
United Way of Southeast Alaska
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2020
5:15 PM - 7:00 PM
3225 Hospital Drive, Suite 106
Teleconference: (800) 315-6338, Code: 32251#
Zoom via Invitation

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS– Tom Sullivan

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA– Corrections/Additions

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– Corrections/Additions

July 16, 2020, Meeting Minutes

IV. PRESENTATIONS–

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS–

Resource Development:
- Finance Committee– Theresa Belton, William Paneak Warren Russell, Jennifer Treadway
  - June Finance Report
- Campaign Committee– Desiree Smith Emil Mackey

Donor Development & Sustainability–
- Events Committee– Desiree Smith, Janey May, William Paneak
- Nonprofit Executives– Joy Lyon, Erin Walker-Tolles
- Communications Committee – Desiree Smith, Erin Walker-Tolles, Jennifer Treadway

Governance Committee:
- Board Development Committee– Jennifer Treadway, Warren Russell,
- Personnel Committee– Millie Ryan, Jennifer Treadway, Warren Russell,

VI. STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS–

VII. OLD BUSINESS–

Day of Caring Planning Committee report

VIII. NEW BUSINESS–

COVID-19 Response Fund Disbursement Planning

IX. CHAIR REPORT– Tom Sullivan

X. PRESIDENTS REPORT– Wayne Stevens

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS–

XII. AJOURNMENT–

Next Meeting: September 17, 2020

Vision Statement: "United Way of Southeast Alaska addresses individual needs and improves lives by organizing the caring and collaborative power of our communities"
## 2020 Board Member Attendance

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E = Excused  
A = Absent

No meeting held March 16, 2020 due to State mandated Hunker Down order.
I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS-
Chair Treadway called the meeting to order at 5:19PM. A quorum was established with 8 members present. Chair Treadway thanked members of the board for joining the meeting via the Zoom electronic connection and telephone.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Corrections /Additions
Motion: Past Chair Russell moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion seconded by Board member Sullivan.
With no objections, the agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– Corrections /Additions
June 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Motion: Past Chair Russell moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 Board meeting.
Motion seconded by Board member Sullivan.
With no objections, the Minutes for the June 18, 2020 meeting were approved.

IV. PRESENTATIONS - AmeriCorps Program Update - Shari Paul, Program Manager
Ms. Paul gave a wrap up of the 2019-2020 AmeriCorps Program. Graduation event was held June 27 for the remaining six service members. She thanked the Board members who had participated. Program was very successful even given the challenges of dealing with the pandemic. Members are pleased with their year of service. Two members continuing to serve through end of July to make up hours missed. Two members have signed on for a second year of service. Our program has been going through audit process with ServeAalska, the State granting agency who manages the federal program in Alaska. We have 13 service volunteers for the 2020-21 year program year. Program is shifting focus to literacy and early learning. Our hope is to work closely with the LEARN UNITED: Reading Tutor program. Much will depend on what format schools operate in when it starts in mid-August. Orientation will begin on August 3 via Zoom. There will be no more than 2 Zoom trainings a day and we will be sharing much of the trainings with the new Sitka cohort. Ms. Paul expressed her appreciation and support of the Board. She plans to provide program updates to the board every couple of months.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS-
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5:15–6:30 PM
Via Zoom Meeting Program

Resource Development

- Finance Committee - Theresa Belton, William Paneak, Warren Russell, Jennifer Treadway
  - May Finance Report

Stevens reviewed the minutes in the packet and noted that income picture was improving. Introduction of Interim CFO in Anchorage Angie Pinsonneault; May Finance Report.

Ms. Bailey reported that the SHARE Campaign funds of some $62,000 would be booked tomorrow and First and Second quarter payout would be deposited in UWSEAK Account on July 2. Reviewed why HR expenses and indirect expenses were dramatically different year over year. 2019 had 2 years of AmeriCorps Members overlapping so greater payroll expense in the month of May. Indirect expense reflected fiscal agent activity for ROCK Juneau income and expenses. Overall reports reflect a much improved fiscal position. June should be strong as well with income from PPP and EIDL reflected in the income.

Motion: Board member Sullivan moved to approve the May Finance Committee statement as presented. Motion seconded by Board Member Walker-Tolles.

Motion approved unanimously

- Campaign Committee

Chair Treadway noted that it was time to begin planning for the fall 2020 annual giving campaign. Past Chair Russell noted that he had previously spoken to Fred Parady about being involved in the fall campaign. Regretfully Mr. Parady is declining the opportunity this year due to work commitments. Board Member Lyon had reached out to Lisa Worl and has not heard back from Ms. Worl.

Donor Development & Sustainability

- Event Committee - Desiree Smith, William Paneak, Janey May

Committee members reported on outcome of the photo contest. First place goes to Meilani Clark Schijvens’ picture of the whale statue in Juneau with fireworks erupting behind it on the 4th of July.

2nd place winner is Alana Paul’s photo, showing the pure joy of the 4th of July untouched by the current pandemic. The picture is of two little ones playing in the water trying to cool off from the warm summer sunshine of Alaska during this last 4th of July holiday.

3rd place winner is Kristie McDowell’s photo from Ketchikan. It shows the most decorated porch in all of Southeast Alaska. The porch was adorned with red, white and blue and it emanated the essence of the 4th of July from one end to the other!

- Nonprofit Executives - Joy Lyon, Erin Walker-Tolles

Board member Lyon reported on the City and Borough of Juneau Childcare Taskforce discussions. Driven by the Covid-19 pandemic, Juneau’s schools will be operating on a schedule in which pupils attend classes only part-time. To mitigate the economic impacts of this schedule on working parents and employers, the Economic Stability Task Force (ESTF) on the development of adequate childcare alternatives that would remain in place for the duration of the pandemic. The taskforce will be formalizing and making recommendations to the Assembly in early August. Some of the recommendations include plans to Appropriate CARES Act funds to support a short-term K-12 childcare coordinator position. Under the purview of the Childcare Coordinator through CBJ they would create a childcare program for school aged children for the duration of the pandemic.
The plan would consider all locations capable of safely and efficiently distance students, while maintaining their cohort groups from JSD attendance. Recruit childcare staff from the current labor force including substitute teachers, retired teachers, teachers in training, and childcare professionals. Provide financial support to employers who choose to offer onsite childcare. Provide support for families forming small "bubbles" of students to share the delivery of care.

Board member Walker-Tolles reported on ongoing efforts of CCS to provide food service “Meals on Wheels” across the region. She was concerned that as support through the federal unemployment benefit potentially expired at the end of July we will see an increase in food insecurity and need for rental assistance. Absent that benefit the potential for an increase in homeless is a real possibility. She voiced concerns about the impacts of the “hunker down” efforts on children and vulnerable individuals who were out of sight of service providers. Ms. Walker-Tolles reported on the impact of the Family First Coronavirus Response Act. This legislation includes the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act, each of which contain paid leave requirements for employers with fewer than 500 employees. She updated the board on the CCS fundraising campaign and noted that she had grave concern for fundraising efforts going forward.

Communications Committee – Jennifer Treadway, Erin Walker-Tolles, Desiree Smith

Board member Walker-Tolles reported no Communications Committee meetings had been held.

Governance Committee:

- Board Development - Jennifer Treadway, Warren Russell

  No report

- Personal Committee – Millie Ryan, Jennifer Treadway, Warren Russell

Chair Treadway noted that July 11 is the hire date for Stevens and while it seems like we just finished his last annual review it is indeed time to conduct the annual review. She noted that Secretary Ryan will lead the effort. She encouraged all board members to participate.

VI. STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS–

VII. OLD BUSINESS – Day of Caring Committee – Past Chair Russell, May, Sullivan, Ryan, Chair Treadway

Past Chair Russell reported on the July 9 committee meeting and offered an update on the planning for the annual Day of Caring Activities. The event will be a month long celebration of volunteerism with many small projects scattered around the region. No large gatherings. There will be no groups of volunteers greater than 3 people. – Ideas - many small projects performed by groups of 3 person or less – staggered shifts of 3 people for larger projects – Committee to send ideas for small projects – Staff to reach out to partners across region to advise on plans and solicit project ideas.

Given the paucity of cruise ships this year selecting dates should not be an issue. Opportunity to make it a month long event so more people can participate on their own schedule. Past Chair Russell noted that many companies provide employees with an option to do small number of community service days and receive pay for the days of service. Board members Lyon and Smith asked to be added to the Committee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- UNITED WAY WORLDWIDE SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO AMMEND BY-LAWS

President Stevens reported that subsequent to the May death of George Floyd in late May and the political unrest across the nation, United Way World Wide was proposing By-Law amendments designed to
strengthen our network-wide commitment to ending racism and ethnic discrimination. On July 28, United Way Worldwide (UWW) will hold a special, virtual meeting of the United Way membership for the purpose of voting on membership requirements that would strengthen our network-wide commitment to ending racism and ethnic discrimination. This is designed to ensure that United Way stands behind its commitment to fighting for every person in every community.

President/CEO Stevens pointed out materials in the packet about the Special Membership Meeting of United Way Worldwide. As a member of the organization, we are allowed to vote on the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Given that no one from UWSAEK will be at the meeting, we have the option of authorizing our votes to be cast by proxy at the meeting. In the past, the board has submitted a proxy statement authorizing Patricia J. Turner, Esq., Secretary United Way Worldwide to cast our votes as directed by the attached instructions.

**Motion:** Board Member Lyon moved to submit a proxy statement for the United Way Special Membership meeting authorizing Patricia J. Turner, Esq., Secretary United Way Worldwide to cast our votes as directed by the attached instructions.

Motion approved unanimously

**XI. CHAIR REPORT – Jennifer Treadway**

Chair Treadway announced that her husband has accepted a position with the State of Vermont and will be relocating to Bradford Vermont in early August. She will be traveling with him back east and then be back in Juneau by Mid-August in time for the August Board meeting. She is committed to completing her term as Chair, but would not be Chair for the coming year as previously planned. We will need to begin process of finding a Chair Elect.

**IX. PRESIDENT’S REPORT –**

Stevens noted additional materials in the packet. Letter to Congress that Board Member Walker-Tolles had requested we support and a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission in support of the Conditional Use Permit for United Human Services Nonprofit Center. He reported that he had attended the P&Z meeting on Tuesday July 14, a meeting which lasted until 11:00pm HE reported on the grant application to the Alaska Community Foundation he was working on for the Juneau CARES Meal project. He reported on a budget presentation by Trevor Storrs with the Alaska Children’s Trust. A study done by Jonathan King with Halcyon Consulting show the decrease in budget dollars for children’s issues in the State of Alaska Budget.

**Key Findings of the Children's Budget**

- Totals $3.15 billion for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 including all federal, state, and other funds (30 percent of the State’s $10.66 billion total budget).
- Is nearly 12.5 percent smaller compared to average spending earlier in the decade. This decline is equal to $400 million annually.
- Has fared better in the state’s Operating budget than in the Capital budget. The department ACB portion of the Operating budget is down just 3 percent compared to 95 percent in the Capital budget.
• Is more dependent on federal dollars than it was a decade ago. Federal spending reflected in the ACB is up nearly 13 percent while State of Alaska unrestricted general funds in the budget are down more than 10 percent.

It is a sobering report and provides plenty of opportunity for work and growth.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-

• No additional comments from Board members

ADJOURNMENT-

Chair Treadway adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.
MINUTES of the Finance Committee Meeting

Date of meeting: August 3, 2020  
Time: Noon

Place: Zoom Teleconference

Members Present (first & last name): Treasurer Theresa Belton; William Paneak; Chair Jennifer Treadway; Past Chair Warren Russell; Past-Past Chair Mark Mesdag

Members absent (excused):

Other persons present: Sari Bailey, Anchorage UW Accounting Manager; Sabrina Boone; Wayne Stevens

Chairperson: Treasurer Belton

ITEMS DISCUSSED: June Finance report; Campaign and Accounting processes presentation.

Ms. Bailey reviewed the June Finance Statements, noting that the SHARE Campaign now had a placeholder while we wait on finalization of the numbers. Financial picture continues to improve as we approach end of the fiscal year 8/31. She noted that work on the 2022 FY budget has begun.

Past Chair Mesdag walked the committee through the finance reports and showed how the campaign efforts flowed into the finance statements. Good discussion about current finances with committee members. Discussion on the overlap of the calendar year, fiscal year and campaign year and how we ended up with the current fiscal year of 9/1 – 8/31.

DECISIONS MADE: Forward the June Finance report to Board

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD FOR APPROVAL:

Adjourned at: 12:50pm
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United Way of Southeast Alaska
Campaign Summaries

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August 16, 2020

Jennifer Treadway-O’Dea, Board Chair
Theresa Belton, Treasurer
Millie Ryan, Secretary
United Way Southeast Alaska, Board of Directors
3225 Hospital Drive, Suite 106
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear United Way SE Alaska, Board of Directors,

One aspect of the collective impact framework that R.O.C.K. Juneau holds in high regard is the participation with, or co-creation of efforts with individuals with ‘lived experience.’ The adage, ‘Nothing about me, without me,’ often attributed to medical care and the lives of people living with disability, means that services and supports must be centered in a practice of involving the voice, concerns & interests of people they serve.

In R.O.C.K.’s work then, we’re developing opportunities to involve and listen to the community, and especially those for whom we’re trying to support through our efforts. This means holding meaningful conversations with pregnant women, youth and young adults, parents and individuals in substance use recovery.

This month, we’re trying a couple of new strategies. First, I’ll be meeting with the small (but mighty) Youth Advisory Board through the Zach Gordon Youth Center who have been working locally, regionally and statewide to develop a plan to reduce youth homelessness. This group is willing to expand their internal outreach and their input on additional youth impacting issues. A number of other organizations are seeking youth voices to inform their programming (JAHC, JSPC, JSD, etc.), and so we’ll be growing our capacity to co-support this youth forum. It’s critical that organizations listen and offer real influence over the systems that support youth.

Secondly, R.O.C.K. will begin a monthly call (until we can meet in person), inviting teens & adults in recovery to learn more about their insights and recommendations for responding to the very complex needs of misuse, addiction and recovery in Juneau.

We look forward to the season when we can meet in person safely. Until then, be well and safe, and many thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

Becky Roth

Becky Roth, R.O.C.K. Juneau Coordinator
ROCKJuneau@gmail.com
907-209-7393
Past Chairs Report

Resource Development:

Campaign Committee – Still working on a Chair and Co-Chair for this year’s campaign. We have asked a few folks already who unfortunately have declined for varying reasons. Board Members Desi Smith and Emil Mackey with Countrywide Insurance have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the campaign.

Governance Committee:

Board Development Committee – Jennifer Treadway, Warren Russell,
Looking at 2 potential board members. Once firmed up will present names for consideration.

Personnel Committee – Millie Ryan, Jennifer Treadway, Warren Russell,
Reminder: Please send feedback for Wayne’s annual evaluation to Millie or Warren.
Thank you! There are 1,078 United Ways in the USA, and United Way of Southeast Alaska is among the 520 that completed the 2020 United Way Worldwide membership requirements by their due dates. We appreciate you, and a more formal thank you will be sent to you shortly.

You may use the graphic displayed below on your United Way’s website (right click on the graphic and select “Save as Picture” or “Save Image As”). You may also download the file as a jpeg on United Way Online, clicking here. Thank you again, and please contact me if you have any questions.

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United Way of Anchorage Names Clark Halvorson
New President and Chief Executive Officer

Anchorage AK – United Way of Anchorage today announced that its board of directors has appointed Clark Halvorson as the new president and chief executive officer. This transition of leadership follows the retirement announcement of Michele Brown, who led United Way for 17 years.

Halvorson currently serves as the Assistant Secretary within the Department of Health for the State of Washington, leading the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and working to ensure a coordinated and effective response across their health care system. He brings over 26 years of experience at the local, state, tribal, and national levels, where he has focused on whole-system approaches to improve health and support places where people can live, play, and thrive.

Clark has deep roots in Alaska as he spent his formative years in Anchorage and across the state. Some of his strongest memories are those of hearing his father preach at his church on Jewel Lake road, spending summers on the Kenai River and fishing out of Homer. “These experiences built a strong love of Anchorage and all of Alaska; it was very influential on my life’s course,” Halvorson said.

With a deep passion to see public, private and non-profit sectors work together, Halvorson is a leader in finding innovation, improving service delivery, and seeking change that supports growing and diverse communities.

“In a time of profound uncertainty, there is also opportunity. I believe United Way of Anchorage’s steady vision and powerful work for the education, health and prosperity of everyone in the community lights our path forward,” Halvorson said. “United Way of Anchorage has consistently stepped up to meet tough challenges and build partnerships to make life in Alaska better. I’m proud and humbled to lead this mission.”

“We are fortunate to have someone of Clark’s caliber and experience step up to lead,” said Belinda Breaux, the United Way board member who led the selection committee. “Michele set a high bar in leading United Way through significant changes and as the voice of the organization. We ran a robust search that lasted six months and identified more than a dozen highly regarded candidates,” said Breaux. “I appreciate the sincere interest and passion of those who applied, and the hard work of those who participated in the interview process.”

Speaking on behalf of the board, Natasha Pope, United Way of Anchorage Board Chair said, “United Way has had an extraordinary champion in Michele Brown for nearly two decades who brought considerable vision and focus to tackling the most complex community problems,” said Pope. “We’re confident in the skills Clark brings to help us continue to thrive and make lasting, measurable change in our community to improve the quality of life for us all.”

About United Way of Anchorage
United Way of Anchorage is a community of donors, advocates, volunteers, and partners who work for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. LIVE UNITED.

www.liveunitedanc.org
July 15, 2020

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator for Alaska
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dan Sullivan
United States Senator for Alaska
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Murkowski and Sullivan:

As community leaders, our organizations are on the forefront of the recovery from COVID-19 and that is why we are writing you today to encourage your support for additional federal assistance to the state and local governments of Alaska to help our most vulnerable residents. As social services and community-based organizations, we ensure all Alaskans have the resources needed to survive, such as housing assistance, utility payment assistance and other vital programs. As hospitals and clinics, we look over the health and well-being of those suffering with the pandemic, while also ensuring we have enough resources to deal with all health emergencies. As faith-based and community service leaders, we provide Alaskans with a holistic approach and support system.

Our combined efforts have saved hundreds of Alaskans from the negative impacts of the pandemic. Now both our private and state funding sources are seeing steep declines in revenue resulting in our organizations making critical cuts to the quality of services we provide, and Alaskans deserve. It is critical for you to support growing efforts which would ensure the federal government delivers additional funding to guarantee the state and local governments are able to assist in navigating the response to this pandemic and future economic recovery.

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STABILIZATION**

The continued partnership between Alaska and the federal government will be vital to responding and recovering from the pandemic. We applaud your previous efforts to earmark critical funding for Alaska through the CARES Act, which provided a brief relief to the State budget.

Recently, the Alaska Department of Revenue released an updated forecast on the state's revenue outlook. Falling oil prices and production during the COVID-19 pandemic mean the state's balance sheet looks even worse than expected. The Department of Revenue examined different scenarios facing Alaska and projects that the current fiscal year could see the state down between $115 million and $125 million from its April forecast.¹
With a status quo budget, the state is facing a $300 million deficit before paying a Permanent Fund dividend next year. With a $1,000 dividend, the deficit balloons to over $1 billion.²

Congress must appropriate additional support for the State of Alaska, including direct funding to certain regional and local entities, for replacement of lost revenue. Without additional funding, the state and local governments will be forced to completely empty savings reserves, as well as, make drastic cuts to programs Alaskans depend on which provide economic security, educational opportunities and public safety. This will also further dampen Alaska’s economic recovery as residents risk losing more jobs, communities become isolated, elders are without care, our public safety system is compromised and our education system is left gutted.

**Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) Increase**

Every day we are constantly reminded of the multifaceted impacts of COVID-19 as a severe public health and economic emergency. As we continue to deal with these impacts, it is clear more must be done to ensure the most vulnerable Alaskans are able to sustain themselves. Congress needs to increase the FMAP from 6.2 percent to 12 percent, to help address the needs of Alaskans who have lost their jobs and employee-sponsored health insurance due to this pandemic.

Even before the pandemic, the state was projected to have an increase in the proportion of seniors receiving Medicaid services, growing from 12.5 percent in January 2020 to 16.5 percent within the next few years. **Additionally, the projected proportion of children receiving services through the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is expected to grow from 44 percent today to 51.5 percent within the next few years.³**

In addition to the increase in enrollment in both Medicaid and CHIP, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has run out of funding for these programs four times since 2016.⁴ While some of this lack of funding lies with the State Legislature, it is clear more must be done by the federal government to maintain these essential programs.

The temporary 6.2 percent FMAP increase in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act is half of the average 12 percent FMAP increase states received from the 2009 Recovery Act. The increase should be made retroactive to January 1, 2020 and remain until September 30, 2021.

Without this increase, we predict long-term financial impacts to our already struggling healthcare system in Alaska. Resulting in hospital and clinic staff layoffs, reduction in services and in some cases, closure of rural hospitals.

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SOCIAL SERVICES AND FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
We recommend that Congress, with your support, include a 15% increase to the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) maximum allotment and relax work requirements for the duration of this economic downturn. Additionally, we ask your support to raise the minimum SNAP benefit from $16 to $30 and to suspend all administrative rules that weaken or take away SNAP benefits.

The impact on families experiencing poverty and food insecurity will be felt well beyond the expected post-COVID environment. Our organizations have seen an increase in the number of those who are seeking assistance. As many residents now find themselves out of work and on the brink of homelessness, we believe the federal government must be a partner in our fight against poverty and ensure no Alaskan goes hungry.

As the nation continues to battle one of the most significant economic downturns and health crises of the last century, Congress must act to protect the programs needed to put our country back on a strong path. As our Senators representing all Alaskans, we applaud your efforts to ensure we are included in this recovery. We strongly encourage that you consider the above recommendations, which we believe will protect public health and restore economic prosperity to Alaska.

Sincerely,*

Mary Katzke  
Executive Director  
Affinity Films

Jim Myers  
CEO  
Alaska Behavioral Health

Trevor Storrs  
President & CEO  
Alaska Children’s Trust

Jasmine Boyle  
Executive Director  
Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

Dr. Deena Bishop  
Superintendent  
Anchorage School District

Elisa Vakalis  
School Board President  
Anchorage School District

Erin Walker-Tolles  
Executive Director  
Catholic Community Services

Lisa Aquino  
Chief Executive Officer  
Catholic Social Services

Mary Jo Torgeson  
Library Department Director  
City and Borough of Juneau

Kaitlyn Conway  
Youth Outreach Coordinator  
City of Anchorage

Jim Baldwin  
Chief Executive Officer  
Food Bank of Alaska

Gus Marx  
Co-Chair  
Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
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