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Some of those settings I created a while ago have somehow disappeared, so bear with me, but you could - if you want to start the meeting - you can.

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I'm just struggling to retain the work. There it is. Okay, well, I think we should start the meeting because we have a lot to discuss today.

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So we're calling the meeting to order. I just, I'm at 9 o'clock exactly looks like to me.

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Thanks for coming. And we'll go ahead with the call to order and the - well that was the call to order. The roll call please.

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She has no audio. Oh, okay. Susan Fowler. Georgiana Schuster.

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Kim Fisher. Here. Vicki Niswander. Here.

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Anne Robin. Here, Leah Taylor. Here. Alright, we need to approve the agenda.

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I move to approve the agenda as in the program. Thank you. I'll second. Thank you, Kim.

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And I assume we're all in favor. So. Alright, the schedules, the glossary, and those are all included in the packet.

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So we'll go ahead just - citizen input. Anything from the group?

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All right, moving right along then. I just want to - my comments seem to always be thanking staff, but I have to do it again.

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Because this has been a brutal month for the staff. They have worked so hard putting all of this in in understandable form

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For us and we're going to be relying on them even more I'm sure in the next couple of months through the end of you know

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Voting next month and contract negotiations the following. We couldn't do this without you guys. So thank you for that.

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And that is all I have to say.

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Thank you, that was nice. I think I'll do just keep my comments mostly to housekeeping.

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The glossary has been fully updated. To Actually capture things that were in the applications. It's been Probably a couple years since we really updated, we used the applications.

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There are maybe one or 2 acronyms we did not include since they're not yet funded.

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We've thought, well, next month, you know, June. So, please sign in in the room if you haven't already and then in the chat if you're on the zoom it's very helpful to us to know who was here and how to spell their names and what agency they're with.

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The We did have some problems setting up the zoom but I think everything is working right now. This is a very although it's only a 1 page agenda this time, the business that the board has to move through is really quite a lot.

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And so it will be really important for Everyone who's not a board member to refrain from speaking unless the board chair or board members call on us and that includes on the zoom.

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I don't like to mute people but if someone wants to talk, they should not just start talking.

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I think you are very... You open the rules at other meetings, but for this one, we probably need to stick to the

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Most yeah, we could go for a very long time otherwise right so and the topics are very important to everyone so okay So that's really I think that's really all I have to say there is coffee and water.

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Thank you, Kim. And that's for everyone. Okay, okay, let's move forward with the approval of the minutes from last month.

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I moved to approve the minutes as in the printed handout online and online. Okay.

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I'll second you. Thank you. All those in favor say aye. Aye.

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Thank you. And, moving on to. Awesome. It was and and Kim.

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Sure, no problem. It's true. We'll just see. Excellent.

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Yeah. Okay, vendor invoices start on page 24 to 28 and we need a motion to approve the invoices.

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I motion to approve. Thank you. Second. And in favor, yes.

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All those in favor? Aye. Okay, we're going to just zip right through this step and we are to new business.

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Before we start going through the proposals one at a time, I would like to ask Shandra who is hopefully she has a microphone.

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If she would talk a little bit about any. Overall issues with the cultural competence reports.

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And whether or not those have been addressed. If she's, if Shandra, have you worked with the agencies directly?

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To get changes to that information.

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I'm sure so

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My overall review of this year's cultural confidence, one of the things I will say that is different.

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Moving forward is that I noticed this year in plans that people were more inclusive of people with lived experience

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As a part of their process. So for example, in the past they would have reported

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That people with lived experience just served in capacity of advisory only. Meeting with them maybe once or twice a year.

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But this year in the second quarter reporting and also in the actual plans moving forward. Second quarter was that of this year.

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I've noticed that, more of the people that are clients, more people with lived experience.

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Are actually having more of an impact in the work that they're reporting on, and so that is definitely something that is a huge change

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From, the disability side. One particular organization created a structure to have like human relations as a part of their structure, but they've even taken that to another level by being like on park district boards and actually being on community wide boards and advising them

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On how to do that and extend that. So I will actually say that is a huge change that has not always been the case.

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Lots of times people with lived experience were just invited to speak on behalf of an issue.

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But now people with lived experience are now a part of solving the challenges connected to issues, which is a very different approach that had not been happening with our agencies before.

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That's very encouraging. Any questions for Shandra on that?

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Shandra, this is Kim. Just thank you for that update and thank you for pointing that out.

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That is something I noticed and so great to see. So lots of references to DEI in the report, but didn't realize how much of a, what the magnitude of the change was.

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So that's really encouraging.

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Yeah, and that is and so because people are beginning to see the value of DEI.

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One of the things I want, the board just to be aware of is that and you've seen this everywhere, DEI, as a term, is definitely under attack.

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And my approach has always been to really look at the culture of the family, the culture of the person, the culture of the community.

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And so I think when we really begin to center things around culture. That is something that will always be

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Relevant. Instead of people just wanting to dismantle diversity, equity, and inclusion as terms just because they're connected to some negative connotation.

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But what it's doing is when people say that they are not for DEI or for all people.

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What you're doing is you're taking away someone's ability to be seen valued and heard.

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And so. I just, make sure that that is present. I say it, I speak it out loud.

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And then also for a community that may not have - That has been so marginalized and not seen and not viewed as valued.

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That is a very dangerous space to be. So. I am glad to see the shift that has happened where people with lived experience are actually becoming a part of the solutions.

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Well, thank you for that eloquent explanation and thank you to the agencies who have worked so hard to make that happen.

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It is much appreciated.

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Yeah.

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Any other comments or questions for Shandra? All right then, let's move ahead and talk to Chris a little bit.

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Just in general, Chris, what have you noticed this year?

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Well, there are a number of applications which I have some significant
concerns about regarding the the way the budgets were presented.

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And so, So you've been in touch with these agencies, correct? And if
there have been meeting a meeting set up with them. There has not been a
meeting set up yet, which that is in progress.

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Okay, but they haven't notified. Correct. Okay, all right. So hopefully
that will be something that will be resolved and we'll check back in with
you before we have a vote.

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Next month. Okay. Very good. Any comments or questions for Chris at all?

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Alright then, let's think we'll just go ahead and dig into the first
proposal in the list, which is CCRPC community services, which was

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I guess Kim you're the lead person on that one.

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Okay. This is Kim. So yeah, I was the lead for the decision support
person centered planning with our CCRPC.

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So for this program year, they're requesting $418,845 which is - Can
somebody clarify for me it looked to me that they last year they
requested 433777.

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So I thought that was a decrease percentage, but it It read to me it read
that it was an increased.

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Like a 3 point.

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Yeah, I calculated it as a 3.4% decrease. So I just want to make sure I
was reading it right.

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I'm sure it's a typo, but I just wanna make sure. Okay, so in general, so
yeah, so the requesting like, a decrease in funding.

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They generally provide conflict free case management for those registered
in PUNS or have no waiver services but are DDB

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Funded. They also provide support for kids who are transitioning from like school services to adult services and provide linkages to other resources.

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The staff noted in this report, which again, just to reiterate what Vicki said, this is just unbelievably helpful the way these reports are written is, or these summaries are written, so thank you so much.

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There's a staff focused outcome to strengthen community connections, which they noted that indirectly affects their ability to serve clients in the in their experiences.

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They'll connect folks with linkages, services, mental health services is another outcome and the there was an outcome related to a certain percentage.

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I know I don't have it written down, but a certain percentage of - 95% of those that they work with will have a personal plan that's up to date.

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So they're proposing to have - treat or to serve 145 clients that have treatment plans and then 30 clients that have non-treatment plans.

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25 community service events, 100 service contact. Hours? Sorry, individuals, contacted.

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There was a noted, oh, and I just, the culture, so the, Just make sure I get this.

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A cultural and linguistic competence plan. So I noted a few things. So, which I this one thing I wasn't sure.

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I hadn't remembered reading about this before, but they offer a higher pay to potential employees who are fluid or multilingual speakers, which I don't remember them doing that before, but I just noted that like, yeah, that's great.

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Cool thing. And then they have similar to what kind of what Shandra noted like so they're having members you know, families who are served parents who are serving being real active in their, decision making.

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And then they have done some biliteracy instruction for their staff. Which is, Sorry, but yeah, biliteracy and instruction.

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There was a note on the correction for the budget report and I, if you
could explain that, better than, yeah, so I, I did it.

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That's not my expertise. So. I really don't know that I can explain it.

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It is - the organization is quite large. They have - last time I heard -
11 different program years contract years that they work with really
diverse funding sources and somewhere in there their indirect cost
allocation methodology which is approved

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For GATA, so primarily for state funding - Does this funny thing, it
tucks some of the Salaries is it

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T them somewhere else because some of the salaries are for fringe
benefits. So it really made sense.

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They had to sit down with me and have a long meeting about it. They had
provided me with the written information before, but I couldn't get it.

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So. They walked me through it. It's what they do for other funders. If
the board accepts a, you know, a GATA approved indirect cost allocation

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That's used for other funders, then they did it right. So our comments, I
think these were my comments were maybe, I don't know, We, you thought
they were yours.

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I thought they were mine. But just it's just that our personnel form
can't capture that information.

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So we were looking at the personnel form. It looked like an error, but
when you Go backwards and look at the indirect cost allocation
methodology, it's fine.

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Great. Because I noted like that there was some discrepancy in the
narrative and the personnel form and the narrative and the personnel form
and then I was like, oh wait, I think, and the narrative and the
personnel form.

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And then I was like, wait, I think, Lynn emailed... and then I was like,
oh, wait, I think, emailed us about something, and it was this one.

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So, okay, so we don't need, it'll be resolved. It's fine.

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It would, okay. So one question I had this was actually for all the programs and I apologize I should have asked this before.

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Lynn, can you explain to me consider continuing the PY24 special provisions, that is, I think that's something that's on all if not all of them, can you just explain what that means well each year Kim Boudry and I talk about if it's in all of them is it really a special provision or is it is it a standard contract provision related to developmental disabilities.

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The set of special provisions has evolved over the years to developmental disabilities. The set of special provisions has evolved over the years to capture specific concerns of board members about specific programs, but then kind of spread to others.

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Do you want to go - do you have the list in your mind of what they are?

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I think they have to do with - communicate with PUNS eligibility, communicating with whoever the independent service coordination unit, with whoever the independent service coordination unit is.

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You know, sharing your information about your program to that body so that that body can make referrals to your program, basically.

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Collaborating across other providers, not all of the DD services are the same. So this might be job developers network for some of the programs and then you know, whatever whatever other programs quite might be similar, none are identical, but they're expected to collaborate so that they can avoid duplication of service and provide transitions where needed.

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Is that right? Is there anything else? That's good enough. I think you captured everything.

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I can't off the top of my head. I was gonna start with the PUNS provision, and I thought that's a standard one I think.

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So then I got really scared and couldn't remember anything. And then there's a special provision in some contracts about what in most about reporting in the claims section of our online.

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That's where we get all that data about individuals. But there are a couple of programs that don't report to it because it wouldn't make sense.

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Right. So that's true, correct. So that's maybe still a special. I don't know if any special provisions around like

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An alternative to an audit, but that's something you could consider. Yeah. So is the inclusion of this statement to allow more flexibility?

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Is that the idea or why is this statement included? We will spell them out in the May memo so you'll understand what we're what kind of contracts we think you should offer But we also want to make sure the agencies see it.

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You know, it's so that they know what we're thinking now. So are there questions? Is there somebody from CCRPC here that can answer?

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Okay, you want to come up to the mic then?

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Nice. But, sure. Yeah, absolutely. Why don't you do it right now while she's getting settled in?

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Okay, I'm gonna read the comments from Susan Fowler who was the second reviewer for this program.

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She made a comment this grant provides services to a large number of individuals who are registered on DHS PUNS but not yet selected for funding by state,

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Are transitioning from ISBE services to adult services or have a mental health diagnosis. They are not yet eligible for PUNS funding

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They would be left out of services or services in interrupted while waiting for selection from PUNS. Tons of funding, provides conflict free case management, links to community resources, person centered planning, and help linking to Medicaid,

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Social Security, and other resources very important program. She also noted that the ISC shifted to prairie land in fiscal year 24 for those on the state PUNS list, and she questioned how coordinated has this transition been, what are coordination plans for those temporarily served by RPC to become

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PUNS eligible and moved to PrairieLand for ISC, and then she said the
outcomes are clear, measurable.

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Through the documents completed with each client. What is the likely wait
time and therefore these interim services? Interim service times before
state is likely to be available to clients?

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The budget's clear, and this is essential service, and staff are clearly
qualified.

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I just have one quick question. You reference outcomes that you intend to
support people to reach their outcomes even though they're not receiving
services.

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How exactly does that happen?

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And who's responsible for them.

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So outcomes are related to the individuals that we're working with in
their person centered plans.

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And then through. The transition consultant program, she develops a
transition plan with each person that she works with.

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And then also the dual diagnosis case manager. She would work on goals,
towards either if there's an outcome for that program

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Or any goals that are identified when she begins services with the
individual on her caseload. Okay, all right.

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Thank you. Yes. Any other?

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Susan did have questions that I blew through as part of her summary. So,
Susan had a question about

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How coordinated has the transition from the ISC going to Prairie Land
been.

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So everything is already over - been sent over to Prairie Land as far as ISC services, all of the PUNS.

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Prairie Land already has all of that. As far as our work with Prairie Land, you know, we do reach out to them, you know, if we have someone who we believe

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May be in a crisis situation we do reach out to them we have made them aware of that you know, we follow up with them to see if they are going to proceed with crisis funding because then we know if we need to kind of Let them take the lead or if we need to continue providing services which we would you know stay in touch with that person until they have the reward letter now but I'm just making sure that we're not doing any

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duplication. But as far as, you know, if there's a lot of back and forth communication, that's still been a little bit

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Difficult we're not getting a lot of communication back on things, but we it is getting better.

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We're getting PUNS verification forms from them so we can let them know now who we are working with.

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So that we can let them know now who we are working with so that they're aware when they're upon selections so that you know we can be notified more consistently so there isn't any duplication if that Okay.

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Or Susan's question. I think it answered Susan's questions, yes. Her other question I think that you kind of did answer it already, and that was coordination plans

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For those temporarily served for RPC who will become eligible for PUNS and move to Prairie Land for ISC.

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So I think you sort of answer that if everybody's in agreement I'll stop talking.

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Okay, and I was just reminded that we were going to lose our quorum at noon.

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So I will maybe try and will take some of the facts and figures out of the reviews and move a little more quickly.

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Thank you very much for your help here.

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Alright, moving on to Service Coordination, a program of developmental services center. And Susan was the lead on that particular one.

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I will try to be brief as well. Susan said the service coordination application proposes to continue current funding with 70% of costs covered by DDB, meets priorities meets priority of linkage and coordination.

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248 individuals served represent distribution across county and are predominantly in the age of 19 to 60 plus range.

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Increase of $5 relate to staff salary increases needed to support retention. There was some concern noted about the financial forms.

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Clarification is needed about presence of DSC staff at IEP meetings, which are the responsibility of school districts and ISBE.

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If DSC staff are present, are they being paid by other grants?

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I think this is - are DSC staff truly able to address future service needs and of students and families?

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If waiting lists for services exist, outcomes are an area that would benefit from future attention as they rely on satisfaction of consumers

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And random sample review records, record reviews, excuse me. Her recommendation, this is an essential needed core service of DSC.

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But requests that concerns noted about potential duplication of services and transparency of funding be addressed in a meeting with DDB staff and then she would also like to know about the waiting list if there's any for this program.

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Is there?

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No, okay. Well, that was an easy answer. Perfect. And I have nothing to add as a secondary reviewer.

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I thought Susan did a great job. So we'll move on to. Unless you guys have questions.

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Okay, moving on to Inclusive community support. From community choices.

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Georgiana was the primary reviewer. Did she provide any input to you at all? Okay. So as secondary reviewer, let me find this one in my

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Notes here.

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Okay. Community. Can community choices is asking for $213,000

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For their community support program. I didn't know any major changes in the way they are doing this.

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It's very individualized. Their work is helping people to live in their own home. Whenever possible or to learn skills to be able to do that at some point it has grown

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To also add some ala carte services, health management, short term skill building, bus training, cooking, all those kinds of things.

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Just note support can be provided by a team up to 5 times a week, which is pretty. Pretty good.

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And the staff comment here is that wait times are reasonable given the program capacity. The outcomes are outlined in pretty Good detail on page 41 in the packet.

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And.

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Does anybody have any questions on this one?

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Questions are concerned.

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Are we good? Alright then. Do you good? Okay, very good.

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Alright, moving on to. Developmental services center community living.
That's you, Anne.

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Thank you. All of those questions and comments are very helpful. So thank
you very much. This is also a ongoing program.

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And I don't have right here. How much of the increase in general there's
been an increase of requests from DSC and they've explained that it's due
to increase in

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9% increase in. Staff salaries, which were much needed. And also
inflation for items that are purchased.

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I think this is a complimentary program to the one that community choices
does. It was formerly called apartment services and it supports
individuals in living as independently as possible, either in their own
apartment, a group apartment, or at home.

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I noted that they served 76 people in fiscal year 23 or program year 23 3
and 74 in the first half of program you're 24 so I'm assuming that
there's a continuity of people going across and a lot of these are the
same people which is a good thing.

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So. It looks like good continuity. Ddb provides 83% of the total budget
and 89% of that is for staff salaries.

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Oh, I see here it's a 7.5% increase for direct service providers, which
is excellent and 6.5% for others in the organization.

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We have already discussed that there is a need for improving
communication and transparency of finances between DSC and the accounting
department here so that everybody's on the same page and understands
what's going on, how the accounting is being done.

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So that's a caveat that hopefully will be worked out. I had notes that
there was good participation, good participant outcomes measures, good
self-determination, personal plan, good promoting inclusion.

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And reducing stigma and good use of technology. Also good staff training
and credentials. So those are my.

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My comments on that one. Okay, any other questions or comments? Alright,
very good. Let's move on then to.

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Transportation support for community choices. I was the lead on that one.
This is a relatively small request compared to others.

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A $171,000. This is this will be the second year. Of this service and
from their proposal it looks like things are going quite well.

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Do we need to review the entire program? Are you familiar enough that we
can?

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Are there any questions about it?

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No questions. Would you consider moving it? Would you consider at some
point providing services later in the evening

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For people who are, you know, who want to do an evening activity? I think
you have a cutoff at 7 o'clock.

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Yeah, great question. So currently we offer rides up until 8 PM. And we
honestly, we haven't had a ton of requests, for later than that.

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We certainly are looking at, you know, ways that we would expand the
program into the future. But lot of requests for the weekend right now.

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I think that's our biggest. May not come because they know it's not
available, but yeah, yeah.

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That's true. I will say our evening hours are the least busy. May not
come because they know it's not available, but they know it's not
available, but yeah. Yeah. No, that's true.

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I will say our evening hours are the least busy, right now. And so,'s
true. I will say our evening hours are the least busy, right now.

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And so, we are kind of like we aren't having the capacity to give the
ride since it's already booked during that time slot.

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Yeah, well, glad you're experiencing such great success with it. Thank
you. Yes Go ahead.

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This is Kim. So I just wanted to note that the you guys are gonna increase the number of hours but not the that hours that are served but not necessarily the number of people.

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That's how I read it. So, okay, sorry. So I'm sorry, I'm not quite understanding the question.

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So it looked to me that you weren't suggesting that you're going to increase the number of people that are served by this program, but that you wanted to increase the number of hours that

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You're providing services. Is that accurate, I guess? Yeah. You turn it on.

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You can't seem to get it right. Sorry. Yes, so we, we are wanting to be able to offer more rides during our busiest times.

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I don't know that we're necessarily going to serve a ton more people, but hopefully we'll be able to serve the people who are currently involved better.

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And then just the other thing I wanted to mention, that your board, their board includes folks with lived experience and and really helping to develop the program.

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So just wanted to Add on to Shandra's point. Very nice. Anything from you, in?

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Okay, all right then moving on to developmental services center clinical services, and Susan was the lead on that one.

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So take it away. All right, Susan's review says proposal relates to providing services for co-occurring mental health needs, serve 65 individuals in past services were often bifurcated and obtaining mental health support and DD support was often impossible.

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This is a critical program that addresses mental health. Critical services includes staff training, counseling, assessment, and provision, psych assessment for eligibility, OT for sensory regulation, etc.

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The addition of OT is important and a new reasonable expense. She has a question if there's a waiting list.

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Critical services includes staff training, counseling assessment, and provision. And this, I'm sorry, this is the same thing.

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I'm just reading it and she wrote it twice. Yeah, it must be critical. She wanted to be sure it was in there.

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Outcomes only indirect data gathered from quarterly review of records of coordinator and psych notes.

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This is appropriate to ensure services provided as intended. But are there other measurable outcomes for example has tool been

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Developed for satisfaction ratings from participants and if relevant families are guardians. Oh, there it has been developed and used is data available on clients who make progress.

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Maybe I should wait for these for questions. She said direct staff our LCSW, LCPC, psychiatrists to expand access notes collaborative agreements with number of local mental health agencies or counseling group.

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Then she has some additional questions, which I will wait on and then she made a note that there were no other sources of funding DSC reserves DSC refers some clients to other providers

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Who bill public or private insurance, this may allow others without insurance to be served. Then she had a couple of questions, which I will also wait, wait.

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Recommendation. This is a critical program that merits funding and has an ongoing history of programming and funding suggests if possible to continue and advocacy to alert state of mental health crisis and then She said she assumes budget questions can be addressed between DDB and DSC staff.

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Okay, and anything it. Once again, Susan did such a good job that I have really nothing to add.

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I would just also second that the addition of the occupational therapist is brilliant. And should definitely be supported.

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And being in the health care situation in this area in this country, I can tell you that this really, this is an essential service that fills a huge gap.

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Because it's so hard to get people into the regular mental health system and especially people who are IDD are not always able to interact.

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So I think this is an amazing service that deserves support.

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Go, yes, please.

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I'll wait for you guys to get settled before I start, questions.

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The first question was about the satisfaction tool and I don't know if you guys can address that now, but it says has tool for satisfaction ratings from participants and if relevant families and guardians been developed and used.

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Yes, okay. Is data available on clients who make progress and no longer receiving services? Yeah, we do do quarterly reports and get that advice of whether they need to be discontinued or not.

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Do services tend to be long term because other issues emerge? Yes, that can be one of the reasons.

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Is there a wait list? I don't believe there is a wait list for. And call now.

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Okay.

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That's and then.

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Does DSC participate in Medicaid which might cover services for some? We, will refer people initially to find other services if they have Medicaid.

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And then just depending on a case then we might see if they need support from us. So the individuals have Medicaid, a lot of the providers do not accept Medicaid patients.

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And so that's typically who we are supporting. We try to, we don't try, we always seek

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A provider externally before we absorb that into this program because if
there, because if there's somebody waiting for services, we don't want
that to be a barrier.

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So we always seek the state funding through a known provider in the
community and then have this resource for individuals.

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It's in part a lot of times there's a significant delay in somebody
having access to service, and if they're in crisis that you know this
this is an immediate stopgap for that,

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And it is about Medicaid providers at the in the counseling field
industry.

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I also wanted to speak to the satisfaction surveys do get done for this
program, and maybe it's just not a formal outcome so that's information
that can be shared, and I think we can put in the quarterly reports,
which happens at the fourth quarter.

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So that is done. They're included in that process. Was that was that your
question? No.

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The diligence around making sure that other pay sources are used whenever
possible. And I know that there are other considerations.

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But if you have a person who needs psychiatric services and they're in
crisis and you can't -

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There's a Medicaid participating provider, but their wait list is too
long. So you start someone.

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Because you can, because you have the capacity. Do they then transfer to
a Medicaid participating provider ever or did they just permanently stay
in this practice?

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Okay. I think so often that happens because the wait is significant. But
that would be absolutely the practice.

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It's coming in. If their if their name comes up. If they're if their name
comes up, they would transfer out.

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That needs to get revisited if this is what I'm hearing you say. If the wait list, we definitely want their name to come up and they would transfer our services.

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Right. I mean the issue that - the issue that board members have talked about is the quality of care. That's really compelling.

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So, like, yeah, but if there are opportunities to purchase the service with insurance that people already have,

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The program has done a good job of reporting on these efforts... it was Heather. Thank you.

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And do you have any other questions? Okay, I can. Alright, let's move on. Thank you very much.

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Individual and family support. Is Georgiana? Georgiana and Susan. And you've got Susan.

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Susan says the proposal meets need for essential flexible respite services including access to camps, fitness centers, conference

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Trips, and family respite in addition at targets 20 clients to expand knowledge of or advocacy and other educational opportunities

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Facilitated by the resource coordinator. And I'll wait for that. Do clients identify?

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Oh, this is another question, sorry. Alright. Sorry, sorry.

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This is an important service of DSC. But request that concerns noted about potential duplication of services and transparency of funding be addressed in a meeting with DDB staff.

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Mostly these are questions, so I'll go down to the recommendation and do the questions in a minute.

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Would also like to know more about waiting lists if any. And then I think the rest are questions. Okay.

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Yeah.

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Okay. Says, oh, I think I have questions up here. So this was. Related to the 20 clients does the 20 clients include family members?

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And or clients or. So the 20 would be for self-advocacy activity so that would be individuals that we support not necessarily their family members.

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The the 40 is for the IFS respite piece of it, which would be the individuals and their families receiving rest of it.

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Do clients identify this goal on their person centered plans?

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Not necessarily. They just share with us that they're interested in self-advocacy activities or other things that we, that they want to do that we're like, oh, Self-advocacy might be able to help with that.

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I think I also this is a new position so we formalized our advocacy efforts starting in July, so I think In the past it was kind of piecemeal, minimizes kind of the value of it, but it was kind of happening in programs.

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And now we've got somebody that's spearheading that and actually soliciting input and interest from it so it's a little bit more informal.

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And I think there'll be a core group that'll serve as, more formal group but we want everybody to feel like they can participate in subjects or things that are passionate to them.

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So I don't I think it would be kind of generic to put it in a plan for every single person.

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And then or have to scramble to do that on the occasion that they're interested, if that makes sense.

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Okay, what kind of experiences are available? For self-advocacy, we have several different educational opportunities, some through the Council on Quality and Leadership or CQL, some from elevators training, which is all about healthy relationships.

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We have the speak up speak out summit that several people participate in and then we are constantly on the lookout for more things.

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If we're able to support people now if they're interested. We're also currently doing an educational opportunity through the Alliance, which is all about building your self-advocacy team and becoming leaders.

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Susan said, please clarify the number of families receiving the IFS respite and average amount of time, so you might not know that right now.

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Then she commented that a positive feature is. Of the report is that 90% are satisfied. Is there a waiting list and how long and I believe this relates to the IFS, direct support.

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Go back to the. She was asking about the number of families and what was the other piece. Number of families receiving and hours and amount of time that they're getting, yes.

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And then, waiting list and about how long for services. We'll have to get that information.

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I mean, there are like, I can tell you there are 36 families right now. There are 8 families on the wait list at this current time.

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An hour's really very some families use a lot some family she's a little On average, it's about 8 HA week, but we have some families receiving more than that.

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If they're in a crisis situation. To what extent is DSC able to refer clients to state funded respite and does this help with keeping DDB funds available for more flexible use or clients on that waiting list.

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We, always like any time that they are interested in respite, we always have our admissions intake person talk to them about that and our resource coordinator.

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So that's always an option. Some people utilize that and some of our services. But for some people, the state.

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Respite services do not work for them because it is so limited on what their provider can do and they need a provider that has more flexibility, and the program supported by DDB does that.

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She had a question. I think this is probably more for, that we could answer. It's related to clients participate in waiver programs, but no client fees are funded through Medicaid waiver and we can clarify that we can collect this. I speak to the wait list just for a second too.

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I mean we opened several people this this fiscal year again that is a more focused with that new resource coordinator that started in July and with the number of families that we've increased we feel will exhaust the funding for this fiscal so we wouldn't want to open more people, but feel like in the new fiscal year, if funded is proposed that we would be able to open all 8 and then some.

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And then she made a comment about the history of funding, that $55,000 was, returned as unspent revenue.

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She noted new special provision requires DDDB staff to to review purchase of special assistance to avoid duplication.

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And she said, has this been a problem or a point of confusion and I can speak to that. Usually most purchases are sent to me.

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Obviously I don't know for certain if there's some that I am not. Sent and then you but yes they are sent to me and I do review them before before the purchases made.

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And that ensures that no insurance or any other funding is available for whatever item is being requested. The other thing it does is this board is required by law to manage its funds as DHS rules

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Provide, so we're able to prove that.

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I had a question, there were a couple of times that she referenced something about duplication and I'm not sure what that is referencing for this program.

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Unless it maybe was about not having a funding source, you know, for some of those items and that got clarified just now.

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I just wasn't sure what she was thinking might be. Or how to eliminate duplication.

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I missed it. The word I saw earlier. I think in the very end you just said it too, but I think it was in there more than once and we it can be after the fact if you want to.

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I just I just wanted to get some clarification.

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Yeah, I do think that's related to a program that was applied for through the IDDSI fund, which is specific assistance.

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And so I think she wants, extra caution around making sure that people aren't getting a specific assistance from this program and also that one.

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Okay, great. Thank you.

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Any questions? I'm you guys. No, okay. Moving on to PACE.

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And, and you are the primary reader on this one. Right. Well, this is a, program that we've been funding for,

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Ever since I've been involved in DDB and and mental health, which is quite a long time.

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This is the fifth year for this program. It supports matching individuals of personal support workers.

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And. I believe they also do some training for personal support workers and support for those people. They do background checks and connect people.

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I think there's been some questions raised about outcomes and measures that may need some work. That hopefully the agency and the staff can

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Work with that and the same thing with the financial reporting that the agency and the staff can work together to clarify and make those

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More understandable for for the board. I note that 33 people were served in program year 23 and 7 in the first half of program year 24 which seems like kind of low numbers so I might ask the agency to

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Clarify. Clarify that we have representatives here and on the zoom. Okay, should we start with folks who are present?

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Sure. Let's do. I will defer to the chair for that. Thank you.

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If you're satisfied with their answer, we don't have to go to the same.

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Good morning, everybody. So to address that issue is that when we first
started this program, you know, there was the, it was going really well
on stuff and we have done recruitment and matching and it made really
such a difference but then the pandemic happened.

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And stuff and people on both. On this program, they're still consumers
that are looking.

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And stuff but the drastic increase of PSWs has that, that's drastically
decreased.

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So we tend to focus on a lot of the consumer has specific preferences and
that's how we started to kind of evolve and and support those consumers.

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So you saw a drastic decrease on matching because the consumers are very
specific of their preferences.

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And the staff that been working the program focused on those preferences
to make sure the match are good and specifically what they were looking
for.

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How, how, how many, people, how many potential personal support workers
are on the list currently?

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About the 33 on the list but again not everybody could be matched because
if someone for example is asking for nonsmokers so we drastically
decrease that that way.

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If someone they want a female, that's also decreases that way. And then
so it's specifically targeted to what the consumers looking for and
sometimes it's specific like for example we want someone to be able to
ride a bike in the neighborhood.

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So if I asked if we asked PSW, say, do you know how to ride a bike and
they say, well, I'm not comfortable or I don't know how, then that kind
of still focused some more of the PSW of the consumer.

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Let's see Okay, thank you. Those are interesting considerations. I can
certainly relate to the smoker non-smoker issue.

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I hadn't thought of that, but that's a big issue. And allergies happens
too if someone's allergic to cats or allergic to dogs and said that's
also focuses you know if a consumer says I don't want anyone that has a
cat or a pet at home because I'm allergic that also focuses the search
for potential PSW for that consumers.

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How does it work when you have a consumer who lives in a small outlying
town. Are there some potential PSWs that live in those areas?

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Are they pretty much Champaign, Urbana. So we do. We reach out to all the
Champaign County area and actually sometimes in the registry we also
actually have someone from outside of champaign that would travel to the
outskirts like for example, ran tool and and some of them are anyway
outskirts that's not the PSW are not from Champaign but willing to work
in

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the Champaign County area. It's 2 ways. Some of the consumers would would
say, Hey, I want someone that's not in this area.

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So find me someone that lives kind of outskirts. So again, it's pushed
through what the consumers looking for.

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And I want, so they would say, Hey, I want someone that would travel to
me, but nothing over 50 min or 30 min.

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We listen for for a lot of potential consumers. So that way when we start
sending referrals to that consumer, it's honoring their preferences.

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Well, I respect the fact that you listen so intently to the people that
you're serving. We do try so that make sure that when we send a good
referral hoping that they would So, that what they told us during the
interview.

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Thank you. Any other questions?

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All right, thank you very much.

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Okay, next step is. Another kim fow, oh Kim Fisher one. Aj, oh my god,
community choices, customized employment.

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Okay, so. This is a continuing program. So they provide, community based
employment, discovery, job matching, short and long-term support,
supported experiences, also for first-time job seekers.

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They are requesting an increase of 6%. To $239,500 and they are proposing
to increase because of.

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Wanted to serve more folks. And I just wanted to Hi, that the outcomes
for this program are really specific and very, very well.

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And then,

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So that was great. And then, they. I think I had a question around.

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Just the, this is the another area where community collaborations occur
related to the Urbana Park district.

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The continuing. Consider continuing the program year special provisions,
but that was answered earlier. So.

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Great. Yeah, any questions? Is there a waiting list for this one? You can
just nod if you want.

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Okay. All right, thank you very much.

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Okay, moving on to employment first and I'm the key, lead person on this
one.

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Yes. Community employment. What? Okay, go ahead, Kim.

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So this is DSC's Community Employment Program and they are working with
folks who have IDD who are interested in obtaining or preparing for or
maintaining employment.

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Activities related to discovery, application, job coaching, supported
employment, and this work life balance piece of the program, which I
thought was really great.

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They are proposing an increase of funding of. Sorry, I don't have, oh, 9%.

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And that is due to an increase in the number of people serve and similar to previous program addressing DSP salaries.

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And there, there was a comment from the staff. So their program outcomes are more about you don't utilizing the program rather than the outcomes for clients.

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So I was just maybe the program can kind of work on examining outcomes that are maybe more participant

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Focused. And then just in general, I think this is a repeated issue, but this is a first time I'm leading on DSC.

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So there was a concern with the budget narrative around general agency expense section. So essentially what I understood is that Non program

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Activities are being charged to the program. No, no. Okay. So I can

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One of y'all like clarify this because this was a question for Connections too. Sure, yeah, you want me get in specifics here?

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Okay, so as you said, this is kind of across the board with most of DSC's applications that I have concerns.

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The first issue is some of the descriptions about expense items are insufficient. So to give you an example.

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I'm looking at. So, their description of equipment purchases, which says equipment and furnishings are typically purchased to maintain current items necessary for daily purposes.

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All items cost less than $500. So that doesn't provide much information. Is that a computer? Is that a printer?

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Is that a scanner? Is it a chair, a desk, a filing cabinet. What is it?

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I mean, I'm sure nobody in this room would have an issue with any of those items. But I can't tell you what they are.

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And the fact is by just saying it's a piece of equipment that's actually opening the door for them to go off and buy a piece of equipment that maybe the board doesn't value.

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And there wouldn't be much recourse at that point if they were to do that, they just say, well.

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We wanted to buy equipment. This is a piece of equipment. You said we could. So that's concern one.

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Another concern is on on the surface, yes, it looks like there's kind of some sort of indirect allocation method happening here they called a general agency expense in which it looks like again, on the surface there's a number of expenses agency wide that seem to be just kind of tossed together and then each program just kind of gets a piece of the pie,

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And they allocate that based on direct salaries, which I don't have an issue with, with that.

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But what you end up with is there's some pieces in here that are being considered indirect costs that I don't consider indirect costs.

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For example, under professional services.

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Okay, this is exactly what they say. It's about the general agency expenses. Expenses are allocated to programs based on DSC allocated program expense formula.

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And under that, it lists professional fees and consultants where it talks about psychologists, counseling, speech language consultants, and nursing consultants, which I don't consider those to be indirect costs.

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So there's no explanation as to whether or not any of these items pertain to any particular program or not.

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And if it's true that they're lumped in with these general indirect costs and each program is paying for a piece of it, then In theory, you have a program that is not utilizing

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A speech language consultant, for example, but is paying for a piece of that, and so that leads me to the third concern is there's actually an item in our funding guidelines that says that each contract has to be treated separately and individually in a transactions has to be recorded that way.

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And so by having programs pay for pieces of other parts of other programs that's actually in violation of that requirement in the funding guidelines.

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That answer your question? Yes, thank you. Yeah, that's very, very helpful. So I guess.

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I think that probably it's better worked out between the agency and staff here prior to next month.

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I don't - my question is what do we do about that? Should we have DSC come talk to us?

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And as I said earlier, that we'll check in with Chris prior to the meeting to make sure that there are no big issues.

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Move forward from there.

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Yeah, I just wanted to say one thing. I had a conversation with Lynn about this and It seems to me, I mean, I'm not an accountant.

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I'm the daughter of an accountant, so I can respect the profession. It seems to me that there's an accounting mismatch going on, and it is better worked out between

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Staff here and staff at DSC, and the board role is to make sure that the funds are generally being used appropriately, that the programs are appropriate, that the services are being performed, and the details of the accounting which I deeply respect will be worked out between Chris and

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In this case, DSC. My comment is not related to what you've just done, but I sent an email to you yesterday from the agency

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May board packet. That. As I was going through these I told someone it gets so confusing when all the forms have the word community in it so I analyzed the wrong personnel form so on page 77 there's analysis of the

community living staff again it's identical to the first analysis of the community living staff because I grabbed the wrong form.

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I don't know like how much people really look forward to reading those little things that, you know, what percentage of - I love that part - so I'm sorry I got that wrong, but I don't think it affects this conversation. I just wanted to clarify there is an error and that the agency has pointed it out. I've shared it with you.

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Okay. Okay. So, I just want to clarify before we vote that Chris you'll work with DSC to get more accurate information because we have to make sure

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That we're following our guidelines. I mean, that's like our number one job as stewards of public money.

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So while I appreciate the fact that it's going to be dealt with between agency and the accounting staff or whatever,

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We can't vote on it unless it's approved. So yeah. Yeah, we've already had, some emails back and forth trying to schedule a meeting.

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So. Fantastic. Okay.

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There's an issue. Perfect. Can you put the microphone? Yes, we do not feel there's an issue.

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We sent an email to both of them. We're meeting with them next week. Okay. We do not feel like anything is changed or anything is different.

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So I don't feel that there's an issue, I'm working out. Alright, thank you.

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Okay, anything else on that one? Very good. Okay, moving on now to employment first. This is a collaboration between developmental services center and community choices.

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The leap program which I know you're familiar with. $98,500. And, I I think we're all pretty familiar with this one, so I'm not gonna spend a lot of time, but I did note

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That you have added an outcome for people being hired by elite businesses, which is something I was looking for.

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The last time. So I appreciate that that addition. Do we have any questions for either provider? On this particular proposal.

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Community choices is providing a point 5 FTE. DSC has a full time person. To share the load.

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I just want to say that the collaboration and cooperation between agencies that serve this population should be applauded.

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Absolutely. Okay, thank you very much. We'll move on to. We have some questions.

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Question. She said that. She also comment on the collaboration and thought it was a very positive feature.

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She wants to know what percentage of businesses that participate in training agree to join the website as a leap employer.

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Sorry, I should have allowed you to sit down first.

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Yeah, the 2 are actually separate. There are some businesses who are interested in the registry before they go through leap training.

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And sometimes after the training businesses do take some time to decide that they want to be part of the registry.

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But they actually sign up for the registry on their own. That is not something they have to do through us.

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We do give them the opportunity though, we always told them about the registry as a way to help them sort of let the community know that this is something that's important to them as business and ideally help to just kind of get the idea out there and sort of build the community mindset about employment for people with disabilities and really in a very broad way so not necessarily just about people with intellectual disabilities but as a very easy

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first step for businesses who are interested in being more inclusive and then with additional opportunities and hopefully. A particular focus on folks with IDD.

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And because we're all about technology, there is a QR code, which I don't know how to do, but are used, but there is a QR code.

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That's also on the new brochure and they're given that when they do the leap training.

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Yeah, the website was updated. Oh, you're not done. I'm sorry. I don't know.

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I'll make it very clear when Susan's done. What is the maintenance rate of businesses that join over time?

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And do they receive booster trainings if needed? We do have some businesses who request ongoing or repeat training and they do that when they have turnover and staff.

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And I think that's especially true for the frontline staff training. So we have some businesses who have gone through it multiple times.

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There's a few businesses that will like request especially that frontline staff training like I mentioned like almost every year just because they will have a lot of new staff at like for summer sort of programs in that kind.

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Park districts are really good about asking for repeat training. What is the status of the open position for the leap coordinator and what is the estimated time to fill and maybe it's Thank goodness I can say that we have someone hired.

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You know, it's a really tough position to hire because you're looking at somebody who really understands the business community and comes

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At the position from that aspect as well as understanding hiring people with disabilities and the disability community.

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So we did hire Melissa Goldman. I couldn't tell you what day she started, but it's been a few weeks and she and Ashley are I'm going over the presentation and she's already out there meeting with businesses and talking to people.

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She made a statement, Susan made a statement that she would like more
information on outcomes. For example, what are the indirect outcomes,
increased employment for people with IDD, what are the numbers of
individuals hired through the lead program?

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And I think that is a current outcome or for this application. How many
new businesses joined Leap? And how many continued beyond the first year.

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That, that's kind of, that's not a black and white answer. You know, the
level of activity really depends on the business.

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There's some who are very active. We do go back and continue to visit
businesses. Can you repeat the other part of that question?

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How many continued beyond the first year? I think that Yeah, so in
general, I think we, we usually reach back out to businesses about every
2 years, or if we have stayed engaged with them and they have new.

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New leadership or a new HR or something, we can certainly do that sooner.
But usually I think sort of informal time frame for renewal is about 2
years.

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And, involvement in the registry is also then another avenue for
continued engagement. And one of the things that we added to the registry
was an option for employers or people who got jobs.

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To anonymously let us know if they hired somebody with a disability or
for a person with a disability who does not want to disclose or doesn't
work with us, they're also able to give us that feedback because you
know, we really don't have any accurate way of

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Identifying every person with a disability who got a job with a leap
trained business.

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Thank you. Other questions? Okay, I'm here. You may sit.

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Okay, next one up is self-determination support from Community Choices.

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Alright, that's mine. Yes, it is yours. I wish I was Susan Fowler with
all those really insightful questions that actually allow people to
explain things very well.

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So. Thank you to everybody for that. This is a 21% increase in a program which has been ongoing.

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Community choices. Provide social opportunities. It's really getting people out into the community, which I know has been a priority that has been discussed.

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Events are organized by the agency and in the community they provide one-to-one coaching and tech training.

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So I would suggest that if there's anybody at DSC that needs tech training, they might want to see if they can learn how to use the QR code from this

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Program. You could get one on one training.

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Yeah. I was interested in the in most of the programs that we fund are ages 19 to 59.

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This program noted that there were 26 people in the 60 and over category which I was really surprised and pleased to see that, and 5 in the teenage category.

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I also noted that the gender difference. Was significant because most programs, we have more males than females and that may be reflecting the DD population, but this one was 113 females to 69 males in the program, which seems like it's a lot more popular.

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Is that it was just interesting. I'm I'm not making a value judgment on this at all.

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Just interesting.

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It looked like there were good measurable outcomes for individuals and 95 people were served with 120 family members.

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CCDDB is 100% of the program and personnel is 91% of the cost.

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So that's my report in this program. I don't have any specific questions unless, see if there's somebody else.

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Kim Fisher, did you have questions? It looks like we have somebody that
wants to answer a question.

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Sorry, I thought it was going to be a question about the gender breakdown
and I'm happy to tell you that the program serves both individuals with
disabilities, about the gender breakdown.

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And I'm happy to tell you that the program serves both individuals with
disabilities and family members, both individuals with disabilities and
family members, and we have a lot more individuals with disabilities and
family members, both individuals with disabilities and family members.

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And we have a lot more moms that are involved individuals with
disabilities and family members and we have a lot more moms that are
involved as, which probably doesn't surprise a lot of the people here
sitting at the table.

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But that is why I think of our actual sort of members with disability
breakdown, it is a lot more even.

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But the numbers all get kind of, there's no good way to parse them out in
here.

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Okay. Are you good? You're good. Okay.

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Moving on to developmental services center, community first, and Susan
was the lead on this one too. We gave her a heavy load.

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Second here. I'll try to be brief with this 1. 0, I almost read the wrong
one.

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Community first, the purpose is to further inclusion in the community.
Variety of volunteering, social, recreation, peer sport, services
provided to support inclusion of clients throughout typical community
activities, serves 43 to 45.

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Plus equal number of peers who are primarily enrolled in day programs and
might not have opportunity. For community inclusion.

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Ages are mostly 19 to 59 and it's a four-month rotation of programs with
30 programs offered weekly.

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I think she has a bunch of questions. She does say this is a service of
DSC that promotes more inclusion in the community for clients.

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And then questions? Sure, go for the questions.

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Let's throw some softballs first. How are programs identified? Are they
client driven and what is the range of participants in a four-month
program?

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So yes, they're very driven by the people in the program. What, what we
do in, in our part of the program.

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About halfway through that 16 week period, we're doing a survey asking
people what they like about what they're doing now.

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Would they like to take it in a different direction? And from that
information, then we actually start planning the next 16 weeks section.

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With the staff are doing, they're basically teaching a curriculum. Every
16 weeks. It's very well outlined what they're going to do.

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Some are about teaching skills and others are just about how do we help
people find what they're interests are in the community.

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And that's how we got to some of the groups like Paranormal or, you know,
the fact that they were interested in marble versus thank you, DC.

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I should have written that down on my palm. Marvel versus DC. And that's
how they got to the, hey, we want to go to Comic-con.

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That is all very show you guys just the selection of activities that
people have to choose from each quarter or each 4 months and you know
that has outlined Monday through Friday and it will.

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Every activity that someone can choose. And so each you know, 4 weeks
people decide what they want to do every day.

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Morning and afternoon and the range is incredible. We also have a visual
interest inventory that was created by our speech therapist to help
people who have a more limited understanding of language.

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Identify things that they like to do. So those are some of the options we have available people. And we actually have closer to 40 different offerings every week.

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Is there a wait list? Our wait list is kind of based on when people are asking to participate. Some groups, if they want to come into the program in the middle of a 4 month cycle, we can slide them in.

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It's really based on sometimes the numbers of people already in the groups that they're interested in.

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Because almost the entire program is in the community. You know, we're limited to 5 to 6 people per group.

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Do other funding sources exist, any in-kind contributions from Y.M.C.A. Special Rec? Park districts, tuition for spaces, and how expensive are some of the leisure activities and who pays for those things.

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Individuals pay for some of the activities like going out to lunch and things like that. But we do have partners and we have grant opportunities.

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You know, we've gotten Orange Crush Grant recently that will be helping us to pay for a Y memberships, our Leonard Center and our Martin Center passes.

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So we always look for other alternatives for payment for some of the activities. People are involved in. And you know, when we look at if we're trying to help people make connections on their own time.

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We're also then looking at that they're probably not going to have unlimited

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Resources for community engagement. So we're also looking at cost from from that viewpoint. One of the biggest expenses in our program is that the interesting cooking groups has really gone up and so it's just the food costs.

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Can you email me the program brochure and I will share it with everyone and we can post it as that would be necessary.

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Just to see. Exactly what we're talking about when we say 30 or 40 groups a week. And this tells you exactly how that's, you know, divided.

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Thank you. It really does illustrate the wide variety. And I think it makes it a little bit more understandable.

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And that goes home with every person in the program so they can talk it over with their families. You know, make a decision and it's also given to new people who are interested in, in entering into the program.

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I have a question for you. Are the the folks that participate in this are folks who typically are in the programm or who had been in the day program previously or sheltered work?

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Which I'm thinking is not a thing anymore. Am I correct in that? And so how much of their day is it like all day?

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They're just going from class to class all week long or is there some portion of time that they spend back in.

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The typical day program. We've kind of seen that again with my part of the program. We've seen that kind of evolve over time and it really depends on the age of the person involved.

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But when, when we do our groups, we have 7 to 8 groups that are listed all 5 days of the week.

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And so there's kind of a primary focus or primary group and then there might be some little ancillary things that they do.

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So again, the Marvel DC group, they might do that for part of the day. They might go to the Y.M.C.A. for an hour before that or after that and walk and then they might go to the library.

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So it's kind of broken up. You know, the younger people want to be out all the time for the most part.

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You know, some of the, and, and those are, again, tend to be the younger people.

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You know, who were coming out of school within the last few years. So we do have some of the people who have never stepped foot in Clark Road.

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And that's kind of a bigger percentage of the program, you know, as we move forward. And I have a smaller percentage of individuals funded by DDB in the Community First Program and they are based in a typical day program much of the day, but then also have the options to participate out in the community in activities and volunteering and recreation, that kind of thing throughout their week.

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So I have probably about 10 people right now that do not have state funding and they are part of a typical day program.

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But the emphasis is on getting more and more community opportunities. Okay. It is, I mean, it's a pretty costly

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Grant. So, you know, for 40 people. Yeah, yeah, the rates are, are

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Comparable to state reimbursement rate. Yeah. If you were to take the rate that we get for

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Having people participate in the community, 19 something dollars an hour and 16 something dollars an hour in center, you'd find that the rates comparable.

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Okay, anything.

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Yeah, sounds good. Okay, thank you. Developmental services center connections. And this one is Kim as a lead.

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Yes, so this program is continuing a continuing program. Provides leisure experiences for folks with IDD related to recreation or hobbies, art, and it has the crow as part of the program.

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They are requesting an increase of 8% funding to $115,000. They mentioned this is related to DSP raises and then, increased rent, although I believe they're also going to be serving more folks.

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And I get similar to the other, program related to satisfaction. So just and I think I might have had this question last year of like How are y'all?

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Measuring participant satisfaction. And I'm just wondering if maybe there is an opportunity to measure things around quality of life and have the impact that art has on people in their overall quality of life.

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And then another question I had was in this proposal it says that. Or sorry in this summary it says the program does not support online sales of participant creations and I just wrote I thought it some point you guys were selling participant creation.

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So the only 2 questions I have is just about like how how again are you measuring satisfaction and then aren't you selling work or maybe you were in the past?

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I'm sorry, I had a hard time hearing. Could you repeat the 2 questions? Sure. So the first one was around measuring.

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Yeah. So we do satisfaction in 2 different ways. One, it's the agency wide where in the fourth quarter we do satisfaction in 2 different ways.

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One, it's the agency wide where in the fourth quarter we do a satisfaction survey of all participants but just like with the Community First program we also do a satisfaction survey

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With all - every single participant. In and it's not just if they participate and connections, it's for every single group that they're doing.

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And then again, that's how we determine what changes do we need to make or, you know, what do we need to offer again moving forward.

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And then your second question I just heard it was about selling of product. Yeah, we do and in fact a lot of the people that we support.

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Had art available. For Boneyard Arts Festival and some sold their art for the first time and we're pretty pumped about that.

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We do still do the online. You know, we're trying to figure out at some point how we can actually do prints and maybe sell art in addition to the soap and wax melts and candles.

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We also have a gentleman who is just amazing with woodworking and he is making benches and plant hangers.

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And he not only crochets the hangers, but he also makes the planter box
itself. So we're looking at adding those as well.

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Yeah, you have anything to add? Nothing. Any questions? I have one.

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Yes, yes, please sit. So. I noticed in here that you.

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The title of this is Connections, Community Connections, an important
piece. But participants will host or engage in 5 special events to
connect people with DD to the greater community.

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That includes. The expo. Ebert Fest. Siebert fast, farmers market.

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You had those listed in there, I know. Yeah. Is there any opportunity to
get people?

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I look at this as kind of a, it's like a day program. Art focused. So,
but if we're really connecting to community, are we finding opportunities
to get individuals out doing things in the community related to art?

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Yeah, actually, the crow is just kind of a base. So for example, the
photography group.

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They go out and take pictures and you know they might do architecture
they might do nature, they might do form, color, lighting, and then
they're coming back to the crow and they're downloading those pictures
and They're using all kinds of computer programs.

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And then they're they've entered those in art shows in the community. And
that's been going on actually for a couple of years.

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So some of the art groups do primarily take base at the crow. But a good
percentage is they're out in the community doing the art and then they're
using that as the home base.

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Do you have any folks who are actually working with our artists out there
in the community that individually. Yes, we have in fact we're still kind
of working out the details but we have an artist who is going to co-lead
one of our groups one of our 16 week groups.

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The difficult thing with getting people out and working with them with artists individually is time of day, you know, most artists in the community.

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Have full-time jobs during the day and their art is kind of their passion afterward. And so it happens on weekends and evenings and we do try to help people hook up as much as we can.

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Okay, thank you.

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Alright, community, CCRPC community services, though this is the community life short-term assistance program.

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And. Kim, you are the lead on this one.

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No? No, I think you are. Oh, I am. Okay.

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Okay, let me go to my notes here. So yeah, this one is. $232,000 and it is to provide financial assistance.

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Along with supportive services for people who need stuff essentially. Equipment or whatever things they need similar in the way that CCAMR.

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Does support for people giving mini grants. They are requiring that participants be in financial needs, so which most people with disabilities are anyway, but 60% of was a 60% of something.

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Anyway, yeah, 60% of annual required income. Okay. And one of the other requirements is that they will, the people who apply for this assistance will need to go to CCAMR first.

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And be turned down by CCMR before they they will be approved by this by this particular program, which is a new one.

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Approved equipment will be approved for things to engage in. Entrepreneurial activity, social events, hobbies, classes, recreational, or leisure activities, which is.

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Interesting, I think. I have a question about this one. Yeah, just t right on up to the microphone here.

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My question is, and you could think about it on your way up, is that

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Do you have a agreement with CCAMR? Have you spoken to them about this?

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Not quite yet. Because I actually know that their budget is much lower than yours as far as the mini grants.

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That would be a good concern, the last understanding I had is they had about $70,000 in their bank account.

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So if they're fulfilling all the grants that you expect to get, they're not gonna last very long.

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But the other thing we with this is such a new program we'd like to discuss with the board really how to best leverage a new program, we'd like to discuss with the board really how to best leverage working together with both of those funds and we'd like to discuss with the board really how to best leverage working together with both of those funds and we thought this may potentially be a good future topic for a study session or a way

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to really analyze how we can work together. You know, we know that maybe many grants may also take more time to process and we don't want someone specifically to miss out if they're also just waiting on.

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The processing of a mini-grant so we don't really have that perfectly nailed down yet but it's something we'd like to get a boredom put on.

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Very good. I think I think that would be wise. Any other questions on this one? Okay.

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Much needed. Okay, thank you. Thank you. And the next one.

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Workforce development and retention. That's developmental services center and Georgiana, Georgiana was the lead and is secondary.

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I believe this is the second year for this program. It was a new program last year and we did have a presentation about this program.

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Couple 3 months ago. It looked like it has been very successful. The idea is strengthening the IDD workforce.

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And, there's been very specific training being done. Through conferencing and

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Also online training. Also, offering people a $400 bonus after the training and I think there's a change this year instead of doing 3 times a year bonuses for retention that there would be quarterly bonuses.

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Which makes sense. For I to me it makes sense. So the funding is really for a membership in organizations for training bonuses and for training.

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I think this goes in the category of let the respect be reflected in the check. And even though a $400 bonus doesn't seem like a lot, it is a lot for people to get and it also gives them the idea that we recognize them and respect them for the training that they're they're doing.

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I think this is a request for a 2 year contract. And I would definitely support it.

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How does developmental services compare as far as retention of staff based, you know, with with that bonus compared to other big agencies in the state.

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Are you doing better? Because of this?

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Sorry, Patty.

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Oh, okay. Okay.

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Okay, a couple of months ago I came in and just showed like a reduction in vacancies overall.

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Between day services and CILA comparatively to the state, we'd have to gather some information to share that.

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The The quarterly bonuses just to clarify, it's not a, it's not a significant increase.

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It's a, I think right now we're doing it 3 times at $500 and we're looking at $400 for times so it's not a full.

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You know, ask for that for that difference. But we are, you know, we are seeing Much appreciation upon completion of training with new employees.

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It's a nice boost and reward and something that they are not used to getting in, you know, in other.

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And then the attendant I have shared, you know, a little bit also at that time of just the feedback that we've gotten from staff and it is about feeling valued and we're finding that, you know, that that doubled with or coupled with.

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So it's a really nice recruiting tool to be able to talk about at the time that you're scheduling the interview.

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Professional development is really meaningful to people. So thank you. Thank you.

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Yeah, absolutely. Just I would offer a comment for context to Vicki's question, which is that prior to this effort.

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There is an issue around the state with different rates. Champaign County does not enjoy enhanced rates despite cost of living and increased competitiveness

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In the workforce. You'll be surprised to learn that Chicago and the collar counties have enhanced rates and Springfield.

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Go figure, right? The seat of government, of course. Yeah, of course. Right.

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So we've we've looked into that before. We've actually found a lot of resistance when asking the question.

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So I think it would be really hard to, even if you could get that data, which would be a great thing to - if you could get that data and share it with us, we would share with the board,

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And it's an interesting question. But I think it has to be put that backdrop behind it.

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That Champaign County has had a particular problem with workforce recruitment and retention related to rates that especially don't work here and other conditions here.

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So.

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I turned it off. I don't know if you heard that. I think that part of it is that we were competing with other businesses that aren't even in the field.

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You know, you can make more money. And have less stress and not think about your job when you go home at night.

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So work at McDonald's. Yeah, yeah, yeah, exactly. So, but they don't give bonuses.

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I understand. I see once in a while I say something about tuition reimbursement. I'd like to know a little bit more about that, but

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Thanks. Thank you. All right, we are now into the final section of the grant

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Proposals here. Developmental Service Center has their family development grant, which is not requiring a review. It's a two-year program in the second year

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So we will move on to. The early childhood mental health which is needs to be voted on by both the mental health board

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And the DD board and Susan again is the lead on that one. You were just chatting this year.

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She was checking to see if she was first. Susan made a comment that this is a 12% increase and it's the priority for thriving children and new families and also the collaboration with the DD board.

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She made a note that the program has identified nearly twice as many children with DD than in previous years.

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This is a well-established evidence-based program that supports the child. Teachers and staff, parents, and classroom overall management to support children's social emotional development.

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Long history of joint funding and successful agency management. Written collaborative agreements with community and MOUs are extensive.

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Measurable data based outcomes are collected for children, teachers, parents, and quality of classroom management.

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She has, a clarification. I will get to that in just a minute. So if you guys wanna walk up now, and then should be, said that given the increased number of children identified.

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She agrees with a recommendation for to your funding with the special revisions and she said no concerns me I no concerns beyond the minor clarification.

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Okay, and see who was following up on that one. Georgiana. Okay. So her clarification request is on the status of the fourth coach added.

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Is this an infant and toddler specialist on the status of the fourth coach added? Is this an infant and toddler specialist or is this in the early headstarted?

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Is this an infant and toddler specialist or is this in the early headstar specialist or is this in the early Headstart expansion grant?

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Cool. It's both.

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I think Susan's question might be based on one of our observations that that that title is different within the application.

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It's listed as 2 different things. So. It's that's a really small cleanup item, but that might be the origin of the question.

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But the funding source was another question. Thank you. So that position is funded separately from, the money that you guys give us and, and the name of that position for that funding contract is the infant toddler specialist.

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And, but the function of that position over like, is the same as our, we just call them different things depending on like.

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The program that's funding it because that was like a head start program so Does that make sense?

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Other questions? Alright, thank you very much.

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Alright. The very last one.

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Crack the whip. Okay. You made it happen. CU Early is the program and this one.

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Is this me? I lose track. This one is me and Kim Fisher. Oh, okay.

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All right then. And take it away. This is also in conjunction with the mental health board. This is a program that serves at-risk children up to age 3.

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And these services provided are not covered by early intervention or school. Their developmental screenings for children done with the parent present.

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And outcome targets are 95% of parents will make progress in skills and knowledge. 95% of the children will make progress between screenings and 95% of children

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Current on immunizations and well child exams as a physician I am very impressed that this is being.

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Monitored and achieved. These are very high goals. So I hope they can be achieved and I, I also want to say that, our mental health board president, who is a pediatrician, thinks this program is just excellent also.

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So he's working with this program, so that's a personal statement. So I would support it.

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Kim.

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I have nothing to add. Just I have a question that may not be able to be answered but. This is the Urbana School District, their early childhood program, correct?

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And it's services that can't be, that are not being funded by the state of Illinois.

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The representative is here. Well, I don't, but.

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I am here. I'm here through Zoom. I'm Kelly Russell. I'm the program coordinator with CU early.

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Thank you, Kerry. I guess I don't, you can answer my question, but it seems to me if this is something that is not supported by the state of Illinois through through ISBE.

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Thank you.

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Why aren't all the school districts in Champaign County requesting this kind of assistance? Yeah, this is

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Our program is a standalone program within the school district. We are funded through ISBE. Through a prevention initiative grant.

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It's a birth to 3 home visiting grant. So we are, even though we're under the umbrella of the Urbana School District, we receive no funding

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From the Urbana School District. We are a standalone entity we, we receive prevention initiative funds

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Through, Illinois State Board of Education.

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Okay, I see. So if other school district districts requested your services that could be a possibility in the future.

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That could be a possibility, yes. We are the, so there's 8 home visiting programs within Champainn County.

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We are the only one funded through the Illinois State Board of Education under the umbrella of a school district.

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But again, we are a standalone entity. We don't receive any additional funding from the school district.

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Okay, well that helps clarify. Thank you.

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Sure, please. Kelly, I think so. I is this on? I, I feel like I heard a different question from you, Vicki, and that was if.

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Why isn't this, why aren't others asking for it? And so just to share that what happened is, they stopped funding the bilingual position, right, Kelly?

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So this community has a need for a Spanish speaking home visitor. So this program was doing that and then ISBE funding for that piece stopped, it may come back.

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Which is why the staff recommendation is just for one year funding just in case it does, but I agree with you where there are Spanish speaking children, there should be a program like this.

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Again, I was going in. Yes. Thank you for making my question clear.

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Alright then, okay, I think unless we don't have any other input there we can move on to Old business of which there is none, successes and other agency information.

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You're not tired of walking up to the mic, yeah? I just wanted to say because I didn't get here quite early enough that I did put the ABLE flyers on the table.

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That event is on May thirteenth at the Champaign Public Library. It is a virtual meeting the Illinois State Treasurer's Office is gonna host it through Zoom in person at the library, a group of people can come watch that and we can have the Q&A in person with them or people can watch it virtually from home.

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And the outreach, there's lots of people that are sharing the information we've got about.

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It already feels like it's worthwhile to, even if no one else signs up, but I'm very hopeful, hopeful that this will be a.

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I think about 35 people signed up so far, so, you know, we're a month out and feeling pretty good about it.

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A great meeting. Thanks. Thank you.

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I'll be really big too. I just want to let you guys know that we, we
welcomed our new membership coordinator yesterday.

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Her name is, or their name is Huli. I'm really excited to have them.
We've also, we have a new transportation coordinator, Adam Hurgis, and
then Marilla who's still with us is moving full-time into the Connect
department.

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So, some, few changes. We're still high, should be hiring somebody in our
employment department soon.

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But we're really looking forward to welcoming them all in. Thanks.

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Anybody else?

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Okay. Alright then, so, county board, Leah.

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I don't really have anything except I'm just like so happy to be
observing this process like I feel like you all are so thoughtful and so
thorough and like just the support back and forth

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And the communication has really impressed me. So yeah, yeah, thank you.
Alright, and mental health board input.

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The mental health board is meeting this evening they have they do have
review of 3 of the applications that you just talked about, plus, I don't
know, maybe 17 others, maybe 20 others? A lot.

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So and they have additional business to attend to tonight. They've got,
you know, a couple of other items that are.

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You have a 1 page agenda. I love that. That's not usual. Not going to be
in May either.

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But we, so we expect that they will not be able to get through the review
of all of those applications, plus there's a difference in the reviews
too since you're working with

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Just 3 or 4 agencies, and they're working with many, many different agencies that are offering very different types of service.

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So they have also a study session next week to complete the review work, but the challenge is always like where are they going to get in the alphabet because we - we ask people to come and be available so some of them are gonna have to be available twice otherwise.

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But that's it. Yeah, okay, very good. Any board announcements?

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All right then, thank you for your attendance and for your quick answers. And, for your participation.