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00:07:36.973 --> 00:07:38.973  
Awesome.

00:08:04.015 --> 00:08:06.015  
Good.

00:08:06.959 --> 00:08:10.959  
Hello over there. You're so far away!

00:08:13.097 --> 00:08:15.097  
See, they said that they can't even hear me, they're just...

00:08:15.752 --> 00:08:17.752  
Hi!

00:08:18.628 --> 00:08:23.628  
You guys seem so far away over there. Uh, I believe we're gonna call the meeting to order. It is...

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902, and uh... we have a lot of business on our...

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plates this morning, so let's start with a roll call.

00:08:34.473 --> 00:08:36.473  
Susan Fowler? Here.

00:08:37.002 --> 00:08:39.002  
Neil Sharma?

00:08:40.421 --> 00:08:42.421  
Kim Fisher? Here.

00:08:42.830 --> 00:08:44.830  
Anne Robin? Here.

00:08:45.156 --> 00:08:47.156  
Vicki Niswander. Here.

00:08:47.834 --> 00:08:52.834  
Okay, approval of the agenda is next on the list. The agenda... So moved.

00:08:53.137 --> 00:08:55.137  
Thank you. You're good?

00:08:56.881 --> 00:08:58.881  
Do we have a second? Thank you.

00:08:58.882 --> 00:08:59.607  
Any other comments?

00:09:00.398 --> 00:09:03.398

All those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

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Moving on, uh, the meeting schedule. There was some discussion about the meeting schedules. Please ignore the meeting schedules. Just rip that page out of here. We will return to this in October.

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Um, we just... Thank you.

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Just, we're trying to get...

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Basically, we're trying to get a schedule that allows you to meet in this room.

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And the main reason is because we have amplification in this room, but not in that room.

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So, we've been...

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We've got... we had one scenario, which is the one in your packet, and then there was something went wrong with that, and so now we have a different scenario, which is more similar to what you've been doing traditionally.

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And anyway, so that'll be very exciting in October to see.

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Yes. Yeah, it's gonna be really interesting.

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Okay, um, moving on to acronym... no, we don't need acronyms. Is there any citizen input today?

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Not any. Okay, very good. You're gonna shorten our meeting, too.

00:10:12.369 --> 00:10:14.832

Um, my comments, uh...

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You know, it's been a hard week for a lot of us.

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And I just want to be really clear that we are supporting people with disabilities

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To have a voice.

00:10:37.323 --> 00:10:40.323  
This is... it's so important.

00:10:43.038 --> 00:10:45.038  
And people are afraid.

00:10:47.681 --> 00:10:49.681  
I was just telling, um...

00:10:50.498 --> 00:10:57.498  
Susan that I volunteer for the radio station here in town, and we've actually had a board member say to us,

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We need to be careful on community radio about what we say.

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And I said, if we do that,

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That's the end. We have lost.

00:11:12.311 --> 00:11:14.311  
So, that's where I am today.

00:11:16.579 --> 00:11:18.579  
And those are my comments.

00:11:23.294 --> 00:11:25.294  
Well, I'm feeling that too, thank you.

00:11:25.505 --> 00:11:27.505  
It's like... it's, um...

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It's actually a real...

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gift to have work like this that's always meaningful. So, I'm honored to...

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continue in this role, because this is the most meaningful job I could imagine.

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And it's nice to see...

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Folks doing the work, and to be around

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people willing to do the work for no money at all.

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Because it really is important, um...

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We have... I just... I just want to say a couple of...

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like, housekeeping things. The bathrooms are that way.

00:11:57.427 --> 00:12:00.427  
Um, if there were a reason to leave this room,

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Suddenly, and you couldn't get out that door?

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Safely, that's... that's an option on the side, but a better option is the back.

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You can get all the way out the building going out the back doors, down one flight,

00:12:14.685 --> 00:12:17.685  
either the elevator or the stairs, and then out into the...

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Parking garage, I... obviously, there... I probably shouldn't even be thinking about that, but I am thinking about safe exits.

00:12:25.066 --> 00:12:30.066  
And there is coffee, water, and some little snacks up here, and they are for you all, too.

00:12:30.899 --> 00:12:37.899  
And, uh, we have a really exciting study session tonight. I know some folks aren't going to be able to attend, but to me, this is like...

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Like, I know it's...

00:12:40.629 --> 00:12:44.629  
It's probably my most favorite meeting of the year, and I'm gonna...

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Stop talking, because I'm feeling it. Okay?

00:12:48.489 --> 00:12:56.749  
Alright. Okay. All right, moving on on the agenda to... where are we? Approval of the minutes from last...

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meeting?

00:12:59.480 --> 00:13:03.480

Uh, we need a motion. I so move. Thank you. And a second? Second.

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Thank you, Neil. Any other conversation changes?

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Anything? Okay, all those in favor say aye. Aye. Aye.

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Vendor invoice slips. Oh.

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There we go. Uh, vendor invoice lists, uh, we need a motion to approve those.

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Motion to approve.

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Second. Second. Um...

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Any questions or comments on that?

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Okay, all those in favor say aye.

00:13:40.386 --> 00:13:42.386

Aye. Hi.

00:13:44.458 --> 00:13:46.458

Okay, alright.

00:13:47.559 --> 00:13:51.559

Green light go, red light stop. I... I'll... I can figure that out.

00:13:52.194 --> 00:13:54.194

No, it's just going off.

00:13:55.515 --> 00:13:57.515

Yeah.

00:13:58.255 --> 00:14:02.255

We'll just surround me with microtomes.

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Then they both went off.

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I can't... I have no ability when it comes to mechanical stuff, so...

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I'm sorry. Oh, let's see, where are we? Did the minutes, did the invoice list, staff reports are included in the packet.

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Always good information. I appreciate the efforts of the staff, and...

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Being in everything.

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in the area. It's just very impressive.

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Um, new business, the draft 3-year plan for...

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2026 through 2028.

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Yeah, question, yeah.

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I had a question about the...

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fund the DD board fund, just a couple items that were different. Oh, okay. Sorry.

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What's that? To versus report, like, the revenue.

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an expenditures, pages 29 and 30. Mm-hmm. So, just... I just wanted to clear, uh, clarify.

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So, it looks like our actual...

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2024...

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um, fund was 3.1 million in revenue. So that's collection at this point last year.

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And there is a very big difference. But there's, um, there are a few explanations for that.

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That's what that... Do you want to know? Yes, that's exactly... I'm a nerd hat on.

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So, there is a change in the way

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Taxes are being collected this year, like, there's certain... you can't pay...

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from an account directly, you have to either write a check or credit card. So that's slowing collection down a little bit.

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There also... there could be a lower collection rate for other reasons, because when the economy starts to...

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Act funny, people don't pay their taxes as fast, and sometimes they don't pay, and then there's this other...

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factor that I have not heard about, but I believe is a factor, and that is, we hear from our old friend,

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Who still works at Brookens, that more and more people are lost.

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Um,

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The feedback is because of the ceiling.

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It's not gonna... but thank you, thank you! I feel like it's a press conference. Um...

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that, you know, more people are lost, and there are fewer people over there to help redirect them, but some of the people who are lost are taxpayers, like, have just always gone to Brookens to pay, so...

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I think that collection will catch up.

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But I... but I'm also looking at the total, um...

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The totals look lower than projected, but I'm not going to change our budget yet.

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So, we'll see. Anyway.

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Because I think, like, last year there was an issue with, like, us not getting...

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funds put into our account.

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And it was getting kind of close, but this isn't necessarily that issue. It's more of those things.

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To my other depart... the...

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first, second, and I think we're on four distributions now, have been pretty timely.

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Yeah.

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There we go. Um, moving on to...

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The draft 3-year plan. So, where we left off.

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So, that is included in the packet.

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I'm impressed again with all the work that staff has done on this. Made it really, really good, and...

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change some things that needed changing.

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So we appreciate that.

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Lynn, do you have anything to address on this?

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For us, anything to point out?

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Well, um, process, I think, is important. Also, I want just to make sure y'all know that Jenny Lochin is also on the meeting. She's on the Zoom. Hi, Jenny.

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Um, and she might have been able to answer that nerd question better than I just did.



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So, sorry about that. This is open for public comment right now. We have asked, uh,

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Kim and Leon sent these out to a large set of people, encouraged them to share them with their networks, too

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Um, the...

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public comment, we have asked that those be...

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Sent to us by the end of October, like, by October 29, so that we have time

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To put them into a final draft for you. So...

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It's also a period of time where if you have ideas about those things you don't like, I did notice a typo.

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Um, anything, you know, just send us input and we will make some changes, so that's...

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I mean, as far as, like, how we came up with this format, I think that's a really interesting story, too, but you have a lot of things to talk about today, so...

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We'll stop the format later. Okay.

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That sounds good, but it looks great for a start.

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For sure. Um, moving on to the draft allocation priorities.

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Oh, sure. That's okay, just jump right in.

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Um, so this, the...

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Um, display, and it looks wonderful. One question I did have is, like, there are a lot of goals.

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And it just feels like...

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Um, have we gotten any input about, you know, kind of narrow... narrowing?  
Do we think?

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Um, I would love to do all of these things, but I wonder... I worry that it's...

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too much. I didn't know if

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Anybody else had that thought, or...?

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You did, Susan. Okay.

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Well, you guys are, you know, or how... how... Yeah. It's a lot. You know, this is... if it's too much for board members, we should step back, but it isn't too much for us, and you might notice a lot of overlap.

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So, like, the reason that... so you're seeing very similar...

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um, objectives, tactics, and goals,

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under the five different...

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Um, they're not priorities, what are we... what are they... the statements of purpose.

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And we divided it this way in... this is different from how we've ever organized it in the past. It's always had some redundancy like that.

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Um, so it is easier to accomplish than it looks.

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But we wanted to make sure that we stated things that are important.

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More than once. If they belong in... you know what I mean? Like, so there's a lot of references to people with developmental disabilities giving input, and how we might do that, and...

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Anyway, like, also, we do have, as you've noticed in the staff reports, lots of committee obligations, we work with other partners at...

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state level and national level, and I do want to say that there are some states

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considering eliminating property taxes, and that will be a total disaster

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for their DD service systems. So, just, I don't... I haven't heard anything like that in Illinois, but that's the purpose of us being in those spaces.

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So those are referenced several times, because they affect the work in different ways. So, it's not too much for us, but it could be too much.

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it could be too much paper. Also, just to say, the DD Board is not required to have a 3-year plan.

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And so, one thing, at the very end, there's a purpose for evaluation, and one of... we would like to do some internal operations assessment next year.

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To see if there are things where we're doing more than is necessary.

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Yeah, you guys raise your hands, you can mic.

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I see the 3-year plan as aspirational.

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And, um, a guideline, it's not a roadmap.

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Um, and given the circumstances that we're all living in, it can't possibly be a roadmap.

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So, it's aspirational, and...

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The redundancy is fine with me.

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Is that what you were going to say, too? Or do you have...? To the... to the T. Aspirational.

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But I must admit, I came up with an idea of something that I thought what I would add, but I'm not going to bring that up at this point.

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We'll talk.

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Okay. Well, I just had a couple other... couple other things. Oh, sure, go for it. Sorry.

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So, beyond, like, there is a lot to this plan, I...

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just want to compliment, um, you all, because I feel like

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the way you've written this out has really helped me better understand what, like, our purposes and our goals are, so that's really helpful.

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Um, and I just would love to reiterate this idea of, um,

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like, having... considering having or figuring out how we can have folks with IDD participate in our meetings and, um, you know, consume the information, so...

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I put a couple notes, um...

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about, um, how we... you know, ideas of plain language or easy read of our materials, and how that might...

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you know, be an aspirational kind of, um, idea.

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And then having folks

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um, you know, actively engage in...

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our meetings, I think, would be...

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It's super... to your point, Vicki, it's super important for folks with IDD

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to understand how government works, how it affects them, what... how they can, um...

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participate in public meetings, not just in our meetings, but, like,

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you know, city council meetings, board, Champaign County Board meetings, so...

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It seems like this would be a great...

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area for us to focus on.

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Okay, so I'm going to say my idea now, because it kind of bounces off where you are.

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So, um, we do a great job, our agencies do a fantastic job of collecting data and opinions and perspectives from the folks that they serve.

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But we don't get any of that information from people who are unserved.

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And I think that, you know, we may want to consider during the annual expo.

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to...

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Find a way to...

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get opinions from people who maybe don't have the services that they would like to have.

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Many of those are coming to the expo.

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If we have it, which is, as I'm understanding, it's kind of...

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a risk right now, because of the transportation issues, but...

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Do we have an update? Sure, let's do.

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Yeah, I'll comment on two things. We do get a little bit of information on people who don't get served, because we get the preference assessment from the Regional Planning Commission.

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Oh, um, so that is some people that don't currently have, um, services.

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But we could get more at the expo, so that is a great idea. The... regarding the expo, Drez has come through and will be using a shuttle.

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And so now we're working out

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Um, where the shuttle will pick up, because there's... there's a bus stop on the north

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kind of north side of Neil Street, and one on the kind of south side of Neal Street. You know, it curves there, it's kind of an...

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awkward. Like, the way it goes.

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Um, so they're... they have a schedule of when the...

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Their shuttle will pick up and drop off.

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they will not be there until 4PM. I think they stop their run at 3.

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But we are working that out. We're gonna get our pop-up tent that we have in the Expo storage.

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So that we kind of have, um...

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somewhere for people to stand in case it's super hot and sunny, or...

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rainy, and um...

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Jane Sprandel, a mental health board member, has offered to bring her so we could possibly have two.

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Pop-up tents, and so we're working out, um...

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where they're gonna pick up from, we know they're gonna drop off at the JCPenney's door, we know they're...

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their time slot, um...

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And our expo coordinators, Allison and Dylan Boot, are working on

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the media push of making sure that people know that we have rec...

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mostly resolved this safety concern.

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of getting from the bus stop that's pretty far away from the mall to actually getting into the mall.

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So, that was a very, um...

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last-minute success story. So, we were getting pretty close.

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Yeah, that's awesome. That's awesome. So they need to... yeah, you're right, they need to publicize that in...

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any way possible. So, if you get that information from them, share it to us, and we will share it with people that we know and the agencies, I think, can help as well.

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Thank you.

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Okay, are we ready?

00:26:24.314 --> 00:26:29.314

Um, back to the, uh, agenda draft allocation priorities.

00:26:32.409 --> 00:26:34.409

Again, fantastic work on this.

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I didn't really have any...

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input on it at the moment, but as you say, there is time, and we have the same

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Period for comment on this that the other one has.

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So I think we would... we would really like to have approved versions of these

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At your November meeting? Like, for that to be...

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What happens at the November meeting, but no one can say for sure, and it's up to you all.

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So, um...

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The reason to do that is that we want to launch the application system at a certain time. It's not... people aren't really using it.

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Over the little holiday period, but if we can get it set up and tested before they start using it, that's...

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very helpful to me, like, there's always some early user, she says, uh-oh, it's not working the way you think.

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So, this is just the timeline is maybe...

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Maybe it feels rushed, but you... if we don't get this approved in November, we can do it in December. I do want to say, as to your comment about civic engagement,

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We did... I don't know if it's in this one or only in the...

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In the mental health, um...

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Mental Health Board Priorities Document. We... we used some data from the county

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road... it's County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, an organization which has done some really great work

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Um, including broadcasting



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that there is evidence that civic engagement improves health outcomes.

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So we should care about that, and then we learned that they have lost all their funding.

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So, yay for things we've learned, and I got a lot out, but that's, like, the weirdness of the times we're living in, just, like...

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I hit... I hit go on the publication of those data, and then learned that they're going to be gone. So anyway...

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Still, we still know it. Civic engagement is really important, so we can amplify that in this one, too, if...

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I'd just like to emphasize the importance of getting it out, if you can, in November.

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Because, um, I was more alarmed than I had been.

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After I read this than before I read it. I mean, you know, I think...

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You caught it in the third paragraph, where you said, dramatic federal budget and policy changes.

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And not only following that, but then on every page,

00:28:59.421 --> 00:29:02.421

You've got increased needs identified.

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00:29:05.238 --> 00:29:10.238

children, um, identified the highest in 4 years for...

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early intervention services.

00:29:12.945 --> 00:29:18.945

um, needing more data on the current pond situation for Champaign. I mean,

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Every page I underlined something that I found, you know, would really influence

00:29:25.273 --> 00:29:31.273

how I might view future proposals in terms of meeting our absolutely

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basic and growing.

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needs. They're not, you know, they're...

00:29:36.429 --> 00:29:42.429

We can't pat ourselves on the shoulders yet. I mean, we've done such a great job of understanding our community.

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that now we can be scared for our community.

00:29:45.919 --> 00:29:47.919

That's all I have to say.

00:29:50.806 --> 00:29:52.806

All right, shall we move on?

00:29:54.463 --> 00:30:02.463

Let's do... let's see... Sure, go... Like, do... if you have... if you see anything... we also found a typo in this one, so if you see anything...

00:30:02.464 --> 00:30:09.121

That you want us to address, um, this is a great time for input. I'll... till the end of the month, or till the end of October,

00:30:09.949 --> 00:30:13.949

And then we'll be trying to incorporate it, but because you're the board, you can make changes the day,

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You're looking at it, so...

00:30:18.019 --> 00:30:20.019

Okay. Real quick, so... I...

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Um, I'm doing a project on civic engagement, and there's a... there was a study just out of Temple that looked at civic engagement and people with disabilities and their health outcomes, so I'll send that to you.

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get added to this report, so...

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All right, moving on to the next item, which is the CU Autism Network.

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They're back. Um...

00:30:44.991 --> 00:30:49.991

I have some opinions on... I've been thinking a lot about this one this month, and I am...

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totally, totally supportive.

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of the CU Autism Network and the work that they do.

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I want to say that first.

00:30:59.089 --> 00:31:01.089

I also don't want to punish.

00:31:02.378 --> 00:31:06.378

the board and the people who do the volunteering for that organization.

00:31:07.564 --> 00:31:10.564

by forcing them to pay back money at this point.

00:31:11.313 --> 00:31:13.313

But I don't think it's a...

00:31:14.043 --> 00:31:16.043

good use of our time to...

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have this on our discussion.

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you know, on our agenda every month.

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Uh, I would rather see us...

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you know, say, you know,

00:31:27.232 --> 00:31:29.232

come to some resolution on it.

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And then to...

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tell the CU Autism Network that there are going to be conditions.

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For them to write another grant.

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for us, that they're gonna have to prove... that, first of all, they have to come through with all the information that has been

00:31:44.805 --> 00:31:46.805  
asked for and promised.

00:31:48.837 --> 00:31:54.837  
whatever time frame it takes, that has to happen, and then they have to prove their ability to...

00:31:55.317 --> 00:31:57.317  
um, follow through.

00:31:57.662 --> 00:32:02.662  
On the reporting and the payments and all that for the future, and

00:32:03.750 --> 00:32:07.750  
We can't approve another grant for them or any other agency.

00:32:08.595 --> 00:32:12.595  
that cannot provide that kind of, um, assurance to this board.

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We're responsible for that money.

00:32:15.638 --> 00:32:17.638  
And we have to be certain

00:32:18.337 --> 00:32:20.337  
that we're doing our due diligence.

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To make sure that that is...

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resolved.

00:32:27.145 --> 00:32:29.145  
That's my comment.

00:32:30.709 --> 00:32:32.709  
Anybody else?

00:32:34.601 --> 00:32:36.601  
I have a comment, and that is...

00:32:37.274 --> 00:32:39.274  
As I said earlier,

00:32:40.096 --> 00:32:43.096  
the needs are only growing in our county.

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The federal situation is becoming more

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uncertain. The governor today announced to agencies to hold back 4% of their budget for next year.

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In order to cover,

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probable.

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More than potential probable deficits.

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women have, uh, a closure.

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October 1st, if the budget isn't passed.

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And so, yes.

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I will say I have appreciated the advocacy work of the CU Autism Network.

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many of us have been involved, or we are parents of children.

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But I think it's such a terrible precedent that they haven't come as a board.

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before our board to say,

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You know, we blew it, because obviously they've blown it.

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Um, and then we can talk about consequences, but at the very minimum, we're not talking about

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Hundreds of thousands of dollars, which we would be talking about if we were looking at

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Bigger agencies like DSC or Community Choices

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On the other hand, it sets a very bad precedent for other agencies to say, if we dig in our heels long enough,

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If we find a lawyer who will go meet with the board, maybe we don't have to...

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comply. And so, you know, I... I don't want to spend a lot of time either.

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Hammering a dead horse, because I think that's pretty much where we are right now.

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On the other hand, I think that...

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They need to be more proactive about how they manage their, um...

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Their failure to comply.

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Or acknowledge it.

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I... I agree.

00:34:31.460 --> 00:34:39.117

It's about accountability. I don't know about the money paid back, but really, going forward, I really think their board should come here.

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And explain, and, you know...

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take responsibility, and... and figure out a cogent plan.

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Um, because, yeah, budgets will be tight, I imagine it'll get...

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look at more, and especially now with...

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The latest publication about the linking of Tylenol with autism.

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Which is just such false and fake news.

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100%. This is, like, it's so bad, and, um, you know, you're starting to see some patients start starting to call.

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call in wondering, and it's causing confusion.

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And it's just really bad, and I feel like it is setting back, uh, research on autism and understanding it. It is not a homogenous

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disease. It is a very heterogeneous

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It is a grouping of many different things that we're trying to understand. So, the fact that you can come up with

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one, two things that is causing it. It's just preposterous.

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It's also based on the notion that we should cure it.

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Which is eliminating an entire group of people. So, which is... yeah.

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So, I also appreciate what CO Autism Network, um, does. Um, I guess I just... I'm very concerned about

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the public money that we are obligated to...

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Uh, keep track of, and that this reporting that they need to provide us with

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would account for. Um, and I...

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I'm very worried about, as folks in the community,

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um, you know, are looking at their tax bill, and then identify, you know, oh...

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Um, what are these other additional taxes that we're paying for, like funds for the DD board? And I would just...

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you know, it makes me very concerned that we wouldn't

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have the same type of...

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expectation for one organization that we would another, and...

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what impact beyond just them applying for another grant or not, um, but what it means to all the other agencies, um, and the folks that we do support. Um, if we just

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say...

00:36:56.212 --> 00:36:58.212

If we just kind of let this go. Um, so I...

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you know, I totally understand that, you know, we keep passing this along, but I feel like this has other repercussions long-term.

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So I'm just concerned about that.

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Ann, do you have anything?

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I weep. You weep.

00:37:18.285 --> 00:37:20.285

We do.

00:37:20.893 --> 00:37:27.893

Yeah, well, so what I'm hearing, if I... correct me if I'm wrong, I'm hearing... we leave this on the agenda.

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and wait. And if there's no information that comes through,

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We'll wait another month.

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Is that where we are? You know...

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I guess, like, what...

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Have they... we've reached out to them. Have they responded at all? Mm-hmm.

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To tell us they haven't got their...

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information completed yet.

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So the piece that we're waiting for is that this is a follow-up that everyone is expected to do. It's an independent CPA reviews

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All the financial records for that period of time. So that's... it's been in progress for a very long time, but it's been difficult for the CPA firm to complete.

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Because the original records were not maintained in a very...

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well-organized state, so...

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There are people working on it, and I did talk yesterday with folks who do come and represent the organization, from Steve Beckett's Law,

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Um, law office.

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About whether they should come today, I said, well, the board is going to make some kind of decision, so even though, like,

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they haven't given us that financial review for us to change anything about the staff opinion.

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To give you any ideas, you know,

00:38:46.188 --> 00:38:48.188

Um...

00:38:48.695 --> 00:38:52.695

Like, I didn't know what you might want to decide. Like, you can... you have...

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You deferred to September, so you have to make some kind of action, but you could certainly make an action that puts it, like,

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puts it off longer. I know that they won't be done by October.

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Um, is that right, Kim? Or do...

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Do you remember? Maybe I should look at my folders.

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So, maybe they'll be done by October, but...

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you know, this... you could...

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take some time to think about the considerations that you all... that you all have raised today, too.

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But... yeah.

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I'm sorry, whether they get their financials in place, I think they need to come before the board and to just discuss...

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Bottom line, yeah, exactly. So, and...

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Otherwise, this is... we're just keeping it on the agenda, and it's sort of just meandering. Instead, we should set a date, like,

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Show up to this time, we're gonna put this in our meeting, and...

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Be prepared.

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I agree, and I would say...

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Not just Mr. Beckett, who's a respected lawyer,

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But the members of the board.

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Or at least the president of the board.

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and the director. I'm not sure exactly of the structure, but...

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And it's not to humiliate them, it's to say, hey,

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We would expect that the head of community choices, or DSC, would come before us if there was a problem.

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And they would. Why haven't you?

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Is that something that would be appropriate for a closed session?

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No. Well...

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If it's... if there's pending litigation.

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against or by the board, you could close for that. There are only, like, 3 circumstances to close.

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Now.

00:40:43.024 --> 00:40:46.024

Because the whole purpose is not to embarrass people.

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I completely agree. It's not about embarrassment, I think it's just about acknowledgement, because we've been...

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talking about this, and they haven't shown up to respond, and I want to hear what's going on.

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What are the extenuating circumstances? What did they learn?

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explanations, and that's it, you know, um...

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How to avoid it. Correct, yeah, yeah, absolutely. So, hopefully it would be a constructive conversation, and one that would

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foster more understanding, um...

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But yeah, I agree. I mean, the other organizations have done a fantastic job of showing up.

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reporting, um, that should be rewarded.

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And I feel like we may be, you know, rewarding bad behavior, but

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From a good part, you know, so...

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I think we just need to be firm.

00:41:36.608 --> 00:41:38.608  
Okay, are we ready to move on, then?

00:41:39.189 --> 00:41:41.189  
Oh, we have to vote on this, don't we? Okay.

00:41:42.432 --> 00:41:44.432  
That's true.

00:41:50.801 --> 00:41:53.801  
Vicki, we have a, um...

00:41:55.072 --> 00:41:59.072  
an action item. And the action item is to defer

00:42:00.988 --> 00:42:05.988  
the action. The action. Yeah, and I think that that's what it will remain until...

00:42:06.710 --> 00:42:09.710  
So the... shall I read the...

00:42:10.067 --> 00:42:12.067  
Please. The statement.

00:42:12.371 --> 00:42:18.371  
Is this what you want? Well, it's what's printed here, so let's do this, and then if we need to change it...

00:42:18.372 --> 00:42:22.697  
I'm not being your parliamentarian, but I am a little bit. Gotcha. Okay.

00:42:23.514 --> 00:42:27.514  
Agent was deferred to the September meeting, so some action must be taken.

00:42:28.199 --> 00:42:38.199  
Um, motion to defer action related to the PY2024 contracts between the CCDDDB and CU Autism Network.

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Until the independent CPA Financial Review report has been completed, approved by the CUAN board,

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shared with the CCDDDB staff,

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NCCDDDB staff.

00:42:53.010 --> 00:42:58.010  
have reviewed the report. So this is just saying, we're deferring action until the report is presented.

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There's no timelines, September, October, November.

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December. It's until the board.. until the report.

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Um, so it's pretty open-ended, but my understanding is that they are working on...

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on a report. And the... the...

00:43:13.905 --> 00:43:15.905  
we could... I...

00:43:16.084 --> 00:43:19.084  
Okay, so that's the motion. I'll second. Okay.

00:43:19.434 --> 00:43:22.434  
And then I'd recommend amending.

00:43:22.434 --> 00:43:29.431  
Okay, so we could vote on the motion, and then amend, but I think you can... Let's do an amendment before...

00:43:30.204 --> 00:43:32.204  
Vicki, we need a second on that.

00:43:32.571 --> 00:43:37.571  
Kim seconded it. Okay, and then I... and then I recommend, uh, an amendment.

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requesting...

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representatives of the CU Autism Network come for a discussion

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constructive discussion with the board regarding the reporting

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problems they have encountered.

00:43:53.892 --> 00:43:55.892  
Second.

00:43:57.409 --> 00:44:05.409

So I just want to clarify. So, after they've done all these things, they have the report, it's approved by their board, it's shared with the staff, and then it's

00:44:05.777 --> 00:44:08.777  
Um, you, the staff have reviewed it.

00:44:10.303 --> 00:44:13.303  
I didn't mend it further. I would amend it...

00:44:13.824 --> 00:44:17.824  
For what I've said, that the CU Autism Network representatives

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Um, come and meet with a constructive conversation.

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For a constructive conversation with the board,

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by...

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November, whatever the November meeting is, regardless.

00:44:33.845 --> 00:44:35.845  
of whether they've finished the report.

00:44:37.452 --> 00:44:39.452  
The November meeting.

00:44:40.802 --> 00:44:50.802  
So, just to clarify, you're adding that to this motion, not taking this further away. I'm not saying that they have to complete all of this before the November meeting, because they may not be able to.

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But I'm saying that in addition,

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Regardless of the completion, since we keep...

00:44:57.416 --> 00:45:02.416  
deferring it, we want them to come and have a constructive conversation in November.

00:45:03.209 --> 00:45:05.209  
with the board about

00:45:05.273 --> 00:45:08.273  
their difficulties in being able to comply.

00:45:09.162 --> 00:45:14.162

and propose solutions, perhaps. I don't want to be overly prescriptive, but I think

00:45:15.637 --> 00:45:17.637

I want them to come and meet with us. And again,

00:45:18.043 --> 00:45:22.043

We're not going to humiliate people. We want a conversation. What happened?

00:45:22.367 --> 00:45:24.367

Well, they can tell us.

00:45:25.952 --> 00:45:37.952

So, Neil, you seconded that amendment. Are you seconding? Yeah, I completely agree, and I like November, that's perfect. It gives a little bit more time for them to collect their thoughts and everything like that, but...

00:45:38.262 --> 00:45:44.262

Yeah, it should be the first, and I agree, the finance part, that might take a little bit longer, but we just need to know what's going on.

00:45:44.951 --> 00:45:49.951

What happened? What did they learn? What, you know, and all those sort of things. How can we help?

00:45:50.855 --> 00:45:57.855

And Anne, you're okay with that? Yeah, I'm not very enthusiastic about doing that. I think I would vote no on that.

00:45:58.746 --> 00:46:03.746

But... yeah, I... I think the people involved know what they did,

00:46:05.073 --> 00:46:09.073

Um, they did it for reasons that were their reasons.

00:46:09.576 --> 00:46:11.576

Um...

00:46:11.576 --> 00:46:14.401

I have to believe that the people did

00:46:16.075 --> 00:46:19.075

the best that they could do based on what they had available.

00:46:19.396 --> 00:46:22.396

Um, it was not up to the standards

00:46:22.397 --> 00:46:24.504

that this board

00:46:24.635 --> 00:46:28.635

us to have, because we have fiduciary responsibility.

00:46:29.214 --> 00:46:31.214  
I would just wait for the, um...

00:46:32.076 --> 00:46:41.076  
CPA Financial Review, and then we'll make a decision. I really don't see that there's a big value in having a discussion with the

00:46:40.986 --> 00:46:43.986  
The CU Autism Network sent...

00:46:44.074 --> 00:46:47.074  
Um, Mr. Beckett here, they did not...

00:46:47.511 --> 00:46:51.511  
come themselves. I don't see a big value in that.

00:46:51.979 --> 00:46:53.979  
Personally.

00:46:55.028 --> 00:46:59.028  
I'm in total agreement with Ann, because I think they've come before, and...

00:46:59.536 --> 00:47:02.536  
we didn't really get additional information.

00:47:02.536 --> 00:47:04.541  
I don't think we'd get anything new.

00:47:05.308 --> 00:47:07.308  
Was that with Mr. Beckett?

00:47:08.342 --> 00:47:11.342  
Yeah, I remember that. Um, no, I... I... maybe I would modify

00:47:12.440 --> 00:47:15.440  
that the board, not just the lawyer, show up.

00:47:16.588 --> 00:47:19.588  
you know, that would be a little bit more meaningful, I think, than...

00:47:19.901 --> 00:47:22.901  
Having somebody try to justify their position. It's not just about that.

00:47:24.168 --> 00:47:29.168  
And I... I said representatives, I didn't mean simply the lawyer. I meant...

00:47:29.084 --> 00:47:33.084  
members of the board and or the president. And again,

00:47:33.492 --> 00:47:37.492  
I... I think we're setting a precedent for other



00:47:38.006 --> 00:47:41.006

perhaps small agencies, or even big agencies.

00:47:41.283 --> 00:47:47.283

If we're going to decide in November what our financial priorities are for the funding that we

00:47:47.493 --> 00:47:50.493

agreed to in May, based on

00:47:50.493 --> 00:47:55.588

what we're letting out to the agencies to respond to,

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Around January 1st.

00:47:59.147 --> 00:48:02.147

And if our financial situation is tighter,

00:48:02.731 --> 00:48:04.731

I think we just have to emphasize

00:48:05.679 --> 00:48:07.679

The importance of accountability. And again,

00:48:07.678 --> 00:48:12.420

You know, if they say our intentions were really good, and this is what happened,

00:48:12.612 --> 00:48:18.612

What can we learn from that? I'm not... I'm not saying... I haven't said anything about payback yet.

00:48:20.121 --> 00:48:30.121

And, you know, I see your point, Anne, and everyone, like, I get it, we're probably not gonna learn a whole lot of new things, but I think it's important. We're in...

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A public forum. Um, we need to give them their opportunity to kind of voice their opinion, but I also think that

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showing up is an important...

00:48:40.200 --> 00:48:47.200

prerequisite to getting any kind of funds, and I would be... if they're not going to show up to just a simple meeting...

00:48:47.233 --> 00:48:49.233

I mean, that's just like, come on.

00:48:49.567 --> 00:48:52.567

You know, I'll just show up for, like, an hour or so.

00:48:52.566 --> 00:48:54.555

Um, I think that's...

00:48:54.556 --> 00:49:02.566

At that point, if you can't take the time, then why are we wasting our time thinking about this, waiting for this? We're sort of just waiting for Godot.

00:49:04.590 --> 00:49:08.590

So, parliamentarian, what's our process from this point forward?

00:49:09.204 --> 00:49:20.204

Well, my opinion is that we have two different motions. We don't have a friendly amendment, we have two different motions. One is the motion to defer action on the...

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Um, contract, and I think we should...

00:49:23.721 --> 00:49:25.721

probably vote on that, and then we should

00:49:26.024 --> 00:49:34.024

have Sue's... Susan restate her motion, and we can vote on that, not put the two together. I don't see that they're connected.

00:49:37.804 --> 00:49:41.804

I agree. As long as I can make it a second motion. So do you first...

00:49:42.088 --> 00:49:45.088

deny the amendment, you vote on the amendment.

00:49:45.319 --> 00:49:53.319

Okay. I think that's how... yeah, you vote on the amendment first, and then if it passes, then it... or doesn't pass, then we... and then we vote on the main.

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That's typically how amendments...

00:49:55.925 --> 00:49:58.925

work. Amendment first vote, and then you vote on the...

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initial motion.

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And if that's the case, then we'd be voting on the request.

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that members of the board

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come to the November meeting,

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to discuss with the board.

00:50:17.899 --> 00:50:19.899  
The process that they have...

00:50:21.031 --> 00:50:25.031  
engaged in, and lessons learned thus far.

00:50:26.278 --> 00:50:31.278  
So that it can be constructive, and we can use it in consideration

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You know, with our evaluation strategies, et cetera, that are laid out  
here that talk about those issues.

00:50:38.566 --> 00:50:43.566  
So, members of the board are requested to come to the November meeting

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with the DD Board.

00:50:45.661 --> 00:50:47.661  
And to discuss...

00:50:48.073 --> 00:50:52.073  
their process that has created this difficulty

00:50:52.129 --> 00:50:54.129  
and lessons learned.

00:50:55.232 --> 00:50:57.232  
Period. Period.

00:50:58.108 --> 00:51:00.108  
I mean, do we want to make it a pre...

00:51:00.732 --> 00:51:06.732  
prerequisite, um, before we even think about approving their budget, that  
they have to do this.

00:51:07.366 --> 00:51:09.366  
I guess that would be the amendment? Yeah.

00:51:10.992 --> 00:51:13.992  
reports that, that they can't submit another proposal until we've...

00:51:14.722 --> 00:51:19.722  
had this conversation. We're really discussing so many different things.  
I... I...

00:51:20.579 --> 00:51:23.579

We don't have a parliamentarian here, um...

00:51:24.158 --> 00:51:26.158

But, uh,

00:51:26.454 --> 00:51:35.454

I think we've gotten a little bit off track. It is a good discussion, but I don't think we've got anything that I feel like I can vote on. I would like to vote on two different things.

00:51:35.453 --> 00:51:37.422

So, um...

00:51:37.423 --> 00:51:43.557

I don't know how the application is, um, steering away from what the topic that

00:51:43.556 --> 00:51:54.829

Right, right. So I think we have the two... this motion that was written, and then your... The order, to submit to the board. Yeah, so we should vote on that first.

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And then vote on the main motion, because typically you vote on amendments first, is my understanding.

00:52:00.665 --> 00:52:02.665

So, Vicki, do you want to...?

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After all this conversation, I'm kind of...

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leaning with, uh, Anne and...

00:52:07.497 --> 00:52:09.462

Kim, at the moment, thinking,

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It is a good strategy to have them come.

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and talk with us, and we have given that message.

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And we can give them that message. We don't have to have an amendment.

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to emotion.

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to request that to happen.

00:52:24.521 --> 00:52:29.521

there would have to be consequences, and there's no consequences for them. They've been asked.

00:52:29.521 --> 00:52:31.599  
We can continue to ask them,

00:52:32.270 --> 00:52:35.270  
But we have to make a decision. Yeah.

00:52:36.210 --> 00:52:38.210  
Yeah, so... so I think if I...

00:52:38.446 --> 00:52:45.446  
am hearing correctly that we just vote on the amendment as... or vote on the... do we need to vote on the amend... motion?

00:52:45.867 --> 00:52:50.867  
I withdraw the, um, the motion, but it will influence...

00:52:51.637 --> 00:52:53.637  
my decision.

00:52:54.697 --> 00:52:57.697  
Yeah, I agree. It'll definitely influence, because, like...

00:52:57.828 --> 00:53:01.828  
you know, this is ridiculous, yeah. I think it will for all of us.

00:53:02.782 --> 00:53:09.782  
Okay, let's vote on the motion as written. Again, it says the motion is to defer action related to the

00:53:09.889 --> 00:53:18.889  
fiscal year 2024 contracts between the CCDDDB and CU Autism Network until the independent CPA Financial Review Report

00:53:19.140 --> 00:53:28.140  
has been completed, approved by the CUAN board, shared with CCDDDB staff and CCDDDB staff have reviewed the report.

00:53:30.858 --> 00:53:33.858  
You seconded? You did second, okay.

00:53:34.564 --> 00:53:36.564  
Any other conversation on that?

00:53:36.761 --> 00:53:43.761  
All those in favor, say aye. Oh, yes. What's the difference between modify additional information needed

00:53:43.895 --> 00:53:45.895  
and deny.

00:53:49.642 --> 00:53:55.642

That's a great... that's us. Just, I'm not sure why we format everything like that, we just always have.

00:53:56.050 --> 00:53:58.050  
So, I'm sorry.

00:53:58.944 --> 00:54:02.944  
I think, typically, the board either approves or denies, and then...

00:54:03.336 --> 00:54:05.336  
comes up with other things, so...

00:54:07.915 --> 00:54:09.915  
All those in favor say aye.

00:54:10.373 --> 00:54:12.373  
Aye. Aye. Aye.

00:54:19.657 --> 00:54:21.657  
Oops, there it goes again. Thank you.

00:54:21.605 --> 00:54:23.605  
So, motion carries.

00:54:24.621 --> 00:54:26.621  
Susan, or Vicki, I'm sorry.

00:54:27.420 --> 00:54:29.420  
Think about Susan. Um...

00:54:30.854 --> 00:54:35.854  
Could we send a message to the CU Autism Network?

00:54:36.373 --> 00:54:39.373  
board and executive director saying that

00:54:39.372 --> 00:54:48.791  
We've had this discussion, I don't know if they've listened to it or they haven't listened to it. If they have listened to it, then I think they've gotten the message pretty loud and clear.

00:54:48.669 --> 00:54:50.669  
that, um...

00:54:50.814 --> 00:54:57.814  
This board is supportive of the work of CU Autism Network. We're supportive of the people in it.

00:54:58.242 --> 00:55:03.242  
Um, we also have a fiduciary responsibility for tax money, and

00:55:03.623 --> 00:55:05.623  
they didn't follow through.

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And we would very much like

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them to come forward with an explanation,

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Showing lessons learned.

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Possibly, how they, as a smaller organization, um,

00:55:19.743 --> 00:55:21.743

can organize themselves to...

00:55:21.868 --> 00:55:26.868

to comply with those things, and maybe that would be helpful

00:55:27.647 --> 00:55:33.647

for us as a board, and certainly the mental health board, which has a lot more smaller organizations,

00:55:33.990 --> 00:55:36.990

Who also struggle with the requirements.

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Um...

00:55:39.775 --> 00:55:42.775

And that there could be an ongoing conversation. It's like,

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How can we deal with smaller organizations that don't have the resources?

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to comply with the requirements that we have.

00:55:51.622 --> 00:55:53.622

I think that's a really good approach to take.

00:55:55.607 --> 00:56:02.607

The only issue is, like, statutorily, I think we can't change, right? Isn't that the issue? We can't change the requirements?

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Statutorily?

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There's some flexibility in the law. I think that you just have to do those things exp...

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like, overtly, yeah. I mean, maybe, like...

00:56:15.217 --> 00:56:19.217

for us, we certainly prefer that things be done

00:56:19.368 --> 00:56:21.368

And... before.

00:56:21.368 --> 00:56:26.731

But I think you do have some authority to make retroactive decisions, it's just...

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There's something in your statute referencing, um, another Illinois statute in which you have

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clear authority to be flexible with decisions, especially when it has to do with small businesses.

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And nonprofits. So...

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that's kind of where I'm hanging my hat, but I do have some process questions.

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If the board wants to send a message like that,

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Perhaps the board leadership could help me write it, and I would...

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think that we need to direct it through their attorney, because I...

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I'm not sure, but, you know, the first time I talked to him, he called and said, I'm representing.

00:57:04.729 --> 00:57:07.729

Sioux Autism Network. So, to me, that says that's who I communicate with.

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But, I mean, in practice, I think he's... it turns out he's helping them, he's working for them to try to...

00:57:14.654 --> 00:57:16.654

Help them get it together, so it may be different.

00:57:17.677 --> 00:57:20.677

But I... just to be careful, I would prefer to go through him.

00:57:21.411 --> 00:57:23.411

Yeah, I think that makes sense. Sure.



00:57:25.180 --> 00:57:27.180

Yes? Okay.

00:57:27.926 --> 00:57:29.926

Susan, does that...

00:57:31.060 --> 00:57:39.060

help what you were addressing? I think it gets at the same request that I had, that there still be accountability, and it's less direct.

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But it's still fairly direct, so I think we can move on. I'm glad we had the conversation.

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And I'm not, you know, I'm willing to accept the majority.

00:57:53.013 --> 00:57:56.013

Alright then, I think we're ready to move on. By the way, the...

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Microphones are doing something wonky here. Let's...

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It's... this is about where we're sitting.

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I think, like, we're sitting too close to...

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The county has had this work redone a couple times to solve it, but the closer you are to these speakers, the more feedback.

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That's what I've noticed, just in my observation. Absolutely right.

00:58:30.910 --> 00:58:35.910

Okay, alright. Is this better? Oh, it is better! Oh, okay, there it is.

00:58:38.352 --> 00:58:40.352

Yeah.

00:58:41.140 --> 00:58:46.140

I hear there are career opportunities in the world of AV and sound engineering.

00:58:56.791 --> 00:59:05.791

Oh my gosh. Okay, moving on to be input from people with IDD, and of course we have our study session tonight.

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Looking forward to that, and thanks to staff for all the work they've done to prepare for it.

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Do you have a hand raised.

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Do it. Who do we have?

00:59:32.460 --> 00:59:36.460

So, Kelly Martin with DSC, and I wanted to, um, introduce

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Chloe Briskin to you. She wanted to share some information about her time at the Speak Up, Speak Out Summit.

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With you. Awesome.

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Uh, brain fart, I have no idea. I'm sorry. First, I'm doing something like this...

00:59:54.040 --> 00:59:56.040

That sounds great. Hi.

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Um, what did I... sorry. I told you first time.

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That's okay. Would you like me to...

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give you the prompts that we talked about, and then you could answer the question? Uh, if you could, like, remind me of the prompts, and I can go from there. I'm sorry. That's okay.

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It's one thing to practice, another thing to actually do the... I'm sorry, this is just a lot for a first time. That's okay. So, Chloe, um, you aren't a stranger to public speaking, because you do theater and some other things, but... But history required as well. Yes, yes. So, we talked about... you went to the Speak Up, Speak Out Summit, which was in Bloomington. Yeah, for the first time ever, that was exciting.

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And there were 8 other advocates from DSC that went, and I think there was about 300 of her advocates throughout the state.

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And so, why don't you tell the board, um, what was something that they talked about, or that you learned while you were there? Well, for one,

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We definitely had...

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A lot of, um...

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Um, I do... ugh.

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How do I put this? Um...

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We definitely had a lot of...

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speakers in... in regard to some of the, um,

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Politicians and...

01:01:19.327 --> 01:01:21.327

That came? Huh.

01:01:21.753 --> 01:01:23.753

Um...

01:01:25.634 --> 01:01:27.634

Wow, um...

01:01:29.466 --> 01:01:31.466

Uh, we definitely have, like...

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Two days... oh, doggies, so we had...

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The politicians speak, then I remember for the first day, we went to, like, these...

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smaller rooms where we...

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addressed other topics. I think one was...

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Uh, sex education, I went... I personally went to one on...

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Uh, small businesses owned by people with special needs. So basically, it was...

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For the fourth day with, like, the morning was all just hearing the...

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Um... um...

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representatives in the State House.

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And what they, um, plan to do, like, they definitely talked a lot about the, um,

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Uh, like, um, long-term care facilities, I remember they talked a lot about that. Then afterward, we just went to, like, the smaller rooms to address, like, those, like,

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Although concerned that as much as I can remember... I'm sorry. It's okay, it's okay.

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Um, what was... do you have a favorite part?

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That you remember? Um...

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I definitely think that when they did the, um...

01:02:44.849 --> 01:02:52.849  
Um, open mic for the people who are attending, that was a lot of fun, getting to hear their stories, and being able to, like,

01:02:54.356 --> 01:02:59.356  
get logged into, like, their lives and what they need, I think that was definitely a good way for the, um...

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State Representative Jackson know firsthand what...

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actual people needed, instead of just yapping to us, the opening...

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The, um, open mic actually gave them an opportunity,

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Pray, literally speak up and speak up about legitimate concerns.

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I didn't do the open mic just because

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I couldn't think of anything, but a lot of people that I knew...

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Uh, through all the programs I do, not just ESC, a lot of people that I knew did do it, and I just thought it was really nice to hear

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They're concerned, or their opinions, and I thought,

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that that was actually really helpful.

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to have that open mic session.

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Which would happen during lunch, actually.

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Yep. Yeah. And would you go again?

01:03:49.980 --> 01:03:59.980

Absolutely! I'm sorry, I can't remember 2 days worth of information, but I would definitely go again. I think that would definitely...

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A lot of fun, definitely very educational, and

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would definitely consider going back.

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Wonderful. And then, do you remember that we talked a bit about how this board helps to

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take care of programs that helps DSC help people to advocate, so what were we gonna tell them? Yes, I did, I...

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did remember, we talked about that. Yeah, so we were gonna tell him what?

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Um...

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Sorry, this is the only thing that I really, like, didn't really know. We were gonna thank them for helping us do advocacy activities. Yes, which, yeah.

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Yes, thank you. We do really appreciate it.

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Although I did would cost a good jillion dollars, probably. All they do is feel that way, so...

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We do appreciate the behind-the-scenes work that people like you guys do, and it does...

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I actually really hope with the, um...

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Um, you know, the actual stuff that people see, and yeah, kind of like the...

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backstage crew of a play, effectively. Sorry, play metaphor, I have a history on the... on...

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stage, so just roll with it. Yeah.

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But, yes, thank you, we do...

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Absolutely appreciate it, and we hope that...

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you know, budgets can go through, or, like, these, like...

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meetings can get resolved in a way that ends up helping more people instead of...

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the same amount or less people, because that would be...

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I use this regression, we want to help more people,

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Obviously, not less or the same amount.

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Yeah, I mean, I don't want anything to go stagnant.

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Right. But yeah, I just... yes, thank you.

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Thank you. And thank you! Thanks, Charlie, I'm just glad that you actually did, like,

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prompt me with a question, okay, again, the first time doing this, not easy. It's all good.

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Chloe, I wish we had a gazillion dollars. I wish...

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Thank you so much for that. That...

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did my heart good today.

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What's the next item? Super powerful. Response to Emerging Threats.

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Yeah, every news article that has come out in the past...

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6 months has been negative, so I...

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So, this is... so, Kelli, thank you. So, Kelli, was that Kelli... Kelli... Chloe.

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That was Kelli?

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Kelli info. Oh, right. I'm sorry, Kelli.

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Okay. Thank you, Chloe. That was a really great information, and when you were speaking, I was thinking about...

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Um, you know, in these articles about the threats to, um, funding,

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how impactful it is for legislators and policymakers to hear from people and their own stories, and I'm...

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It would just be amazing if we did something like that on a smaller scale.

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100%.

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Yes. So, Chloe said, for the audience, on a more local scale, and yes, took the words right out of my mouth.

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the contribution.

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Yeah, so just for the audience, Chloe said we needed more of that on the local scale, as well as the national scale, and I just think

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she's 100% correct. I need to talk to Chloe about having a radio program on Wax, yeah.

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Yeah, she would be great. Okay, um, are we done with, uh...

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emerging threats?

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Well, I just... I guess, um, I don't know if we should share, like, in the next packet, um...

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information about the fact that there is no link to

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the causes of autism. Just yesterday, I shared a bunch of resources with my students about this, but I don't know, I can send that to you.

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Um, and I'm... Dr. Neal, I'm sure you have a million things. Well, everybody probably does, but...

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I... thank you for saying that, because, like, I agree, I mean, I think we need to address that, um, and maybe we can have it at our next board meeting just a section to... to clarify and explain...

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Um, that part I didn't have prepared to explain all the things that are wrong with it, but two, kind of,

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describe and maybe give, like, a bit of a...

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have a conversation about that.

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Is it okay to put that under this agenda item, just to become more specific?

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Okay, got it.

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Yeah, I have one more thing to say. I think the...

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Um, the scientific information, um,

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is lacking about the Association of Acetaminophen and autism.

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Um, but beyond that, an even much, much more concerning to me is the, um, background philosophy

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Um, as expressed by our president and the Health and Human Services Director,

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Um, that autism should not exist. And, um, that it can be...

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quote-unquote cured and eliminated, um, and prevented, and the...

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The underlying message from that is that there is something profoundly wrong with people with autism.

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Um, which is the exact opposite of the message

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that our organization and many other organizations, including CU Autism Network, um, are promoting, which is that

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people with autism are members of our community, they're members of our families,

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Um, they are people who are worthy in every way.

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Uh, to exist.

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Um, and they are not to be eliminated or ignored. And what is happening on the national level

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With that statement, it's a shaming and a...

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Um, and elimination, which is profoundly frightening and profoundly disturbing.

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Um, and we need to be on the public record that we are completely in opposition to that, and that what we, in fact, need

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is recognition of human differences, including autism, including many other human differences,

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And that those are all part of the human family, and to be celebrated and supported, not eliminated.

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So, you know...

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I agree. This is profoundly disturbing, and I just want to be on the public record of saying

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Exactly that.

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Next time you say you need to back off your microphone just a little bit. Don't... don't get so excited I get closer to the microphone.

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I completely agree. Um, you know, it's a different way of processing, and I mean,

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And first of all, like, autism itself, it's a spectrum. It's a heterogeneous. And we're all on it at some point. Correct, yeah, exactly, and I just think about...

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some of the innovative things done by people with autism. You know, Temple Grandin, I mean, it just...

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That's such a great example of how that unique way of interacting with the world

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um, can lead to innovations in ways that we don't think about.

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Um, so, yeah, no, I mean...

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It's already started happening for people with Down syndrome.

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you know, abortions are up.

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Because people are getting prenatal testing, and...

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It's an elimination is a strategy.

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So, yeah, let's keep it from happening to people with autism, too.

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A parking meter break? Oh.

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For me, I'd have to move my car.

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I'm in a 60-minute spot, so let's just...

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We'll just keep going. The meter's 2 hours. And then back back in. Yeah, that's right.

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Okay, I just hope my car's still out there. Yeah, same. Alright, we're gonna go on to Engage Illinois. They're presenting, uh, Sharon Castaboli is going to be here this evening.

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um, talking about Engage Illinois.

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And so, please come and hear and participate in that discussion.

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Evaluation capacity building project update.

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Finally!

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Alright, just going to give a quick update on the evaluation capacity building project.

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So, we've been doing technical assistance with a few programs at Promise, PACE, and Christian Health Center.

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And we're at different stages in those different projects, focusing on different elements, and that's been a great start for those programs.

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We're about to get our office hours started, so we have the link available. We've just been trying to figure out the best time to share it, because we also have a workshop coming up.

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And that's on October 8th from 12 to 1.30.

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And that'll be focused on reporting, and that will be hosted, um, by our team at, uh, the United Way, I believe.

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And then also, in preparation for that workshop, we will have this video, and so I'm going to try to share on...

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Zoom, and I'm not sure if I'll have sharing powers, and I think Lynn might be

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managing it, but I'll give it a try.

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Okay...

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I am able to. Great.

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And I'm going to try to share my volume...

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Bear with me. Some of the meeting controls are in the way.

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About outcomes reporting, we are going to discuss a data dump, and how to avoid it.

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A data dump is marked by a large volume of facts offered without context or analysis. In the case of outcomes reporting, a data dump does not select facts that are relevant to the audience's knowledge and interests, or to the intended message.

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Rather, a data dump leaves it up to the reader to sort through the facts and find what's important and why. We can see how disorienting a data dump can be if we imagine a weather report.

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We're here on the scene where the wind is coming out of the northwest at 8 miles per hour, and the temperature is 77 degrees.

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The barometric pressure comes in at 1,021 millibars. Or 30.15 inches of mercury. And the humidity is 44%. Here you can see the atmospheric pressure today, tomorrow, and the next day.

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And here are some pictures of the clouds as they move across the states.

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I hate to interrupt, but that was a lot of numbers and visuals, and I'm still not sure what you want to tell the viewer.

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Do you think they will understand a reading of atmospheric pressure in millibars?

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Maybe you can explain that a reading above 1013 millibars denotes a high pressure system?

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And a high-pressure system means fair, clear, calm weather. Got it.

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Also, I gotta say, it seemed like your report lacked a sense of purpose.

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How so? Well, what were you intending to tell the viewer? Weather reports usually mention something about, you know, the future?

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Oh. Well, maybe I should explain that the millibars will...

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Or that the high-pressure system will still be around tomorrow. And you can expect the weather to be fair, clear, and calm.

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Perfect. Here are some key takeaways for avoiding a data dump. First, you do not need to report every piece of data. Rather, select data that is relevant to the message you want to convey. Speaking of selection, data should be selected with respect to audience. Just as the weather reporter provided raw numbers without accounting for the audience's understanding of.

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And interest in weather terms. So, too, should you choose data that accommodates your readers' background knowledge, and that they will find meaningful. Similarly, data should be selected with respect to purpose. The weather reporter did not provide data about the change in barometric pressure over time, for example, and so the report lacked a sense of purpose beyond conveying, hey, it's nice outside right now.

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Likewise, you can purposefully choose data that provides the best evidence of what you intend to show.

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Thank you for watching!

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All right, yes, Dr. Nate Underlin worked very hard on that one, and we had some fun in the recording studio in one of the libraries, so...

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Um, we're looking forward to that workshop that's coming up, again, on October 8th, and...

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That was a workshop where the topic area was really identified during the needs assessment period when working with the different agencies, so...

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We really encourage agency representatives to come so that we can do this in person, which will be great as well, so...

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Thank you. Thank you.

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I just have one question. That was excellent, and I was laughing. It was very good, and I...

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I, um, was thinking about the number of times that we've been dumped on by data, but, um...

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The conclusion, you might want... You might want to think about it just a little bit, because it almost sounds like you can... you're authorizing people to select their data,

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to, uh, support what they want to say. Um, I just kind of got that out of the last, and um...

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We obviously don't want that. We can't ignore data that is

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Not in our favor. But the video was well done. But the video was well done. I just heard on the radio

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Um, coming in here.

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that our federal government is no longer going to track

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hunger in the United States. Those data will no longer be tracked and no longer be available. And the question was,

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If you don't report negative data, um, is the problem still there? So, we do need to make sure that we include data that is not necessarily

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what we... what we want to hear, because on a federal level, it's being eliminated.

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Thank you for bringing that up, and I think our next micro-learning will actually be touching on that, and so talking about, you know,

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Selecting data carefully, but in a way that's sharing the whole story of what's going on with the program, and that's including some of the areas for improvement as well.

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Thank you so much.

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Any other questions?

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All right, moving on to...

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Where are we? Disability Resource Expo update? We've had that, right?

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So we're...

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Oh, yeah. Oh, for sure.

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the Disability Resource Expo is being held on October 18th from 11 a.m. to 4pm.

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at Marketplace Small.

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Are there... is there a sign... in the past, there's been, like, a sign-up genius for volunteers? Yes, there is.

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And we can send it out if you haven't gotten that, we can... I can make sure we send the link out for that.

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I... it might actually be embedded in my...

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staff report. I think Becca sent me that, so I'm... it's... you can't click it in the book, but you can click it in the online version, and I'll send... I'll email it to you guys again.

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Kelly also shared that it's linked on Facebook and Instagram on the Expo's Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you, Kelly.

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We're going to need volunteers to hang out outside with me.

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So that I can go take bathroom breaks.

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So the idea is to, like,

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To keep people on the safe... in safe places until it's okay to cross the street, or get, you know...

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Right? And, like, to, like, maybe give them some water and nice conversation. Like, wouldn't that be fun?

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Yeah. Yeah, it's like the first time in, like, 7 years that I don't have a soccer tournament. I have to be... so I'm actually available that Saturday, so... Oh, nice!

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We'll see you there!

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Okay, um, moving on, fourth quarter...

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order-funded Program Service Reports?

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Very impressive.

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I, you know...

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I love all the information that is given on the service reports, especially the... just the...

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anecdotal data.

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Nice in the future to see...



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that connected to...

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person-centered planning. You know, we planned this for this person. It didn't just necessarily just happen.

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happened to them, but we actually...

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you know, took action to make this happen. So, you know, if you can connect those in any way,

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That would really be important for us to see as well.

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Any other comments on that?

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just a big thank you. Yeah. Yeah, thank you. I know it's a lot of work, but it's really helpful to understand.

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So, thank you. Uh, and the...

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program claims data is next.

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Um, is there anything that we want to say there? Yes.

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That is full year. I missed that on the agenda. It's not only fourth quarter. The claims data is for...

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Program year 2025, the full year. I'm sorry about that.

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All right, and um...

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Moving on to the next one, if we're able to do that, it's the 2026 funded programs.

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Um...

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programs funded by...

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This is both boards and the IDD Special Initiatives, all included in here.

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This is just... kind of a... it's a very summary of a summary.

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Because it's brief, it can... it might be very useful if people say, what are you doing with all this money?

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like, to just give them, like, this kind of...

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very basic idea of where the money goes.

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can be very helpful. We originally

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designed this for the county board when they're doing budget hearings, so that they can understand this is the majority of what the DD Board and Mental Health Board are doing.

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Um, but we actually updated it yesterday.

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So I'll be sending out the...

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updated version pretty soon, but I don't think we'll put it back in the packet, but just...

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So that you have it and you can share it with people as needed.

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Great, thank you. And thank you for all the work that you do.

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Um,

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Where are we? Funded programs, we've talked about. Successes.

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Let's turn things positive, shall we?

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All right, hello, I'm Becca with Community Choices.

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very microphone-y. I just first wanted to say how...

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uh... how much I appreciate hearing all of your public comments today, and to hear people in a...

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position of public authority say those things.

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in a public setting is...

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a very nice counterpoint to everything we hear all day, specifically in the last couple weeks, so...

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Um, I also just wanted to speak to a few nice things that are happening. Um, actually, before I do that.

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Um, I would love if the expo could maybe be a place where we could share some of those ideas, because it is a place where people

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with all different sorts of disability can come together and say, like, yes, we exist, and we are valid, and...

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needing support doesn't mean that we shouldn't exist. We all need support, so...

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Um, just my editorial. Um, I also just wanted to speak to, um, a couple things. So, Kim, you mentioned, um, specifically, like, hoping to encourage more people with disabilities to be able to speak in public forums, and I just wanted to say that that is actually one of the...

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Um, sort of initiatives that we are working on this year. So we have, um, a new group that we're trying to get off the ground. Um, we've been calling it Informed and Included. We may shift the name a little bit to get a bit more interest.

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So, we'll see. Uh, put a pin in that one. But the idea is for, um, folks with disabilities to be able to come in a relaxed setting, um, and hear, um, about how, sort of, like, the civic

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public government world works.

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Um, to get sort of a little bit of a summary version of some of the things that are happening on City Councils, the things that are happening here at DD and Mental Health Boards, and then hopefully, um, encourage them to sort of think about their own opinions and give input based on that. And here, but in other forums, too. So, I will say it's been a little slow getting off the ground. I think

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coming in public speaking, um, Chloe did an amazing job. I think it's... it can be, uh, intimidating, um, but that is something that we're really working on, and, um, we have a couple people from City Council that have already agreed to come and kind of speak about, like, what is their role? What does that look like?

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What are some of the things that the City Council thinks about?

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And so we're really excited about that, and I think it's...

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You know, we'll keep you posted, so...

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Um, we also, um, kind of also on the advocacy end of things, our human rights and advocacy group is gonna be here this evening, um, in collaboration with DSC, but they've also been working on some presentations at the university, so they spoke

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was it last week or the week before, at an early, um, early childhood education class, um,

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And has another one sort of planned for later this semester. Um, so they've been still just really enjoying getting out there and...

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Um, sharing their experiences and answering the questions and helping, um, sort of future educators understand

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Um, the type of lives that they leave now and want to lead, so...

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Um, on a few other just notes, we, um, it's been a minute since I've spoken with you all, so we, um, we've, uh, we've had a lot of success getting people jobs in the last couple months.

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Um, we've, uh, we have somebody working at Accolade, somebody at, um...

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Clark Lindsay, um, we had two people who worked at Curtis Orchard last year and were asked to come back, um, which is really awesome. They've been, um, very supportive of those folks.

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Um, we have somebody starting with the Urbana schools in a couple weeks, and at Rally House, and there's, I think, at least one more that I'm not remembering this moment, but...

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Um, it's been really nice to see

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employers being really open to...

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customized positions, so...

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Um, and then we are also offering two classes at the moment, um, both sort of in collaboration with other, um,

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organizations and groups in town, so we're offering a healthy relationships class that's co-taught with, um,

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The educators from races.

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Um, and we're doing a cooking class, um, that Urbana Park District is very graciously letting us use their kitchen, so...

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Um, I think that's it. Thank you all.

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Very exciting about all of this stuff, but especially informed and included. That is really cool.

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Thanks for sharing that. But I agree, the name probably needs to be tweaked just a little bit.

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I don't have any ideas yet.

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Anybody else?

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Alright then, I guess we will move on to County Board input. Jenny, still on? She's there. Alright.

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Uh, nothing to report at this time. We're in the budget process, so... Things are... tricky as they always are. Um...

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Happy to bring back any input to the board that you would like me to, but, uh, always keeping ZDB in mind.

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Thank you.

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When looking at that information. Thank you all.

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Mental Health Board input.

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They met last Wednesday, um...

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They looked at... they also looked at this first draft of their 3-year plan and their priorities document,

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Um... do you remember? This was a long time ago to me.

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I think they have difficult conversations like the one that y'all had earlier.

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Quite often, um, so we're...

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As staff, we are used to that, and we learn a lot from those conversations. I think maybe...

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Y'all are, you know, kind of like...

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feeling like maybe it's a waste of your time, but it is not a waste of our time. Like, it's all...

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important, and we may be able to...

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change things here and there to get better outcomes for everybody, but that's...

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I think they had one of those tough discussions. Oh, yes, they sure did. Okay.

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And then... and it ended up really well, like, everyone was happy in the end, so...

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Sometimes this goes well. I think that's it. And then they're involved with this joint study session this evening,

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I do have a question for y'all on the schedule is...

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Another joint study session at the end of October, but this one

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We've just been planning it with Mental Health Board.

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Not with the DD board, so we could take your name off of it, or consider you co-hosts of it. It is to...

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hear from representatives of the Immigrant and Refugee populations here about

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resources that people use, and how...

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people are dealing with new threats.

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So, you know, you're always invited to their study sessions, but I just wonder if you want

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me to take that off of your...

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list officially, or if it doesn't matter.

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Um, it's... I... I would...

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like, to see it left on the list. I mean...

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people don't have to attend if they don't want to, so sure, leave it.

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Okay.

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Yeah, that's it. I just want to say that I have personally, as a physician, seen

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Um, DD...

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family members of immigrants and refugees, and they are the most neglected

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people possible. Um, they're...

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you know, the lack of services available or awareness of services is...

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This is profound. So, I think it does impact us.

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More than ever, yeah.

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Okay, any board announcements?

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Or input. This is just, um, so I...

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I can't be here at the study session, but I sent some questions to Lynn and Kim and Vicki. My daughter has a... is...

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getting inducted into NHS, so I...

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I'm... I was very bummed that... Well, congratulations. Well, yeah.

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I'd like to be in two places at once, so I'm sorry. So just ahead of time, I'm sorry to...

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The advocates and, um, agencies for not, uh, being able to attend tonight.

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Yeah. So we typically give the advocates all the questions in advance, because it isn't

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It's not very comfortable to them to wing it, so I didn't know if your questions were meant for discussion among board members,

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Um, I... I... that's a great question. I... I think I was more having this as a discussion of board members, but that actually, now that I'm saying that out loud, makes it feel like I'm excluding their particular input, so...

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Um, I'm more meant for, like, the board for us to discuss, based on... but...

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Okay, any other announcements?

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For input.

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Alright then, I guess we are...

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I don't know if I was gonna bring this up, uh, you know, unfortunately, I as well won't be able to make it tonight. I'm speaking for this, uh, epilepsy...

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dinner thingy. Um, yeah, giving a little presentation, but...

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Um, you know, one thing as, like, a provider here, it's really frustrating that you can't get neuropsych testing, and I don't know how to improve access.

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Um, you know, there are a few providers here, but I was just thinking about one person I have, and

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Because of their insurance, which isn't, I don't know, too exotic, but I mean, it's a struggle I cannot find anybody... I mean, we're like, maybe, Rosh, you know, and...

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I know with, even in the peds, I was talking to some of the PEDS neurologists, some of them have to go to Peoria, and I mean, that's...

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That's really... it's a tough barrier. Um, I don't know if...

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as a board, we can...

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formulate something to address that, um, but... or... I don't know, it's just something that...

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I feel. It's a big frustration.

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I just want to second that. I don't know if it's still true, but...

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We had to get a neuropsych evaluation in order to qualify for services,

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And it was a long wait.

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And then insurance didn't pay for it, and I had the capacity to cover the cost.

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But it was... it would... it would have been an absolute barrier for many families.

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I would agree with that, too.

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you know, if there's... if there was something that we could do...

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given the structure of how we do our proposals now, it's, you know, people write proposals, and...

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Give them to us, and we say yes or no.

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Maybe we need to think about...

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actually requesting a proposal.

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I don't know if that's possible or not.

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Since we have this funding priorities document sort of open for comment, I think that we can just add a specific, right? Like...

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We might have to put conditions on...

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assistance for things like travel for neuroscience, or the cost of a test when there's no other coverage.

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But we can absolutely add that to the priorities document. I'm not exactly sure where, maybe you have an idea, but we...

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I currently think that, um...

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the special Initiatives Fund might be a resource for people in immediate

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Need of that, um...

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there is a cap on how much

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people are eligible for, and it might actually not cover, but Angela's very good about reaching out if she does have questions.

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Um, and I think if it was something...

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that was above the cap, then I would...

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probably bring it to Vicki, and then maybe it would be, you know, something that the whole board needed to...

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discuss. But yeah, I think in immediate...

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We have the special Initiatives Fund, and I definitely think that's a quality of life

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situation for a person... I mean, it's not as fun as an iPad, but... So that... that contract will end on July 1st, or June 30th of next year, and it doesn't continue after that, and the Special Initiatives Fund is kind of running down... we're trying to spend it

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down. So, it might be good still to put this in your regular priorities,

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So that it's stated and we can do something for continuation from July 1st through the end of the year.

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This is really great, thank you. We typically don't solve problems during our board announcements, but, you know, thank you for all of that. That sounds...

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Great. Are there any others that we can...

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work on right now.

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Okay, then, we will call this meeting adjourned, and we'll see you all next month. Thank you so much.