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10:01 a.m.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Welcome, everyone. It is wonderful that you have been able to join us today. I want to extend my appreciation to all of the Advisory Committee Members that have joined as well as the program staff, not only for the administration team but also for all of the programs that are funded by the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. And I also would like to welcome any members of the public who may have joined us. So I am joined today by the Advisory Committee Chair, Dr. Wes

Alles. We are so lucky to have him as our Chair. And I think we'll go ahead and have Matt Herreid take the roll call for the Advisory Committee Members. And as you all may know, Matt Herreid is our Fiscal Analyst on the administration team. Thank you.

MR. HERREID: Good morning, everybody. Please refer to Document D1. I will call roll. Christy Adams?

AC MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

MR. HERREID: Excellent. Wes Alles? Are you there, Wes?

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: I am here, ready to go.

MR. HERREID: I figured as much. Amber Cordola Hsu?

AC MEMBER HSU: Here.

MR. HERREID: Excellent. Leah Northrop?

AC MEMBER NORTHROP: Here.

MR. HERREID: Fantastic.

Dr. Peck, are you there? I think so.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: I am here.

MR. HERREID: Shira Schlesinger? Dr. Schlesinger?

(No audible response.)

MR. HERREID: Okay. Donna Stone? Donna Stone?

(No audible response.)

MR. HERREID: All right. Christine Wu?

AC MEMBER WU: I am here.

MR. HERREID: Excellent.

AC MEMBER WU: And can you please remove the Solano County affiliation listed.

MR. HERREID: Will do.

AC MEMBER WU: Thank you.

MR. HERREID: Will do. That is six of the eight and I will keep track of the other two in case they join us.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Thank you so much, Matt.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Thank you, Matt.

MR. HERREID: Certainly.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: I appreciate it. So again, would like to thank you all for joining us today. I just want to acknowledge that we have many Advisory Committee Members who have been with us for a long time and have contributed their service to us and we so appreciate it, especially as they provide the benefit of historical knowledge of the Block Grant. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Vicki Pinette who was the Regional Executive Director of the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency. She retired last spring and was a valued member of this Advisory Committee since 2015. We do have a court reporter transcribing this meeting. For that reason, if you wouldn't mind stating your name before speaking to assist the court reporter in taking the notes. I am the Principal Investigator for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant and Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee. And again like to thank you for your service on the Committee and for your ongoing input, guidance and direction. The purpose of today's meeting is to review and approve the May 26, 2022 Advisory Committee meeting minutes, to review the federal fiscal year 2023 proposed funding allocations for state fiscal year '23-24 for the programs that we currently have, and to obtain the Advisory Committee recommendations and approval for those allocations. So as we see on the screen we have the agenda up, which is document D2. And at this point I would like to turn it over to Dr. Alles, the other Co-Chair of the meeting. Dr. Alles.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Yes, thank you, Caroline. It is really an honor for me to be on the Committee and to serve as the Co-Chair with you. I think that the Advisory Committee has established itself as being a dedicated and committed group of individuals who truly want to see public health thrive in California March and (echo heard). There's a little bit of background noise. In any case, I believe that the long-term service for the people who have been on the Committee for 10, 15, 20 years, is an indication of the fulfillment that one could have from serving on an Advisory Committee to one of the important projects that exists and that's the Block Grant, Preventive Health Services Block Grant, and the work that is done on behalf of the people of the state. I think that people do derive fulfillment from that and I hope that everyone who is on the phone today and the two others who may still join us, I hope that you feel pride and a sense of fulfillment for the work you do on the Committee. And I also would like to extend that concept to all of the people who work in the Department of Public Health and specifically on the Block Grant. We have a really excellent group of staff members who make our jobs easier to manage and so I want to thank all of you. And as Caroline mentioned, there are -- the opportunity for members of the public to join us is out there. Traditionally we haven't had people join us, I think there were only a couple of meetings where there were folks on. But prior to voting and after discussion with the Advisory Committee Members I will ask that the members of the public would identify themselves if they are on the phone, and if not then we will record that there was nobody present. But I will go through that each time and so it is possible that somebody may join towards the middle or toward the end. So I will end with that and just say thank you very much for all the service that everyone is giving for the Block Grant. Caroline.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes, thank you so much, Wes. I think now we are -- okay. So now we are going to see if the Advisory Committee Members would like to quickly introduce themselves. There have been some changes in where people are working.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: And we would have time just for --

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Could you give your name and kind of your role in California, in California public health, that would be appreciated. And so why don't we go ahead and do that. Christine, would you like to start?

AC MEMBER WU: Can you give me five minutes --

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Yes.

AC MEMBER WU: -- and let somebody else go in front of me? Thank you.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes, that's fine. How about Leah Northrop?

AC MEMBER NORTHROP: Good morning. My name is Leah Northrop, I am the Sutter County Branch Director for Public Health.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Thank you, Leah. If you could just call on the next person. I see Christy Adams has joined us, maybe you can go next.

AC MEMBER ADAMS: Yes, sure, absolutely. Hello, good morning, everyone, Christy Adams here. I am the Trauma Prevention Coordinator over here at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. We are a level 1 ped/Level 1 adult trauma center, and we focus primarily in our program on senior fall prevention, violence intervention and child passenger safety initiatives.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Thank you so much. How about Shira Schlesinger?

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: Could I also go at the end? I am having some audio issues.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Okay, that's fine. Matt, would you be able to call on --

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Do you want me to call them, Caroline?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes, please, Wes, that would be fabulous, thank you.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Sure.

AC MEMBER WU: I'm ready. (Laughter.)

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Go ahead, Christine.

AC MEMBER WU: So I am Christine Wu; I am currently the Napa County Health Officer and Deputy Director for the Health and Human Services Agency. And I switched over from Solano County Public Health over in January so just wanted to update you all on that. So that's it.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Thank you. Thank you so much, Christine, that's wonderful. How about Dr. Hsu? Oh, maybe she -- Donna Stone? Okay. And then I know Dr. Schlesinger was having some issues with --but she is actually from the EMS and Disaster

Preparedness Programs. Donna Stone, also from Northern California EMS. And Amber from the Department of Medicine in the Preventive Cardiology Program in Irvine. So we can move on to the next piece.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Did --

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Go ahead, Wes.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Did Leah get a chance to go?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes she did, yes she did.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: And I want to congratulate Christine who was the Deputy Health Officer at Solano and now is the Health Officer at Napa, and a graduate of the Preventive Medicine Residency Program. I was so happy to have you, have you, Christine, and congratulations on your promotion. All right. So at this point I would like to turn it over to any CDPH or EMSA program staff who would like to identify themselves by name and program only.

MS. WISE: Hi, good morning, this is Angela Wise, Assistant Chief of EMS Systems of EMSA. I am on the call.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Thank you.

MS. WISE: Mm-hmm.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Well, hearing no one else I think we can move on. And so if there is a member of the public on the call who would like to introduce themselves please feel free to do so.

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Okay. So if there are any questions from the public, Dr. Alles will be reserving a space after each agenda item; that will be the opportunity for the public to ask questions. So just so you know that those opportunities will be, will be stated throughout the meeting. And if you do have a question please identify yourself before, before asking the question. Good. And I will turn it back over to Dr. Alles.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Thank you, Caroline. I wanted to just also talk about the Block Grant. There was a time many decades ago when money was granted specifically to -- that was coming from the federal level, money to programs and issues that the federal government thought was important. But California is not like Florida and North Dakota is not like Kansas City. And so President Reagan created Block Grants, indicating that it would be much better to disburse the money, to allocate the money within the state because their needs would be different and it would give them more flexibility and more efficiency in the work they do. And I think that without the Block Grants many of the programs that we currently fund and that we are seeking to fund for next year would not, would not exist. The Block Grant gives the state the opportunity to look at programs that may not have ever come up before in the past and a good example of that is the COVID. There needed to be flexibility for not only financial resources but also for staff within the health departments to do what was necessary to manage the immediate crisis. Over the years the programs that have been funded have been really spectacular.

The Advisory Committee asked that the funds not be taken from the Block Grant and put into other needs. We asked that each program would be funded for at least two years. We created a kind of a mandate that all of the requests for funding provide a proposal similar to a research proposal where the objectives and the activities and the evaluation would be presented. And that gave then the Department the chance to tidy that up a bit perhaps or make recommendations about how it could be, have a better chance of being funded if certain things were presented perhaps in a different format. So there are -- have been a number of experimental programs and I know that medical residency program is a good example of that. And as Caroline just mentioned, we have a member of the Committee, Christine Wu, who is a graduate of that program and so that's a great payoff for the kind of flexibility that we will be talking about. So I want to move on then to Agenda 3, Agenda Item Number 3, that we review and have a discussion of the May 26, '22 meeting. The D3 document is the court reporter transcript from our last meeting on May 26. Now, that's a word-for-word and that gives me an opportunity to remind you again that before you speak give your name. The document is long and the way that I use that, and I presume most if not all of the people would look at Document D4, because it is a summary that was written from the court reporter's notes into a document that summarizes the meeting minutes and it is kind of a recap of main points. So if you haven't already, if you would pull up Document D4, then what I will do is to take a look at the document. I had it up here, just a second. Okay. And I'll just give you -- as I go through this if you notice that I made an error or if you want to ask a question, please do that. The first point is, again, we are talking about the May 26 meeting. There were 8 out of 10 Committee members who were present. There were 5 members of the Department's, Department of Public Health team. We had 4 guest speakers speaking on Cal-EIS Fellowship Program, CDPH Preventive Medicine Residency Program, Center for Healthy Families and the EMS Systems Division. The meeting was called to order at 10:04. There were Welcome and Introductions. I indicated that the purpose of the meeting is to review and approve the April 5, 2022 Advisory Committee meeting minutes and to review the federal fiscal year 2022 State Plan.

Dr. Peck provided a brief overview of the Block Grant funding since 2020. So it was a summarization of the amount of dollars and some information about how that was spent, inclusive, in 2020 through federal fiscal year 2022. Agenda Item Number 2 was invited speaker Diana Ramos and she presented on the Center for Healthy Families. Agenda Item Number 3 in that meeting, in our last meeting, the Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the April 5 meeting minutes. There were discussion and comments and the action item was to approve the April 5 minutes and that was unanimous. Agenda Item Number 4 was the 2022 State Plan and Dr. Peck provided a brief overview of the fiscal '22 State Plan. And that action item was approved again unanimously to approve the federal fiscal year '22 State Plan. Agenda Item Number 5 was the program presentations from the people who I mentioned their names earlier. There was discussion and comment about those programs. And Agenda Item Number 6 was adjournment and the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Caroline, is there anything that you recall that didn't make the summary list that may be important?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: No, I think you've covered it, Wes, thank you.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Anybody on the Committee want to make a comment or ask a question?

Okay. Hearing none then, let's see here. So that was the

opportunity to discuss and suggest revisions. There were no comments or questions. And now I want to ask for the public --

MS. WISE: I'm sorry, Dr. Alles, it sounded like you were going to move on. This is Angela Wise from EMSA.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Yes.

MS. WISE: I wanted to notate that CEMSIS is spelled incorrectly. You spelled it with a K and CEMSIS is C-E-M-S-I-S, California Emergency

Medical Services Information System.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay, thank you.

MS. WISE: You're welcome.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay. Is there a member of, any member of the public that would like to be heard? Okay, hearing none then we will make -- we will move to the action item, which is to approve the May 26, 2022 minutes. I will ask for a motion and a second and then ask all in favor, opposed or abstaining. So may I ask that someone make a motion to approve?

AC MEMBER ADAMS: Sure. This is Christy Adams; I move that we approve the minutes.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Thank you, Christy.

AC MEMBER WU: Dr. Alles, I will second that but I would like to make an amendment to approve the minutes with the correction of what Angela Wise suggested for correcting the spelling.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay. Let the record reflect that change. Thank you for bringing that up. So we have a motion and a second and now I will call for the vote. All those in favor please signify by saying "aye."

(Ayes.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Are there any not in favor of the motion?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: And so that -- is there anybody who'd abstain?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay. So the motion to approve the May 26, 2022 minutes has been approved. And Caroline, I am going to turn it back over to you now.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Thank you so much, Wes, and for the Committee for approving those minutes. Okay, so, Phu, would you be able to bring up the document D6, the changes for FFY 2023, or whoever is doing that? Okay, thank you so much. So as you can see, you know, Vicki Pinette did retire. We are so thankful to her for her years of service with us. She was on the emergency management services side. And as far as new staff for the administration of the Block Grant: We have a new Branch Chief named

Lauren Groves. And she comes to us from the private sector and then working in the Tobacco Control Branch before coming -- and Alzheimer's Disease Program before becoming the Branch Chief.

She, sadly, couldn't be with us today as she is on vacation. We also have Yolanda Murillo, who is the Assistant Branch Chief for the Chronic Disease Control Branch. So Steven (phonetic), who many of you may remember from before, actually took a promotion in another department so we are delighted to have Yolanda as our Assistant Branch Chief. The last person who joined the administration team is Arpita Mehta. Arpita came to us from Caltrans. She is the fiscal lead for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant working closely with Matt and Phu and Amy. Both Yolanda and Lauren are in-kind, they are not paid by the Block Grant, they have other sources of funding.

Okay, so we'll move on to the anticipated federal fiscal year 2023 funding allocation. And we don't have the exact number at the moment because we wait for the CDC to give us, you know, they post kind of the preliminary award to California. It usually doesn't change that much, it might go up or down by \$100,000, and then we get the final notice of award sometime in the fall.

But we move forward with our planning kind of under the assumption that we'll get the same funding as we did in FFY 2022, which was \$10,515,205. So we develop the State Plan by soliciting programs to submit their objectives and their activities to us and so we - - so that has been in place. We want to thank the programs for turning these around so quickly and doing such a good job and thinking about what objectives and activities they want to do next year. Because we received no directive from the -- directive from above, we decided to just move forward with funding the programs, the same programs that we have funded for the last four years, and we will leave it up to the Director if he wants to change the programs for, you know, the following fiscal year, state fiscal year, which will be '24-25. But we haven't had that decision yet so for the purposes of this meeting and this State Plan we are going to continue to fund the same programs. I think this is due to, you know, how public health was really focused on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and that is only now just winding down. So like Dr. Alles said earlier, we have some wonderful programs who have been doing amazing work for a number of years so we are quite happy with funding the same programs at this point. During COVID we had built up a balance of about \$4 million that was impeding our ability to fully expend the Block Grant each year. So once we realized that then we allocated out that \$4 million to a number of different special projects that were included in the prior year's State Plan. And our -- I would say our programs did a fantastic job in proposing additional activities that were consistent with the State Plan and actually implementing them and, you know, just doing some additional great work for Californians. So we have been able to pretty much fully expend the last couple of years thanks to the amazing work they did in getting the money out the door on these important activities. So we are, we are still kind of coming up with whether we will have a balance for, you know, to do some additional special projects or increase allocations for the, for the programs in state fiscal year '23-24. But we will have to wait a little bit to see -- to see. But it certainly is going to be nothing like \$4 million. We hope to have maybe about \$300,000 of unspent funds from this prior year. So like I said, for the purposes of this meeting we will be developing the State Plan with the money that we anticipate having, which is the \$10.5 million.

AC MEMBER WU: Dr. Peck?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes.

AC MEMBER WU: I just wanted to note that on D6 and D7 --

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes.

AC MEMBER WU: -- we have listed Wednesday, April 4th as our Committee meeting and today is actually Tuesday, so there is a typo there.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Oh, thank you so much, Christine, I appreciate you picking that up. So for the court reporter, if you can note that, and we will -- I don't know that we'll be able to like tweak these documents but we will just have this in the meeting minutes. We did make a mistake and it was noted. Thank you, Dr. Wu. Okay. So our next action item is to approve these proposed federal fiscal year 2023 changes. So I would like to ask for a motion and a second and then we can vote whether we are in favor, opposed or abstain. So would an Advisory Committee Member propose a motion?

AC MEMBER NORTHROP: This is Leah Northrop, I'll motion to approve.

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: Sorry, Dr. Peck, before we go on.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes.

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: I've looked through the documents and I was a little bit confused where this allocation, this is other than that \$4 million that was kind of -- other than that change where else in what documents this allocation change was placed, other than that Changes document?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Okay. I would just say that it is we know there will be a change but we haven't got the final amount, the final amount that we will be granted from CDC. Does that make sense?

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: It does. I guess I am just a little bit confused how we can vote on it without actually knowing truly what it will be.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Okay. Yes, that's -- well, we are in the -- I completely understand what you are saying and I think it is -- maybe we could rephrase the motion. And it would be, would the Advisory Committee -- or rephrase the discussion, then I can ask for another motion. Which would be, the Advisory Committee, do you approve funding the same programs at approximately the same funding level as we did in federal fiscal year 2022? Even though we don't know the exact number, but it is kind of like we want to fund the programs proportionately, whatever the number is that changes. Is that clear?

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: Got it. Okay, yes. So maybe that rephrasing is useful.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Okay. So, Leah, did you propose the motion? Would you like to?

AC MEMBER NORTHROP: Sure. I propose to approve a motion as you last described.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Thank you, Leah. Is there a second?

AC MEMBER WU: This is Dr. Wu, I second the motion.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Thank you both. So, all those in favor please say "aye."

(Ayes.)

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Are there any abstentions?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Are there any opposed?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: All right, thank you so much. So we will

fund the same programs at approximately the same level with the federal fiscal year 2023 dollars once we, once we receive the final amount from CDC. Much appreciated. Okay, so I think, so I think we have gone through, okay. Phu, would you be able to bring up document D7, the program descriptions? Okay, wonderful. Now can you scroll down? Yes. Thank you so much. Okay. I'll just read out the titles. Many of our program staff today, you know, the programs implementing, you know, their objectives and activities with the Block Grant funds were not able to join today because we have a award ceremony for the Department. So just if any of you guys are wondering why the meeting isn't as fully attended as possible, that's why. So, one of the programs is Advancing Climate Change and Health Programs at local health departments, tribes and within CDPH. And we have also the California Asylum Seeker Health Surveillance and Linkage to Care Program. We have the California Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Program. And just want to note that the Block Grant mostly does not fully fund these programs, often there's other sources of funding that contribute. But the Block Grant funding is a critical piece of funding that comes in and often allows programs to apply for grants and raise additional funding for these very important topics. We have the Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program. And then at the Emergency Medical Services Authority we have a Prehospital Data and Information Services and Quality Improvement Program. And the EMS Systems Operations, Planning and Specialty Care Program. We fund the Health in All Policies Program. As well as the Healthy People 2030 Program. The Injury Prevention Program, a longstanding program. Public Health Accreditation Program. The federally mandated Rape Prevention Program. That's our set-aside program. And we have a surveillance program for sampling of leafy greens to check for bacteria. And we fund the Office of Strategic Development and External Relations, the Fusion Center, which is now called the Office of Policy and Planning, it has a new name. And we have the Toxicological Outbreaks Program. The Tuberculosis Free California Program. In the Workforce Development section we have two programs, the Preventive Medicine Residency Program and the California Epidemiologic Investigation Service Fellowship. So all just doing a wonderful job for the state. Okay, so let's go over the allocations. Do we have a document that you could bring up on that?

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: I think it is Document 8.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes, okay. Sorry. Okay, fabulous, there. So this is very complicated. No, this isn't the one I was thinking of. This just lists out the funding for each of those different programs and where they are allocated within the centers in California Department of Public Health. And then if you just scroll down a little bit more then we come to the Rape Set-Aside funding. So you can see the CDPH total is about 7 million. The Rape Set-Aside is 825,408 and that is decided by the feds based on population, so it changes every 10 years when they do the new census. And then the Emergency Medical Services Authority funding is about \$2.6 million, to get to the total. So the federal fiscal year 2023 award is actually given to us in -- you know, as long as the federal budget has been signed the timeframe is from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024. So the programs are given their allocations for state fiscal year

'23-24 so they have 12 months to expend. And then we have three months to make sure that we fully expended that grant and then we submit our federal financial reports to the CDC. So we also have included the Attachment D5, which is Advisory Committee Principles of Allocation. And we have had a discussion at the September 4, 2019 meeting to determine these. I think this is one of the main roles of the Advisory Committee is it helps guide the Director in deciding how the Block Grant funds should be allocated. So when they are making funding decisions that they could use these to help guide them.

Now, last year we realized that this is very hard to, you know, this is a lot of information and so we thought, well, let's just really tone it down, find out what the Advisory Committee thinks are the most important things among all of these. So we did a survey. Thank you very much for participating in that in the fall, last fall of 2022. These are the top criteria voted on by the Advisory Committee Members who participated. I believe it -- I think it was eight members participated. So the size of the problem and condition was felt to be the most important. Let's see. Yes. The cost-effectiveness of the interventions that were being worked on by the programs. Ensuring that health equity cuts across funded programs. And then to link with the strategic goals of the state and Healthy People 2030 at the federal level. And that programs engage communities at the local level. And the impact of terminating the program. So I think this is a much better, you know, criteria for allocating funds that can be shared with the Director. Just because there's fewer of them and so really we can, you know, I think they can look through this lens of these six principles as they weigh the importance of funding programs or funding new programs or increasing funding to additional -- or to continuing programs or new programs. So as I said, we haven't done that funding proposal process at the Director's level for, you know, since prior to COVID. We are currently inquiring of the Director whether he would want to go through that process this year in order to tweak things for state fiscal year '24-25. But for '23-24, we will be continuing with our same programs.

AC MEMBER WU: I have a quick question, Dr. Peck.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes.

AC MEMBER WU: This is Christine Wu.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes.

AC MEMBER WU: I am curious. For the \$4 million worth of special projects for state fiscal year '22-23, are any of those programs continuing to request funding and/or have they received additional funding?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Great question. They have not requested additional funding at this point because we -- they spent their 4 million in addition to their allocation for last year. And right now we are -- we track the funds very intensively and that's done by Matt Herreid. And so right now kind of in spring is where we will be getting a sense of how much programs anticipate spending in '22-23 and how much of a balance we may have to reallocate out to programs to either complement their work or do some additional special projects. There will be an opportunity, if it turns out that we have a significant balance, for programs to request additional funding. Is that clear?

AC MEMBER WU: Thank you. Do we have a list of what those special projects are?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: I believe we did share those but if not we can certainly send them after the meeting.

AC MEMBER WU: Great. Thank you so much.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: You're welcome. And the programs had to do special projects that were consistent with the prior year's State Plan because the funds can only be spent on things in the prior year -- in the State Plan on activities. And so really it was kind of more of the same of whatever they had written in their objectives in the activities. Like for example if they were -- but we were very grateful that programs were able to come up with these special projects and these additional activities so that we could fully expend the allocation from the feds. Are there any other questions? Okay. Okay. So the six that we brought up were the final six that, you know. There was a seventh one that addressed, also referred to health equity so we just sort of combined those two so that we had six principles of allocation. Okay. All right. So at this point I am going to turn it over to Dr. Alles and the Advisory Committee Members for discussion around these kind of the results of the survey and these principles for allocation. I think we internally discussed whether or not we would have the Advisory Committee Members vote to approve these principles for allocation but we decided that actually we'd like to have, give a little bit more time for the Advisory Committee Members to digest these priorities that came up as well as maybe have a meeting to discuss what each of them means and maybe come up with a definition later before we vote to approve what they are, just so that we could maximize the input about what these mean and how to communicate that to the Director. So, Dr. Alles, I will turn it over to you.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: All right, thank you, Dr. Peck. So we eliminated health -- excuse me, equity and health status, which was one that the Committee voted for. But due to the repetitiveness with the third highest ranked priority, which is that health equity cuts across funded programs, it seemed to be a more inclusive concept. And it makes sense that the wording say something to the effect that all programs that are funded we would have an expectation -- from this grant, that we would have an expectation that health equity would be a part of that. I have a couple of points that would just maybe help characterize, give you a sense of what people have been thinking about in the Department. And so I am going to read four points and that may seed some conversation afterward about the concept of equity. The State Health Equity Plan will strive to evaluate equity as a public health priority. Number two, reflect and strategically align with existing activities related to equity. Provide guidelines, establish priorities and set goals for equity statewide. And number four, build an evidence base for long-term equity, infrastructure investments and for state and local public health services. So I read those from some initial thoughts that had been written down and that gives you maybe a sense of what the Department is thinking about relative to equity. I want to open up the conversation now at this time about the allocations. I wonder if there were any comments or questions that an Advisory Committee Member would like to make relative to what you saw on the allocations. I believe that was Document 8, right? So would anybody like to comment or question? Okay. Let me ask if there is any member of the public who has joined us and if you have questions or comments please be encouraged to speak now. Okay. So hearing no questions, are you sure that you don't want to ask a question or comment? Okay. The Advisory Committee and the CDPH have done our diligence to discuss allocations and to finalize them today. Before we take a vote on the allocations we want to note that, for the record, that since we serve as an advisory board to the Block Grant for California, in the event that any unanticipated changes may occur where it is necessary to the individual program, where it refers to any of the individual program allocations. In part, what that means is that we would defer to the California Department of Public Health and allow that those changes be made. And I think that that sentence was -- I believe this program has gone for 23 years, this may be our 23rd year. And that we established that in one of the very first meetings that we had. That

sometimes things change and changes in what had been approved or recommended by the Advisory Committee may no longer be feasible, either because of time or for some other complication. That would require another meeting and then trying to get a quorum of the Block Grant Committee Members, Advisory Committee Members, to get together. We also expressed in that, in the minutes when we created that exception, that we know a lot less about the Department than the Department and that there are maybe nuances that wouldn't even be appropriate for the Advisory Committee to know. But in any case, even if it was possible that information could be shared with us, we wanted to show respect to the Department for the needs that came up. And again, I take that back in similarity to many of the things that happened during COVID and for the last couple of years there have been changes that have occurred out of necessity. So what I would like to -- are we still asking for a vote on this, Caroline? I think we need to do that, right? In terms of the allocations, that we approve the allocations.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes, let's -- yes, we would need to take a vote. And I just want to add on to your explanation that, yes, and thank you for explaining that. But also like we don't really anticipate any major changes; like I said before, the 2023 award will be fairly similar. And if we -- and when we have to adjust for like a new number, either up or down, we make the changes proportionally with the exception of the Rape Set-Aside, which is a fixed amount. So, you know, we don't -- so we appreciate the authority that you would give us to make the changes but things won't look terribly different from what we see on the screen today. So thank you, thank you, Wes.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: And thank you for that qualification as well. So again I am going to ask, is there any member of the public before we move on? I know I just did that but I want to make sure that at the very end here there was nobody who was hoping to make a comment from the public. Okay, so then Agenda Item Number 6 is adjournment. And again what I would like to do is call for a motion that we approve the allocations as they were prepared and as we viewed them today, and recognizing that these are the same programs that are being funded. And I will ask for, or I will state the motion, which is that we allocate, we recommend an allocation for the specific programs that are listed, that those allocations be recommended to the Department. Is there any amendment that somebody might have to the wording of that? Okay, hearing none then I will ask for a motion, a second and whether anybody abstained. So who will make the motion for this?

AC MEMBER WU: Dr. Alles, this is Dr. Wu. So moved.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Very good, thank you. And a second?

AC MEMBER ADAMS: This is Christy Adams.AC MEMBER NORTHROP: Second.

AC MEMBER ADAMS: Sorry, go ahead.

AC MEMBER NORTHROP: No, go ahead.

AC MEMBER ADAMS: Christy Adams, I second the motion.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay, we have a motion and a second and so we'll call the item. All those in favor of the motion as it was stated please indicate by saying, "aye."

(Ayes.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Is anybody opposed?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Is there any abstention?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: In that case then the motion has been approved and we will forward that recommendation then to the Department. I want to thank everybody. This is the end of the agenda. Is there -- first of all, Dr. Peck, would you like to say something to the Committee? And then I will ask if Committee members would like to say something.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes. Just thank you all so much for your commitment, we couldn't do this without you. And I appreciate the request to share the information about the special projects because it really cuts across all the programs, EMS, cardiovascular disease, you know. And so we will be more than happy to share that with you. But thank you again and I will turn it back to you, Dr. Alles.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay. Would somebody like to make a comment on something perhaps that we -- you thought about a question or a comment related to the agenda? Or it may be a question or comment that wasn't part of the agenda but you think it would, it may help the Advisory Committee and/or the Department?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Okay. In that case then I will ask the court reporter to document the time that we closed the meeting, that we adjourned. And I wanted to mention earlier when we were talking about equity that sometime in the fall we will have a special meeting of the Advisory Committee and the purpose of that would be to, with maybe additional thinking, have conversation about the -- about the four points that were raised and about any other questions that may come up that weren't presented within those four points, of suggestions that could be made. So at this time then I will adjourn the meeting.

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: (Raised hand) Actually.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Oh, go ahead.

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: Sorry. I was prompted just by that statement. I actually think that would be wonderful because this is only my second year on this Committee but I guess I -- given that these are our priorities I find that I am a little bit confused how we are contributing to verifying or advising that the current programs are actually meeting any of these priorities, or if that is really not part of our purview. But I think having a meeting where the programs are presented --

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Yes.

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: -- in terms of how they are perceived as meeting our priorities for allocation, would be really wonderful. AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Yes. You know, that's a great point that you are making. That is the way that the Committee operated in the past. We used to have lots and lots of spreadsheets to help us and we would spend a full day just on the -- there was kind of a historical lead up too but then here's where we are today and we're asking for comments and does anybody feel that there's a program that was listed and would you like to advocate if it wasn't one that was having received tentative or -- well, tentative is a good word. That it may have received tentative recommendation from the Department. But that we had many people and

many conversations that sometimes made a difference. I would like, I think that's a much better way of doing things. But given COVID and given the kinds of things that we needed to -- not -- and given the time availability and being able to give flexibility to the Department, that it was just impossible, we have had to do this over the last couple of years. My guess is at some point in the short term we would go back to that. It was lively conversation and everybody understood. We went project by project by project and each project that tentatively had been funded; they had somebody there to answer questions that might be asked by an Advisory Committee Member.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: So.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Caroline. Caroline, were you going to say something?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: I would like to if you're done. When you're done, yes. Dr. Schlesinger, I think that's a wonderful suggestion. We can certainly collect information from the programs before our fall meeting about how they see themselves in those new six priorities and we can have them come and present. And yes, I think both Dr. Alles and I really welcome more input from the Advisory Committee. And like he said, it hasn't been like that. But I think our Director would be open to that kind of input from the Advisory Committee about what you think are the priorities for California. So yes. And then we can certainly share, you know, the results of that meeting. So I think, you know, maybe the first part we'll be talking about what those six priorities kind of mean, like, what is the definition of them? Like something like size and, you know severity of the problem. Well, you know, that's pretty straightforward. But some of the other things we might want to just discuss so that we can come to consensus on what it means. And then we can have the programs talk about, you know, how they feel that they meet those priorities and you can learn more about what they are actually doing and how they are achieving those. So yes, great suggestion, really appreciate it. AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: And one of the other things we haven't talked about in several years is the issue of the proposals.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Maybe someone on the staff could pull those up. Because we talked about the importance of answering specific questions like what are the, what are the objectives. And then at the end of the year when we were looking backwards at what they had stated, then we would ask them about whether or not they achieved all the objectives. And often there would be projects that had written beautiful proposals but there may be one or two of the goals or objectives that weren't accomplished. And we gave them the opportunity then to talk about that because that could be something that could happen to other programs as well. So for an example, if there was only one person in that project, or two people in that project, a manager and somebody who was doing other work for that proposal and directing them to the manager, if either one of those people left it would be understandable if they hadn't been replaced in a short period of time that they wouldn't achieve all of them, and that didn't necessarily then mean they wouldn't get funded in the next year. And so having that list of criteria for the proposals, they all ended up looking, having a similar format. And then that made it easier for the Committee to be able to look at all the programs together and see what sort of variation existed in the responses that they provided?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes. And we do track that. We have, you know, an evaluation component and a quality improvement component for the programs. We also can provide, like, you know, some sources of data for the Advisory Committee, you know, like when we look at size of the problem. Like the Department has a lot of data that they are creating at the Office of Policy and Planning where -- that we could share with you so

that that could help inform your decisions about, you know, what is the biggest -- the biggest size and condition of the problem looked at from many different viewpoints. And we can do that for each of the six principles that were ranked highest by the Advisory Committee. You know, like Dr. Alles brought up, all the information, the direction the Department is moving on health equity. So I think, you know, that will be helpful when we look at that health equity principle.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Yes. And it would be nice to have all of the programs that received allocations then address that specifically and supported with data.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes. Yes. Really the major focus of our Department right now is health equity. The Advisory Committee is in alignment with our Department, which is wonderful, in terms of what you felt the priorities were.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Is there anybody else on the Committee who would like to make a similar presentation or ask a specific question? Okay, then at this point I would indicate that we made the motion and approved it to adjourn the meeting. And whatever time it is right now please document that on the minutes, then. Thank you. And I wish everybody a happy spring and we will get back with you in the fall. Hopefully that will be an additional responsibility and one that will probably bring out some good comments because, you know, you will be heard then, during that meeting. Okay, Dr. Peck, you want to?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes. Thank you so much to everyone, and especially to Dr. Alles, for being such a wonderful leader for us and advisor. And I just want to say thank you to all of the Block Grant administrative team who just keeps everything running and does a fantastic job both from the program side and on the fiscal side. So I wish just to echo Dr. Alles in saying have a wonderful rest of your day and spring and we will be in contact with checking for dates when we can get together for the fall discussion.

MR. HOANG: And Dr. Peck, Dr. Alles, this is Phu. Did we get a vote for a motion to close and adjourn the meeting?

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: What was that, a motion for what?

MR. HOANG: To adjourn the meeting, because that has to be on record as well.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Okay. So can we -- can I have someone who moves to adjourn the meeting, please?

AC MEMBER WU: I have a quick question before we adjourn the meeting.

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes.

AC MEMBER WU: This is Christine Wu. I am curious if there is a plan to return to in-person meetings at some point?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: We would love to. We'll have to -- so it is been a number of years and so we'll have to investigate if we can pay for everyone's travel because I know some people are coming from Southern California. Yes, because the fall meeting would actually be a good time to bring everyone together I think. So why don't we -- that's a great question, Christine. We'll look into it and get back, get back to you all. I think we have the money. We would love to pay for your travel to come up here if you have a day that you can give us, especially in fall. But let's just confirm that we can work something

out to pay for everyone's travel.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Did we not take a vote for adjourning the meeting? Did that somehow slip off?

AC MEMBER ADAMS: I believe we did. I thought I seconded it, I seconded the motion. But I don't recall who made the initial motion.

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Was it Christy, perhaps?

AC CO-CHAIR PECK: Yes, Christy said she --

AC MEMBER ADAMS: Yes, I believe I seconded it.

AC MEMBER WU: Christy, I think that may have been the vote for the allocations. So how about I move that we adjourn the meeting?

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: I'll second that.

AC MEMBER WU: And this is Dr. Wu again.

AC MEMBER SCHLESINGER: This is Dr. Schlesinger, I'll second that one.

AC MEMBER ADAMS: I guess in my head I did that. (Laughter.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: All right. So I'll ask, given the motion and the second then, for a vote to adjourn the meeting. All in favor please signify by saying "aye."

(Ayes.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Any abstentions?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: Any objections?

(No audible response.)

AC CO-CHAIR ALLES: I didn't think so. (Laughter.) Okay. So at this point, then I will declare the meeting has been adjourned.

(The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.)

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