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UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary May 19, 2021

Alameda: Supervisor Keith Carson, Monica Miller
 Contra Costa: Supervisor Federal Glover, Lara DeLaney, Jim Gross
 Fresno: Supervisor Buddy Mendes
 Los Angeles: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Patricia Carbajal
 Orange: Peter DeMarco (Alternate)
 Riverside: Supervisor Manuel Perez
 Sacramento: Supervisor Sue Frost, Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak
 San Bernardino: Supervisor Curt Hagman, Chekesha Gilliam, Jeff Sorenson
 San Diego: Caroline Smith (Alternate), Madeline Shute, 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, Danielle Christian, Michael Rattigan
 Ventura: Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes, Michael Powers

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 10 supervisors, 3 alternates, and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of March 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the March 3, 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 (Alternate) | Orange | X | | | |

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| Supervisor Perez | Riverside | X | | | |
| Supervisor Frost | Sacramento | X | | | |
| Supervisor Hagman | San Bernardino | X | | | |
| Supervisor Vargas (Alternate) | San Diego | X | | | |
| Vacant | San Francisco | | | X | |
| Supervisor Patti | San Joaquin | X | | | |
| Supervisor Groom (Alternate) | San Mateo | X | | | |
| Supervisor Long | Ventura | X | | | |
| Vote Total | | 13 | | 1 | |

IV. Association Matters

IV-A: Proposed 2021-22 UCC Association Budget – Action Item - APPROVED

Staff prepared and provided an overview of the UCC proposed 2021-22 budget, highlighting some key factors:

- The proposed 2021-22 budget represents a status quo budget with estimated revenues of \$539,000 and estimated expenditures of \$545,800. These totals include corporate sponsorships of \$21,000 and are used exclusively for the UCC receptions held during the two in-person UCC Board meetings at the CSAC Legislative Conference and the CSAC Annual Meeting. Staff noted that we are looking forward to welcoming our sponsors back to in-person events and are reviewing options now.
- The budget also includes an adjustment to reflect updated rental costs, as the Association Administrator has moved from the CSAC building to the Eleventh and L Building (1127 11th Street) at half the monthly rent amount along with other miscellaneous expenses. Staff also noted the Association Administrator’s employment contract expires in February 2022; and they will work with UCC leadership to renegotiate that contract later in the year.

A motion was made to approve the UCC Proposed 2021-22 budget; 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 (Alternate) | Orange | X | | | |
| Supervisor Perez | Riverside | X | | | |
| Supervisor Frost | Sacramento | X | | | |
| Supervisor Hagman | San Bernardino | X | | | |
| Supervisor Vargas (Alternate) | San Diego | X | | | |
| Vacant | San Francisco | | | X | |
| Supervisor Patti | San Joaquin | X | | | |
| Supervisor Groom (Alternate) | San Mateo | X | | | |
| Supervisor Long | Ventura | X | | | |
| Vote Total | | 13 | | 1 | |

V. UCC Advocacy – Information only

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux with LHGK provided brief state updates noting that the Governor's May Revision is tearing apart the Children's Behavioral Health Proposal. Bob spoke with Senator Richard Pan and believes that they will be doing Budget Trailer Bills all summer, noting the Legislature has a lot of questions that need to be answered and this may turn out to be a long summer.

V-B: Update on Governor's May Revision

Jean Hurst with HBE provided an overview of the Governor's May Revision, noting a historic \$75.6 billion dollar surplus. The details on the proposals are still being reviewed and staff will be working on an appropriation framework. One of the significant challenges in the May Revision is the appropriations limit; the State is taking more than appropriated for. The framework the administration has proposed is tax relief and funding for schools. She also noted some high priority items from UCC's perspective:

- \$12 billion investment in homelessness. The Assembly and Senate Budget committees heard presentations on homelessness, which includes investments in Project Homekey and family homelessness.
- Investment in Behavioral Health Infrastructure and acquiring facilities to provide resources.
- Additional funds for Project Roomkey and other grants like planning and assessment. Jean noted that three counties are asking for additional flexibilities to ensure there are staff and services to support individuals who get put in these facilities. The anticipation is that a broad structure will be happening and details will be in trailer bill language.
- Funding for Recall Election. The cost to fund a recall election is in the \$400 million dollar range and staff wants to make sure costs are covered for counties.
- \$7 billion investment in Broadband Infrastructure. Staff is advocating an expansion and working with a coalition. There are not a lot of details but they will be working on it over next few weeks.

Liz with HBE provided an overview on two corrections proposals in the May Revision:

- Fine and Fee Forgiveness Program. The May Revision allocates \$300 million in one-time federal ARPA funds to support the Fine and Fee Forgiveness Program for individuals with traffic and non-traffic infractions from the last 5 years. This proposal is targeted for individuals who do not have the ability to pay.
- Cash Bail System Program. For nearly a decade the Legislature has tried to reform the cash bail system, and voters rejected SB 10 that the Governor ultimately signed. \$140 million is allocated to support court processes and local county business processes to support pre-trial decisions that result in least restrictive settings. Counties will continue to be under pressure to respond to these court changes in the bail reform area, so if this proposal contains resources, it will be a good for counties to weigh in to support those additional resources.

Supervisor Carson from Alameda county asked if there were draw down dates for Project Homekey and how long programs would be funded. Staff noted that Project Homekey has a 2-year expenditure until 2023. There is a \$150 million allocation and we do not know how long that allocation will last without the FEMA funding.

Kelly Brooks with HBE provided an overview on Health and Human Services items in the May Revision:

- (Children’s Behavioral Health?) - The Administration did not provide funding for the (Children’s Behavioral Health Proposal?) She noted the department will be coming back in January with a more robust proposal. County hospitals will be allocated \$300 million in funding for public hospitals for increased Covid costs.
- Telehealth Audio Only. There is a large coalition working on a letter regarding Telehealth services. Only providers located in California or border communities and able to provide in-person services to each client served by audio-only telehealth can claim Medi-Cal reimbursement for the service. DHCS will consult with subject matter experts to establish utilization management protocols for all telehealth services prior to implementation of post-pandemic telehealth services.
- IHSS. The May Revision includes keeping the current law in place at 65% state and 35% county sharing ratio and the continuation of the 10 percent over three years option. Counties are asking that the cap be removed or increased, along with more funding for Family First Prevention Services. Right now there is \$122 million allocated in the May Revision and asking for \$250 million.
- Homelessness. The May Revision proposes additional investments into homelessness programs including the Family Homelessness Proposal. The Administration is proposing to stop intake of conservatorships at state hospitals and (want it to go back to counties?) Supervisor Ellenberg commented that this proposal is poorly thought out and it cannot happen without per person funding. Kelly responded saying it is a very difficult proposal and that the Administration will say we are giving counties all the money, however, it will take years to build the facilities and we haven’t seen the language yet on the Behavioral Health. There are a lot of open questions and staff is hoping to get the legislature to understand that this does not have to be implemented right away, but they don’t have a good sense where the Legislature is on this yet. Supervisor Ellenberg responded noting that she doesn’t believe counties have the resources or facilities to do this.

Staff provided an overview on Transportation funding in the May Revision.

The Governor provided substantial funding in the May Revision for a variety of programs:

- \$500 million to augment programs such as Bicycle and walking opportunities at the local level.
- \$500 million to support safety improvements for grade separations and crossings.
- \$1billion for other priority transit and rail projects.
- \$4.2 billion in High Speed Rail funding.
- \$250 million for the Highway and Safety Program.

V-C: Update on COVID-19 vaccinations and reopening timeline

Staff provided updates on COVID-19 vaccinations and reopening timeline and thus far there has been positive response to the vaccines happening throughout the state. Thus far everything is on schedule for opening on June 15th. There are still questions on when the Capitol and state office buildings re-open, what it will look like, as well as county offices discussions on when to bring employees back. We don’t anticipate that the state will provide much guidance in this area, but that it will probably be a county by county decision.

UCC, the League, CSAC, and the Unified Schools districts are working on a letter to Governor Newsom formally asking for transition guidance. Supervisor Frost from Sacramento county asked if there were any conversations happening regarding dropping the state of emergency declaration. Staff responded saying the state of emergency declaration needs to stay in place for now, so that FEMA claims can be finalized.

Long - important infor shared, because there needs to be clarity in the community and what that means.

Jean – a bill to do a commercial moratorium coming, but no sense of where that lands. Language on eviction moratoriums

Barger – their county council heard...they are in beginning process of lifting the waivers (via brown act)

V-D: UCC Priority Bills and Associated Advocacy

AB 339 (Lee) Local Government; local and public meetings – UCC along with a large coalition sent a strong opposition letter to the Assembly Local Government committee. The coalition’s efforts proved to be effective to have the committee scale the bill back some, however Assemblymember Lee and the bill’s sponsors were strongly opposed to the amendments. We are continuing to oppose the bill as a coalition. The bill was moved from the Appropriations committee with republicans voting no. Staff will continue to monitor and work on the bill as there are a lot of challenges.

AB 428 (Mayes) Local government: board of supervisors – This bill would create a minimum of 2 term limits and the Board of Supervisors would be responsible for setting their own salary. The bill passed off the Assembly Floor and is now in the Senate.

AB 640 (Cooley) Extended foster care: eligibility redeterminations for extended Foster Care (EFC) – The EFC Program has not been fully funded by the state as intended by the Legislature when the program was established. Counties have borne significant and unexpected costs since the program began. AB 640 would provide some fiscal relief to counties however it is estimated that net new federal funding could be approximately \$28 million to counties.

AB 808 (Stone) Creates the Children’s Crisis Continuum Pilot Program to support child welfare involved youth – This bill would implement the Children’s Crisis Pilot Program to address the issue of youth returning from out of state and create a better continuum of care. Some money was allocated in the budget, but likely not enough to sustain the program. However, the allocation may be raised in a Trailer Bill.

CalAim – A package of CalAim bills is moving through the Legislature. The contents of AB 875 (Wood) is being put into AB 942 (Wood). Senator Richard Pan’s bill SB 256 will add other components to the two Wood bills, so it will become a “super-bill”. Once there is consensus on the language it will most likely be put into a Trailer Bill. Staff will keep the board informed on how things go moving forward.

Housing – AB 989 (Gabriel) Housing Accountability Act: Accountability – UCC is working with a coalition to oppose this measure and will keep the board informed on the progress.

Justice SB 493 (Bradford) Court Fines and Fees This measure would redirect the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funds, revise the composition of local Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils, and recast various elements of required multiagency juvenile justice plans. Staff noted the biggest concern is it would require counties to redirect up to 95% of funds to CEO’s or to non-law enforcement county agencies. There could be constitutional complications with this measure. This bill will soon be heard on the Senate Floor.

V-E: Redistricting Update

Local Redistricting Challenges – UCC along with a small coalition sent a letter to leadership expressing appreciation in their willingness to assist local agencies with statutory changes necessary to effectuate a 2021 redistricting process despite the delay of Census data, and to seek their assistance in providing additional clarity to local agencies, so that cities and counties can proceed with redistricting planning and activities. While the Census has now promised an earlier release of new data in a “legacy” format, local agencies remain concerned about meeting the dual goals of improved public outreach and accurate maps under constrained timeframes. Staff believes they can get that formatted by the end of august, if not, it will give us time to work on a plan B.

Jean - NOTE:(unclear on how this next section I jotted down should be worded) -- *Waiting for citizens redistricting commission...have shared their concerns but they are under considerable pressure from the legislature. 1, we have time to do what work we need to do, 2, avoid litigation and 3, work on a plan B.*

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- State Budget
- Legislative Updates
- What's actionable with water crisis (SJ suggestion)??

VIII. Supervisor Roundtable

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

Fresno – Their county is concerned because the drought is more severe than expected. Supervisor Mendes noted that he personally has not seen the Shasta dam this low before. Staff noted that SB 559 (Hurtado) has legislation in it that will focus on all 3 canals, and there is a \$3.2 billion drought relief package coming out.

Sacramento – Their Board unanimously voted to pass Laura's Law.

San Bernardino – Their county is adapting to COVID regs with more outside eating, zoom conference calls etc, and inquired to other counties on their best practices ie; what good things have come out of COVID, how has it affected and or been received in counties.

San Joaquin – Their county is promoting water storage and water recycling and are working on a strategic plan that they plan to bring to the Board of Supervisors in partnership with cities.

Ventura -- There are some concerns in their county of an impending COVID-19 vaccination "passport" that would be needed to gain entry to some activities. They are happy with IHSS funding.

IX. Adjournment

Our next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 23rd at 4:00 p.m.** via Zoom.