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Alright, we will now call to order this evening's meeting of the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

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Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, at 5.45pm in the Shields Carter Room of the Bennett Administrative Center, Urbana, Illinois. May I have a roll call?

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Den Arres.

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Here.

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Alejandro Gomez.

00:02:47.841 --> 00:02:49.841

Here.

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Tony Nichols.

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Elaine Palencia.

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Kyle Patterson.

00:02:59.178 --> 00:03:01.178

Jane Sprandel.

00:03:03.785 --> 00:03:05.785

Jon Paul Youakim.

00:03:06.308 --> 00:03:08.308

Here.

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Molly McLay.

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Here. Also, um, Stephanie, were you able to hear all of the heres? Because I noticed some mics didn't light up.

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No, I... I... I don't have Tony Nichols.

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Tony is not here.

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How about Elaine?

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Here.

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Kyle?

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No, Kyle.

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Jane.

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Yes, I'm here.

00:03:30.831 --> 00:03:32.036

Okay.

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All right, we do have a quorum, so we can next move on to approve the agenda. This is on page 1 of the packet.

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Are there any, um, edits, discussion, or would anyone like to make a motion?

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Alright, seeing no discussion, I will move to approve the agenda as presented. May I have a second?

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I will second that motion.

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Thank you very much, McLay motions, Sprandel seconds. Any final discussion?

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Seeing none, all those in favor of approving the agenda as presented, say aye.

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Aye. Aye. All those opposed, same sign.

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The ayes have it, the agenda is approved.

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Next, we will move to the 2026 meeting schedules and PY27 allocation timeline. These are on pages 5 through 9 of the packet.

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No action is needed, but I will ask

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Um, Lynn, if there are any items of note in the materials that we should draw our attention to.

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No.

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I was waiting for that. Um, any discussion from the board on these items?

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No.

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I'll just, uh, make a note that we have, uh, April and May will be... and March will be busy, because we have a study session next week, and then in April and May, we have

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meetings and study sessions to go over applications.

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Any further discussion?

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Alright, seeing none, we will next move to the CCMHB acronyms and glossary. These are on pages

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11 through 22 of the packet, no action is needed, but any updated items here.

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This document is slightly updated. I think Leon might have given me a couple of new

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items for it, but...

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My preoccupation was with making it accessible, and it's not perfect, but it's more accessible than it was.

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So we'll keep... we'll just keep doing these, like...

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Every month, we learn something new, so we'll update.

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Anyway.

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Awesome. Any discussion on this?

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All right, seeing none, we will next move to public participation agency input.

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As always, members of the public are welcome to provide their perspectives to the Mental Health Board.

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We cannot respond directly to public input, but we may use it to inform future actions.

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If you would like to give public input, there's... one, you can give some now or at the end of the meeting, there will be another point in time to do that.

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And you can do so by filling out a comment card and handing it to me.

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You can approach the podium,

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And, um, if you are on Zoom, you can put something into the chat, or you can raise your hand.

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So, we do have a public comment that has been requested, um, on the comment card.

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So I will call that person up first.

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But if there's anybody else who would like to speak, you can use any of those other methods, um, to, um,

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make yourself known as wanting to speak.

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Um, just a few other notes. Agency representatives and others providing input, which might impact our... the board actions, should be aware of the Illinois Lobbyist Registration Act.

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and take appropriate steps to be in compliance.

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And I may limit individual time to 5 minutes and or total time to 20 minutes. So with that, I would like to have Claudia Lenhoff come forward.

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Um, to make her comment.

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Good evening. Uh, my name is Claudia Lenhoff, and I'm the Executive Director of

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Uh, Champaign County Healthcare Consumers,

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And I just wanted to give a little bit of a good news update, and then provide a little...

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information about housing and homelessness-related stuff.

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Um, the good news update is that one of our staff members who works on the disability team

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is an attorney now, and, um, he was able to...

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pass the bar while he was working with us, and so now we have an in-house person

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who can take a disability case all the way to the administrative law judge level, which is usually the last, um, stop in a disability

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application process, and he has just gotten two approvals from his two administrative law judge hearing, uh, cases. So, um...

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That's something we're really excited about. We don't have to always outsource those cases now.

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Um, the second thing that I wanted to mention, and I don't know if

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Lynn or other people will talk about this, but there's a big effort to work to end homelessness.

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In our community, and, um, so a lot of...

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Organizations are participating in that.

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Um, one of the things that I wanted to mention regarding that is that

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One of the big problems that exists, um,

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is affordable housing.

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And I... I just wanted to speak very specifically to

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People who receive SSI as their form of disability benefits.

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Um, there's two programs, SSDI and SSI. SSI is for the people who don't have

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Um, enough in SSDI or enough work credits, so it's really for the lower-income folks.

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And, um...

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SSI in 2026 pays

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\$994 a month.

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And if housing is supposed to only be 30% of your income,

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So, rent plus utilities, um, that's sort of the gold standard of what it should be.

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There's no housing like that in our community. There's, you know, without a voucher, and there are no vouchers right now.

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So, um, people can go up to maybe 50% of their income, and maybe get by.

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But even then, we're still talking about \$500 rent plus utilities,

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And this is part of the reason that we have such a bottleneck in getting people housed who have been homeless.

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We work, uh, with people who are homeless, and we deliver to them the same services we do to the general community, including helping them get

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Um, disability benefits. And that should be sort of a passport to housing and to stability and all that, but... so I just wanted to explain why it is not, and why there are so many homeless individuals who do actually have incomes, but

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There's, you know, there are all these barriers.

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The last thing that I wanted to mention in the process that we are working with to end, um, homelessness

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is that I would really love to see our community take

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a sort of, um...

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public health model approach to it, with

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looking at primary prevention, secondary prevention, and tertiary prevention.

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to, um, not just address homelessness, but also the factors that can then lead to homelessness, and hopefully we can...

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we can make things better in this community, but that'll take...

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Um, the entire, you know, everybody who's involved, um, working on that.

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Anyway, I just wanted to provide those updates, and thank you all for everything you do, and the support for our organization.

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Thank you very much for your comments.

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Is there anyone else online or in person who would like to make public comments?

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Please come forward.

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Can you press the mic?

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Yeah, okay. Is that... yeah.

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I'm James Kilgore from...

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First followers. Obviously,

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We are grateful to the mental health board for all the support that you've given us.

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Over the years. But I did...

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I didn't really intend to speak.

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But I have to just echo what Claudia's saying about housing.

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I mean, we... we address primarily

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a constituency of people coming home from prison?

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And their housing situation

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is just abysmal at the moment. I mean, there's...

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Not only do they have income problems, but then they have the problems of

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criminal background, which a lot of landlords don't want to rent to them. And I think...

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I mean, I think we need to look at

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We need to look at the landlords and the legislation in this community. I mean, we're increasingly getting

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Landlords who are not from here,

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who may have never even seen the buildings that they're renting.

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And, I mean, we're finding

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you know, people are living in just incredibly horrible conditions, and...

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You call somebody and you get somebody in Brooklyn.

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And you're expecting them to get, uh...

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You're expecting to get a response. So I think... I mean, I know there's efforts in the community to bring together

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all these service providers that

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do assist people that are dealing with...

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With housing and the unhoused population, but I'm just...

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I'm just echoing what Claudia says, and I hope that you'll...

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put that into your conversation and into your thoughts. I mean, I'm sure it is already, but I just wanna...

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emphasize it a little bit more.

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Thank you. Thank you very much for your comments.

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Is there anyone else in person or online who would like to give public comment right now?

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No one online, no one else in person, so we will move on, but there will be opportunity to give public comment.

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Later in the meeting as well.

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So we will next move to our... my favorite item of other business, closed session.

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Um, the board may move into... move to enter into closed session for semi-annual

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Closed session minutes review pursuant to 5 ILCS120-2C21,

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The following individuals will join this closed session. If we choose to do so. Members of the Champaign County Mental Health Board and Executive Director Canfield.

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If this motion is approved, those authorized will meet in the Putman Room and move for roll call and discussion.

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When the discussion ends, they will return to the Shields-Carter room, and the board will call for a motion to return to open session with a new roll call.

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And once it's reestablished, we may take possible actions.

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Um, which we will discuss in the closed session.

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So, um...

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Is there... I guess I'm gonna go ahead and just make the motion to make it easier on everyone, and then if someone else would second.

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I will move to... for the board to enter into closed session for semi-annual closed session minutes review.

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Pursuant to five ILCS120 slash

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2C with 21, with the following individuals joining the closed session, members of the Champaign County Mental Health Board and Executive Director Canfield. Would anyone like to say that?

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Second. I second. Thank you very much. McLay moves. Nichols seconds.

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Any discussion?

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Alright, seeing none, the motion has been clearly stated. May I have a roll call.

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Den Arres?

00:15:33.474 --> 00:15:35.474

Here?

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Alejandro Gomez?

00:15:37.656 --> 00:15:39.656

Here.

00:15:39.027 --> 00:15:41.027

Nichols?

00:15:40.824 --> 00:15:42.824

Here.

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Elaine Palencia?

00:15:44.256 --> 00:15:46.256

Yes.

00:15:46.104 --> 00:15:48.104

Kyle Patterson?

00:15:48.207 --> 00:15:50.207

Yes.

00:15:49.012 --> 00:15:51.012

Jane Sprandel?

00:15:50.803 --> 00:15:52.803

Yes.

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Jon Paul Youakim?

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Abstain.

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Molly McLay.

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Yes. All right, with that, the motion to move into closed session passes.

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So we will continue the open session recording, and all members of the board

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And Lynn Canfield,

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Um, we'll move to the Putman Room.

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Well, if we're further instructions will be given.

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Do... what I have to abstain from...

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It's nice to have time with Leon.

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Yeah, I understand.

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All right, so we are back. It is 6.06 p.m. on March 18th, 2026.

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I will move for the Champaign County Mental Health Board to return to open session.

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Can I have a second?

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Second, all right, McLay moves Palencia seconds, may I have a roll call.

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Den Arres?

00:21:35.946 --> 00:21:37.946

Yes?

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Alejandro Gomez?

00:21:38.608 --> 00:21:40.608

Here.

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Tony Nichols?

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Yes.

00:21:42.828 --> 00:21:43.733

Elaine Palencia?

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Yes.

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Kyle Patterson?

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Yes.

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Jane Sprandel?

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Yes.

00:21:49.623 --> 00:21:50.428

Jon Paul Youakim?

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Yes.

00:21:51.113 --> 00:21:53.113

Molly McLay.

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Yes. All right. Open session has resumed.

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Um, so I will also move to accept

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The February 19th, 2020,

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February 26th, 2020, July 21st, 2021.

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March 20th, 2024.

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February... sorry, September 18th, 2024, February 19th, 2025,

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And October 22nd, 2025, closed session minutes as presented.

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and open them.

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May I have a second?

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Second. All right, McLay moves. Palencia seconds.

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We, um...

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Cannot have any discussion, so will that... since the motion has been clearly stated, we will...

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They will have a roll call.

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Alejandro Gomez.

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Here.

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I think I need a yes or a no.

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Yes.

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Tony Nichols.

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Yes.

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Elaine Palencia.

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Yes.

00:22:54.976 --> 00:22:55.755

Kyle Patterson.

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Yes.

00:22:56.908 --> 00:22:57.784

Jane Sprandel.

00:22:57.785 --> 00:22:59.043

Yes.

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Jon Paul Youakim.

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Yes.

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Den Arres.

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Yes.

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Molly McLay.

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Yes. With that, the motion regarding the closed minutes... search and minutes passes.

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And we will now move on to Chairperson's comments.

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Um, I am Molly McLay, the chair of the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

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Um, I will have other comments in the meeting, but something I wanted to...

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No, that was very cool, is, um, so back in fall 2024, Executive Director Canfield and I went to the Sangamon County... to Sangamon County,

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to the Massey Commission.

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to discuss, um, their interest in starting a mental health board for Sangamon County.

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And I am happy to report that per election results last evening, the referendum to start a mental health board in that county did pass.

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So, we are very excited to hear that our neighboring county, which is the county where I grew up,

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We'll be, um, starting their own mental health board and funding that, so...

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Uh, that is all of my comments for the evening. Uh, for now. So, next, I will move to Executive Director Lynn Canfield's comments.

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I wasn't even gonna comment on that, but you're right. And the fun actually just starts, because now they're going to ask us for...

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Samples of everything. And I'm going to keep doing what I've been doing all along and saying,

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Your county is different from our county. You can look at our samples, but don't do what we're doing. Find out what your people want to do, so...

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This is... it's still exciting that they have the resources now, and they can start

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Doing that, and that reminds me that we're very lucky to have this, and, um, we may have to...

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make really tough decisions this year because there are so many applications for funding, and...

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So many of them. We'll talk about this a little bit later. So many of them are well done, and worthy.

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But we don't have enough money, so...

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I don't want to get too dark today, because it really is nice to be able to do this at all.

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So, um, then there was just another fun election thing that a friend of mine

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Won her primary race, it's in the Chicago area,

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Um, and she's a person that I know from NACO, and

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I always get behind her policy proposals because they're about maternal health and infant mortality and health equity, and...

00:25:22.891 --> 00:25:24.891

They're good... it's good stuff, so...

00:25:25.865 --> 00:25:27.865

I... anyway, so I was happy to see her win.

00:25:28.561 --> 00:25:33.561

And I think... I don't know, there's so many comments I could make, but I think I would like to just let you get on with the business.

00:25:33.976 --> 00:25:38.976

And then I'll just... if there's anything in here that needs to be explained, obviously, I'll talk.

00:25:39.529 --> 00:25:44.529

Then I realize I did not introduce our new members, so can you? Yeah, okay, we both...

00:25:45.180 --> 00:25:52.180

We have a new board member, and I think you might be able to introduce yourself just as well as I could do it. Is that okay?

00:25:53.339 --> 00:26:01.339

You know, I'll give it a try. Um, I'm Den Arres, I'm currently appointed on the county board for District 6. I'm happy to be here.

00:26:01.339 --> 00:26:03.743

I've always been, um...

00:26:04.216 --> 00:26:09.216

interested in mental health and mental health awareness, so, uh, everyone says that

00:26:09.571 --> 00:26:12.571

Well, everyone that knows me says, this is perfect for you, so...

00:26:12.727 --> 00:26:15.727

I'm glad to be here and joining you all great people, so...

00:26:18.519 --> 00:26:20.519

We're glad to have you. Thank you.

00:26:20.949 --> 00:26:22.949

Yes.

00:26:22.781 --> 00:26:27.781

Okay, now that I forgot about comments, I was gonna go to the county board meeting tomorrow night.

00:26:28.030 --> 00:26:37.030

But it has been moved out one week, and I was gonna go for just one reason, and that was to acknowledge Leon Bryson for 5 years of service. It's 5!

00:26:37.031 --> 00:26:39.031

Right?

00:26:40.522 --> 00:26:45.522

Yes! Yay! He met that... he met that milestone on Monday.

00:26:45.718 --> 00:26:47.718

A very exciting day for us.

00:26:48.669 --> 00:26:53.669

So, um, I can't... I won't be able to go to the county board meeting because it's the same day as the conference.

00:26:54.614 --> 00:26:58.614

So, I don't know, I might send notes for other people to read about you,

00:26:58.638 --> 00:27:00.638

Okay.

00:27:02.839 --> 00:27:09.839

Awesome. Alright, well, we will next move on to approval of CCMHB board meeting minutes.

00:27:10.393 --> 00:27:13.393

These are on pages 23 through 26 of the packet.

00:27:13.764 --> 00:27:19.764

An action is requested to approve the minutes of the CCMHB February 18th, 2026 meeting.

00:27:19.887 --> 00:27:21.887

Um, I did notice...

00:27:22.666 --> 00:27:24.666

Uh, possible... well...

00:27:25.234 --> 00:27:27.234

there's an inconsistency in the minutes.

00:27:27.225 --> 00:27:29.225

So we will need to amend them.

00:27:29.667 --> 00:27:36.667

But, um, there is a staff member of, um, the Youth Assessment Center at the RPC,

00:27:36.902 --> 00:27:40.902

And their last name is spelled in two different ways in the minutes.

00:27:41.476 --> 00:27:44.476

Um, so on page 23 and 26,

00:27:44.900 --> 00:27:46.900

Um...

00:27:46.676 --> 00:27:51.676

Yes. Um, so I'm trying to determine the correct spelling.

00:27:52.091 --> 00:27:56.091

Does anybody know what the correct spelling of this person's name might be?

00:27:58.254 --> 00:28:01.254

No, Elise... Alyssa? Or Elisa?

00:28:03.636 --> 00:28:05.636

I've...

00:28:07.325 --> 00:28:09.325

Ransom. Not Random.

00:28:14.559 --> 00:28:16.559

Yeah, I meant to tell you that before.

00:28:17.777 --> 00:28:22.777

Um, so yes, we will amend on page 23 to, um,

00:28:23.008 --> 00:28:25.008

Ransom is the last name.

00:28:24.781 --> 00:28:26.781

Are there any other, um...

00:28:28.218 --> 00:28:30.218

edits that we need to make to the minutes.

00:28:41.932 --> 00:28:53.932

Um, if there are no other, um, changes needed, um, I make a motion to approve the minutes of February 18th, 2026 with said, um, edit.

00:28:54.323 --> 00:28:56.323

Thank you, may I have a second.

00:28:57.993 --> 00:29:02.993

A second. All right, Sprandel motions, Nichols seconds. Any final discussion?

00:29:06.875 --> 00:29:12.875

All right, seeing none, all those in favor of approving the February 18th, 2026 minutes as

00:29:12.535 --> 00:29:14.535

edited. Say aye.

00:29:14.824 --> 00:29:17.824

Aye. All those opposed, same sign.

00:29:18.244 --> 00:29:22.244

The ayes have it. The amended minutes are approved.

00:29:23.633 --> 00:29:27.633

I think that's probably another one of those where autocorrect was not your friend.

00:29:28.816 --> 00:29:31.816

Because I could see how it would be like, oh, she meant to write random, and...

00:29:32.291 --> 00:29:34.291

That happens to me all the time.

00:29:35.369 --> 00:29:40.369

Yes, they were both... they're both words that are in the dictionary, so... correct?

00:29:42.128 --> 00:29:47.128

pulled them up. All right, so next we'll move to the vendor invoice list.

00:29:47.128 --> 00:29:49.570

These are on pages 27 through 29 of the packet.

00:29:50.431 --> 00:29:56.431

Action is requested to accept the vendor invoice lists and place them on file. Is there any discussion?

00:29:56.431 --> 00:29:58.191

Or would anyone like to make a motion?

00:30:00.891 --> 00:30:03.891

I'll make a motion to approve the vendor invoice list.

00:30:05.057 --> 00:30:07.057

Thank you, may I have a second?

00:30:09.431 --> 00:30:11.431

Take a second.

00:30:13.040 --> 00:30:15.040

whoops, Youakim moves.

00:30:15.212 --> 00:30:18.212

Nichols seconds. Any final discussion?

00:30:21.522 --> 00:30:26.522

Seeing none, all those in favor of accepting the vendor invoice list and placing them on file, say aye.

00:30:27.024 --> 00:30:29.024

All those opposed, same sign.

00:30:29.159 --> 00:30:33.159

The ayes have it, the vendor invoice lists are accepted and placed on file.

00:30:34.468 --> 00:30:38.468

So next, we will move to Old Business. The first item of old business

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is the request for program year 2027 funding.

00:30:42.482 --> 00:30:48.062

Um, and there is, um, a list of these requests.

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Um, although it is... there will be updates,

00:30:50.533 --> 00:30:57.314

Um, given on this list, um, this is on page 31, which I am desperately trying to find in my packet.

00:30:57.314 --> 00:30:59.651

Um, because I forgot my computer tonight.

00:31:00.189 --> 00:31:05.189

So, a list of Program Year 2027 funding requests as of March 6th is included.

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An oral update will be provided on...

00:31:07.949 --> 00:31:09.949

Any that were submitted during the second

00:31:10.068 --> 00:31:16.068

NOFA period, um, on, uh, March 16th. No action is needed, but we...

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should have a discussion. So, I will start with Lynn, if you want to share some info about this.

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Yes, I do. So...

00:31:28.513 --> 00:31:37.169

There were 3 successful applications and a beautiful story that I would like to share about one that didn't get submitted.

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If there's time. So, when we...

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When we look at this, I had at the bottom the amounts of what is available,

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To allocate, listed as TBD.

00:31:47.315 --> 00:31:54.803

So since putting this together, since our first set of applications, I've gotten a little bit of budget advice. It's a very little bit.

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So, with the...

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With this kind of...

00:32:00.975 --> 00:32:07.975

soft expectation about a revenue increase for next year. It's the lowest levy increase that we've seen in a long time.

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I knew that we would already be...

00:32:11.422 --> 00:32:17.422

pretty far below what was requested. So the new ones... I'm gonna stop sharing because...

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I can tell you what the new ones are.

00:32:19.946 --> 00:32:21.946

I have been working on this...

00:32:23.071 --> 00:32:33.071

like, a lot, and just kept... I kept doing the math over and over again, and I made Chris Wilson do it with me, too, like, just hoping to find a really big mistake.

00:32:33.008 --> 00:32:35.008

So that we could improve...

00:32:35.765 --> 00:32:40.765

what appears to be affordable, but so far, that's not happening. So what I've got now...

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Um, I can tell you the new...

00:32:45.626 --> 00:32:52.626

The new applications are from an organization called Brightpoint, which is currently providing services in Champaign County

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under a U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women,

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Act grant, which will end September 30th.

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So, the... the request is for \$217,106.

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And it would re... it would...

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kick in when they lose the federal funding, that was the idea.

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The second one we got was...

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City of Champaign Township Strides Shelter. The request is for \$150,000 for a behavioral health program.

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And I haven't read that one yet,

00:33:28.014 --> 00:33:31.014

I, you know, started working on it today and got distracted by

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looking at the math again and trying to find more money. Um...

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And then Courage Connection was one that we were expecting to see apply.

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And they told us last month that the amount would be this, and it is...

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As they said, 176,476.

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So that adds to the total,

00:33:53.077 --> 00:33:58.077

So now the total amounts requested are \$5,220,000 and

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939.

00:34:00.415 --> 00:34:04.415

But what we have... appear to have available to allocate

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is \$3,245,000.

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And \$55.

00:34:11.039 --> 00:34:13.039

And what I did is I took what

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the total of all the allocations will be for the period of July 1.

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to next... to next June 30th.

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And I took out the 2-year contracts, and the next time you see this

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tier sheet, the two-year contracts will be removed from it.

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But I still think that's good information for you to have, because you know

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the... your priority areas are being addressed by contracts that don't have to be re-evaluated.

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Right now. So, it's good background information, but really foreground, you need to be able to see

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What's new and what has to be reviewed now.

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So I'm trying, you know, I spent some time today trying to find

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A good way to present that information. I really haven't got it yet.

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But it also has to be ADA compliant, so...

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So, you know, two fronts, like,

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Is it readable? Is it only the information you need, and nothing else? And is it compliant so that I can post it

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online? So the difference between what appears to be affordable and the total requests is

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1,975,884, which is...

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The biggest gap that I think I've seen may... I mean, in years at least. Some of y'all have been doing this a long time, and you may remember...

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A year that we were close to that, but...

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I've blocked it.

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I kind of got used to: our biggest problem is that the agencies have great ideas, and they have...

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identified a need, but they're having trouble finding staff.

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Or they have trouble,

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with, uh, business office needs. Like, that's what we've been focused on for so many years that I forgot

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Sometimes you just don't have enough money to do all the right things, and this is also something we expected

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Because of changes in federal funding and policy,

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that are, um, either slowing down

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grants that agencies and we have come to rely on for many years, or stopping them, or threatening to stop them. And when I was at the conference in February,

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While she was talking, my colleague from Minnesota, she was presenting to us,

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colleague from Minnesota got a text about, um, the... it's not the moratorium, it's just...

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stopping paying Medicaid

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Because of fraud.

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So, anyway, it was just like - this is how everybody's finding out about what they can do with funding, is watching the news.

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And so, I think given that...

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highly uncertain environment

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Um, agencies did the right thing to submit proposals

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to fill gaps that are just growing. So, this is just a very different condition than what I'm used to, and our process might not support it as well as it has done

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In the past. So, um...

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I think I'm gonna need some guidance from the board on what will be... what we as staff need to...

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do to make this possible this year.

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So, you don't have to give me that guidance today, but...

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But I think we just need some direction. What is going to be... I mean, we can keep talking about this later, but anyway...

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So that's a big gap.

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Can I tell the happy story?

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There's an application that didn't... in the end, it wasn't done. I was watching it until midnight.

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And at midnight, it had to cut off. Um, the system just automatically cuts off.

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But I really appreciated what they were doing, and I want you guys to know about it, because I don't see this...

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kind of thing happen very often, and I really want to acknowledge

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how wonderful it was.

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Two executive directors of two different agencies got together, and they were going to submit a plan so that one of them would administer all of the funding and do all of the reporting.

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Don Moyer did that for 3 agencies for many years, so it was...

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An arrangement like that, and it was like... what I liked was, like, these directors trust each other enough to do that, like. From both

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directions, there needs to be a really high degree of trust and confidence, and the plan would address needs that we talk about at all times, so it's, you know, it's like

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it would be, like, a very nice one for y'all to see. I was kind of sad that they didn't make the deadline, but I'm also, you know,

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kind of not sad, because we don't have enough money to do everything.

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But it was really cool to watch them work on it, and I just... I think you should know that

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Despite the rumors of no collaboration in this community, there's lots of collaboration.

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It's not even possible to do all the collaboration that's needed, but there are really great efforts, and then this one...

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There's even, like, real partnerships, and just wanted you to know that, so...

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Thank you so much, Lynn. Um, I did want to give, one, a little bit of a preview of what is coming in the next meetings and study sessions.

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From our typical process, and then give us an opportunity to talk about how we might need to make changes or give further guidance to the staff.

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As they prepare their program summaries.

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Um, so...

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Um, in April, typically, um, for those who are new to this process, or for those who just want a refresher,

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Um, we will have a meeting and study session on April 22nd and 29th, and at those

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meetings and study sessions. Typically, the board has gone through each of the applications received, unless there has been a particular reason to delay or defer

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discussion of an application, um, which we have done in the past for certain circumstances.

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We've gone through each one, and um...

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Each application has been assigned two board reviewers. Um, we've done it different ways in prior years.

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Um, I was hoping to have reviewers, like,

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the review... reviewer list made for this meeting, but since we are possibly in the process of having a... our board vacancy appointed,

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Um, prior to April, potentially, I did not want to make those assignments, um, until we... in case we do have another member.

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Because otherwise, that means y'all are gonna have... we're all gonna have to do more work.

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If a new member joins, um...

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then they will get to jump right in.

00:40:31.894 --> 00:40:34.894

So, um, but for, um...

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I did, you know, inquire with each board member if you have any specific, um...

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Preferences on types of applications, um, or anything about the review process to please.

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Let us know. Um, Lynn and myself.

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Um, and then once we get to May, there will be a meeting where, um, Lynn and the staff will prevent

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present us with possible

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allocation scenarios,

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And then, um, at the final May, um, meeting, we will vote on the scenarios and vote on the funding.

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So, um, as Lynn mentioned,

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We have a very large gap between what we have available to give

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And what, um, has been requested of us, and that gap has widened because of the second application period.

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that we created.

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Um, by \$600,000-ish. Um, so went from 1.3 million gap to 1.

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9 million gap. Um...

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I did the math in that.

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Essentially, we will not be able to fund 36.5% of what has been requested of us.

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That's more than a third.

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And I think it's easy to use the word cut, it's not a cut. These are things that have been requested of us, and we will not be able to grant all of those requests.

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And at least in...

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This is my...

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fifth year on... fifth funding cycle that I'll be on the board, this is definitely, by far, the biggest

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shortfall that we have had

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So this is going to be hard...

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application season, and I don't want to just be sad and gloomy.

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Um, but it does mean that, um, we're gonna have to make some hard decisions, and we're not gonna be able to fund everything.

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And so, I think, as Lynn mentioned,

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the staff and all of us, I think, need guidance from each other on what criteria we are going to use to determine

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which applications get funded, which do not.

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If an application gets partially funded, why?

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and things like that. And we have minimum requirements that we have honestly not been enforcing.

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Um, there are other, um...

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mechanisms that will be provided in the program summaries that can help us make the decision

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But I think we need to just have, like, at least brief, for now, honest conversation about

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how we're gonna do this.

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So I wanted to open it up to you all to share your thoughts on what, um, criteria should we use to determine

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Um, what gets funded this year.

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Yes, that's a question. I didn't...

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inflect in a way that made it a question, sure.

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So there is a... the priorities memo that we worked on in the fall, and that was approved in November.

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Like, that's a good place to start, but it really is kind of like everything but the kitchen sink, or is that the saying?

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Like, there are lots of factors that you could...

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use that are already in there. So, like...

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it's just kind of like, what's the best thing to pull out from that, or things...

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So, anyway. It... it...

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It's expansive because

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This fund is actually really good at filling gaps, and so...

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You know, we kind of don't know where the gaps are going to be, so...

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We kind of want to cover everything, but...

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Anyway. So, um...

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I would entertain, um,

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discussion from the board on this topic.

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Well, just... just to state it, I know the other time that I remember when there was such a shortfall...

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the idea came up that we would just fund, like,

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you know, you gave 36.5%.

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is the gap, you know, but just...

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have the same percentage of each...

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application funded, and I don't think we did that, but it had, you know, we thought about it. It was up there, it was

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It was stated, so I'm just stating it as a possibility.

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So that everybody gets... of the ones we decide need to be funded, or that we want to fund, then you just do the same

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percentage for each application.

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All right, thank you for sharing that. I do think there was one year when I was on the board where, like,

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Um, it was about, like, maybe 90% of the requests for, like, most agencies was funded. Is that ringing a bell to anyone?

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Yeah, but then it seems like the money changed by the time we did it, you know, there was...

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more money, you know, so it wasn't...

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quite what we started out to do, but that's...

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I may be remembering wrong.

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Thank you. Other thoughts?

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Then I saw your...

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Yeah, I guess I wanted to start the discussion as someone who is

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not well-versed in being on the board yet, right? Um...

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kind of like a baby coming out. Um...

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I guess my question is...

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Uh... could it be that since we have to be so, uh, strict with the money,

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that, um, we get a little bit stricter with the contracts.

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And this is obviously a horrible idea, but I just want to bring it up as a possibility to...

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kind of consider, um... and I felt like that might open up some discussion that might be helpful.

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So...

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Strictness. Let's go with that. Do you share more... a little more if you want to, about, um, what strict... I guess, strict in what way with the contracts?

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That's a great question. So, basically, based off of the contracts that everyone has,

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If someone is not meeting every single thing,

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Um, can they get a smaller percentage, or...?

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Can... can it be a little bit more dispersed among others that are, you know, already adhering to every single part of their contract? Um, I don't want to take anything away, that's for sure.

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But can it be dispersed a little bit more fairly in that sense?

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So...

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Thank you for sharing that. That's definitely a point to consider.

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Other thoughts from the board.

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So I think, from my perspective,

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there's a few things that I'll be looking at. So, one is obviously the Lynn was

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talking about it can be hard to know what...

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Um, gaps there are in the community. Um, obviously we rely on what agencies are telling us of what needs are out there. Obviously, we all have our own

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fields that we work in and experiences and connections to our community, so we kind of know some of the gaps.

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Um, from our experiences, uh, I think the other part is also reliability and performance and track record of...

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agencies, and...

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Whether the money is going to be...

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used in a way that we know is beneficial, is going to be... have a high rate of return of our investment in

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The program, uh, what its...

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goals are, the...

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likelihood of meeting those goals.

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Um, and then making sure we are

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reaching vulnerable, um...

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parts of the community, minorities in the community, that

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may not be reached through other means. I know different sub...

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topics in the past have been

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oral, um, outreach, and making sure that those people have...

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Um, services, um,

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you know, Black constituents in the community have had a hard time with

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mental health access, not wanting

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to go to certain places, and even though we fund certain places with a lot of

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funding, there's still issues with...

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having people feel comfortable going to them, and so making sure that when we do the application process that we are discussing that sensitive topic, and...

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Making sure that that is being addressed, otherwise...

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finding an agency that will.

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be open and proactive in addressing that need in the community.

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Um, and then just kind of looking at...

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to ways I am...

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We are funding, um,

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programs, and one is Growing the Future of

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you know, the community and helping the community thrive, and...

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doing well for, you know, 10, 20 years from now.

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Versus putting out fires.

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And preventing and helping people in crisis right now.

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And making sure we are, hopefully, funding both.

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So, that's how I'd be looking at it.

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how I'm funding the agencies.

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Thank you. Any other comments from board members?

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Um, I apologize, my thoughts are not well gathered here.

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Um, Ice...

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I think, Elaine, you kind of were talking about, like, the flat cuts of, you know, everyone...

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You know, everyone's gonna be cut 20%. Um...

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I'm glad we're having this conversation, because I'm not sure if I always agree with that.

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Yeah, but it's an option, yes, and so I'm so glad that Molly has opened this up so we can, like, brainstorm, because we have kind of a big hill to climb.

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And so we're gonna have to do that together, so...

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Um, I'm kind of iffy about that one, too, so I'm glad that you're also iffy.

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Uh, I... I've kind of done a little messaging with Lynn and, um, Molly.

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I think this round would have to be...

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extra critical. We have to be...

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extra invested.

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And our volunteerism, because none of us are paid to do this.

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You know, and so I have told Molly I will dive in harder if I need to, you know, pick up the slack, because, you know, like, we did have a missing seat.

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Dennise, you're... you're new, so I don't expect you to get a full roster and be like,

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get it done, you know, so I'm willing to kind of step up, but I think we're gonna have to all be like, okay, I'm gonna have to spend an extra hour.

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looking at these or whatever. Um...

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some things that... and I know that, um, John has said these, I think we need to also look at, you know...

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Um, when I look at them and look at, you know, what other funding are they getting? What else are they applying for?

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Um, you know, other agencies filling the gap, but you're right, we don't always know that, we just assume, you know, so it's, again, it's...

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We're doing this without a great roadmap.

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And so we're just gonna have to rely on each other to ask those hard questions, and maybe one of us will know the answer, or we can ask our...

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staff to be like, hey, can you explain this to us?

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Um, and I want to say Lynn had suggested maybe when we do the

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conversations, maybe we don't always have the agencies here, and we just write down all those questions, and then we can outsource them out, and then...

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Maybe I thought...

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No, I think there might have been a year where it ended up being like that.

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This is a long time ago, but maybe that was COVID. Maybe. It was... just wasn't time to do the questions so they were done in writing.

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This time, when you have that conversation on April 29, I've literally less than one week.

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to create the first draft of affordable scenarios. So there's not really a lot of time

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To put... send questions to the agencies and get them back, and make sure you see the answers.

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And then tell me your reaction. So it...

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What we've done in the last few years that's been good is you've been able to ask,

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and get answers fast. But there were years it wasn't easy, so that's...

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That's interesting. And maybe an idea isn't... maybe as we're evaluating them ourselves to discuss, if we have a question, maybe that's something we can say.

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hey, you know, Lynn Leon, do you know the answers? If not, can you dig a little more information so when we do come,

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to share it with the rest of the board. We kind of have that background, so that might be an idea.

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I think Molly, in our conversations, talked about, you know, maybe we need to really, when we review these, be like,

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why do I feel like we should fund this? And...

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Why shouldn't we? I mean, maybe...

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Ideally, we're not going to be able to fund everything. We're not going to definitely be able to fund everything at the level they've requested, so we need to kind of be like, okay,

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If I were to say no to this, I would say no because

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such and such agency offers the same services, or

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blah blah blah. So, um...

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And I loved John's, um...

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Growing the future,

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versus always being and fixing the crisis, so...

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Um, thank you for letting me ramble on, but um...

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This is going to be tough, and we're gonna have to rely on each other, even if, you know, we're not...

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co-readers, I think there might be times where we have to reach out to individuals and be like, hey, Elaine, what do you know about this agency? I know that you go to community coalition, you know, maybe...

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we're just gonna have to rely on each other a little bit more.

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So, thank you.

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Thank you. I wanted to, um...

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jump onto that a little bit with some additional ideas for consideration.

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One thing that I know that, um, gets, uh, gets discussed, and I think this board has discussed before, is

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Um, sustaining...

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current programs versus, um...

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We have received applications from a lot of new programs that we have never funded before.

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And, um, we could take a hard line of

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you know, our priority is first to evaluate the programs that we currently fund.

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And, um, determine if we can sustain that funding before we move to

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fund any new programs.

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Um, that is one metric we could use. It might not be...

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what we decide to use, but it's something to consider. I know there's also, um...

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You know, we've had some questions in the past, and I think this is gonna come up this year of, like, agencies that are not headquartered in Champaign,

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you know, do we know that they have a, you know, board member that's here, an office that's here? Is that going to be a criteria that we use?

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Um, and I think to add on to that,

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We have minimum criteria that we have allowed to slide

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In prior years, when we did not have this crunch.

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And I know a lot of funding entities, that first round is looking at, do you meet the minimum requirements? If you don't meet the minimum requirements, you're out now.

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And we only are left to evaluate those that do meet the minimum requirements.

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And I know that that's not really what anybody wants to do.

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But if we are looking at having to...

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not being able to fund over a third of the requested amount.

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We may need to take an approach... we may need to consider taking an approach like that.

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as painful as it is, because there's no way...

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around it, like, this is gonna be hard.

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And so what kind of hard do we want it to be?

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Um, so, um...

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I guess the other piece would be, um, you know, we're supposed to fund what's best interest

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in the best interest of the county.

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How do we even determine what that...

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means and what programs are in the best interest and what are not as much in the best interest.

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But those are all some things, um, the other being, you know, application quality. We could look

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take a deep dive at outcomes. Are these outcomes...

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really measuring, like, important things for these services, um, how much of a reach do these programs have, things like that.

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are all things that we could consider.

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in our conversations.

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Um, any other thoughts from the board on this?

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But we could also look at the community survey and see if...

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That'd be a place to look for gaps, and if...

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something is funding.

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something mentioned there.

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Could look at that whole thing.

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Thank you. Does anyone else have anything they want to share?

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Um, exactly on that note that Elaine mentioned, and also that Jon mentioned, it kind of goes together with

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What are the ones that are meeting the goals of, uh, bridging the gaps, right? Of the needs in the county?

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And one of the best ways to do that is

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Honestly, with data analytics and research,

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Uh, that's already been done, right, on what the county needs.

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And we can...

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Um, maybe we can also survey what all of these organizations

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provide where the biggest gap, as was mentioned in public comment,

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is housing, and honestly, the most basic needs when we don't have those basic needs, we can't meet other needs, like our mental health.

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And so I know there's orgs that, you know, the county that we... that mental health board funds that...

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definitely provide even the basic needs as they're helping, you know, as they're bridging those gaps, so...

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If we could do, like, a survey on that, on which ones are providing the needs that have already come out in surveys,

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And that Elaine is suggesting that, um, are done as well.

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Um, you know, how can we...

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continue to fund those right now, when we most desperately need them.

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So, would be nice.

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Thank you. Sir, anyone else who would like to share comments?

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All right, seeing none, we can move on, and we will have plenty of time to discuss

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these items in April and May.

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Um, so we will next... oh, Lynn, did you want to add something? Okay.

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Like, if you have thoughts about it after this meeting, please do...

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share them with me. There's...

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There's so many ways you could take the current priorities memo. It does reference the community needs assessment, and...

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goes a little bit further, because we needed to know more about mental health than that.

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document was really doing, so...

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So, there's a lot of stuff in there, but...

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Anyway, thank you for the ideas right now. Okay.

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Yes, thank you very much for the ideas.

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So we will next move on to the next item of old business.

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Which is agency audit, Review,

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Um, audit and review updates.

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This memo is presented on pages 33 through 36 of the packet.

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Um, a decision memorandum offers and updates on delayed program year 2025 audits and reviews and related.

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Our action is requested, um, and the potential motions that we might, um,

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Utilize are on pages 35.

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through 36. So, um, honest... I mean, to be honest, right now is an opportunity to make a determination.

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about if, um...

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you know, with, um...

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audits, financial reviews, audited balance sheet, or equivalent being, um, a minimum requirement of applications.

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Um, and something that is needed to sustain...

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Um, agency contracts, we could make a determination right now that

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any, um, agency that has not met that minimum requirement, um, would not be considered.

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Um, for PY2027 funding, so that is one of the motions to consider this evening.

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Um, that is an option.

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Um, so I wanted to have Lynn explain

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Um, the updates from agencies.

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Both, um, current contracted agencies and those who have applied for PY2027 funding.

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Um, and what the audit-related updates are.

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This is the last voting items of the evening.

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The rest of the stuff is actually kind of fun, so I hope that you still have energy for it.

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When we get there. Then there are snacks, in case that helps with the energy.

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Um, the... okay, the memo's a lot shorter than the similar version that you've seen of it. It's also ADA compliant!

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Yay, but some of the...

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things I did to make it compliant and make it less pretty, and...

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We'll get there, I promise.

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So we have the update on funding

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Um, for this year, is that...

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The audits were due...

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Like, there's one that's not due until June 30th, but everything else was due December 31st. We've talked...

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A couple times already about the ones that were delayed.

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Um, so this just updates you a little bit. The ones that we didn't have last time we talked were, um,

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Uniting Pride's review,

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We did receive that

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In February, we have finished looking at it, everything is fine.

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We might have asked for additional information, but it's all done.

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The Refugee Center, we got that. We have one big question. They're still working on it, it's the same question that we ask every year.

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So I expect a similar answer, but it... that...

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Case is not closed until I get, you know, the official answer, but I think that's looking good.

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So, we can say that the Refugee Center audit is done, and...

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submitted, and for all... for our purposes of moving forward, they, you know, it's just a question that I'm waiting for.

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Women in Need recovery,

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sent their audit March 2nd. We did need some extra information from them.

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Um, because it wasn't presented

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according to the contract,

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So they did that very quickly, and then we had more questions, because now that it was presented quickly,

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Some things popped out. They've answered all those questions as of, I think, yesterday.

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That's settled. Actually, I think...

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Chris Wilson might still be looking at that one, but I'm done looking at it, so we'll see. He may...

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He may have something else to tell us.

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Um, we talked to the GCAP Executive Director, who was very confident that it would be done by

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March 31st, that's the end of the grace period.

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If we don't have the audit by March 31st, you have to consider whether to cancel the contracts.

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And you also... if you don't cancel...

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Yeah, and you might have to make, like, sort of a...

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less critical to us, decision about what do we do about payments that have been held when you cancel a contract.

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Do we release them? Do we wait until there is an audit? That type of thing, but...

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But we're not too much 31st yet, so they think they'll have it to us by then.

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And they are not requesting a waiver of the payment suspension.

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And in fact, asked if we could maybe adjust the contract downward, because they had a long period of a vacancy.

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For which they will owe money back.

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And they'd rather not receive it in the first place. So we'll work on that. We stopped talking to them about it because the director

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needed to take a medical leave,

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Briefly here, so we're just happy that she asked that last question, and hopeful that we will get the... it's actually a review, not an audit.

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Okay, and then, um, the last one is first followers. We don't... I think that we have folks here from First Followers, but we don't know...

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When their audit will be done,

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Um, we did ask, and they were... the first response was that they were happy to say it was going to be done earlier than it was last year, so...

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We are coming towards March 31st, don't know what to do about that one. So that's...

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That's the whole thing about...

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Current year funding. But then the second question is about

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The funding that you're about to consider and...

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make decisions about, and that actually does include the fate of 2-year contracts.

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Um, since the Refugee Center and Women in Need Recovery both have two-year contracts, and we didn't know,

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Earlier in the year, what was going to happen with those audits, but those are done.

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there's... no problem.

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So, um, they did... but they didn't have those audits by the application deadline, so if you wanted

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To say, that mattered,

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You could say that for everybody who didn't have...

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those proofs by February 2nd.

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Um, and other currently funded agencies that didn't have audits at the time of application,

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We're first followers GCAP, Uniting Pride, and Women in Need Recovery, and all of them

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submitted applications

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for consideration. And then there are new applicants. Family First Advocacy

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does... they still don't have an audit. They are working on an audit balance sheet, which is...

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In the instructions, it says we will accept that, so they're working on that, but that isn't free.

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So, it's taking a little time. Habitat for Humanity,

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shared their audit that's done. TASC

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shared their last-year audit,

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And they said they expect...

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The 2025 audit by the end of March.

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Um, we never walk alone, does not have an audit, but they already provided the balance sheet. So the only ones...

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That we're waiting for now are Family First Advocacy and task.

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And then, of the new applications,

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Courage Connection audit was done.

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City of Champaign Township has provided those documents. I... I just filed them, I was just happy to see them, and Chris is actually looking at them.

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Yay, Chris! Um, and then...

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BrightPoint...

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Brightpoint provided a PY24 audit, and they think their 25 audit will be done

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By the end of March, but we don't have it. So that one...

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So there's just a few there that don't have an audit right now.

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Um, so the list here was Family First Advocacy, First Followers, GCAP, and TASC.

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And you would add BrightPoint to it.

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So then you... you can consider what do you do? Do you want to do anything right now about an application that doesn't have an audit to support it? Do you want to wait?

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And make that, like, you're not going to review those till you have the audit, but we staff could continue our process.

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It is my preference for us to do our...

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to just do our stuff. Just have it ready, because sometimes those audits just show up.

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And they're good, and there's no follow-up, and we can't wait... make you wait any longer, either. So anyway, that's...

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That's a lot. I'm sorry, I...

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Sorry, I didn't practice.

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Um, so we have some possible actions to take. So, um, I want to start with the currently contracted

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programs whose audits, um, or, um, financial reviews are not in yet. And, um, that would be GCAP and First Followers. GCAP...

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has stated to Lynn and has given us updates throughout the process that they

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expect to be done by March 31st.

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We could decide to take an action tonight to determine what would happen to their contract if

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it is not in by then, um, but, um, I thought, given

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our prior conversations, that we would want to wait until April, and if it's not in by then, taken action.

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Um, of course, if any board members would like to take an action tonight, we can.

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Um, with FirstFollowers, we did not get, um, a lot of communication from them.

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And unfortunately, FirstFollowers has been late, I believe every year they've been funded with

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their audit. Um, so in this February memo,

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about this issue, there was a listing of when the audits came in, but, um...

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Lynn, would you be willing to share? I know I wrote it down, too, but I think if you could share... I just closed that document. Okay, I'll go ahead and share it. I had stuff open on the screen.

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So, um, the program year 2021 audit came in

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On March 9th, 2022, the program year 2022 audit came in on March 21st, 2023.

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program year 2023 audit came on

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May 3rd, 2024.

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The program year 2024 audit came on

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April 23rd, 2025.

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And the program year 2025 audit is not in.

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Um, to be honest, the trend has been getting...

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later, not earlier.

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Um, so, again, the end of the grace period is March 31st.

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And at that point, we would determine if we're going to cancel the contract or not.

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There was a time

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in, um, a year and a half ago, when an agency who had been late for many years with their audits

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We brought this item to our meeting prior to the end of the grace period

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and voted on it to give the agency time to determine if they could get the audit in on time.

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So that was with Promise Healthcare. We determined that we would, um, cancel their contract if it wasn't in

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by the end of the grace period.

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Um, we voted on it, and then they got it in by the end of the grace period. And if we were to take such an action tonight, I would hope the same

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would happen. Um, but with this being the fifth year in a row late,

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Um, I am concerned about...

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Um, this agency's, um,

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you know, going forward, especially if we are needing to look more and more at

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Making sure minimum requirements are followed, um,

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I'm not sure why the audit's not here, and we have not heard that.

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So, we do have possible actions to either continue the contract, even if the audit isn't in by the grace period, and

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or to cancel the contract if it is not in by the end of the grace period. And I wanted to entertain discussion on this item.

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Um, are we able to question representative from that agency as the status at this time?

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We certainly can.

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Mr. Kilgore, are you still here?

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Knowing.

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Oh, yes, okay.

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Please come forward, and we can have, um, Jane ask her question.

01:11:43.239 --> 01:11:47.239

Good evening. Thank you. I guess I could have asked for you two, I'm sorry, but anyway, so...

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Um, and I know that, like, our packet was

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made, like, a week ago or whatever, so what is the current status of the 2025 audit?

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So, there's a couple things. Excuse me, I'm a little hoarse, but there's a couple things. Um...

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Just spoke with the auditor on Monday, um...

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One of the things that's happening is that

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We are, uh, we contract out with a, uh, a local CPA, and she's traveling, she's been gone, and she won't be back until, I think, next week.

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So that's kind of hindered us.

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But speaking to the actual auditor on Monday,

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There's 4 action items that are open.

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Right? Four action items that are open that only she can answer.

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And unfortunately, she's overseas right now. Uh, but she's very... she's very aware that

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We... there's a time limit on this, um... on the deadline. And so, just looking back, how we've done it in the past, this happens to be something a little different.

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But, uh, just looking back,

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the conversations that we've had before she left is that she feels confident that she'll have it completed, uh, an auditor, when I spoke to them on Monday,

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They said, well, we got four action items.

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remaining, and once she gets back, she should be able to take care of those.

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Now, she has emailed me earlier this morning, uh, some of the things that I can answer, so I have to reach out with a phone call tomorrow with the... with the auditor.

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So that's kind of the saddest update. But just to provide you some context on...

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Um, just historically.

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about our outer being late.

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is that, uh, one of the things that, you know,

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We've grown really, really fast over, and especially during a pandemic, so we've gotten a lot more money. And so, over the past 2 years, last year, and the year before,

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is that we've gone into the realm of a single audit. And if anybody knows anything about a single audit, that's the federal audit that

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You have to, uh, if you're... if your organization has expenses that exceed \$750,000, you gotta go through a much more scrutinized process with the federal government. And so that's why you've seen the uptick of, okay, we may not get it in March, then it's, like, April and May.

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It's because of that particular situation. Um, and then there was some conversation, maybe about a year or two ago, of us finding another auditor.

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That could kind of expedite things. Uh, that was very, very expensive, and then, you know, that's kind of setting a reset button on all the things that we've learned and all the things that we've done with this particular auditor.

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And so we've been kind of in a, okay, do we-don't we, do we, don't we? But by no means is it not the fact that we don't want to get it in early, and that we cannot do the work.

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But it's just one of those things that, you know, just internal capacity, and us growing as an organization has really...

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caused us to kind of, you know, not meet these particular deadlines.

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Well, I appreciate you recapping a couple of that, because I do remember the change in audit

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needs when you grew, so I appreciate your, um...

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refreshing my memory on that. Um, and again, I...

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I tend to be the one who's kind of like,

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No, no, no, but, um...

01:14:50.452 --> 01:15:06.452

Again, it goes back to, you know, where do we draw the line, you know, da-da-da, and it's unfortunate your CPA went traveling before they finished, but I guess we all get vacations, so... but thank you for at least answering my question, and I'll turn it over to any other board member who might have a question.

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Um, I wanted to follow up on, um, part of what you said. So you, um, I don't remember the exact words you used, but...

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You mentioned that the auditor was working to get it in. Are you...

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Do you suspect it will be in by March 31st?

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I suspect we can get it done by March 31st.

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Okay, because that is the end of the grace period, so that's what we're determining tonight, is if it's not in... and by then, what we would do about the contract.

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Um, my other question is, um, because you are the only agency remaining who has not turned in their audit, who has not been providing regular updates to the staff on that,

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Why have you not been providing updates, and what might you do differently in the future to better keep the staff informed?

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I think it's just a thing about communication. We did receive the letter, and, you know, been through this process before. It said March 31st, right?

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And so we fully understand that. Um, that's totally on us for not reaching back out once we receive the letter.

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Saying that we did receive the letter. Uh, so that's totally on us, but...

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you know, um... we understand that it's a difficult time. We fully understand that, you know, Champaign County, the needs are growing. We also understand that there's limitations.

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Within, you know, the budget, right? So, uh, just moving forward, I mean, like I said, we've grown tremendously, and we sometimes struggle with our administrative capacity, but at no time or no means, does that mean

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You know, from a professional standpoint, that we do not understand where the board is coming from.

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Thank you very much. Are there any other questions from board members?

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Alright, seeing none, thank you very much for your comments. All right, thank you.

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Um, so we have heard from, um, agency representatives.

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Um, the possible actions are to either continue the contracts, even if not in, by March 31st,

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to cancel the contracts or, um, if they're not in by March 31st, just to be clear, that would not be canceling anything until after March 31st.

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Or we could create another motion, such as to defer this decision.

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So, um, what would board members like to do?

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I have a question. So, um...

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There's apparently two motions we can choose from for the FirstFollowers question.

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Um, and I was wondering...

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You said the cancel is...

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Only if they don't...

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turn it in by March 31st, or...

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Is that a cancel...

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For sure, I guess. Um, it would be... and when we took a similar kind of motion for this in the past, it would be...

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Um, that if the... if the audit is not in by that end of that grace period, March 31st, that the contract would be canceled at that point.

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And that doesn't necessarily mean that, you know, if it is turned in before that, that it's...

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that it's canceled. It would just be only if it's by then. Correct. And when this happened in, um, September 2024 with Promise Healthcare, they did turn it in.

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by the deadline, and so the contract was not canceled.

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And that's what I would, you know, if we do vote that, that's what I would hope would happen as well.

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Um, but I think we've, um, we took that action in the past because that agency was late with their audit for, like, 10 years in a row.

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Um, and this agency has been late 5 years in a row.

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So... Oh, uh, for me, as, um...

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As I actually truly believe they might get it in, but, you know, to be fair, I want to motion to cancel the FirstFollowers program year 2026 contracts as of March 31st, 2026, only if they do not get it in by then.

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Thank you very much. Would anyone like to second?

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I will second. Um, so...

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Arres, um, motions and McLay seconds. Any further discussion?

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Is... is... are you doing the second motion so that releasing...

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The rest of it, the January, February, and March payments, that wasn't... We can't... we could restate the motion, so there is a portion of that that gives instructions to the staff

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And once the audit comes in, what to do about the payments that have currently been suspended.

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I just wanted to know if that's part of the motion, since it's written.

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So I guess maybe an amendment of the motion first, and then we can...

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Um...

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Yeah. Sure. Okay, um, I am...

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I, uh, motion to amend.

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Uh, this motion to state that, of course, only if...

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It's not turned in by March 31st, and if so, then release the January, February, and March

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payments after the program year 2025 audit is submitted.

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And any follow-up issues resolved.

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Thank you. I will second the amendment.

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So, um, Arres has amended the motion, and McLay has seconded.

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Um, any discussion on this, um, motion before we vote?

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Alright, my brain is fried, so I need someone to draw me a picture here, so...

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If they... how I'm interpreting this, if they turn in their audit,

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on April 1st.

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That means...

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We are not doing April through the end of the contract of June.

01:20:50.386 --> 01:20:52.495

Okay, it's how I interpret this motion.

01:20:53.255 --> 01:20:58.255

But if they turn it in April 1st, we're still gonna pay them for January, February, and March payments?

01:20:58.578 --> 01:21:01.578

Once the issues are resolved, yes. Okay, but...

01:21:02.434 --> 01:21:04.434

Even with a valid audit,

01:21:05.234 --> 01:21:08.234

On April 1st, they will not get April, May, June.

01:21:09.644 --> 01:21:11.644

Correct, because it would be past the deadline.

01:21:11.644 --> 01:21:13.278

Okay, thank you.

01:21:16.738 --> 01:21:18.738

I think for me, the stick is...

01:21:18.817 --> 01:21:20.817

the current application.

01:21:21.121 --> 01:21:23.121

I'm not withholding payments.

01:21:24.073 --> 01:21:27.073

So, um, I mean, that's how I've always taken audits.

01:21:27.091 --> 01:21:30.091

Other than if an agency is no longer...

01:21:30.366 --> 01:21:32.366

receiving funding from us, making sure that...

01:21:32.856 --> 01:21:35.856

audit is completed and we do get the money if they...

01:21:36.324 --> 01:21:39.324

decide they're not doing an audit, or we're chasing them down for the audit.

01:21:39.324 --> 01:21:43.101

like we had with one, um, I don't know, a year or two ago.

01:21:43.634 --> 01:21:47.634

Um, so I would... I would vote against this motion. I'd vote for the first motion.

01:21:48.613 --> 01:21:51.613

And then just readdress it as... whenever the audit comes in.

01:21:52.635 --> 01:21:54.635

Uh, if it comes in, and then talk about that.

01:21:55.069 --> 01:21:57.069

the issue, uh, when the application comes up.

01:21:57.595 --> 01:22:07.595

Uh, for review. Thank you for sharing that. I did want to mention, like, their payments already are, um, suspended, because it wasn't in by December 31st, so...

01:22:07.894 --> 01:22:09.894

Um, this would just be to determine...

01:22:10.810 --> 01:22:18.810

I mean, essentially, as has been mentioned, once they turn their audit in, January, February, March would be released once issues are resolved.

01:22:18.811 --> 01:22:21.143

But if it's not in by March 31st,

01:22:21.389 --> 01:22:25.389

then, you know, basically April, May, June would not be paid.

01:22:26.591 --> 01:22:30.591

I also think it's just kind of ironic that we talked about funding

01:22:32.272 --> 01:22:37.272

agencies that provide housing, and this is one we're talking about not funding, that's providing

01:22:37.357 --> 01:22:39.357

housing for vulnerable population in the community.

01:22:40.455 --> 01:22:43.455

if they don't have their audit in by March 31st, which...

01:22:43.455 --> 01:22:47.783

Seems like... it is definitely possible, given...

01:22:48.025 --> 01:22:50.025

the situation that they described.

01:22:53.027 --> 01:23:01.027

Yes, and I mean, this would be... I mean, it's... it's the same exact action we took with Promise Healthcare. We trusted that they would get the audit in, and they did.

01:23:01.912 --> 01:23:06.912

Um, I understand, though, if board members do, um, vote against it,

01:23:07.217 --> 01:23:09.217

Um, the audit, um...

01:23:10.243 --> 01:23:15.243

the beginning of the audit period was July 1st, 2025, so they have had 9 months to do it.

01:23:16.879 --> 01:23:20.879

I would also just state that Promise Healthcare is a very large organization.

01:23:21.066 --> 01:23:23.066

So, I have less...

01:23:23.471 --> 01:23:25.471

room for mistakes.

01:23:25.470 --> 01:23:29.063

or delays with an organization that

01:23:29.891 --> 01:23:33.891

funds and supplies, a lot of people, versus a more local agency that is...

01:23:34.808 --> 01:23:37.808

trying to build and create something.

01:23:39.054 --> 01:23:42.054

For the long term here, Promise Healthcare, even if we don't fund them,

01:23:42.522 --> 01:23:44.522

is not going to go away.

01:23:46.776 --> 01:23:49.776

Point taken. Any further discussion before we vote?

01:23:58.099 --> 01:24:02.099

All right, um, seeing none, I will go ahead and restate the motion.

01:24:02.729 --> 01:24:04.729

Um, and we will take a roll call vote.

01:24:05.314 --> 01:24:07.314

So the motion on the table

01:24:07.314 --> 01:24:14.390

is to cancel the FirstFollowers program year 2026 contracts as of March 31st, 2026,

01:24:14.966 --> 01:24:24.966

Releasing the January, February, and March payments after the program year 2025 audit is submitted, and any follow-up issues resolved. May I have a roll call? Actually, we still haven't motioned, um...

01:24:25.563 --> 01:24:31.563

passed the amendment of the motion yet. Oh, oh, okay. We have to vote on the amendment.

01:24:31.564 --> 01:24:38.382

Okay, okay. Sorry. Thank you, I'm not used to doing amendments. Um, my rewards rules is...

01:24:38.382 --> 01:24:40.382

Challenged. Okay, so first...

01:24:40.383 --> 01:24:44.512

Um, the motion has been amended.

01:24:44.510 --> 01:24:53.213

to state that it would cancel the first followers program year 2026 contracts as of March 31st, 2026, releasing the...

01:24:53.753 --> 01:24:58.753

January, February, and March payments after the program year 2025 audit is submitted, and any follow-up issues resolved.

01:24:58.824 --> 01:25:00.824

So, the current...

01:25:01.651 --> 01:25:07.651

Um, this is to... we are voting on amending the motion. Can we do this with the...

01:25:08.946 --> 01:25:10.946

simple vote, or do we need to do roll call?

01:25:10.590 --> 01:25:12.590

to amend.

01:25:14.632 --> 01:25:17.632

You don't need a roll call. You can just voice for it.

01:25:17.632 --> 01:25:23.896

Thank you. Um, all those in favor of amending the motion, but we're not voting on the motion, just to amend it, say aye.

01:25:24.366 --> 01:25:27.366

Aye. All those opposed, same sign.

01:25:29.511 --> 01:25:34.511

Um, okay, I think we need to take a roll call vote, because I think only, like, 3 people voted.

01:25:35.332 --> 01:25:37.332

So, again, this is the...

01:25:37.042 --> 01:25:41.042

Motion is to amend the current motion. We are not voting.

01:25:41.518 --> 01:25:44.518

on the motion. Um, can I have a roll call?

01:25:45.266 --> 01:25:47.266

Elaine Palencia.

01:25:47.810 --> 01:25:49.810

Yes.

01:25:49.811 --> 01:25:51.144

Kyle Patterson.

01:25:51.673 --> 01:25:53.673

No.

01:25:53.668 --> 01:25:55.668

Jane Sprandel.

01:25:55.670 --> 01:25:57.428

Yes.

01:25:57.427 --> 01:25:58.534

Jon Paul Youakim.

01:25:58.534 --> 01:26:00.197

No.

01:25:59.473 --> 01:26:01.473

Den Arres.

01:26:01.473 --> 01:26:03.362

Yes.

01:26:03.361 --> 01:26:04.570

Alejandro Gomez.

01:26:04.995 --> 01:26:06.995

Yes.

01:26:06.995 --> 01:26:07.694

Tony Nichols.

01:26:07.694 --> 01:26:09.292

Yes.

01:26:08.154 --> 01:26:10.154

Molly McLay.

01:26:10.458 --> 01:26:14.458

Yes. All right, so the amendment has passed.

01:26:14.458 --> 01:26:17.301

So now we will vote on the amended motion.

01:26:18.349 --> 01:26:26.349

The amended motion that we are voting on is to cancel the First Followers Program Year 2026 contracts as of March 31st, 2026,

01:26:26.348 --> 01:26:33.844

Releasing the January, February, and March payments after the program year 2025 audit is submitted and any follow-up issues resolved.

01:26:33.845 --> 01:26:35.387

May I have a roll call?

01:26:35.534 --> 01:26:37.534

Jane Sprandel.

01:26:37.534 --> 01:26:38.657

No.

01:26:38.657 --> 01:26:40.498

Jon Paul Youakim.

01:26:40.498 --> 01:26:42.384

No.

01:26:42.347 --> 01:26:44.347

Den Arres.

01:26:44.347 --> 01:26:46.334

Yes.

01:26:46.836 --> 01:26:48.836

Alejandro Gomez.

01:26:49.011 --> 01:26:51.011

No.

01:26:51.206 --> 01:26:53.206

Tony Nichols.

01:26:52.959 --> 01:26:54.959

No.

01:26:54.469 --> 01:26:56.469

Elaine Palencia.

01:26:56.469 --> 01:26:58.883

No.

01:26:58.882 --> 01:26:59.725

Kyle Patterson.

01:26:59.940 --> 01:27:01.940

No.

01:27:01.771 --> 01:27:03.771

Molly McLay.

01:27:03.773 --> 01:27:06.771

Yes. The motion fails.

01:27:06.878 --> 01:27:08.878

Um, so we will need to...

01:27:08.929 --> 01:27:10.929

Um...

01:27:11.238 --> 01:27:18.238

Pick another motion. Um, so we could vote to continue the contracts, even if the audit is not in on time.

01:27:18.982 --> 01:27:25.982

Um, one, uh, type of motion we used last year that we did not put down this year is that we could defer

01:27:25.981 --> 01:27:29.603

The decision, um, until the audit is in.

01:27:33.586 --> 01:27:36.586

So, any further discussion on what actions we should take?

01:27:43.082 --> 01:27:45.082

I mean, I would move for the first motion that we discussed.

01:27:46.065 --> 01:27:51.065

to, um... I would move to continue the first followers program year.

01:27:52.342 --> 01:27:58.342

2026 contracts withholding payments until the program year 2025 audit is submitted, and any follow-up issues resolved.

01:27:58.341 --> 01:28:01.322

All right, um, can I have a second? I will second that.

01:28:01.322 --> 01:28:06.925

Alright, um, we have a motion and a second from Youakim and Sprandel.

01:28:06.974 --> 01:28:09.974

Um, any further discussion on this?

01:28:12.581 --> 01:28:15.581

So, again, this would be to say,

01:28:15.582 --> 01:28:21.405

Essentially, no matter at what point you turn in this audit, even if it's a year from now,

01:28:21.501 --> 01:28:25.501

your current PY2026 contract will be

01:28:26.461 --> 01:28:30.461

fulfilled, although your payments will continue to be withheld until the audit comes in.

01:28:30.793 --> 01:28:32.793

Um, so we're essentially...

01:28:33.585 --> 01:28:37.585

instead of giving a hard deadline, we're removing the deadline completely.

01:28:38.293 --> 01:28:40.293

Yes, Lynn?

01:28:40.545 --> 01:28:45.545

Since um... this is a board discussion, and you have a motion on the floor, I want to just share that

01:28:46.126 --> 01:28:52.126

In the rules, there is a... there's a limit, and this is because of our experience, and...

01:28:52.294 --> 01:28:54.294

Recent years, we would...

01:28:54.709 --> 01:28:59.709

not necessarily hold the payments longer than one year after it was due.

01:29:00.522 --> 01:29:10.522

So, December 31st of 2027... 26. By not hold them, would that mean they would be automatically released, even if the audit wasn't in? They would be canceled.

01:29:10.521 --> 01:29:15.429

That's an option, though, that's just in the rules, that's an option. You're not voting on that.

01:29:15.430 --> 01:29:23.975

But just to say, if... if so much time passed, what... it becomes a problem for your budget.

01:29:23.845 --> 01:29:27.845

You know, so then you could make a decision at that time.

01:29:27.875 --> 01:29:31.875

But it's in the rules as a right that you could assert.

01:29:32.686 --> 01:29:34.686

Just so you know. All right, thank you, Len.

01:29:36.480 --> 01:29:41.480

Um, I am not going to be voting yes on this. I don't think we should remove the deadline completely.

01:29:41.481 --> 01:29:45.432

Um, I think that, um, I would prefer to defer the decision.

01:29:45.917 --> 01:29:50.917

till the audit actually comes in, because if we don't, there's no actual incentive to

01:29:51.555 --> 01:29:55.555

get it in in a timely manner, which puts burden on us and on the staff.

01:29:56.950 --> 01:29:58.950

Any further discussion?

01:29:58.950 --> 01:30:02.594

doesn't incentivize them to get the audit in?

01:30:03.501 --> 01:30:10.501

Um, not... I mean, that's the next item we're voting on, which is, um, if we're going to consider applications whose audits are not in

01:30:10.501 --> 01:30:12.507

So it's a separate item.

01:30:13.611 --> 01:30:15.611

But even if we do consider it.

01:30:16.448 --> 01:30:22.448

I think that is a factor that we will consider when we are choosing, especially with a year where we have

01:30:22.447 --> 01:30:23.981

such a large gap in funding, so...

01:30:23.984 --> 01:30:25.984

That would be my counter.

01:30:27.142 --> 01:30:31.142

That is a point well taken. Um, we have not...

01:30:34.027 --> 01:30:45.027

previously... we have... the only way in which we have, um, utilized that minimum requirement to make decisions about applications is to defer the discussion of them. We've never actually said,

01:30:45.278 --> 01:30:48.278

your application is ineligible because the audit's not in.

01:30:48.606 --> 01:30:52.606

So, I do not have confidence in the board doing that, but I...

01:30:53.637 --> 01:30:55.637

Potentially, we may take that action later.

01:30:56.841 --> 01:31:01.841

Any further discussion on this motion? To continue the contract, um,

01:31:03.145 --> 01:31:07.145

Without a deadline. I second the motion. I don't even think we seconded yet.

01:31:12.104 --> 01:31:19.104

Okay, um, no further discussion. So, the motion on the table is to continue the First Followers Program Year 2026 contracts.

01:31:19.713 --> 01:31:24.713

Withholding payments until the program year 2025 audit is submitted and any follow-up issues resolved.

01:31:24.945 --> 01:31:26.945

Um, may I have a roll call?

01:31:27.445 --> 01:31:29.445

Jon Paul Youakim.

01:31:29.444 --> 01:31:31.410

Yes.

01:31:32.225 --> 01:31:34.225

Den Arres.

01:31:34.224 --> 01:31:35.231

Yes.

01:31:35.736 --> 01:31:37.736

Alejandro Gomez.

01:31:37.786 --> 01:31:39.786

Yes.

01:31:39.937 --> 01:31:41.937

Nichols.

01:31:41.938 --> 01:31:43.383

Yes.

01:31:43.318 --> 01:31:45.318

Elaine Palencia.

01:31:45.319 --> 01:31:47.208

Yes.

01:31:47.215 --> 01:31:49.215

Kyle Patterson.

01:31:48.630 --> 01:31:50.630

Yes.

01:31:50.629 --> 01:31:51.665

Jane Sprandel?

01:31:51.666 --> 01:31:53.090

Yes.

01:31:52.940 --> 01:31:54.940

Molly McLay.

01:31:54.939 --> 01:31:59.165

No. The motion passes, the contracts will be continued,

01:31:59.887 --> 01:32:05.887

Um, and payments will be... continue to be withheld until the audit is submitted and any follow-up issues are resolved.

01:32:05.975 --> 01:32:09.975

So, we will next move to the second set of motions.

01:32:10.223 --> 01:32:12.223

And this is regarding Program 20...

01:32:12.803 --> 01:32:14.803

Program Year 2027 funding requests.

01:32:16.933 --> 01:32:22.933

Um, so, um, the minimum requirements of the application are for agencies to have, um, submitted

01:32:22.016 --> 01:32:24.016

an audit, um...

01:32:24.302 --> 01:32:30.302

a financial review report or an audited balance sheet with the application.

01:32:30.302 --> 01:32:32.411

And several agencies have not.

01:32:32.735 --> 01:32:38.735

Um, in prior years, we have considered those applications with all the other ones.

01:32:39.026 --> 01:32:42.026

Even though those minimum requirements were not made.

01:32:42.409 --> 01:32:45.409

Um, last year, we voted to defer

01:32:46.227 --> 01:32:53.227

um, consideration of each of those requests until the audits came in, and then for each, um, application whose audit did come in,

01:32:54.164 --> 01:32:57.164

at that time of the audit coming in and issues being resolved,

01:32:57.803 --> 01:33:03.803

We considered the application at that point in time, rather than considering them all at once with all of the others.

01:33:04.235 --> 01:33:12.235

Um, we could decide that we're going to just consider all of the requests anyway. We could decide right now that we're going to deny consideration of any

01:33:12.535 --> 01:33:18.535

Um, request that, um, his audit or equivalent document has not been turned in at this point.

01:33:18.535 --> 01:33:22.554

Or we could defer consideration until they come in.

01:33:22.553 --> 01:33:26.139

Like we did last year. So I would open discussion on this topic.

01:33:29.884 --> 01:33:36.884

Because we've been having the discussion about the first followers one, I knew this was coming up, so in my own mind,

01:33:37.130 --> 01:33:39.130

I was thinking...

01:33:41.276 --> 01:33:43.276

the thing we just voted on,

01:33:43.782 --> 01:33:45.782

is for this last funding year.

01:33:46.284 --> 01:33:53.284

And to draw the line going forward would be a good... this would be a good place to draw it in 2027.

01:33:53.420 --> 01:33:56.420

Considering those, it's going to be different now.

01:33:56.758 --> 01:33:58.758

So...

01:33:59.772 --> 01:34:11.772

Um, so with that said, um, correct me if I'm wrong, at this time, um, on page 35, we've got First Followers, GCAP, Uniting Pride, Wind Recovery, Family First Advocacy, Habitat for Humanity,

01:34:11.894 --> 01:34:18.894

TASC Inc. and We Never Walk Alone. So those are the ones that we were still waiting for some kind of

01:34:19.704 --> 01:34:29.704

Documentation, correct? Um, so some of them have turned it in, they were just not turned in by the application deadline. Okay, so Habitat is 100% compliant now?

01:34:29.704 --> 01:34:36.213

Okay, um, anyone else 100%? Um, Uniting Pride and WIN Recovery have also turned theirs in. Okay.

01:34:37.332 --> 01:34:45.332

So the... in the middle of the page - not bolded - there's a list at Family First Advocacy, First Followers, GCAP, and TASC.

01:34:45.332 --> 01:34:48.892

And you can add to it BrightPoint. Okay, Brightpoint.

01:34:49.644 --> 01:34:52.644

Um, okay, so... next question, um...

01:34:53.243 --> 01:34:55.243

Like Ms. Palencia has said, um,

01:34:56.021 --> 01:35:02.021

I agree. I think April 1st... I mean, because, again, we've set a deadline of March 31st, so I think...

01:35:02.756 --> 01:35:04.756

April 1st, if...

01:35:06.077 --> 01:35:09.077

These four and five individuals have not turned in the stuff.

01:35:09.821 --> 01:35:11.821

pretty much their applications are tossed.

01:35:12.787 --> 01:35:17.787

I don't want the staff to evaluate them, I don't want to defer nothing, I'm done talking about it.

01:35:18.864 --> 01:35:24.864

If we're gonna draw the line in the sand, and I think we all say it, but none of us have done it.

01:35:25.402 --> 01:35:27.402

You know.

01:35:28.662 --> 01:35:32.662

Okay, so Molly is... is done. Okay.

01:35:36.126 --> 01:35:43.126

So, um, Jane, from what I'm hearing, um, you're kind of leaning toward the second motion, but that you would want to put...

01:35:44.020 --> 01:35:48.020

a dead... a date in it. Like, if the funding request

01:35:48.715 --> 01:35:52.715

has not been supported by one of those documents by March 31st, 2026.

01:35:53.288 --> 01:35:59.288

then we would deny consideration. But any that got it in by March 31st would be considered.

01:36:00.867 --> 01:36:06.867

Yes, that is what I'm proposing, if that's what other boards members feel is acceptable.

01:36:08.355 --> 01:36:10.355

I would go with the...

01:36:11.656 --> 01:36:17.656

I would go with considering them and waiting until the audit. Obviously, I think in previous years, we had 3.

01:36:17.929 --> 01:36:19.929

that didn't...

01:36:20.651 --> 01:36:23.651

have their audit in on time, and we looked at their applications and waited.

01:36:23.741 --> 01:36:27.741

to see if they had their audit in when we were deciding funding.

01:36:28.322 --> 01:36:31.322

Um, we... That's the third motion. Yeah.

01:36:31.882 --> 01:36:33.882

defer consideration.

01:36:36.057 --> 01:36:39.057

I think we can still say we're going to...

01:36:39.430 --> 01:36:41.430

Think about it. I think...

01:36:43.959 --> 01:36:47.959

First followers is one that is... I really would want to fund.

01:36:48.119 --> 01:36:51.119

Um, regardless of the previous years of...

01:36:51.639 --> 01:36:53.639

the audit's taking time, and having...

01:36:53.645 --> 01:36:55.645

issues with follow-up.

01:36:56.086 --> 01:36:59.086

GCAP is another one that I would really want to fund.

01:36:59.178 --> 01:37:01.178

Um, they take care of...

01:37:01.847 --> 01:37:03.847

people with HIV in our community.

01:37:04.175 --> 01:37:06.175

the medical director.

01:37:06.859 --> 01:37:08.859

is not doing well.

01:37:08.858 --> 01:37:10.188

they are going through a hard time.

01:37:10.594 --> 01:37:13.594

That is one that I would give a lot of leniency to.

01:37:14.143 --> 01:37:16.143

I don't know the other two, but...

01:37:16.818 --> 01:37:19.818

Again, we, you know, I forgot who said it.

01:37:20.630 --> 01:37:26.630

Last time we were here, like, we choose what we want to put in our portfolio, what we...

01:37:26.698 --> 01:37:28.698

want to have...

01:37:29.043 --> 01:37:33.043

uh... filling in the gaps of the service and the community, and...

01:37:34.073 --> 01:37:36.073

people that want to...

01:37:37.212 --> 01:37:41.212

provide services to the most vulnerable are not always

01:37:42.452 --> 01:37:44.452

the best or most business-oriented.

01:37:44.452 --> 01:37:50.429

And I get that, and I think I am... I... maybe because I'm a pediatrician, I'm...

01:37:50.863 --> 01:37:52.863

very lenient, very more...

01:37:53.072 --> 01:37:56.072

sympathetic to that, and just wanting to make sure that

01:37:56.196 --> 01:37:58.196

the end goal is...

01:37:58.248 --> 01:38:00.248

what we're looking at, not...

01:38:01.339 --> 01:38:05.339

looking more paternalistically, where we're just very cut and dry, and being done with it.

01:38:05.340 --> 01:38:08.020

I feel like our staff is okay.

01:38:08.134 --> 01:38:10.134

Um, with handling this, I know

01:38:10.567 --> 01:38:13.567

you know, that has always been one of my big concerns, to make sure they're not burning out.

01:38:14.281 --> 01:38:17.281

As long as I feel that way, I am okay being more lenient at this time.

01:38:18.175 --> 01:38:29.175

Sorry, I just want to clarify. So, if we do the motion to consider, that means all applications whose audits are not in will it be automatically considered with all of the other applications, which means the staff

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We'll need to review them, even if the audit is not in.

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Um, to defer consideration would be

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to make the call when each

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application's audit comes in.

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Which is what we did last year, was defer.

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So I just wanted to clarify that.

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Um, it seems like there's multiple motions that have been, um, mentioned, but I wanted to verify, because Consider means...

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At this stage, we're just automatically gonna review all of them.

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Even if the audit's not in. And I... that's not what we did last year, and I... I am not gonna vote yes to that.

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But I did want to clarify.

01:39:06.853 --> 01:39:11.853

Because deferred definitely means we're taking it as a case-by-case basis as each audit comes in.

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And while that's annoying, that's what we're here for.

01:39:20.269 --> 01:39:24.269

I think for me, the motion to defer would be what I would vote on.

01:39:25.027 --> 01:39:27.027

Yeah, I agree with that.

01:39:30.944 --> 01:39:32.944

Um, so it sounds like...

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you know, there's been discussion of all three possible motions.

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Um, some have mentioned to, you know, not consider any that aren't in by March 31st, because that's the end of the grace period.

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Um, and some have mentioned, you know, wanting to do this more case-by-case.

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Um, so...

01:39:51.710 --> 01:40:04.710

Um... whoever wants to scramble to make a motion. I motion to defer consideration of any program year 2027 funding request not supported by a program year 2025 audit.

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or financial review report, or audited balance sheet.

01:40:08.884 --> 01:40:16.884

Until such time as the audit or financial review report or audited balance sheet has been filled and any follow-up issues resolved.

01:40:17.402 --> 01:40:19.402

Thank you, may I have a second?

01:40:20.595 --> 01:40:24.595

Hold a second. All right, Arres motions, Nichols seconds.

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Any final discussion?

01:40:29.327 --> 01:40:34.327

So I'm, again, just gonna clarify what we're voting on. Um, so...

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Um, as it stands, in April, we will be reviewing all applications that have met the minimum... this minimum requirement.

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The applications that...

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have not yet had their, um, audit or equivalent document turned in.

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By then, we'll... we will determine if we're going to review those applications as each one comes in, but we won't be reviewing them with the rest of them.

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I mean, it could be that half of these...

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agencies turn in their audits, and then we will review them in April, since our first review is not till April 22nd.

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Um, but that we will be taking all of those on a case-by-case basis.

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Um, and the ones that... whose are in will be reviewed first.

01:41:17.911 --> 01:41:19.911

Any further discussion?

01:41:20.399 --> 01:41:25.399

Well, just to say that that means when you don't have a lot of money,

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that the ones that are reviewed

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First...

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may get funded, and the ones that re... you know, come in late,

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may not get funded. I mean, so there is your... your stick.

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You know? Yeah, and I mean, that did happen last year. There was, um, we did have more money to go around last year, so an agency whose audit

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didn't come in until July, we were able to review it in July. We voted on it, we funded it.

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Um, but this year, that's probably not gonna happen.

01:41:59.988 --> 01:42:01.988

Any other discussion before we vote?

01:42:06.587 --> 01:42:13.587

Alright, seeing none, I will restate the motion. The motion is to defer consideration of any program year 2027 funding request.

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Not supported by a program year 2025 audit or financial review report or audited balance sheet.

01:42:19.808 --> 01:42:25.808

Until such time as the audit or financial review report or audited balance sheet has been filed and any such follow-up issues resolved.

01:42:25.782 --> 01:42:27.782

May I have a roll call?

01:42:28.946 --> 01:42:30.946

Den Arres.

01:42:31.417 --> 01:42:33.417

Yes.

01:42:33.416 --> 01:42:35.490

Alejandro Gomez.

01:42:35.573 --> 01:42:37.573

Yes.

01:42:37.573 --> 01:42:38.720

Tony Nichols.

01:42:39.804 --> 01:42:41.804

Yes.

01:42:41.522 --> 01:42:43.522

Elaine Palencia.

01:42:43.522 --> 01:42:44.879

Yes.

01:42:43.951 --> 01:42:45.951

Kyle Patterson.

01:42:45.812 --> 01:42:47.812

Yes.

01:42:47.220 --> 01:42:49.220

Jane Sprandel.

01:42:48.947 --> 01:42:50.947

Yes.

01:42:50.185 --> 01:42:52.185

Jon Paul Youakim.

01:42:52.083 --> 01:42:54.083

Yes.

01:42:54.083 --> 01:42:54.835

Molly McLay.

01:42:54.835 --> 01:42:59.479

Yes, with that, the motion to defer consideration of those requests.

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passes, so we...

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can now move on to new business and no more voting items.

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So, our next item of new business is Program Year 2025, IDD service activity data.

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This is on pages 37 through 46 of the packet.

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For information, a briefing memorandum presents full-year IDD claims data with analysis of utilization per program and by selected individual cases.

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No action is needed, but I would love for Lynn.

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And anyone you designate to share more about this report.

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I just kind of need to take a cleansing breath. I really appreciate...

01:43:42.489 --> 01:43:45.489

How hard does these last couple of discussions were

01:43:46.539 --> 01:43:51.539

For y'all, and we really need to hear this, and we need to think about these things, too, so...

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Thank you for taking the time. I know the snacks aren't really, like,

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quite to the level of how hard the discussion might be.

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I feel like maybe pizza would be...

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So, so thank you, and I just kind of want to breathe out, like,

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This memo is one of my most favorite things I look forward to this every year, we get this once a year.

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This is a, um...

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Kim Bowdry... oh, I'm asking her if she wants to talk about it.

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Because she's on there listening, um, looks at... I think sometimes it's, like, 88,000 lines of data

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to come up with this, and it's very meaningful to me, because in the developmental disability services,

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You have... I mean, you know that with the mental health services,

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You could be funding a program for \$25,000 that reaches thousands of kids with really important prevention education, but...

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It's because it's just one class, one time, so you have really, really high numbers, and sometimes

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in the same mental health and substance use space, you have...

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really low numbers for intensive services,

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For... maybe for people who are in crisis, or who are just always going to need the support. So you have a really big range of what to expect, from the cost and the hours spent with a person or on their behalf.

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With developmental disabilities, um, there is also a range, but it tends to be much more the intensive supports.

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Many more hours, um, a lot of people...

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are accessing similar programs, and they kind of...

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Like, they're getting different things out of the programs, and we just kind of wanted to know who's doing what, so we could really see what the utilization was and what degree of overlap there might be.

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So we collect data, and Kim does this, um, I think it can be entered every month,

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But it's minimum quarterly. About every person who's served in most of these DD contracts

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No.

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Every person who served what the service was, um, how many hours,

01:45:49.309 --> 01:45:55.309

Whether it was on their behalf or with them, and whether it was in the community or in an office, like a facility space, so...

01:45:55.309 --> 01:45:59.979

I still don't know if Kim wants to talk about it, but what I like about

01:45:59.979 --> 01:46:00.691

Yes, it's not... oh.

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First of all, what I like about it is how much work

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Everybody puts into it throughout the year, and then you can...

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Give these really cool case studies. Are you ready to do it? You should talk about it. Yay!

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Yeah, so it's not every person served, it's every, um...

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TPC. So...

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Every TPC gets a claim entered, and in some programs,

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Some non-treatment claim... non-treatment plan clients get a claim entered as well.

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So, um...

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Over the course of each program year, um, the claims are entered,

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At the end of those, uh, years, I download all of the claims from the online system.

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And then I sort them by program.

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by service type, by place, and how many hours, and by date, obviously.

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So, then, um, I do a full review of each program.

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And tally up all of their

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Um, clients served, and... or the, excuse me, all of the TPCs served, and the hours that they were served.

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And then, um, I...

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take that data further down and break it into, um, specific clients.

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And I, um, included,

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Um, just some overall details of the clients served in comparison with program year 24.

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And then, uh, provided, I...

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I think maybe a 10, I don't know how many specific clients, um, what services.

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they participated in, and...

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Um...

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the hours that they were served.

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That's further down, right?

01:47:44.669 --> 01:47:46.669

Yeah, that's further down, yeah, sorry.

01:47:46.669 --> 01:47:46.746

Is it... is it right here? This is it. I'm sorry, okay.

01:47:47.533 --> 01:47:49.533

No, you're okay. I kind of skipped over that.

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And then, um, further down from this, I take one specific

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person, and um...

01:47:59.029 --> 01:48:06.029

I include all of his services since, um, the claims level data began in program year 2018.

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And so you can see how he has transitioned in his services.

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And he's a specific person that I know, so I know he's getting older, like me, and I can see how his service needs have changed, and...

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So, for that, it's kind of cool to look at that. Sad that we're all aging, I guess.

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And this is a person... when you first started collecting the claims, this is someone who really jumped out to us.

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Because he was receiving services from more than one of the agencies and a few different programs, and so...

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The way I started thinking of him is, he's our key informant.

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This is the person who can tell us how the system really is.

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Um, so it's nice that you're tracking, but the other thing you can do further up, and you didn't say much about this, but you did, and I paused on it, is...

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If anybody has a calculator,

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They can look at some of the figures that Kim is providing, and figure out what an hour of service costs,

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In each program, and they can also figure out what

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a service costs for each person served in the program.

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And I think those are really important if you have...

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Services that look like this very same, and you want to compare, like, who's doing it

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you know, who's doing it for a better price, and then you can ask questions about why the prices might be different, but a lot of times, we're finding

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The costs are very similar across programs, and they're actually very similar to the state rates, so...

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It's kind of... that is... was an unexpected and happy surprise. But I... that's something I was doing, like,

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Um, externally, every year, just looking for the cost

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of each program per hour and per person.

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Um, so that's in there too, but I'm more like your case studies. I really, really appreciate that, because...

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It is a really special system, and a lot of people don't understand how it's utilized, or why it costs so much money.

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Anyway, I think you can... Sorry.

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Any discussion from the board on this?

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I love the data. The data is cool.

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Yeah, I think this is, um, just a monumental effort, um, to be able to, like,

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just, um...

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to have that level of, kind of, like, the cross...

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understanding of the programs and how

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Um, they serve in different ways, um...

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And to be able to see, um,

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you know, examples of...

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you know, different individuals and how they participate in the programs, and to see one over time.

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um, is just very, very cool, and shows how important

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Um, the programs are and what a difference they can make. Um, so I give major props to you, Kim.

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You and Leon both, in the last couple meetings, have been presenting us with some very, very cool

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stuff that I know has taken a lot of work, so I commend you for that.

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Any other discussion?

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Also, just the timing of Leon and Kim's reports to you, are... that's not a coincidence?

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This is supposed to be helpful information for the difficult task, so...

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Anyway, so if you need to look at it again, just let us know.

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Yes, thank you. Any other discussion?

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I used to think that, um, having the

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more positive updates after the hard discussions was better, but I'm not so sure I feel that way tonight.

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You like it, you like it. I like that you all haven't left yet.

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That's a good point.

01:51:58.066 --> 01:52:04.066

Um, well, we can go ahead and move on to the, um, to the reports section. So, first we have staff reports.

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Um, on pages 47 through 94.

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Um, for information only, the packet includes a report from the Executive Director on legislative and policy conference activities.

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Other staff reports have been deferred to allow for focus on the review of agency applications, because it has taken...

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Taking a lot of energy and time and effort from staff. So, Lynn, would you want to share anything about your report? Yes.

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I want to say a few things. I started doing this because

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Of previous County Board Chair told me,

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You can't go to all these conferences and not give us back some kind of product.

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Like, I mean, you... it wasn't Kyle Patterson, but it was one... like, just a little bit before you, and I...

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I learned a lot from that person, and so I've faithfully provided notes. If you pay for me to go somewhere, I'm gonna take notes.

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And bring them back. So, in these notes, there are a few things I wanted to just... it's too many pages, but there are a few things in there that I think are kind of cool.

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The very first one was the presenta... the first presentation we had was from the Director of HRSA. HRSA funds

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Federally Qualifying Health Centers. Champaign County has at least 4. One of them is Promise Healthcare.

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HRSA, for I don't know why,

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has enjoyed some kind of protection during this federal policy madness and funding cuts.

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They actually are getting more money.

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So, we can maybe conclude that Promise will survive?

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you know, they might still need our money too, but I'm just saying this is... that's really good news. And the other...

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Similar bit of news is that we heard about and from SAMHSA several times,

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If you don't... that's the substance...

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substance abuse, mental health, or wait...

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I don't know, it's the administrative agency for Substance Use and Mental Health funding.

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Um, and they have been the lead in the Certified Community Behavioral Health

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clinic development, which you have the...

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Packet for next week's study session. You're going to learn all about CCBHCs from Rosecrance, which has the CCBH

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C contract through the state of Illinois, that's federal dollars. While SAMHSA, while they cut

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all their staff, and can't really administer programs very effectively.

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Their money hasn't been cut.

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So there's this idea that, like, as long as you keep the door open, you can rebuild SAMHSA when the federal administration

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chooses to do that. So,

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So there's also some hope

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that this project Rosecrance has been working on with state and federal funding through that project, will also survive.

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It's just... it may be slowed down because there's no one working at SAMHSA to administer all these funds, so that's a little bit tricky. So those are two pieces of really good news.

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Another tidbit that you might not notice in here is that I literally said to Senator Durbin as he was walking out of the room, Muck Fichigan,

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I really said it, and then I thought, whoa!

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That was just so, like, I've been here too long.

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Um, then there was also, at the same visit, when we were talking with

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Senator Durbin, there was something really interesting came up that has relevance to Champaign County.

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And that is that,

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um... Illinois representatives were really pushing

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for the federal...

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housing financing administration to release the data that it has, which is public data,

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Paid for by the public, but it's not been made public yet,

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about tax valuation practices across the country, because

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There's a researcher who has studied Champaign County and several other communities and found that property taxes

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are also regressive.

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They're especially regressive here, so...

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This would take a really long time for it to mean anything to us, but it could change...

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the amount of property tax that we can levy, because

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Champaign County has a lot of higher value homes that are apparently under-assessed, and lots of lower-value property that's over-assessed, so...

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Releasing the data on valuation practices would

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give assessors what they need to self-correct.

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Anyway, isn't that cool? I think that I've said enough, but there was...

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you know, other interesting stuff. Also, my buddy, who I was always introducing maternal health and infant mortality,

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um, policy resolutions, and just recently won election, she's here somewhere, too, but...

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Anyway, that's it. I think...

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You know, I love all this information, but those were the highlights to me, so...

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Thank you so much, Lynn. Any, um, comments from the board?

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I regret I have not been able to read the report yet, but I am looking forward to doing so, and I appreciate all of your efforts.

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to be, um...

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to keep us all informed on these things, but also your advocacy over the years at various different levels.

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Um, so thank you. Any other thoughts from the board?

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Right, seeing none, we will next move to the evaluation capacity building project update.

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An oral update will be provided.

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Um, and we also have a link to the resources that the team has developed, um, linked here in the packet.

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So, we are excited to get some positive news.

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Happy hump day, everybody!

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Um, so, uh, in terms of the evaluation reporting, so I'm Jacinda Dariatis, I leading the project, and I have great colleagues, uh,

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Rachel Jackson-Gordon and Nate Underland.

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Uh, we've been working the last month a lot with our technical assistance programs and partners.

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And are coming to the end of a couple of the surveys for their outcome measures, so we've worked with them through their logic model and how to think about their outcomes.

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And have now developed, uh, surveys with them, uh, to have outcomes that are relevant.

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to their needs, and those will be launched soon. Um, one of them has a couple of interns coming into their agency and are wanting

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the interns to help with administering some of the surveys, so we're... we're getting that done and out very, very soon, and so all three of our technical assistance partners are actually coming to the end of their

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Their survey finalization so that they can collect the data that they need to to say what they need to say about their programs, and to get information about those.

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Uh, we've been working diligently with our working group on, uh, developing our in-person

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survey development, um, in, uh...

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tutorial, I would say, hands-on experience, as well as our microlearning that we're polishing up and finalizing.

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So that we can give that as homework, because everyone loves homework, right?

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Well, a 3-minute video is not too bad, right? It's not the 15-second TikTok. But anyway...

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It's, uh, better than the hour-long lecture that you get sometimes, right? So, it doesn't make you cry. Hopefully it makes you laugh a little bit, but...

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Um, so we're working on that and finalizing that, as well as a one-pager, so we are addressing the different types of modalities of learning.

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For individuals. Um...

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We're also working on our annual report, which I know you're dying to read, you're just, like, overcome with enthusiasm for reading yet another report when you have so many decisions to make, but...

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At any rate, that will be turned in by April 30th, when it's due, and then we'll discuss it, uh, during our... the May meeting, if that fits your schedule.

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And if it doesn't, then we can push it off to June.

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So those are our major ticket items so far for the last month, and...

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I welcome any questions, comments, concerns that you might have about the work that we're doing.

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Thank you very much. Any questions or comments from the board?

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Was that upbeat enough for you?

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Yeah, yay, yay!

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Great. Well, have a great evening. Thank you so much for all your support, and uh...

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And we look forward to our next year.

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Thank you very much. We appreciate all you do for our programs.

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All right, next we will move to community behavioral health needs assessment activities. These are on pages 95 through 98 of the packet.

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Um, for information only, our notes from the community health plan steering committee's February 23rd, 2026 meeting. So, Lynn, would you share with us about this?

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This is, um, yet another ADA-compliant document.

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It takes a long time. So, um, and I did share it back with the original author, so he'll know how to do this

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Next time. Um...

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So, you know, there are these work groups that you all had expressed some interest in before, but I have not seen a schedule.

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I haven't seen notes from any of them, so I think that...

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He was focused on getting this steering committee together. I couldn't make it that day, but I thought, you'd like to see what they talked about.

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Um, I expect to hear from him about the work groups again pretty soon, and...

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I'll share that out through email so that folks have an opportunity to... like, these are all open to the public, so you don't have to make a commitment.

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Just go if you like it.

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Um, and, you know, he does an overview of what each workgroup has talked about so far,

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In this outline, so... Anyway, that's it.

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Thank you very much. Any questions or comments from the board?

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All right, seeing none, we will move to the next report from the Disability Resource Expo and Air Updates.

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So, oral updates will be provided, and there are links to these programs listed here. So, Lynn, would you...

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Provide updates.

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We haven't met again with that advisory group. I don't think so, maybe I'm wrong. Kim and Shandra may

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Correct me, but we do have a meeting.

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the... just this core advisory group.

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You would know. Advisory group for the expo. For the expo, yeah.

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That... we had one meeting with that advisory group, and I sent notes around that Jacinda took for us with a list of things we probably ought to

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figure out at the next meeting, and then it was really hard to find a date that everybody could attend, so it's next Monday.

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Um, just... it's just a core group, it's not the whole steering committee. And one of the things on the list is

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We need to communicate with the steering committee. So, it's... we're really in the early stages of figuring out what to do with what we have.

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I think figuring out what we have...

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is the issue.

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Right? Um, and a...

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Meeting with someone the following week,

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who used to have an interest in helping us coordinate the expo. I do not know if that's why he wants to meet.

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But wouldn't that be a lucky coincidence? So...

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I'll let you know.

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Um, for the other one, Alliance for Inclusion and Respect, we had a meeting, one planning meeting. We don't usually have a lot of meetings of that, because it's kind of like...

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The festival... the Ebert Fest puts all this stuff together, and then we just put together the art show, which is...

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Um, usually Stephanie Howard Gallo, and then Shandra may put together a community screening of our film.

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It would be in a school classroom,

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Um, Eric Pierson, who's a scholar,

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who attends the festival all the time and is a U of I grad,

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tends to go to those community screenings and talk with students, and this time we would also have the director,

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So, it's cool, we're still trying to figure that out.

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Um, we're also... we've been talking about a potential local panelist, and...

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Molly McLay had an idea for that, so that's something I...

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threw out there, too. This year, they don't have a paid full-time coordinator.

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First of all, like...

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you know, captains or whatever, are trying to do all this stuff themselves without staff.

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So, a lot of things that used to be really easy to figure out, I'm just waiting forever to find out.

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Meanwhile, I have two new members for AIR,

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Um, one of them is the Marion County Horizon

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center. They have a small group home here in town, and then they have other group homes around the state.

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Their artists have been working with us lately, so now they're a full member.

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And then, um, a woman who's got... she has a...

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law practice called Art Converge. She just is the most recently joining member, and they're...

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They're both gonna provide some donations.

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of, like, food and labor, so that helps us a lot. And then I also...

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have a conversation planned over the weekend with Zeus Dariotis, who is one of our art supporters,

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And I'm going to list him as officially an art supporter. You might remember him from...

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A few meetings ago, talking about art that he bought at the expo, and we're gonna... I'm gonna talk to him about

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what is important about art

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this weekend and get some good quotes.

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So, he's got my phone number.

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So anyway, that's all good news. Like, it's not as hard as the Expo to put this together, but...

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It is a little tricky this year, and then I don't know what we'll do in the future. Like, there's lots of little...

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Art festivals and film festivals, and I... my hope is that, you know, this project has grown enough that our...

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The artists that we've been working with and the agencies that have been involved would just be invited.

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to that community stuff. Like, that's the goal.

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So, maybe we're there, but we'll find out. Okay.

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Um, I was wondering, what are the dates for the Ebert Fest, where the, um...

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We'll have the art show and the film.

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I don't know the film's schedule yet, that's a fun thing that we...

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have no idea when, but April 17 and 18 are the only days of the festival, and our plan is to have the art show both days.

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For as long as people can sit there, and sometimes...

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There's folks who don't want to leave until the janitors are telling them to, but most people get tired, and...

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They leave when the sales slow down, so...

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We'll see.

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Hopefully somebody would be there if you stop by.

02:06:36.959 --> 02:06:42.959

And if any board members wanted to get more involved with the Expo, or air, or both, how would they do that?

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they could just email me.

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Email me. Email it.

02:06:51.527 --> 02:06:55.527

Yeah. Any questions or comments from the board on these updates?

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All right, seeing none, we will next move on to public participation agency input.

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Um, again, members of the public are welcome to speak with the Mental Health Board. We cannot respond directly, but may I use input to inform

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future actions. Um, you can either fill out a comment card, come forward to the podium, or if you're online, you can put something to the chat or raise your hand on Zoom.

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If you'd like to speak, I may limit individual time to 5 minutes and total time to 20 minutes.

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Is there anyone in person or online who would like to make public comment now?

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We have someone online.

02:07:42.211 --> 02:07:47.211

Um, please, uh, can... we unmute them, or they can unmute themselves to make comment?

02:07:47.793 --> 02:07:49.793

Go ahead.

02:07:51.033 --> 02:07:56.033

Hi everyone, I'm Jessie Heckenmueller, Assistant Director of Community Services at Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.

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I just wanted to provide that we do a community needs assessment, um, update annually, and every 3 years do a larger lift, and when you were speaking to prioritization, I thought that resource may be helpful for you.

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So I wanted to offer to share that.

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With Lynn, um, to support you all's planning efforts. I also wanted to, um, add to the comment that was made earlier... comments that were made earlier by some of our colleagues around the strategic plan to end homelessness.

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I did put a survey link in the chat, so if any of you all are interested in providing your input to help shape that strategic plan,

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Um, or sharing it with the folks that you work with. We are very interested in getting feedback to support, um, that strategic planning process, and that plan also might be helpful.

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Um, for the board's purposes, once it's ready, which I believe will be probably too late for decision-making, but, um...

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Just wanted to share that information.

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Thank you very much for your comment, and Lynn, would you be able to grab that survey link and send it to us?

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Perfect. Is there anyone else in person or online who would like to make public comment?

02:09:20.778 --> 02:09:23.778

Lynn is working on getting the link. Use a computer somehow.

02:09:26.172 --> 02:09:35.172

All right, it does not appear that we have anyone else to make public comment, so we will now move on to board-to-board reports. Uh, this, uh, is on pages 99 through 100.

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The packet. Today's packet was exactly 100 pages, which I thought was fun.

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Um, so as always, members of the Mental Health Board can serve as liaisons

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to agency or community board meetings.

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There's a list of all of these meetings on these pages 99 through 100, and if you'd like to get involved with that further, you can contact stephanie Howard Gallo.

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Um, is there anyone who would like to share a board-to-board report?

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Go ahead. Well, I'll just very, very quickly mention a couple of things that happened at Community Coalition.

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As you may know, the police have been coordinating with Courage Connection in an integrated crime analysis and a partnership, and they're seeing a decrease in...

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And, um, incidents...

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of domestic violence because of that.

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Um, partnership, and um...

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teen dating violence, though,

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has reared its head. So that's an, uh...

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problem, um...

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That's being looked at now. Um, one quote from that discussion was, violence is an illness.

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And we need to look at it that way. And not just as, you know...

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some bad acting out. The other thing is that the, um, city of Champaign's co-responders team,

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is... is up and running. It's been so long.

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Um, and they're just right now doing soft calls, as they say, as part of their training, they haven't gotten into, you know, really serious...

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Um, calls, but that's a nice...

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Uh, that's a nice goal that has been met, and it was a long time coming, and I'll just stop there.

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Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who would like to make a report?

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All right, seeing none, we will next move on to County Board input. So this is our opportunity.

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For our county board representative to give us any updates that we might want to hear from County Board.

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Hi. Um, I was asked a few questions last week by Lynn. Uh, do you remember what those questions were, Lynn?

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Not sure if they were really relevant, or if I've had any answers for you, but...

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What did we talk... we talked about so much. It was about an appointment for something.

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But that hasn't happened yet, so I was like, I really had nothing to give.

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That's... you're right, though. Yeah. Thank you for having a...

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Good memory. I try.

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It was about an appointment for the vacancy. Yeah, so that hasn't happened yet, um, but I will let y'all know if I hear about it soon, hopefully soon, so...

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My understanding is the county board meeting got postponed, so it was supposed to be tomorrow, but it's gonna be next Thursday. That's a good communication to spread, yeah. Yeah, so the county board meeting has been postponed from tomorrow to next Thursday.

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26th, um, and maybe by then... maybe they will appoint a vacancy at that meeting.

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Depends on if it got on the agenda. Um, Lynn is in the process of finding out, so... I looked for the agenda earlier today, it wasn't posted yet.

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Yeah, so it may take, you know...

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A human being has to put it together, and it has to be ADA compliant. Yeah, I actually did get it mailed to me on Tuesday, but I didn't see anything like that on there, either. Um, I assume it would be, like, on a committee first, and then to the committee of the whole, but if it's already been discussed,

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probably already was... hold on a second.

02:13:23.410 --> 02:13:25.410

Just give me one second.

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I have a... I have an easy way to access these things.

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So...

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You know what, it could be that we'll see an addendum. Yeah.

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I'm gonna keep looking. Because, yeah, it was... it was mailed, but it's not on the site. You are correct. So we...

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I mean, it's... I told you, I'm gonna keep doing that math. Yeah. ...until more money shows up.

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I'll keep looking for that agenda item, because it would be great to have a full board.

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For April. Yeah. Sounds like there's been communication with the

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County Executive on the...

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imperative nature of getting that vacancy filled, so...

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Any other updates from County Board?

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Not that I can think of that...

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is very pertinent. Oh, um, yes, they added, uh, an agency to the facilities for, uh, corrections.

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So JDC and, uh...

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The General Department of Corrections, they added mental health and health services. They just, uh,

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you know, contracted an agency for that. They did a holistic review of everything, and it sounded like it also is going to save the county money, but they did a more holistic review of, we need better, we need 24-7, you know.

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Most of the things that happen, happen overnight, like overdoses and needs, mental health needs are always needed, right? I mean...

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So, yeah, they have a better agency now that actually might save us money in the county, so that would be cool.

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This is great to hear.

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Um, any questions on the County Board input?

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Thank you very much. So next, we'll move to Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board input.

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There are meetings that are off-cycle from each other now, right? So, we're not on the same day anymore, so we don't usually have direct

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Uh, input, um,

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But no updates. So next, we'll move to board announcements and input. It doesn't do any board members have any announcements or input?

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Um, I just had a quick one. Um, a couple of you are aware, I spent my day, um, being humbled. Um, one of my... or my husband's employee was evicted yesterday.

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Um, so, he's a smart man. He called me in a panic, and who do I call?

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So he did some calls yesterday, I did some calls yesterday, but...

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When she tells him at, like, 4.12 in the afternoon, there wasn't a lot we could do. Um, so I went with her...

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Um, last night, because I wanted her to have housing.

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Um, which, when we started the meeting, we were talking about housing. Another thing I find appalling...

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And my experience is...

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You can pull into an empty hotel,

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And they can't give you a good rate.

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Especially when I'm like, hey...

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She's gonna pay cash. If you need to use my card as an incidental, I get it.

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\$68 last night.

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She was safe, she was, you know, warm, da-da-da.

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Today, um, I picked her up, we spent our day, um, getting an ID. Um, I personally have never been to...

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The soup kitchen? I had never been to Empty Tomb.

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Um, haven't been to DMV since they got their act together there.

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Um, and I was just today, um...

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humbled in the fact

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how blessed I am personally,

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why I'm on this board, advocating for people,

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Um, and it's not an easy system.

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And, you know, and I said that to people today.

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I feel like I'm at or above intelligence, and this is hard.

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So, um, you know, we say it a lot of times, it's not a cliché. If people don't have safe housing,

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No wonder they're struggling mentally. And, um...

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So, last Monday, I think it was, um, Lynn and Leon and I happened to all, like, go to the...

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you know, ending homelessness, um, kickoff thing.

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And again, I learned a lot, and so I know, um, some of us have been on this board for a while.

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I'm just... I learned something every day, and...

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you know, today I've almost been in tears all day, because...

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This woman needs so much help, and I... I can't give it all to her.

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Um, you know, but I told... you know, I wrote down everything we accomplish today, because she was very stressed out.

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And I started a list what Jane's gonna do. And so tomorrow, I'm gonna make the call to RPC and say, hey,

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You know, I actually sent, um, Len today a note that I had sent with someone else, and, you know, and I said,

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she needs a caseworker. I think she has early dementia. I'm pretty sure she has a learning disability.

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She was officially evicted. Luckily,

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I called, talked to, um...

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The apartment complex.

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That lady said to me at one point, I wish I would have met you months ago.

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you... where were you then? And I said, she wasn't ready for help.

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And so, um, luckily they're going to be very gracious, they're gonna let me clean out the apartment.

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Um, because I said to her, I was like, surely you want some of these clothes, some of these mementos?

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No, just get rid of it.

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So, luckily, I live out in the country, and I have a pole barn.

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So I'm gonna get some totes, and I'm gonna box up everything. I think she may need in the future.

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Um, I talked to her today. We're gonna get you an apartment at some point, so we need some, you know, plates and forks and things like that.

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So, again, sorry I always ramble, but, um...

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You know, I'm a hard-ass at times,

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But my heart is really true.

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And, um...

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I'm very thankful that I am so blessed, and don't think I don't recognize it, because I do.

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So, thank you.

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Thank you very much for sharing.

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Is there anyone else who wants to make any announcements or input?

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Alright, with that, we will go ahead and adjourn our next study session is next Wednesday, not Thursday. Next Wednesday, March 25th.

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At 5.45 p.m., right here in the Shields Carter Room of the Bennett Administrative Center.

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And we'll get to, um... we'll have some cool presentations next, um, next week, so nothing about...

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applications, or funding. This is...

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We will be learning. Really good stuff, so I hope...

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to see you at our last study session was not well attended.

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Um, so I hope to see all of you at this one.

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And...

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Lynn is taking... putting the snacks, uh, the...

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It is not the responsibility of the snacks to get us here, but...

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They are appreciated. Alright, with that, we will adjourn. Have a good night.