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## UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary March 3, 2021

Alameda: Supervisor Keith Carson, Madison Dwelley, Monica Miller  
 Contra Costa: Supervisor Federal Glover, Lara DeLaney  
 Fresno: Supervisor Buddy Mendes  
 Los Angeles: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Brian Stiger  
 Orange: Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Frank Kim, Peter DeMarco, Megan Dutra, Nicole Wordelman  
 Riverside: Supervisor Manuel Perez, Guillermo Gonzalez  
 Sacramento: Supervisor Sue Frost, Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak  
 San Bernardino: Supervisor Curt Hagman, Chekesha Gilliam, Jeff Sorenson, Steve Wallauch, Nicole Wordelman  
 San Diego: Caroline Smith, Mabi Castro, Denise Becerra, Nerea Urtasun, Matthew Parr, Erin Gilbert  
 San Francisco:  
 San Joaquin: Supervisor Tom Patti, Jolena Voorhis  
 San Mateo: Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate), Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak  
 Santa Clara: Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Angelica Ramos, Michael Rattigan  
 Ventura: Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes

**I. Call to Order**

UCC Chair Supervisor Susan Ellenberg convened the meeting and called the members to order.

**II. Roll Call of Counties**

There were 11 supervisors, 1 alternate, and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

**III. Approval of January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED**

A motion was made to approve the January 13, 2021 minutes; below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Ellenberg, Chair	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Mendes, Vice-Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			

Supervisor Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles	X			
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Vargas	San Diego			X	
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>2</b>	

**IV. Association Matters – Information only**

**IV-A: Final 2021 UCC Meeting Schedule**

The final UCC Board of Directors’ meeting schedule for 2021 was provided as an attachment. Staff noted that Board meetings will be held via zoom, with the possible exception of the November meeting – if public health conditions allow for an in-person gathering as part of the CSAC Annual Conference in Monterey, CA. Also of note, the Board will reserve a 30-minute timeslot starting at 5 p.m. for meetings held via Zoom for an optional supervisor roundtable discussion.

UCC Supervisors’ Group Text - At the request of UCC Chair Susan Ellenberg, staff reached out to UCC Board members in February to seek their participation in a board member group text. This communication method will provide supervisors with a quick way to share information, present a question, and/or check in with their UCC Board colleagues on emergent issues. The real-time communication tool will also help build relationships and camaraderie among UCC Board members. Supervisor Ellenberg encourage members to add their numbers, noting it will be a useful tool to gather opinions, feedback and support on items in a quick manner.

**V. UCC Advocacy – Information only**

**V-A: The Bob Report: Gubernatorial recall timeline**

Bob Giroux with LHGK provided a detailed timeline and memorandum on the gubernatorial recall process in California. The deadline to gather nearly 1.5 million signatures to qualify the recall is March 17. (Update: Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber has since confirmed that recall proponents successfully qualified the recall question.) The timeframe for the recall election is expected to be in early to mid-November.

Bob also reported that both Senate and Assembly houses have waived the 30-day in-print rule for bill introductions. Members have also been asked to move no more than 12 bills each. With that in mind, we may see some consolidation of bills put into larger committee bills this year. Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager will be sworn into the state Senate after winning the special election to replace now-Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

**V-B: Background on MICRA Initiative**

Jean Hurst with HBE provided a memo on the MICRA Reform Initiative. She noted one of the ballot measures that has qualified for the next election will amend the state’s MICRA (Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act) provisions, which statutorily caps liability for healthcare providers. The MICRA coalition in Sacramento reached out seeking UCC’s position on the measure. Not knowing how

the recall was going to roll out, staff wanted to provide the Board with background information in case quick action was needed to get a position on the measure. No action needs to be taken at this time. The MICRA measure will be brought back to the board along with any other qualified measures at a time that is closer to the appropriate election.

**V-C: Update on COVID-19 vaccination rollout and TPA**

Kelly Brooks with HBE provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination rollout. She informed the Board that representatives from the Newsom Administration and Blue Shield were invited to join the March 3 board call to provide more updates about vaccination efforts, however they were unable to attend due to conflicts. She believes there will be more opportunities to talk with them as they have expressed their interest in working with counties. The My Turn Application rollout continues; providers and counties continue to push for an interface with electronic medical records, which the Administration acknowledges will be updated soon. Kelly asked the Board if any counties signed the contract with the Third Party Administrator (Blue Shield). No county responded affirmatively. Additionally, there is a group of county counsels meeting to changes to the contract, which they hope to negotiate with the Newsom Administration. The contract was written for providers and not necessarily counties; one of the questions raised is if counties even need a contract. Blue Shield's position is they would like counties to have contracts, most likely to monitor the data flows and outcomes. Blue Shield is working on a document explaining the transition from where we are today, where we want to be by the end of March, and what signing the third-party contract means. There are concerns on how the Third Party Administrator will control the flow of vaccines to individual counties and concerns about what this means for counties and how it will work locally. Since things are changing so rapidly with the roll-out, the advocacy team was asked to request a meeting with the Third Party Administrator and the board will make themselves available for that meeting. A suggestion was made to create a top five list of concerns counties have and focus on those so we have a unified voice and message.

**V-D: Highlights on high-profile 2021 bill introductions**

HBE provided a memo along with a list of UCC Priority Bills that have been introduced since the mid-February deadline. A priority bill on local redistricting - SB 594 (Glazer) - will be the vehicle for statutory adjustments to accommodate the delay in receipt of census data until September 30, which has created significant time constraints on counties. The UCC advocacy team has been working with legislative staff, Governor's office, stakeholders, community groups, and county registrars to work out timeframes and obligations. There is pressure to get this done by summer so an urgency measure can be adopted and counties can move forward with the work at the local level. Staff is interested in hearing feedback/suggestions on how to move forward. Supervisor Buddy Mendes from Fresno county noted that having a committee ready to push things forward would be helpful.

**V-E: 2021-22 state budget update**

Jean Hurst provided a memo detailing the \$7.6 billion COVID relief package that was approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Also included in the budget update is the school reopening compromise between the Legislature and the Administration, ensuring that schools will be reopening within the month. Bills to effectuate school reopening were heard in committee, and while there appears to be real concern in COVID hot-spot areas, the anticipation is the bills will be approved and sent to the Governor.

DJJ Realignment update – UCC has been working with CSAC, the Probation Chiefs Association, and Administration on trailer bill language to facilitate implementation of SB 823 (2020). The trailer bill (or bills) will include various conforming and technical changes as well as supplemental provisions to create a secure dispositional track for high-need youth who will be cared for and treated at the local level beginning July 1, 2021.

**VI. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**VII. Topics for Next Meeting**

**VIII. Supervisor Roundtable**

Staff has provided this agenda item for Supervisors to discuss current issues of impact and/or importance in their communities.

**San Bernardino** – Their county is the first to use the My Turn software. There were some issues with the software, and they had to revert to their old system for now. Several UCC board members expressed similar concerns with the software in their counties.

**Riverside** – Their county is hoping to get an audience with Dr. Ghaly and Secretary Ana Matosantos with regards to farm workers and vaccines with respect to best practices with hard to reach communities.

**Sacramento** – Their county is working with Assembly Member Cooley on a \$2 million state budget ask for traffic and safety to support multi-agency task forces regarding side shows (dangerous street racing). They have written a letter of support and encourage other counties who are experiencing this issue to send a letter as well. The County also is sponsoring AB 821 (Cooper) relating to sexually violent predators and notification requirements when an SVP is expected to be released into the community. The County also has submitted a \$1 million state budget ask for statewide coroner training associated with mass fatality events. Lastly, their county is having problems with illegal fireworks and is requesting funding to create a task force to address this issue.

**Alameda** – Their county is focusing on all things COVID-related and are having success with administering vaccines in diverse communities. They are working on rent relief programs and many are in the HomeKey program. Their county is lobbying the federal government for additional funding for these programs.

**San Joaquin** – Their county has created a 2x2x2 task force made up of two Board members, Mayor and city council, CAO and City Manager, and soon, two members from the Continuum of Care for the Homeless program. This effort is intended to address funding and increase emergency shelter capacity.

**IX. Adjournment**

Our next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** via Zoom.