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Maybe I turn this one off and see. Better worse.

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Alright, I will call the Champaign County mental health board meeting to order. Can I get a roll call, please?

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Lisa Liggins Chambers.

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Stephanie, can we hear you, Steph?

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Can you hear me? Lisa Liggins Chambers.

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Yeah!

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Chris Miner. Molly McLay.

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Here. Here.

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Joe, Elaine Palencia. Jen Straub. Jane Sprandel. Jon Paul Youakim.

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Yeah. Yes.

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Here. All right. With that, see... We'll move on to the approval of the agenda.

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Is there a motion to approve? So moved. Is there a second? Second.

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Do I need to do the after or what we discussed right now and do it? Alright, so.

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So, first followers did request to go go first for the review of the applications. If people are in favor of that, We can make a motion for that.

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I will make a motion to move to first followers being the - their 2 programs being the first in the

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Funding requests reviews when we get to that section. Is there a second? I will second that motion. Any discussion?

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All those opposed, same sign. Those in favor have it. So they'll be first on that review.

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Any questions? All right. All those in favor say aye. Aye.

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And then, with that we'll have a approval of the Revised agenda. Is there a motion to approve the revised agenda?

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We have to revise. Second, Straub. Second, all those in favor say aye.

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Hi, all those opposed same sign. Those in favor have it, so we'll move on to the mental health board and DDB schedules and timelines.

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No actions need to but if you wanted to go over anything then. The glossary has been revised completely.

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Thanks to Leon Bryson with some some support from other folks just because there was a lot of new stuff in the applications and so he went through and grabbed it all, and we made it a little bit smaller too you can see.

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But updated. Thank you, Leon.

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Alright, with that, move on to Citizen input and public participation. All those are welcome to attend the meeting and observe their thoughts during this time we'll limit public participation to 5 min and total of 20.

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If there's a lot of people, is there anyone in the public who would like to make any comments at this time?

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Seeing no no one. We'll move on to my comments. Basically, I'll keep them very short.

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Obviously, you know, we have a lot of great agencies in the community that have applied for funding requests for this next fiscal year so obviously we all take this very seriously and I am looking forward to having a good robust discussion about all the programs, the ones that we have

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Funded in the past and new ones. So I'll leave it there. So. I'll leave it on, move on to Lynn's comments.

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So this board packet is a little fuller than we maybe hoped, but that's because we couldn't give you the annual report last month.

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So the annual report is first, then there's an item for consideration, and then the applications for funding because you have so much business tonight, you can continue it at next week's study session.

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So hopefully you all got the agenda in the same packet with - okay so there's a separate agenda for next week, but you'll use the same packet and pick up wherever you have to stop tonight in the review of applications.

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So I want to keep my comments to housekeeping. We've got because you've got a lot to do.

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We have. I would ask people on the zoom to sign in in the chat so we can have accurate records of who attended, how to spell their names, and what agency they might be with.

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And people in the room, please sign in on the on the sign-up sheet here and there are extra board packets

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At the front if you don't have one. Thank you everybody for coming. This has this Because of the time and the nature of the discussion board members are going to need to

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Call on people, so especially me, we're gonna have to be careful not to talk unless a board member asks us to.

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Thank you. That I think that'll help things go quickly.

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Alright, with that we'll move on to the approval of the Mental Health Board meeting minutes, from March the twentieth and the joint study session on March 27th.

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And get everyone a couple of minutes to look at that.

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Also, we don't have video on the zoom. There are 4 people trying to figure that out, but we have audio.

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Any corrections or comments about the minutes? With that I will move to approve the mental health board meeting minutes from March 20 2024 and March 27th,

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2024. Is there a second? I'll second. With that, all those in favor say aye.

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Hi. All those opposed, same sign. Not those in favor have it. The next on the list is the vendor invoice list on pages 26 through 39.

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Any questions for Lynn or staff about invoice lists? Alright. Can I have a motion to approve?

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Yes, I will move to. Approve the vendor list. Is there a second? All those in favor say aye.

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All those opposed, same sign. It doesn't favor have it. The next item. Is it says staff reports but.

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Alright. Oh, that's right. There you go. Thank you.

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Is the mental health board 2023 annual report on page 40 through 93 there is an item on here, a motion for us to approve.

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Kind of interesting to see that we made our you know, with the funds that we had in the bank we made an extra \$50,000 on interest.

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So that's a. To yeah, likes for revenue there.

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Now looking through this, there were a lot of really positive things that I saw, especially with a lot of the programs.

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Where they you know, met or exceeded their you know TPC numbers and were doing very well.

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I mean, obviously there were some that didn't meet their goals, their targets. But you know, we had talked about them before in previous meetings why there was, you know

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Some decreases there, not everything was within the control of a lot of those programs.

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And then sometimes not meeting the target when you're looking at some of them, especially like with the criminal justice PSC like a lot of people are leaving prior to engaging with services, and that's not things that are in the control of the agency and so.

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You set a target doesn't mean that you're going to meet it and doesn't mean that you're not doing good work.

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You're, they have a lot of... and NTPCs instead of TPCs, which is I mean, okay, well you're hitting those numbers, you're hitting a lot more than expected double.

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And so it was really nice like looking at all this information and giving us a lot more information of how the programs were doing.

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I think the other thing I would add, I think as a primary care doctor, I like seeing that we are spending good money on prevention,

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Money on outpatient services, and not like the bulk of it on crisis intervention. Yes, you want to spend a big chunk on there, but it shouldn't be like the overwhelming majority.

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So I really like that a lot of it is trying to you know, invest now, so we save money in the long term.

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Any other comments, questions?

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Alright, is there a motion? For approving the mental health board fiscal year report. That's someone to make or yes I will move to approve And I have a second.

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Do I have a second? Second. All those in favor say aye. Aye. All those opposed?

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Same sign. Those in paper have it so we'll move on to page 94 which is the audit update and contract. And there is some actionable items on this.

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I think it's force of habit that makes me want to share the screen. So, okay. This is, oh no.

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This is just to give you an update on audits, there are a couple still outstanding.

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I'm not sure why. This isn't sharing.

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There are a couple still outstanding for PY23 which were due by June thirtieth. And then the

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Promise Healthcare is due at a different time. It's due at the end of the calendar year because that's their fiscal year.

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So So the update tells you which ones are late and Mr. Bryson reached out to agencies for updates

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We have. We are only waiting now for women in need recovery PY23 and the promise healthcare 2022 and

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Soon the 2023 will be due not, not till the end of June, but but they've already talked to us about that, and you've already made a decision to postpone action on cancellation of those contracts.

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So there's nothing to be done about that. There are a couple of there are 3 other audits that we didn't receive.

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For PY23. That's the well experience, Urbana neighborhood connections. Oh, we did get the MAYC audit and it was fine.

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Yeah, but the PY22 audit is still outstanding from the well experience. So those are the only things we're waiting for at this point.

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There is There are two agencies that I have follow-up questions, still open questions which might be answered by additional audit information.

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That's don't have any issue with that. The problem that we need to deal with now is that in funding requirements, it used to be that once a audit was over 3 months late It was automatically canceled and then an agency would appeal that decision to you.

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So in the funding guidelines that were approved in November, you changed the process so that a contract is not automatically terminated, but it must be discussed.

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So you can choose to cancel it or not choose to cancel it, but the decision is yours as opposed to automatic

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When it reaches that point of lateness. So now you have, you do have one that's become that late.

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So, and we haven't done this before, so I wasn't really sure what kind of motions to present to you.

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So I, there's just a couple and then you also have to decide like. What do we do about payments?

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Do we continue to hold payments? You could also choose not to take any action. You could postpone a decision on this one.

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These are all options. We tried to think it through and this was what we came up with by the time we needed to have the board packet together.

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So it's, I acknowledge it's not perfect. But, I feel like, you know.

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You all are very flexible in understanding, so you could take it from here.

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For the well a win. Win recovery. When are, What is their estimate of when the CPA is gonna have

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Can you hear me? Alright, last time I, reached out to them was, heard back was April tenth.

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So they were in a process of. Still getting their their documents together. And they were I think they were talking towards the end of April possibly.

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This is Bethany Little, the CEO of WIN Recovery. I just wanna inform everybody that I'm actually waiting on the final checklist, and then, Lynn informed me that, the board needed to sign off on it.

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And so I've reached out to the board just to ask for a special board meeting so that we could review the audit so that we could get that sign on and officially

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Get it in and so we're hoping by the middle of next week

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So I'll Open it to discussion with the entire board what are people's thoughts or questions or comments.

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Thanks, Jen. Just to remind us right now, payments are being withheld. Payments have been withheld since January first.

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So the Deadline was March 31 for like Past that, no payments are owed and the, and the contract could be canceled.

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So that's the issue to decide. There's also something in the funding guidelines that I don't know if anybody's really aware of, but if the audit is over a year past the end of the agency's fiscal year that's being audited,

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You don't have to release any of the withheld payments. But that's not the situation today.

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I just wanted to alert you if that, like I don't know if people realize that. So to clarify if they get their audit in and they're all good they will retroactively get those payments

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Unless there's some other reason and to right now there's not any other reason.

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I'd be interested in entertaining, I guess a motion to just postpone this decision until next month's board meeting with the idea that There's going to be the special meeting, hopefully next week.

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That's just a suggestion. I'm open to other people's thoughts. I, would agree with that.

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And I was thinking about how we had previously postponed a decision for promise, about the audit and none of the, if I understand correctly, none of the other agencies that are currently owing an audit are ones that we are currently funding.

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Is that correct? Besides women in need recovery and ah promise. So I think for consistency's sake, I would be in favor of postponement.

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I think in the past we would do like these waiving of cancellations like every meeting and

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Seems like postponing that decision until we get the audit makes the most sense to me and would be

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Consistent with decisions we've recently made. So the Postponement of promise was when the when we've received the audit and reviewed it and resolved resolved issues.

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Any issue, cause there might not be an

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So can the motion on the floor then be to table this until

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May's meeting? I was gonna say the second motion on the list so that you continue to withhold payments related to like WIN recovery's

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Contract including those which have accrued since January first since this one payments described in the contract until an audit has been received and issues have been resolved.

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Do you think that would be sufficient or? So, Stephanie, could you remind us what the, what the postponement on promise was?

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I know you've had to get that recently. I think it was postpone their request to to

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Yeah, let me find it really, really quickly here. I think I can do that.

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You don't have to do the same thing for everyone, but I appreciate what the line that you're on here.

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And I don't know if you would say to the May meeting because things might not be resolved by then.

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Although the May meeting is not till the 22nd and we would have to prepare materials for you about 10 days before so it could be

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When we postponed for the promise the promise thing. Sorry. Did we actually have to do a motion for that or did we just.

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Postponed the decision.

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No, I'll read it to you. This is, from the January meeting. The January board meeting.

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Request from promise healthcare a formal request from promise healthcare to waive the cancellation of PY

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24 contracts as of January 1, 2024 due to a late audit was included in the packet as a denom

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Motion. Dr. Youakim moved to postpone the request to waive the contract cancellation cancellations of mental health board contracts with promise health care for mental health services and then that provides the contract number and wellness

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Provides the contract number until the audit is received and reviewed by mental health board staff. Miss Sprandel seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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Oh, okay.

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So there are differences between that circumstance and this one. That was it. At the time you had made an earlier decision about regarding the Promise audit and it was based on the earlier funding requirements which included automatic cancellation.

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We don't have automatic cancellation now. So that's it. Like I said, we're in a new territory.

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I think we just move with the second motion just a little bit. The X rally and I think that should be sufficient.

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You put them. So I think if we use the second motion and add the extra at the end. About until an audit has been received and reviewed by mental health board staff.

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And any issues have been resolved, I think. Would be sufficient. But does that make it indefinite then since there's not like actual date?

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Oh, I guess that's true. And you talked about a month, wanna give 2 months? Well, if you give them an actual date, so I don't, I'm missing which.

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Motion this is I'm so sorry if you give them an actual date then we have to review and audit potentially overnight Which is what I end up doing on New Year's Eve every year because that's when everybody submits their audits.

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So and they need to get paid, you know, 2 days later. So I, so I would prefer it be based on the audit is received and reviewed.

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Rather than a give a date to that, you know? Is that, is that okay? Just trying to give him a gigantic buffer.

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I talk about it's gonna be done in a week. I was gonna get in 2 months. That way we knew, no, if Sandra, we should be good, but.

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Let's do it out there. The contract is naturally over June thirtieth anyway. That's the end of the contract term so we could potentially

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I mean, we could just be talking about releasing payments at some point. So I'm sorry if I misunderstood.

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So the payments from January have been withheld and so the contract ends in June. So after that time, there wouldn't be any further payments that would be withheld.

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No, I, so I, so basically just so that we all, I guess, are on the same page.

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So that would be the maximum. That would be holding it and then I guess the one thing is if the audit is in not in within a year.

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Then there's a possibility of it being cancelled automatically. They are also not eligible then to apply for further funding from us until that audit has been received regardless.

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So I think there's enough safety mechanisms to prevent any issues. I think I think the indefinite

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Thing just kind of prevents us from having to make another motion in the future. I think all of us are kind of little tired of making motions

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For postponing things. Obviously there's a lot of good reasons for these things with all the shortages of CPAs and them not prioritizing agency

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Audits unfortunately. Hopefully with the increase in allocation of funding for audits that will hopefully help but we'll see.

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I guess fundamentally what would be the difference between moving to continue to withhold payments and Moving to postpone

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That decision. And when these Sort of the sample motions were created. I mean, the way I read it was that

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The with waiving cancellation and withholding payments were to be together like motions that went together versus cancellation and that postponing was like a third option.

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I don't know the difference between tabling and postponing. This is. I'm very happy Stephanie is here and that you all have experience with this.

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When you table you have to give a date that we come back to it. So Jon makes a great point.

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I would be very amenable to just adapting the second resolution that or the second motion I should say.

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But it is, I think I should have put the word and. In there. You know, cause there's no, the second motion doesn't respond at all to the late audit.

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Which is the question, what do we do about the link? But John added until an audit has been received and

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Evaluated by the Mental health board staff. So then you would be effectively waiving cancellation because payments would continue to accrue on the assumption that the services continue meaning the contract is continuing.

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That's what I understood we were doing.

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I mean, I guess that I could add, you know, to. Like motion to Waive cancellation of the WIN recovery PY

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24 contract and to continue withhold payments. In the beginning.

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But if you do the second one, then cancellation is not an issue. You just take that issue out of it.

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Yeah, I mean, if I add. Motion to waive the cancellation and 2 to withhold payments.

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I think that would make it a little more clear that not cancel the contract. We're not gonna cancel the contract.

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We're just with building payments, but the contract can get canceled after a year if the audit's not in.

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So, okay. And they can possibly not be considered for next year's funding if this isn't decided by what May is that when we make decisions for Yeah, so that's I guess another and incentive to get on the CPA.

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I don't wanna be the stickler for the consistency thing, but when can you, maybe restate or help me understand

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How the promise and the and the WIN recovery situations are different because if they're similar, then I think we should move the same way we did for Promise.

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But if they're different then I would be open to going with this other approach. The difference is that the promise contracts were cancelled.

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They were canceled because the board had made an earlier decision to give extra time and then when that time ran out and there was still no audit.

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The funding requirements, which were to cancel the contract, kicked in. So the contracts have been canceled.

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And so then Promise asked the board to consider waiving that cancellation. And the board chose to postpone a decision on that request.

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So. Is that yeah? Yeah. Rescind. That's it.

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So yeah, I mean you know what they asked. Thank you. And so basically like The position that they're in now is they continue, they may be continuing to provide the services that are described in the contract, but at the risk of never getting paid for those.

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This is a future decision that the board will make once that has the audit. So that's the difference.

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The funding guidelines then were changed partly in response to this awkward position that you find yourselves in

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At least 2 times a year. And so instead of us automatically canceling contracts, now it has to come to you for a decision.

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So that's the difference. But I, but I appreciate what you're saying because Fundamentally, the same

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Issue. So if you want to apply fairness, what does that look like? Is this possibly fair.

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What you're talking about. If that's what you meant, I don't know. I'm sorry.

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Yeah, I guess if we were rescinded or we didn't waive the cancellation we didn't receive the cancellation but we do in this case I guess that's something I wanted to point out.

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I mean, I think I would just add that their audit was due June thirtieth of last year and it wasn't until the end of last year beginning of this year that we made that decision.

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And this audit was due. You know, was it January 30 December 31st. Yeah, so it's been 4 months, so I think, you know, probably after June that would be kind of the same time frame of which We would have canceled probably this contract.

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But at that point, there, and there wouldn't be any more additional funds. Funding that would be going to that.

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It would just be we would cancel, cancel it completely and then consider reinstating it.

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Yeah, I don't know. I don't know if I would. I understand the issue of

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Treating all the agencies the same. Yeah, I'm not sure. I am more on the side of continuing just to withhold the payments

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At this point, but I am open to further discussion on that. Well, the rules are changed so you can't make it the same.

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You know, so you've got it. Do this with what we've got here because This hasn't been cancelled.

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So.

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Point at what point would it be canceled right now? March 31st The audit was due. By March 31st that's the cancellation date yeah it's already passed but you have to decide it becomes So we keep changing the funding guidelines in response to these situations and that is how we should behave.

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Be willing to update the rules to like to our reality and this is one of the changes we just made.

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Because it keeps happening so Yeah, March 31st was the Date after which you have to decide whether to cancel the contract.

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So it is different from, yeah. So I guess if you wanted to be fair, it would. It would be canceling the contract after June.

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If we wanted to be even. Cause that's what we did October 1st. So they get 3 months. Oh, sorry.

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It was 2 months. There's the deadline and then there's these 3 months of grace period.

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And that is actually parallel to what state does. So we can feel good about that. There's 3 months of grace period where we just hold payments, which is a hardship of grace period where we just hold payments, which is a hardship for small agencies that don't have a lot of cash flow.

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So you said August 31st it's no, it's like September thirtieth and then October first there's no more.

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What are people's thoughts on that?

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So when they passed that point, the contracts were canceled October first, then they asked you and you all made a decision in October to give them extra time.

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Which was because there were just a variety of, you probably remember, and the time that you gave them was to December 27th and then that deadline was missed as well.

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I like the motion that you rewrote number 2 where you added waive cancellation and you added until an audit has been received and approved.

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That seems to cover everything. That we're talking about, I think. Is that right? I agree and I would just urge us to keep in mind that we have a lot more on the agenda.

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That's true. I think the only other thing is it would only give them 3 more months. Before cancellation it would kick in anyways so Last question, what was the original?

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Due date for the wrong. Well, it's technically December 30th, but, but everybody kinda does it December 31st - NOT everybody, I'm sorry some people get it done much much earlier but but there's usually a flood December 31st and that's acceptable.

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Yeah.

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So I think most of us are in agreement. If you're not, that's okay. I think we've discussed this and I, I'm comfortable with making a motion and, you know, we can go based on that vote.

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I will I will move for a motion to waive cancellation and to continue to withhold payments related to WIN recovery's PY

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24 contract including those that have accrued since January the first and subsequent. Payments described in the contract until an audit has been received and reviewed by Mental Health Board staff and issues have been any issues have been resolved.

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Is there a second? All those in favor say aye. Aye. All those opposed?

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Same sign. Those in favor have it. The next item on the agenda is the PY 2025 applications for funding on pages 97 through

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217 obviously the the correction though the revision is that we will start with first followers.

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The first application is the first steps community reentry house on page. I think it's 149.

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Yeah, page 149.

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I think the reviewers are Molly and Chris. Yes, I can go ahead and go.

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You've been trying to get hold of you about getting on the Wi-Fi in here because all my spreadsheets are on my iPad.

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Okay, I think they're pulling up like from offline mode somehow, but, I'm going to lose them later.

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So, I will. I can start. Well, I still have it.

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Okay. Yeah.

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Or something.

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Okay, can you? Message me that information. Pass the point. Okay.

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Cause I need to start to review. I'll, get that information from you for the next ones, cause this one is seating.

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If you're not ready, we can start with the second one with Elaine and I guess, Dr.

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Lisa Liggins Chambers isn't here, but Elaine can do that one if you like.

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Alright, I think I'm okay. This one is working, so I'm just going to need to get on the internet for the rest of them.

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So, our first application that we're looking at is the first followers first steps community reentry house.

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The request is \$69,500 and I just wanted to share from the why it matters part of our program summaries.

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Release from prison causes a crisis in many individuals who are unable to find their way in a changing world.

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Our house offers a foundation for people coming home, providing them with the support they need to meet their needs.

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Our house works in tandem with staff from our drop in center providing a wrap around service while they transition to non-prison life.

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We have encountered a growing demand for housing for people returning from women's prisons. Therefore in fiscal year 25 we'll add a second house for people coming home to our community from women's prisons.

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So I just wanted to note some very positive areas around our best value considerations. The program plan does a great job of talking about.

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Our cultural linguistic competency work. The strong connection to some of the most underserved individuals in our community.

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And that inclusion and anti-Sigma are addressed very well. Both at the individual levels with, as well as can community levels with some trainings and presentations done.

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And looking at some of the approaches used, pure mentoring is a large focus of the program.

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Coming from you know a more innovative approach. And there's a high level of expertise.

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With the individuals who are working in this program. And that something I really appreciated was that, in terms of does our person-centered plan relate to what people indicate they want and need, the focus on self-determination

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That is used within this program, especially around Peer-led support is really promising in terms of really focusing on the individual

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And what they need. There were a few things that came up as I was reviewing the application.

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That I think, you know, we'd be interested in having a little clarification on.

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So let me make sure that I found the specific part in our notes about that. So there were some discrepancies that were noted in listed revenues.

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And some clarifications that we were wondering about regarding agency surplus versus program deficit. And specifically the

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In kind contributions. I guess. Lynn, would you be willing to clarify some of the questions that the staff had on that,

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The financial forms? Yeah. Let me see. It's been so long

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And I have to, I described this to someone yesterday, I kind of like have to move on to what we're doing 2 months from now.

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So it's not very fresh in my mind. It looks like the agency has

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In-kind contributions which are creating the appearance of a revenue surplus but can't really Yeah, that's balanced by a certain way of expensing

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You know, activities that are not, that don't, I don't know, it's not very easy to expense in kind contributions

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So I just have to be understanding that that's like looking like a dollar amount of extra, but it is,

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It's not money, it's people's time. So. It's has a different, I think the way it was distributed.

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I'm not sure why the total program budget has a deficit. I don't think it's an error.

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I think it has to do with the distribution of the in kind contributions. And so if they were distributed differently, that deficit might

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Disappear.

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I mean, I don't I don't see that there's an error. Anyway, I'm sorry, go ahead.

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Yeah, I guess I was wondering if that was something that our folks from first followers could answer for us.

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If my question is not clear, I'm when I might have you. Yeah, I just I don't think this is a I don't think this is like an error in the way that expenses and revenues are being presented, but it the appearance of a huge surplus for the total agency and a big deficit in the program budget.

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Might actually be explainable by the way in kind contributions were allocated. Not sure. They have a lot of other funding, but You guys are here to maybe they can.

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That's okay. If there's someone for first followers, do you guys like to answer Molly's questions?

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And just state your name and. So press on the button to speak in the mic. There you go, Perfect.

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Oh yeah, James Kilgore, director of outreach and advocacy. Yeah, I think, I think Lynn's

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Explanation is pretty much on on the money, so to speak. I think that's why we're We're showing that

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Differential. I see we have a note about resolving discrepancies in the listed revenues and so if that's not clear to either of us right now that is something we can work out offline.

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Right, I just don't remember what I saw. And it could be that there are not discrepancies that I'm just.

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I don't know. Yeah, I think there may be a discrepancy due to the income, but as you say In kind doesn't exactly spend like

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Money in the bank, right? And we have a lot of volunteers and stuff that do work for us.

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I think what all comes down to is just hard to quantify in kind. It is just the best guess a bit.

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Yeah. Exactly, yeah. I mean, so. Cause we don't.

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I mean, perhaps we should, but we don't systematically log all those in kind hours and and quantify them, we kind of do an estimate at the end of the year.

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So that's probably a point that you're making that we could tighten up on in terms of how we

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Keep track of that activity. I mean, I've seen federal guidance on how to do it, but I didn't understand it.

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So I like, I don't. I just wanted to apply that to this. Like I don't, I think there is a way to expense your in-kind contributions.

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It's just not. I've not trained in it. So. Well, I think it also depends on how you're,

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On what they are and how they're How they're carried out. I mean, if you have somebody that comes in every Tuesday from 2 to 4, that's easy to quantify.

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If on the other hand you say, Could you write 10 letters for us?

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Yeah.

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Yeah, thank you. I guess my, the other question I had, and then I'll pass it over to Chris is around the so the request is for 50 the request from our board is for 54% of the total program revenue and it is and increase in 76%.

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From last year. So I noticed, you know, we have contributions and kind of contributions. And then the other funding for the program is from ARPA funds.

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So I was. When do the ARPA funds? Run out. Can you say that?

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They have to be utilized by 2026. Okay. So I guess one question, other question I had was sort of what would be the plan for when the ARPA funds do run out.

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For sort of diversifying the funding and potentially would that mean requesting more from our board or would that mean diversifying the funding from maybe other sources?

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We've actually done quite a bit of fundraising for the for the houses. So I think we would probably Go back to go back to that and draw on our.

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The people that have supported us for. And and use some of the general donations that we've gotten to apply that to the house.

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Yeah, I was, you know, my, always my hope is that we might have something more from the federal and state level that could also help support, you know, all of the programs that we fund.

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So that's, you know. More a hope for the future for my part. I mean, I think there are possibilities out there for that too, which we are chasing, but I don't want to.

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You know, say that's gonna be an absolute. I'll thank you for answering my questions.

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Chris, if you want to take it away with any of yours. I just have one very simple question.

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I noticed there wasn't a recidivism rate for the people in the house. Do you know that number?

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A full disclosure, I worked with first followers in the past, so I know how they work and they work well.

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Has anyone been reincarcerated? 0. That's far better than anybody else we fund.

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Alright, thank you.

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Any other questions, comments?

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Thank you, Mr. Kilgore. You know, I just want to say also that, for people when they come out of prison it's really hard for them to find a living, a place to live an apartment.

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A lot of times they can't maybe reunite with their family because the place where their family lives won't allow them to live there and they risk getting their family evicted.

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And I'm really happy to see the you know, possibly of a new home for women returning from prison and especially being able to house children.

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So that families can stay together and I just wanna say how, you know. How much I am inspired by this program, how much it's grown over the years since I've been on the board.

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How much hard work you guys have put into it. I can just really tell that. You guys, you know, put your heart and soul into this and you

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Made this grow into something so great and so valuable to the community. And you know, just can't say how Just happy and proud I am to see you guys, you know.

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I'm here today and what all you guys have done and what you'll continue to do. So.

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Thank you. Can I make a comment? Add some content to that. Alright, so Marlon Mitchell, executive director of First Followers.

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So in 2019. At the time we were approached by David Norton who was the executive director of Housing Authority.

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And so from his own lived experiences and the surplus of houses that they had in the county or the housing authority.

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He wanted us to see, well, he, He had contacted us and said, you know, what could we do with a house, right?

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So they're about to demolish or take some houses off their books. The marshal and so he gave not only first followers but WIN recovery one of the houses so that's our first transition house that we've been running since 2019.

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So it should be almost been 5 years since then. And of course, Bethel, they have a house as well.

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And it's been operating as well. But just here recently, I think last fall. I was contacted by Lily Walton who's the current

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Housing authority director. And so. Again, she understood, you know, the importance of it and then also in collaboration between not-for-profit and government, the importance of utilizing what they had and their resources in order to

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I guess leverage some of the things that they were working on. So she contacted us and asked us.

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If we could use another one of those, what, what we call scattered site houses

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Which are at large bi level houses with the have 5 bedrooms and because the city limits or city. City guidelines in champaign,

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You can only use 4 of the bedrooms to house non-family members. Okay, so you know working around that so she offered up another space and so one of the things that we have been noticing and it speaks to that in the counter or in our proposals that we've been getting a lot of correspondence for women who need housing here in Champaign returning from prison, right?

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And not only women just coming from Champaign County, but all all over the state. And so we've had individual - male individuals that have come into our transition house that have not been from Champaign County, but

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Once they've transitioned through our house, they're still residents of Champaign County.

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We've had a couple young couple guys that have come home within the last couple years that actually left our our house.

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And purchase their own home because it's all expenses, all expense paid. They don't pay any any of the living expenses outside of you know wants versus needs right.

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So those are just little things, but One of the things I just want to highlight is now that we're putting our best foot forward to try to accommodate the female population because it's a need there and then also collaborating with the housing authority just to ensure that you're going to do right by their property.

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We pretty much manage everything. We pretty much fund everything. We pretty much fund everything and the funds from you know, the mental health board, it really helps us kind of

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Absorb some of that. I think from our men's transition house when we opened that in 2019, I think we opened it in November of the 19 but we did all the renovations

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With our workforce development program. Right, so we were creating jobs at the same time providing living for for a population that find it very difficult and challenging to find living here in the county.

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So it's kind of a win-win process. There's a lot of people involved with it, but at the same time, it wouldn't be available or wouldn't be

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As successful if we didn't have not-for-profit government the overall community. All coming together with just a perfect plan and establishing a model here in champagne that really works.

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And so this is going to be our second home. And we're really excited about it because again, we can start being more inclusive of the female population as they navigate some of the same challenges that the male population does.

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Thank you very much.

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Any other questions, comments? Alright, we'll move on to, the First followers peer mentoring for re-entry.

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I think Elaine is the Hi, the primary reader. Yes, and Lisa Liggins chambers is not here to be the second one reader.

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Yes, so this is the other first followers application. And a peer mentoring for re-entry.

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Requesting \$95,000 and that's the same amount that they had requested last year and staff on our packet noted as I think you noted that the program is

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Growing but you have other funding so this would be a good candidate for a 2 year. A two-year grant because of that stability and of course the priority that it speaks to is safety and crisis stabilization.

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I was really struck this time by the number of applications that have to do with housing and with those basic structural problems that people you know, in all of the categories we fund

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Have so that that is housing first has finally I think, You know, found itself here in champaign is finding itself.

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But this program I remember when it started as the drop-in center, very modest and where people could come

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When they return from prison and get some information and I've always been impressed by the thoughtfulness

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With which this program has grown. Thoughtful step by thoughtful step, you know, your reach never exceeded your grasp.

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So that you didn't build in failure by trying to go too big. So now what we're funding the scope of the services for this application is the drop-in center with peer support and information that that people

seek and the workforce development course that I think you maybe did a presentation for us once where people learn

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The construction skills and workplace etiquette and Receive a stipend for being in the program.

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And then now family support and trauma-informed care has been added to that. And I noticed that, one of the things that you work in, somewhere in the application is literacy and ESL.

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And so I went, I thought, well, If a person had trouble with literacy, how are you going to find out more information besides going to the drop-in?

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So I went to your website.

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And of course you have to read some to get there, but there were these YouTube videos that that kind of fill in that gap and I think that's very smart.

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So I'm just saying I like, you know, all the thoughtfulness that has gone into this so that somebody without reading paragraphs and paragraphs could look at some YouTube videos with people with you know, connections to these programs.

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I also liked, We always ask about the cultural competency and literacy and I like that you keep a list of landlords who will rent to people who've been formerly incarcerated, things like that, very, very good.

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Very helpful and that the the whole CLC plan is, is, is peer led. And that again is another idea that.

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Has I know first followers was in the forefront among the agencies that we have funded the And there's another couple I can think of who thought people with lived experience ought to be asked what they would like.

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What they would like help with. So all of that's very good. And, as the rural coverage that we have here includes Mahomet and rantoul numbers.

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Of course, you just explained to us that not everybody is a resident to start with anyway, so those numbers are.

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You know, can't all be assessed in terms of. What part of the county?

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I didn't really have questions except Just because you straightened out the agency surplus business that I was wondering about.

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And I mean the, you know, the in kind and all that, but, I was just curious you mentioned that.

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80% of the people who come to you are assessed within 5 days and then in 7 days, 80% are engaged in services and I just was curious if you know why or keep any kind of

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Eye on that 20%. Do they or do they just decide not to engage mostly or? Do you need other programs or just how does that work or does that other 20% eventually

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Become involved? I'm just curious if there's any information, you know, any tracking of that.

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Yeah. Just go. Yeah. Okay.

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I think you're Mike and I'm just press one more time. You know life happens for people and sometimes they you know other things come up and they just don't make it back to the drop in center and you know quite often even the contact data that we have for them or not,

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You know, Accurate or perhaps they change phones and there's a lot there's a lot of factors going into that so it's so that even that statistic is a little bit difficult to measure because people come in and then

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We run mostly on Tuesday and Thursday, but not only so people come in on Tuesday, say I'll be back on Thursday, and then they come back in 2 weeks because a lot of things are going on, but they come back and so.

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We, but I mean. I think the reason that many people do come back is because we put a lot of emphasis on building relationships with people.

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And because of the peer mentoring piece, so we don't, I mean, we're not an agency that says, come in, sit down, fill out this form, come back in 2 weeks or, you know, we'll see you tomorrow morning.

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We're going to sit and talk to people and try to figure out, you know, kind of what their needs are, what their situation is, what else, where else we might be able to refer them and all those sorts of things.

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So I think that's actually a pretty good figure that we have there. In terms of, providing services to people fairly quickly because we don't.

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We don't we don't put off we don't put it off But obviously some things employment and.

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Okay, thank you. Well, the reason I asked was simply because sometimes we get numbers like a hundred percent of people get served

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Housing, we can't deliver the service right away, but we can get them moving. And so that's kind of how we've calculated that.

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And so I just thought that yours must be kind of complicated and I just wanted more information. Thank you very much.

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I don't have any more questions or presentation. I think it's a good proposal. Any other questions, comments?

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Alright, thank you, Mr. Kilgore. So we'll go on to the CCRPC

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Community Services Homeless Services System Coordination. Elaine, I think you're also the primary on this one.

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Just, as well.

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Yeah, page 98, yeah. Talk first again. Okay. Well, what I was just saying this, this, Understanding that that needing housing is very important to people to preserving mental health is we see that again with the regional planning commission's

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Homeless services system coordination which is planning and coordinating the local response to homelessness so of course that's not direct service that's That's the structure, the bureaucratic structure of making sure that everyone concerned, the agencies concerned with this can talk to each other.

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And land strategies and they. Also, they asked for this year for \$54,281 which they did last year and they fall under the safety and crisis stabilization.

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HUD's continuum of care to for a Ending homelessness in Champaign County.

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That's what this is part of and it they have 15 enumerated services. And one thing that I wondered about was the language that the application, it's been updated as the program moves from planning to implementation.

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And I was, I'd like to know more about what that means. I don't know what implementation.

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Past what it is now will. Be about. Do you know? Well for the first few years one of the deliverables in this program was to the strategic plan, which I think they presented this year to y'all.

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And maybe it was a study session. Or a meeting early in the year. And so the strategic plan has like been presented to a number of entities

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Around the community and it's. That's about the next phase will be implementation of the strategic plan goals.

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Which were pretty well received in this room and in others where I've seen the presentation. So I think the, I mean the plan was a large scale collaboration, but now implementation

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Is going to involve different things. And we just have to wait and see. Also, There are 10 people with lived experience who are giving have given feedback and are are listed as.

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Treatment plan clients. So. I just wasn't sure how that worked, but, I know that, that they attend those people attend the meetings and have had a voice.

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But I sort of didn't know. What that meant. So they're asking, so that would be nice to know.

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And 7 that we're providing is 74% of the total program revenue. Of which 52% of that is personnel but staff noted there was an error in the expense form.

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Yes, so. But there's an email that I meant to forward to y'all. I hope I did.

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It's going to be in the May board packet. What we thought was an error was actually - the organization has a very unusual Gata approved indirect cost allocation methodology.

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Someone is here from the organization who understands it much better than I do. It took me Several times reading the actual GATA approval and then they had to sit down and explain it to me to to get it but it's just when we were reviewing this.

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The It's like our personnel form, some of our forms are not very flexible. So they did accurately represent what they mean in this in the personnel form.

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It just looked mismatched to us because of the way that some of the staff cost is treated as fringe benefit instead of salary because the, you know, so we're paying for fringe through that.

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Well, this, you know, this, group has a has a county wide reach and

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They are going to I thought it was interesting as far as the the CLC plan they're going to incentivize the hiring of multilingual staff by offering a bit more for that.

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I thought that was a very Good idea. And aside from the questions I've just asked, I don't have anything else.

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It seems like it's Running well they have community events and and a long list of organizations that are part of this.

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Coordination of the homeless services. So, Jen, do you have other things to ask? I was really excited to read about

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The map tool instead of the via spat but that's just a personal and maybe interagency preference.

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That's a great. I just gushed about this, I think last month, so you all know how I feel about it.

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The list of folks with whom they have a collaborative agreement is is really Stunning. And most of the things that I highlighted

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Elaine has already gotten to. So I think we're probably Good here. We know that RPC is

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A machine and has the answers to the questions.

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Alright, any other questions, comments? Seeing none, we'll move on to CU at home shelter case management.

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And then Chris Miner. Are the presenters? Yeah. So,

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Shelter case management. Just going to read why it matters. Homelessness is a result of and a crisis

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And it's, wow, homelessness is the result of a crisis and is itself a crisis. Services and supports offered through the program meet the client's essential needs in the midst of that crisis.

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I was really impressed with the high level of case management that was Proposed here.

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Through pre and post surveys they're talking about 70% of clients will report overall improved mental health 80% will report improved independent living skills.

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70% will report less stress. 60% will report less substance use and 60% will report improvement in overall physical health.

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That idea goes well with what I know about the housing first model and just how important that kind of stabilization is.

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These are mid shelter B, mid-barrier shelters. What else can I tell you about this?

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There's a 0% proposed change in funding so it would be the same. We are 66% of total program revenue.

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I was curious about the one campus model that is not something I've ever heard before. And I was excited to see about their advisory council and I wonder

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Who makes that advisory council up and kind of seeing what the diversity of that looks like

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Written collaborative agreements they have are between the Urbana Police Department, drug court, Rosecrance, and Grow.

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I wondered if there could be more.

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And that was actually also suggested by the staff that reviewed. And those were my only notes. Obviously this is much needed work within our community.

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I can throw some stuff at you, but really not much. Everything looks good. I do want to know contributions, the 85 grand.

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Is that just individual donors? Yeah, I, I, I figured it was. Yeah, looks good.

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I have nothing else.

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Any other questions, comments?

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You can go ahead. Do you make a comment, Lynn? We, I said, was gonna be quiet.

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So we did, we tried to get as much as we could, Leon and I tried to get as much information as we could from everybody who reviewed the applications and all the stakeholders involved prior to putting this together for you, the one we couldn't get to was the judge over drug court.

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I was able to talk to him last week, but that was past the board packet time and he did he did express appreciation for this program just thought you should know.

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With that, we'll move on to CU early. CU early program. So I am the primary reader and then Joe is a secondary.

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So this is for \$80,723. You know the program is or it's a home visiting program that serves at risk

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Expectant, expectant families and children up to age 3. The services include like developmental screenings, referrals are made to early intervention if there's any developmental delays or concerns they try to target

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At risk families such as those that are teen parents, homeless families, or Spanish speaking. Higher priorities like homelessness, involvement with DCFS, domestic violence, substance abuse.

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Families with income 50% of the poverty, federal poverty line and then second tiers like kids with delays, chronic medical conditions, low income between the 50 50 and 100% of the federal poverty line and then other families with homes without basic utilities.

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Families living in isolation. And then it goes on and they they try to tear it down and try to make sure they're triaging the higher

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Risk families and Basically the funding is for a full-time bilingual home visitor. We've funded this before.

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They will work with about 20 to 25 Spanish at risk Spanish speaking families. And you know, the goals are to like build a strong foundation with the families

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For learning within the family, assist parents and preparing children for success in kindergarten and beyond. They use the baby talk model and curriculum.

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They ensure families receive adequate prenatal and will baby health care complete their education and have resources and skills to foster optimal development of their children.

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They do weekly or more frequent home visits, monthly play groups, teen parent education support, and then library groups, toy and book lending library and a parent resource library.

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They also have semi-annual child development assessments, vision and hearing screening, intensive case management services, including individuals family service goal plans there are about 8 home visiting programs in the Champaign County that serve.

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Children prenatally to 3 years old. Although these programs are similar, they each have their own niche.

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And then the pro this program is focused on parent education, child development, supporting parents and child relationships. There's also a limited resource of Spanish speaking families.

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There are only about 5 Spanish-speaking home visitors within all 8 programs combined. This program has about 2 of them.

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They also work with mayan families. It didn't specify anyone speaks mayan though. I know the one that we have funded in the program, the home visitor, Amy Freund, like I actually see her in my office because she comes with the families.

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And you can just tell like she's basically a member of their family. They have so much trust with her and they, you know, she is such an advocate for all these families.

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She comes in with the ages and stages questionnaire already filled out, which takes a while they fill out because if they don't feel out they feel in the office and takes a while but always it's always it's everything's always filled out all all questions like they have any concerns you know they discuss beforehand they come in and everything's already well prepared you can already tell that the family feels like they don't have that stress of

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having to mitigate through the health care system and this education system and registration for the kids and any developmental concerns they get them in with early intervention right away, they get them, you know, speech therapy, any other therapies they need right away.

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So it's really having such a strong advocate for people who have a language barrier in the community who have difficulty accessing resources and getting, even if you're English speaking trying to call in to make an appointment with a doctor and you can take forever on the phone and it's not easy to get in and you can take forever on the phone and it's trying to communicate with your doctor concerns you have.

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It's not easy to get in and send a message or call in and talk to a nurse about something.

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And so it's really nice this home visiting program that I feel like it just does so much than just going to the house.

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They are with the family at all these visits and it's just such a big advocate. I don't see, I mean all the other home visiting from, they're great, but this is just something I don't, I don't see any other program doing, it's just a huge

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Expansion of services and you know obviously education of the home visitors, you know, the program coordinator has like a master's in education, bachelors in child development, 30 years of experience and birth of 5 early childhood programming, you know, the the The program also, you know, completes their assessments within 3 days.

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Yeah.

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They engage in services within 3 days after the completion. Usually the family spend a average of 3 years in the program.

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It's very well run as it's very, it's money well spent on preventative care.

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And I, I can't say enough good things about this program. I don't have any concerns.

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I'm glad we have the money to spend on something like this, especially for an unders, underrepresented, portion of our community that has difficulty accessing a lot of resources in the community.

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This is just a real. A program that takes away a big barrier for them so All I have to say.

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I really don't have anything to add to it, but what I would add to it is that I happened to get to know

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One of the parents who's gone through this program. Her daughter is now a sophomore in high school.

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And she brought her daughter to see me as I was leaving Parkland just to say my daughter wants to go into nursing.

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That's a sophomore in high school. And I think part of the advocacy that's they received when she was in this program.

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Gave her that and I got to know the family also and she knows that being an advocate for daughter as daughter comes into college in the next couple of years.

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As part of that foundation was set with this. That's the benefit of something like this. It sets a foundation.

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Hopefully as they move along in their education and whatever they choose to do. The foundation's been set by the advocate that they had

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At that time. One thing I did want to add, I forgot to mention is I guess 2 things.

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One is the contract considerations, but this TPC target, I don't care if they use 20 if they use 25.

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It doesn't matter to me which target they said. Even if they just do 20, that's great. That's awesome.

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They do 25 us even better. But I mean, if they actually meet, that's fine with me.

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They obviously are doing a great job and they're not doing their least they're doing their most.

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The only other thing is, I think if we in the future, not right now, obviously, but when we talk about providing funding, I guess, but when we talk about providing funding, I guess the talk we had the other day, I guess the talk we had the other day was recommending possibly a 1 year not a two-year contract for this one with ISBE funding comes back for this.

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That's the only caveat that we want to do one year. Well, we'll talk about this in the future.

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We want to make any decisions or anything right now, but just kind of. And you can keep that in mind.

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Yeah, thank you. Just Leon and I talked about that a lot. Like if, you know, there are a number of contracts that we thought were stable enough to say do this for 2 years and we can just you know We can work the agencies through quarterly reports.

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Rather than have you reconsider the program next year, but this one. Because there's a chance of the ISBE funding possibly being restored next year, we thought not to.

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So if that's not true, maybe Kelly Russell can send us an email about that before we give you recommendations.

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Any other questions, comments? Alright, with that we'll move on to Champaign County Head Start and Early

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Head Start, Early Childhood Mental Health Services. I think Chris is primary reader and I'm secondary reader on that one.

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Okay, I'm gonna feel like underachiever going after you. I will say this, I think we all know exactly who Champaign County Head Start is they have a great reputation.

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I don't have kids, so I haven't had a lot of interaction with them. It's gonna target low risk and low income and at risk children enrolled in RPC and it's going to help identify children's socio-emotional strengths and areas of need and a whole boatload of other stuff that we all have in front of us.

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So for sake of time, I'm not gonna read it out. I've looked over this.

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I really have no concerns. I believe we funded them for a long time. I do have one question, but not a concern.

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And we can wait till the end to answer it if anyone's even here from them or I'll ask you, were 100% of the funding for this program or for Head Start as a whole?

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Oh no, Head Start has a huge budget. I figured so. Yeah. Okay, that's why I just didn't really realize why this was a hundred percent, but they're getting plenty of other funding.

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So, okay. Yeah, I know that was short and sweet, but. You can take over now, Dr.

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I mean, just to go over a few things, you know, it's funding for 4 staff, so one part-time early childhood mental health consultant and 3 of the 4 full-time social skills and prevention coaches.

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Basically, they're helping the families and the teachers with children who have mental health and developmental disabilities kind of navigate kids who are having, struggling in school and struggling in the classroom so they can make a plan with the families, with the teachers, helping them

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Navigate, things that children may have like oppositional define disorder or probably Just more angry out bursts, temper tantrums, you know.

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You know, some kids may be going through depression or have sensory processing difficulties and things like that. So they may help navigate best ways to help those children cope and find good coping skills and develop strategies for the children in the classroom to be successful and then be prepared for kindergarten and for the future socially and emotionally.

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And that's very important because obviously the Head Start program obviously provides a lot of services. They'll provide speech therapy, occupational therapy for fine motor difficulties, you know, physical therapy, but this is the one thing that, you know, isn't provided if you go to, say, if you go to kindergarten, first grade, really if you have social emotional issues, you're going to see a

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school counselor. But you know you may or may not get in as as much as you need you may not get all the attention you may need and they're not really there they're not really going to make the plan that these coaches are going to be making for how to navigate the stresses and issues they may have in the classroom.

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So. You know, there are local therapy, they says like there are local therapies that provide opposition services.

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The schools provide pre-k education and disability service but not social-emotional services. At a point expansion and a lot of the kids that are in preschool are in early childhood, sorry, are because they have developed delays.

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Usually children like autism or children oppositional defiant disorder, ADHD that has not been diagnosed yet, but we kind of

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Kind of know that there's some issues there or some other things and and so making sure that they're prepared in all aspects

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For kindergarten is really important and obviously as a pediatrician the one thing we always tell parents at You know, after third grade, you're no longer learning to read, you're reading to learn.

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And if you're behind at that point, if you had to pick the number one thing indicator of what you're going to be, if you're going to be successful in life or not, if you had to pick one thing, it would be your reading level in the third grade.

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And if you're not cut up and you're reading on the third grade, you're really, it's really hard to catch up.

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And if you are struggling socially and emotionally, it's really hard to then focus in class and be successful in class and keep on top of your studies.

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If you're an intelligent individual, it's still going to be very difficult. And so, you know, just making sure that these children are socially emotionally prepared

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For, you know, school and life in general, I think is highly important to make sure that, you know, we have a well

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A healthy and thriving community. So it was my 2 cents obviously because... said everything is, you know, I don't have anything

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Bad to say about them. They are an amazing group. Heads early childhood start and I think they do an amazing job and I'm glad we're able to provide money for this service as well.

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Any other comments questions?

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Alright, with that we will move on to the champaign county healthcare consumers the disability services

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Yeah, I guess I'm reviewer one and reviewer two. Cause for viewer one just left.

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Do we want to get, Jen's comments next time?

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Yeah.

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I think I'm okay. I mean, she can always email. Okay. I guess she always bring it up next time if she has anything added that she wants to.

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So she'll be here next week. Right, I just realized I was going first like 2 s ago.

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Okay.

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You know. We got the internet working at least. So, so this is actually - need to get the right page here.

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Yeah.

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So this is Champaign County Healthcare Consumers Disability Application Services. The request is \$105,000.

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So. I'll just read from the why it matters section because I like that part. And by assisting individuals with benefits enrollment, especially with SSI and SSDI disability applications and appeals.

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In addition by working with people to help them apply for and navigate these benefits systems, CCHCC will also be in a position to help clients identify any behavioral health needs they may have and support them in seeking care and obtaining other public benefits such as Medicaid and SNAP.

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Services will be provided in a compassionate supportive and empowering way. So I think, you know, from reading about this program and knowing about it throughout the years,

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Seeing how this can help increase access to mental health care and mental health supports. Through this connection to services that can really sustain individuals

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Who really need it and seeing it being done in this empowering framework from you know sitting down with individuals and helping them navigate these systems with employees that care and want to help.

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I know that these systems can be very, very grueling to get through. I just saw a an acquaintance of mine who has long COVID and has not been able to work for 2 years get denied one of these services.

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And he's going to have to go through this rigorous appeals process. And I know it just takes so much out of like the people I know who have had to go through it.

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So I think having somebody there to really help you get through this process is extremely important. In thinking about how this might improve the quality of life of individuals who need the service.

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There was a quote that a client had provided in the application that said, without you and the help you gave me ensuring that I would be approved for disability income, I would not have had all these years of precious life and been there for my kids through their educations and into the launch of their adulthood.

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For saving me. As you know, I gave up many times and attempted to take my life. You kept me going, you told me I would get approved.

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You and all of CCHCC really do special and important work and I'm forever grateful to you.

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And then I would start a new chapter in my life. And you were right, these last many years have been glorious.

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Thank you. Just like hearing that quote was. I don't know. I don't know many people don't describe that as glorious and those just beautiful.

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So I think, as I was reviewing the app.

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I'm not having too many questions. I just wanted to walk through a few

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Areas, it seems like there's a good coordination with a variety of other services in our community, including mental health services, medical providers, pharmacies, and other social services.

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It seems like it the program does a good job of addressing inclusion and anti stigma really focusing on a community health model and meeting people where they are and really individualizes

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A tough process and helps it sort of meet the needs of the individual. I understand that the evidence based model being used is the SOAR model.

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I don't know a ton about the SOAR model, but there's, you know, all of the staff has been trained in that and it really the program seems to center those who are most underserved in our community and there is a high rate of approval of individuals who go through the program.

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I also appreciated that There's both quantitative and qualitative. Methods of outcome assessment.

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Let's see. It also I appreciate the ability to do. This work in a remote setting, you know, especially thinking about how many people who have, experienced kovat maybe applying for these services and how not, you know, we may end up in a situation like this again being able to shift to remote.

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Options both if we have a pandemic and also for individuals who really need. To do things remotely is important.

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I think there was a mention of the providing some Clc technical assistance in the future.

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Lynn I was wondering, would you be able to speak to that a little bit more about what that specific need might be going forward.

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Sorry to put you on the spot. That's okay. And Shandra is not here. She's covering a really important event for us right now so I'm gonna have to wing it but but each year when she does the reviews of CLC plans

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She will say, you know, this is one I want to work more closely with to help with some areas.

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So it's not, they don't have to redo it before the contract, and they might not even have to redo it but she just wants to work with the agency.

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So I need to look at her comments to understand why she wanted to do that. It looks like

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Oh, maybe they have note maybe and there is a representative here from the agency. Maybe they had a note about difficulty scheduling training and that she is sometimes hard to get.

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So maybe that's all it was that she's committing to come and do the training and maybe Claudia will know the answer.

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Thank you. Yes, thank you. The issue is that we haven't been able to have Shandra. Yes, thank you.

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The issue is that we haven't been able to have Shandra come to the board meeting to do the training.

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And that is not on Shandra. I take full responsibility for that. I've spent the last year traveling back and forth to Texas.

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My father was ill and so getting everything coordinated has just been really tough. But that is a priority for us.

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So that's that's what that's about and and then whatever else Shandra wants to guide us on.

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Yeah, okay. Thank you. I do have one other question. While you're here, I'm the only one to ask.

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Well, I guess the rest of the board could ask too, but the only other one was assigned to review this maybe can ask next time.

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Need to find it so

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Let's see. So the request that has been made is for, our board is for 94% of total program revenue.

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So the other program revenues from contributions fundraising. Rental income and a Carle grant. So I was, there's only a, the proposed change in funding is only 15% from last year.

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But I was curious about what other kinds of funding sources might be considered in the future to help kind of expand

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The program and also, sort of reducing the percentage by which the request is coming to our board.

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So, thank you. So our organization prior to the pandemic used to have an annual awards dinner every year.

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That was a major fundraiser for us with an ad book and all of that. And a lot of times that, you know, the proceeds from that would go to our various programs.

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So we're seeing if we can start doing that again or some version of that that is safe. I notice.

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We do also frequently apply for grants for other funding. And thanks to the Mental Health Board funding, we were actually able to get some funding through the Urbana ARPA.

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You wear a mask, I typically wear a mask as well. So we're trying to figure that out.

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For doing disability work, but not specific with mental health, behavioral health. And so. That so you all helped us with that that helped leverage that funding it doesn't necessarily reduce your cost, but it allowed us to sort of expand the program to serve people from other dealing with other kinds of disabling situations.

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But we're constantly scanning the environment and I think that We're building up Quite a track record now

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With this work. So, I feel like we will be better positioned. Including with really good outcome data to apply for additional grants, including through private foundations and so on.

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So that's something that we're always working on and we'll try to do more of.

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Yeah, thank you very much for that. And I know like, you know, there's I'd like to see more from the federal and state level around things like this, especially.

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Maybe it's bold of me to say, but if these programs are so difficult to apply for, maybe they should be providing some

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Funding to for agencies to help people apply for them. Yeah. And I mean if I may just real quick speaking of how difficult they are.

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They're getting worse. And part of the reason that it's getting worse is because the social security office I'll say it this way, is terrible.

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It is terrible. We submit paperwork. Sometimes we bring it in person and we get a verification that we have brought it.

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And then when we try to follow up or ask the client to try to follow up, they have no record of anything.

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It is such a nightmare that we have started setting up meetings with our congressional representatives in Senate staff at the federal level to talk about this.

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The other thing that is happening to people and that is coming to us is that there are people who have had SSDI, for example, for years.

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And then all of a sudden, they start getting less money. They're going through a claw back

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For supposedly excess benefits that nobody can tell them when were these excess benefits paid. They didn't they didn't work so they didn't earn too much money.

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And so that is now a piece of our work and we have had some success in stopping some of those clawbacks and getting the clients reimbursed for what was taken from them that should not have been taken, but we're encountering more and more and more problems beyond just the basic difficulty of this entire process.

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And so I, I couldn't agree with you more. Yeah. Yeah, I understand Clawbacks from the insurance world as a private practice therapist and it's essentially like penalizing

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The client for the agencies mistake like we assess this you know benefit wrong and now we're gonna try to take it back from you instead of

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And if that's happening years down the line, that's just. It's terrible.

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Yeah, it's really terrible. And, and it also happens to people who have SSI.

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SSI is I think \$946 a month So, imagine having a clawback on that.

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So yeah. Anyway, thank you so much. Yeah, thank you for answering my questions. And I've, you know, definitely open to hearing anyone else on the boards questions as well.

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It's not a question. It's more of a comment type and I say this often what I decided to be on the record.

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I don't know why we do this. It doesn't make sense. Doesn't mean clawbacks and

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I mean, yes, I would like to work you out of a job, really. That's my goal.

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Because I mean, it's it doesn't make sense. We are the richest country in the world.

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Watch my language and we just we keep doing this. We don't need to do this. I'm here, but we don't need to do it.

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I agree, it's terrible. And we are - just real quick before I leave and let you all get on with your business.

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We are also seeing sadly more and more clients who have long COVID and that that's why they're applying and they're all different from each other.

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The long COVID, you know, impacts are different. For each person and it's, it's very tragic.

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So. Thank you. Thank you. Any other questions, comments?

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Alright. You do one more? I think.

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We can do one more inside of minutes. If it's mine. It's gonna be, it's, it's, it's, Molly and Elaine.

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You think you can do 7 min? Do you want to? Do you want to connect in here? I'll do that.

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We'll keep this as the last one. So I'll do courage connection. Yeah.

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All right, so this is for Courage Connection. Request is \$128,038.

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Why it matters, our clients are not just victims, they're survivors, they've survived interpersonal violence and are reaching out to us to find healing.

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I won't share the whole thing through our counseling and advocacy programs. We walk alongside our clients on their healing journey as we help them restore their sense of personal freedom power and well-being all of our services are also victim services, but we also want to focus on this healing aspect of our work.

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I will share. I've worked in gender-based violence in this community for a long time.

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So I've had a lot of interactions with courage connection over the years. And they work that they do to help individuals who have experienced interpersonal violence is huge.

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Oh, this, the request is for just 8 the agency in general. So there's a variety of programs that are mentioned here, some of the ones that

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Are, have been mentioned are. The counseling and advocacy programs and those are ones I'm quite familiar with.

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So. We have their, legal advocates who assist individuals and receiving orders of protection and anything else that they might be doing in the court system.

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And therapists as well that both work in the housing systems as well as work with individuals in the community.

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Some things that stood out to me about the application are the way that the advocacy and therapy programs go to the individual where they are, and therapy programs go to the individual where they are, which is something I've sort of seen over the individual where they are, which is something I've sort of seen over the individual where they are, which is something I've sort of seen over the years, more and more expansion of with courage connection.

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There, advocates and therapists that are housed in a variety of communities. They do, so, so, courage connection does serve.

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A few different counties. So they're, advocates that go to these other counties as well, although I understand most of the services are provided in Champaign County.

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That they're in addition to like rural advocates that are housed in some of these communities and therapists as well.

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They're also bilingual advocates who assist individuals as well as virtual services that are provided

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And the work of the organization comes from an empowerment model which is really focused on helping individuals who have gone through violence and have had power taken away from them to restore that power to the individual and help them.

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You know, with the things that they have identified that they need to move forward with their lives. And then there's also anti stigma

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And inclusion on the community level with trainings to really bring awareness to interpersonal violence and reduce stigma around it and work toward preventing this issue.

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In terms of measurable meaningful outcomes. I know there's a system called infonet that is used across the state for gathering data data on individuals who utilize the services and that helps the data collection be very robust.

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The usage of remote or hybrid therapy, it seems it reduces no-shows. As well as the usage of rural and bilingual advocates.

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I also appreciate that the request is. It's for only 5% of the total program revenue showing that courage connection utilizes a lot of other sources.

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From the federal level down to the community level. I know there's been changes to some of the federal and state funding for gender-based violence organizations over the years.

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But I appreciate that it's, a what the request to us is is only a small part of what they're receiving funding for that diversification of funding is important.

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I was wondering sort of how the funding that is utilized for Champaign County residents

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Is sort of distinguished from clients who are in other counties and what sorts of How do you just differentiate that our funding from our board is not being used?

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For these other, individuals in these other counties. I was wondering about that. Oh yeah, go for it, Lynn.

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We and and they can certainly answer this too, but the concern I was raising is different from that. They really they are careful to report only Champaign County Residents and you know they have made they have shared information with Mr. Bryson and me that seems relevant.

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They're really careful about that and there are people who sometimes are fleeing domestic violence from other counties and end up here,

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And I feel like that's fair. What we heard earlier, people transferring to this county from

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Department of Corrections, and now they are residents here so I don't think there's any difference.

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So my concern was more that if you have state funding for your whole Service Region. And then you have extra funding from one county to serve the people in that county.

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Do you have extra funding from the other counties that applies only to those other service recipients? That was my concern.

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Because otherwise like there's this there's a way that it it's supplantation like it's It's not supplementation, it's a different thing, but it's still kind of potentially results in Champaign County taxpayers paying more than everybody else for the same service.

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Because we're also paying state and federal taxes. So that's the only, and they've assured us that they do have other funding for those people that is specific to their residency.

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And since they are on the call, maybe they can share that with you but I felt satisfied with their answer.

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We kind of went round and round all day and got lots of great information from them on that question.

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So I'm glad you noticed that too. I guess my other question was about the there's it appears there's a slight discrepancy in the reported rental income in the budget narrative versus the revenue form.

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I'm guessing that's been taken care of. Okay. Yeah, it was a small amount.

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I thought I would just check. But those are all of my thoughts and questions about it.

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Sure. So excuse me, this is Elizabeth Cook and I apologize. I don't have my camera and I've got a I'm fighting a cold, so I'm here and I'm here in sweats.

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And so I just wanted to say yes that absolutely with Lynn and Leon and a few other folks we we did address that

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Question and absolutely it's it's it's not a matter of Champaign County residents

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Paying more money or paying double because there are there are other sources for those people who are being served from other counties and Lynn thank you so much for also talking about similar to first followers how there are also people that are seeking services here because they're fleeing from other areas or quite honestly we're trafficked here and I'm our seeking to be to be members of this community and the last part that I would add

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to that is that we we do we do serve quite a number of undocumented clients and so those folks would fall into that category.

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Right, of not being Champaign County residents.

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Thank you for sharing that and just I think it speaks to hearing this both this year and last year, the number of agencies that are having individuals come from other communities to receive services here and live here

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Speaks to the great work that's happening here as well as the, inclusiveness of this community.

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So that is not unnoticed.

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No, thank you. And we are. We're so grateful for the support from CCMHB and we're also at the.

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Yeah, the coordination and collaboration with other agencies as we continue each year to see a rise in the number of undocumented on folks who want to be here in Champaign County and are in native services.

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As all of my questions, I, Elaine, were you number 2? I guess so, yeah.

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It's such a well-known program and the only certified domestic violence program in this area. So very important.

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Just note that at the time of the application, they had a counselor position vacant and we that might.

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We hope that won't continue, of course, but those kinds of things do affect award amounts. But, no, I because the fine application.

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With that, I will thank all the agencies that are here. We will continue applications next week.

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From this point and then right now we'll move on to old business I don't think we have any correct So after that we'll move on to other agency inputs.

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If there's any agencies that would like to make any comments, now is the time. I will limit to 5 min a person or agency.

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Anyone on, online? Alright, seeing none, we'll move on to board to board reports.

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Is there any board to board reports? I will move on to County Board. Jen, since Jen's not here, we'll move on to Champaign County Development Disabilities Board input.

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When is there any input? Just to make you jealous, they got done reviewing all of their applications this morning.

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Must be so nice. It's not fair. Okay. I maybe 17 -17 or 18.

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I mean, there's an overlap. There are 3 that you reviewed, 2 that you just now one you'll review next week that they got finished reviewing this morning that you know requires some collaboration between the 2 boards but that's yeah and they didn't have to look at an annual report see you guys are you jealous anyway that's the whole thing they're they are not scheduled to meet again

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until May for the decision date. So. I know. There's an opening on the, there is an opening on the DD board if you.

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Is that why Susan Fowler left the mental health board to go to the DD board? So no way, I think she wanted, just, you know.

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To do. She's someone who created the the list of the checklists for us for what to do for all this.

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So she's very thorough. Very meticulous. With that any board announcements or any input?

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Saying then I will move to adjourn. See everyone next week.