Seeing none, we'll go to what looks like the last item on
22 your agenda, which will be pretty quick, I think. It is the

1 extension of Long-term Care Stabilization program.

2 As I think I mentioned already on the call today,
3 the Governor announced yesterday that that is the one
4 stipend program that he will be extending to the end of the
5 month of July. The others will be terminating as initially
6 planned at the end of June.

7 And then, while it's not on your agenda, we did
8 receive an update from the Treasury on Guidance of
9 coronavirus funds, and Nancy Smith can give us a quick, just
10 a few-minute update on the new CARES Act package. Nancy
11 Smith?

12 NANCY SMITH: Yes. Hello, this is Nancy Smith.
13 The Treasury Department did issue updated Frequently Asked
14 Questions tomorrow. We will have them forwarded out to you,
15 so you will have a paper or electronic copy. The new
16 content really is on page 8 and 9.

17 There's [00:56:31 audio unclear] for a new
18 questions and Answers. The most significant one is -- which
19 we're very glad to see -- is a confirmation of what
20 President Trump had announced about a month ago, which was
21 that we could use the CARES Act fund for the FEMA match for
22 state and local government.

1 So we had actually already been doing that on the
2 applications from the municipal and county relief program.
3 We've been allowing the 25 percent FEMA match, so we're very
4 happy to have that confirmation.

5 The only other one that is probably really
6 significant is just a confirmation that in awarding relief
7 to individuals and private businesses, just making a per
8 capita payment to everybody is not okay; that it does
9 require some sort of individual assessment of need.

10 So we have been doing that all along, but it does
11 validate the approach that we have taken to these relief
12 funds.

13 JERRY LITTLE: Any questions for Nancy about the
14 updated Treasury Guidance?

15 Representative Hennessey?

16 ERIN HENNESSEY: Thank you. I just have a
17 question. I think we talked about this before, but I just
18 wanted to confirm, if a town wants to use the funds they've
19 received to give additional stipends to town employees that
20 work directly with the public, are they able to do that?

21 NANCY SMITH: It depends. Certain categories of
22 public employees that have to respond, are responding

1 directly to COVID -- public safety and public health
2 probably yes.

3 But the Treasury Guidance does say across the
4 board housing payments to people that have to -- to
5 government employees that have to keep working during the
6 COVID, during the pandemic, is not an allowable use of
7 funds. So it can't be an across the board payment.

8 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions, Representative
9 Hennessey?

10 ERIN HENNESSEY: Yes, thank you. So just to
11 clarify, so if somebody is working in Public Works for --
12 I'm not sure what another town's employee would be, but --
13 if it wasn't across the board, but it was a selected group
14 that interacts with the public, much like police officers or
15 firefighters, would you -- would that be eligible?

16 NANCY SMITH: Generally speaking, I think we've
17 said no.

18 JERRY LITTLE: Further questions?

19 NANCY SMITH: So the only -- sorry, just follow
20 up. So the only people that are eligible are those that are
21 already receiving it from the state of New Hampshire?

22 NANCY SMITH: I mean, I tried to make, you know,

1 just that specific of a generalization without specifics and
2 we have said we can't predetermine these things.

3 But following the Guidance, it does say that
4 across the board, you know, other payments to those still
5 working are not okay. And I have to go back to that, and
6 certainly any city or town can present their case, and we'll
7 look at it on a case-by-case basis.

8 ERIN HENNESSEY: Thank you.

9 JERRY LITTLE: Any further questions? Comments?
10 Issues you'd like to raise and discuss?

11 [Pause]

12 I don't see or hear any. The final issue, then is
13 your next meeting, and we will, per today's conversation, be
14 aligning two presentations for you; one from the University
15 System/Community College System of New Hampshire, and the
16 other from New Hampshire Legal Assistance.

17 Representative Hennessey, another question, ma'am?

18 ERIN HENNESSEY: Sorry, no I did not have raised
19 my hand.

20 JERRY LITTLE: Thank you. Does anyone have a
21 thought or a comment, or is there any guidance from Chairman
22 Morse as you would like to recommend the group meet again?

1 [Pause]

2 Would you like to meet in a week?

3 CHUCK MORSE: Jerry, I'm not sure my 5* is
4 working, but I pressed it. But the --

5 JERRY LITTLE: I'm sorry.

6 CHUCK MORSE: I think two things need to happen
7 here. One, I think we should go to only doing this once a
8 month, and we still have two issues open from this month.
9 So I'm not sure what the group would be comfortable doing.
10 The House and Senate are in session Monday and Tuesday, so -
11 -

12 NANCY SMITH: Correct.

13 CHUCK MORSE: -- I would assume those days are
14 out. So if we were to come back to solve the two points we
15 have out -- say on Wednesday of next week, then I would
16 assume we wouldn't schedule anything until the end of July
17 or -- you know, I don't know how the calendar falls. Matter
18 of fact, I have a feeling it falls right in the middle of my
19 being away.

20 But in any case, the -- I would think we could
21 solve that today. Like, maybe we pick next Wednesday to
22 solve these two issues, and then we don't come back until

1 the end of July and we pick the date, or the beginning of
2 August, depending on how the group has, you know, their
3 schedules this summer.

4 DICK HINCH: Jerry, this is Dick Hinch. I was
5 going to suggest the same thing: Wednesday the first,
6 knowing that the Senate's in session on Monday and the House
7 is in session on Tuesday, and it makes sense to come back on
8 the first.

9 DONNA SOUCY: This is Donna Soucy. I would agree
10 that next Wednesday would probably be the most convenient
11 time, and given the urgency of the two issues that we
12 discussed, I don't think we want to wait too much longer.

13 I was going to ask for an update on one additional
14 issue, if I could, and that would probably come from the
15 Hospital Association.

16 I'd just like an update as to the hospital status
17 statewide in acquiring additional funding. I know there
18 were questions of federal funds, there were several state
19 potential sources of revenue, but -- not revenue, but of
20 assistance, and I was hoping that we could get an update at
21 our next meeting?

22 JERRY LITTLE: Okay. We can call Mr. Arnin (sic)

1 and ask him for that. So there will be three items next
2 Wednesday. And I believe Mr. Arnin may be on the phone at
3 this point in time, so hopefully he can make a note on his
4 calendar for next Wednesday.

5 Representative Mary Jane Wallner?

6 MARYJANE WALLNER: Thank you. I don't really -- I
7 also think that maybe we don't need any more presentations
8 from the camps, but I think we haven't -- we did not really
9 as members have much of a discussion about where we might go
10 with something for New Hampshire camps, and maybe we could
11 finish that up next week also.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Very good. And Representative
13 Hennessey?

14 ERIN HENNESSEY: Director Little, I think there
15 must be something wrong with my hand, because I haven't
16 raised it since my last question.

17 JERRY LITTLE: I think we've had a little bit of
18 glitching. We've had people say their hand was up when we
19 haven't seen it, and we've seen hands pop up that apparently
20 aren't meant to pop up. So I apologize for that. We'll
21 blame it on the humidity today. How's that?

22 Any other questions from members of the

1 Legislative Advisory Board?

2 [Pause]

3 So we have then, I believe, four issues to arrange
4 for at a meeting next Wednesday at 1:00. That would be
5 additional funding for University System and Community
6 College System; monies for rental representation; monies for
7 the New Hampshire Legal Assistance; an update from the
8 Hospital Association regarding their ability to address
9 additional federal funding and a request to complete the
10 conversation on camps.

11 Anything else you would like added? If not, I
12 believe Senator Morse also suggested that after that, the
13 next meeting be the final week of July, which is the week of
14 the twenty-seventh through the thirty-first. Are there any
15 thoughts about that?

16 So next meeting will actually be next Wednesday,
17 July 1, and then the meeting after that sometime the week of
18 July 27 through 31.

19 CHUCK MORSE: Well, for Senator Morse it would
20 have to be the twenty-ninth or later, so.

21 JERRY LITTLE: So Wednesday the twenty-ninth?

22 CHUCK MORSE: Yep. I'm good then. I don't know

1 about the rest of the group.

2 DICK HINCH: This is Dick Hinch. That works for
3 me.

4 DONNA SOUCY: Yep, I'll make -- this is Donna
5 Soucy, I'll make that work as well.

6 LOU D'ALLESSANDRO: Yeah, Lou D'Allesandro. I'll
7 make that work as well.

8 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Steve Shurtleff, that's fine for
9 me.

10 MARY JANE WALLNER: Works for me; this is Mary
11 Jane.

12 JERRY LITTLE: Sounds pretty good. So then, next
13 meeting will be a week from today, July 1, 1:00 p.m. We'll
14 have those four items on the agenda that we just discussed,
15 and then the following meeting will be on Wednesday, July
16 29. If you have issues you would like for that meeting,
17 forward them to either me or Rhonda Hensley at the GOFERR
18 office.

19 Anything else for the good of the order? Seeing
20 no hands raised, we will adjourn at 2:09, 2:11, I'm sorry.
21 Thank you very much. Have a good afternoon, everyone.

22 Thank you very, very much.

1 COLLECTIVE: Thank you, Jerry.

2 [End of Proceedings]