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10:01 a.m.

AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Good morning, everybody. Put your name in the Chat and your organization.

Is Matt Herreid on here? I don't see Matt.

MR. HERREID: Yes, I'm here.

AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Okay. Matt, would you like to take a Roll Call of the Advisory Committee, please.

MR. HERREID: Sure. Now I will take Roll Call. Christy Adams?

(No response.)

MR. HERREID: Is Christy Adams on there? Okay, we will go back. Wes, I see you, Wes Alles.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Yes.

MR. HERREID: Amber Cordola Hsu? I see her on there.

AC MEMBER HSU: Here. I am here.

MR. HERREID: Okay, very good.

Leah Northrop?

AC MEMBER NORTHROP: Here.

MR. HERREID: Very good. Turn the page.

Shira Schlesinger, MD?

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: Shira Schlesinger here.

MR. HERREID: Perfect. Donna Stone?

(No response.)

MR. HERREID: Donna Stone? I don't see her. Christine Wu?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. HERREID: I don't see Christine.

3 And Lynnley Stern, I saw you.

4 So, I will keep track of this list as the meeting goes on to see if
5 anybody else shows up. And I will hand it back to Lynnley or Wes.

6 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay, I will go ahead. Welcome
7 everybody. It is always nice for us to get together.

8 I want to summarize for you the purposes of today's meeting. The
9 first one is to review and approve the meeting minutes from April 10, the second
10 is to review and approve the Program Allocations, and the third is to review and
11 approve the Federal Fiscal Year State Plan; and Dr. Stern will facilitate the
12 agenda for all three of those items.

13 I also want to remind you that the court reporter is doing the work of
14 keeping all of the notes. That is a very difficult job, but it can be made much
15 easier if people present their first name as they -- prior to their speaking, so
16 please do remember it.

17 The next point I want to make is that the notification of the public
18 was made in advance of our meeting today. Lynnley, do I assume from your
19 comments that there may be some people who would join or will it just be the
20 members of our Advisory Committee and any staff members?

21 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Today I believe it will just be the members
22 of the Advisory Committee and staff members.

23 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay, thank you. The discussion will then
24 only include the Advisory Committee and the staff. And with that then, Lynnley, I
25 will turn the agenda back over to you.

1 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you, Dr. Wes.

2 So, our first point of order is number 2 on the agenda. We are
3 going to review the minutes from our April 10 meeting. I would like everyone to
4 please refer to document D3, the court reporter transcript of the April 10 meeting,
5 and D4, which is the summary minutes of the meeting. For the Advisory
6 Committee Members, please review the meeting minutes summary. I will give
7 you a few minutes to review.

8 (Pause for review.)

9 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: All right, now it has been about two
10 minutes. Do any Advisory Committee members have revisions to the D4
11 meeting minutes summary?

12 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: I see no need for corrections, this is Wes.

13 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you, Dr. Alles.

14 Now for public comment, please when coming off mute make sure
15 to identify yourself before speaking to assist the court reporter. Anyone from the
16 public has a comment about the meeting minutes?

17 Okay, I don't see anything. Thank you.

18 So, the action item is to approve the April 10, 2024 meeting
19 minutes and I am asking for a motion.

20 AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: This is Shira Schlesinger; I'll
21 motion to accept.

22 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you, Shira. Do we have a second
23 to the motion?

24 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Second, Wes.

25 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you, Wes. All in favor raise your

1 hand or say aye.

2 (Ayes.)

3 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Anyone opposed or abstaining?

4 AC MEMBER HSU: Abstain, Amber, thank you.

5 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Okay. I think that's approved, the meeting
6 minutes for April 10.

7 Then we will move to Agenda Item 3, which is the Revised Program
8 Allocations. Thanks, Amy. So, on behalf of the Block Team I want to sincerely
9 apologize for the last-minute change of meeting dates. I appreciate everyone's
10 flexibility. We received CDC's final allocation later this year, so CDPH leadership
11 needed time to reprioritize projects and funding that was previously presented to
12 the Advisory Committee.

13 In the federal funding year of 2024, the CDC will award California
14 \$12,028,841 in the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant funding
15 so this is exciting. It is an increase of approximately \$1.53 million from last year.
16 And due to this year's large increase, CDPH leadership has revised our previous
17 preliminary allocations and programs to be funded, so I will now walk through the
18 changes.

19 We will be funding the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
20 or BRFSS Program for \$520,000.

21 And then increase the Preventive Medicine Residency and Cal
22 Epidemiologic Investigative Service Fellowship by \$148,683, bringing its Federal
23 Funding Year 2024 allocation to a little over \$1 million.

24 We also want to increase the California Statewide Injury Prevention
25 Program by \$178,000, bringing its Federal Funding Year 2024 allocation to a little

1 over \$1.2 million.

2 And then increase the Advancing Climate Change and health
3 programs at local health departments, tribes and within CDPH by \$384,611,
4 bringing its total Federal Funding Year 2024 allocation to about \$989,126.

5 And then last but not least, increase the expansion of California
6 Healthy Brain Initiative by \$300,000, bringing its total Federal Funding Year 2024
7 allocation to about \$550,000.

8 I will give you all a moment to look at those numbers on the screen.

9 So, the action item is to approve these revised Federal Funding
10 Year 2024 Program Allocations. I am asking for a motion.

11 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: This is Wes. May I ask a question about
12 how this came to be? I assume in conversations with the Department that there
13 must have been some very positive response to the State Plan that we
14 submitted. Perhaps they have increased for other public health programs
15 throughout the states? Do you have any information on that?

16 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: The information that I will have is that the
17 Directorate took into consideration the programs that were funded previously that
18 were presented to the Advisory Committee and made appropriate calculations
19 based off their proposal, based off the allocation that we have now, and based off
20 the need. I don't think it's appropriate if I, you know, give detailed information as
21 to what the Directorate's decision-making process was, but I think it was taking
22 into consideration the proposal, the amounts that were given, and essentially,
23 how we can support programs closer to their fuller ask based off what they
24 proposed in their State Plan.

25 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: This is Wes, thank you very much.

1 AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: Dr. Stern, is there any space for
2 discussion of this Plan or are we just being asked to approve it?

3 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: I believe we are asked to approve it. Amy
4 and Phu, you can jump in if my understanding is different.

5 MR. HOANG: The purpose of this is for discussion,
6 Dr. Schlesinger, so if you have any questions feel free to ask, or comments.

7 AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: So, you know, it looks -- I mean,
8 the total allocations has increased significantly by close to 20% as compared to
9 two years ago at least, which was the last one I have seen. And we have lost a
10 couple of programs, we have a couple of new programs. But I noticed that for a
11 couple of the allocations the funding has remained remarkably static for several
12 years despite the increase in costs. And I guess I would love to get some
13 comment from CDPH as to why this is.

14 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: That's a great question. I believe our
15 Block Team will take that question down and bring it to the Directorate. We can,
16 you know, offline discuss with you more about the funding proposal process if
17 that would be helpful.

18 I will also say that the amounts reflect, some of the static numbers
19 also reflect what the programs proposed. So, if they don't have any changes in
20 their proposal from year to year you may not have seen a reflection or change or
21 increase in the actual amount that they were awarded. But offline I can present
22 that and can give you more of the information from their proposals if that would
23 be helpful.

24 Are there any other discussion questions that the Advisory
25 Committee Members want to bring to the table now before we approve?

1 I don't see anything in the Chat, okay. I am going to ask for a
2 motion to approve.

3 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: This is Wes. I will make the motion to
4 approve.

5 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you, Dr. Alles. Do we have a
6 second motion?

7 AC MEMBER NORTHROP: This is Leah Northrop; I'll second the
8 motion to approve.

9 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: All in favor, say aye.

10 (Ayes.)

11 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: I anyone opposed or abstaining from the
12 Advisory Committee?

13 AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: This is Shira Schlesinger. I am
14 actually going to abstain in this case.

15 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Okay, thank you. Great.

16 Now we are going to move to Agenda Item number 4. So, for the
17 Federal Funding Year 2024 Work Plan or what you may know as the State Plan.
18 So, I would like everybody to please refer to document D6, that's the work plan,
19 or what we commonly refer to it as the State Plan. The State Plan outlines goals,
20 objectives and activities for each funded program. Please note that Amy Yan on
21 the Block admin team sent this document to each of the Advisory Committee
22 Members a week in advance so everyone would have ample time to review it.

23 At the April 10 Advisory Committee meeting, the Advisory
24 Committee recommended to approve 13 CDPH and 2 EMSA programs for this
25 year's funding. Please note that the BRFSS program was added after the April

1 10 Advisory Committee meeting. We also wanted to note that BRFSS will only
2 be funded for state fiscal years '24-25 and '25-26. After that their portion of the
3 annual award will be redirected to other priorities, per the CDPH Director.

4 This is also a friendly reminder that the remaining programs will be
5 funded for the next five state fiscal years, subject to annual performance and
6 fiscal reviews and as CDC Preventive Health and Health Services block Grant
7 funding continues to be available.

8 We held a public hearing on June 18 of 2024 to allow members of
9 the public to comment on the Federal Funding Year 2024 Work Plan. We did not
10 receive additional public comments or arguments by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday,
11 June 19 of 2024, which was designated as the close of the written comment
12 period for this public hearing, as stated on the official notice for this hearing.

13 I would like to ask any Advisory Committee Members for comment
14 or if they would like to comment?

15 (AC Committee Member Donna Stone joined the meeting.)

16 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: This is Wes, and I would like to thank the
17 people who worked on each of these grants. For staff who brought it all together.
18 And over the years, our decision to approve the block grant funding allocations
19 and the State Plan have turned out to be successful. I think that the sense of
20 appreciation by the Committee should demonstrate to the staff that not only the
21 Advisory Committee but the grant recipients, the communities and the individuals
22 who receive services and the positive outcomes from any research or any data
23 that may be new and interesting that would be published, is the reason why we
24 all do this work. And so I want to say thank you to both the team and the
25 Department and even more to CDC.

1 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Thank you, Dr. Alles.

2 Before I ask for a motion to approve, does that Advisory Committee
3 have any questions or things that are up for discussion regarding the State Plan;
4 the goals and objectives, the activities for the program, that they would like the
5 Block Team to address with the programs? Anything before we move to motion?

6 I don't see anything. I am going to ask for a motion.

7 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: This is Wes. I will make the motion to
8 approve the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Federal Fiscal
9 Year 2024 State Plan.

10 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Thank you, Dr. Alles.

11 And then anyone second that motion?

12 AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: This is Dr. Schlesinger, I will
13 second that.

14 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you, Dr. Schlesinger.

15 And then all in favor say aye or raise your hand.

16 (Ayes.)

17 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Anyone on the Advisory Committee
18 opposed or abstaining please say aye or come off mute and let us know.

19 (No audible response.)

20 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Okay, I will turn it back over to Dr. Alles to
21 adjourn the meeting. Thank you.

22 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay. Thank you. So, the review and the
23 approval process were passed by the Block Grant Committee, the Advisory
24 Committee. And, again, this \$1.5 million is unprecedented. In past decades
25 oftentimes when we got to this point in time people were disappointed because

1 money was taken away or was moved or something. While it wasn't necessarily
2 a big deal, there were attempts by Congress throughout a process before all of
3 our work began in our first meeting. And oftentimes Congress was not totally
4 favorable of prevention efforts, but there were always people and other
5 organizations, the state territorial, for instance, officers were strong. And as
6 states came together and there was communication in that domain, oftentimes
7 Congress came back and added some of the money that they took away. But I
8 don't recall at any time did we get a significant amount of money, neither
9 California nor any other state. So, I am really grateful to the good people who
10 work hard to make the United States, the individual states, communities and
11 people who benefit from this amount of money. In the big scheme of things in
12 the federal government it is not a lot of money. But I certainly appreciate the
13 extra money they added this year.

14 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you.

15 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Well, are there any comments that
16 anybody on the team or on the call today would like to make?

17 Okay. Hearing none then I will call for a motion to end the meeting
18 and looking forward to coming back to our first meeting in the next year. Are
19 there any -- let me say it the other way. All of those who approve that we can
20 adjourn the meeting should say aye.

21 (Ayes.)

22 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you for each of those decisions that
23 have been spoken today.

24 When will we be hearing about our next meeting? What is the
25 timing of that?

1 MR. HOANG: This is Phu Hoang. The next meeting will be
2 sometime in April next year, Wes. We typically send out the invites in early
3 January.

4 AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay. All right.

5 I thank everybody for your time and your wisdom and we will look
6 forward then to next year. This is a wonderful Plan and these programs are
7 certainly going to matter.

8 Okay, I think we can end the call then.

9 AC CO-CHAIR STERN: Thank you. Have a good morning to
10 everyone else.

11 MR. HOANG: Take care, everyone.

12 (The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day
of July, 2024.



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