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My husband... your brother.

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Uh-huh. It's really fun to take young kids love.

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Uh-huh. But yeah,

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Absolutely. Yeah.

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If my husband lived, we probably would not be there now.

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And it's great to know that it would have been saucer.

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Nope.

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I know. That's why, you know, it's not so yet.

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So when you get there, it's not a huge surprises me, right.

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So, they say... Well, they have something about... I forgot as a reminder.

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I like it, because, you know, last week we got the outside. That's what I was guessing.

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But we're in our place with - Jesus Christ.

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They will start to box things.

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It doesn't seem to be pretty messed.

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So many times.

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It would be so very fast.

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Don't do things.

00:02:48.880 --> 00:03:02.880
That's amazing.

00:03:14.753 --> 00:03:23.753
Vicki.

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That's what happens.

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I'd rather be doing.

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Oh, I haven't seen it yet.

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Come on!

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Yeah, I mean, those studies that we find are really good, yeah.

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Well, I decided...

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thousands of questions.

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I've never been in that trouble.

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Uh-huh.

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You know what? Oh, good, good, yeah.

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treating ourselves. Yeah, I know, like, you know, I don't know the
restaurants where I would say, where it goes disruptive.

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Yeah, I don't know...

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Absolutely, that helps to make sure.

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Great. Well, I wasn't surprised that they had one question. I mean, she's
probably way too liberal for their life.

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Yeah, I know.

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expertise in response. And I don't know how many people recognize me there.

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Because, well, we might be tonight.

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I accept the drink I served on the side. Yeah, exactly. That was the one that was my time I needed.

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Yeah, 30 acres.

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I was jealous. Yeah, the first time I got called, I had 3 kids. One of them from our school. Yeah. And I took paltry of the...

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No-brainer. No, we don't want you.

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It's not... I'm just writing a pie.

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Literally. Yeah, I've seen people do that. And I was in line with my three kids wanting to come out crying because they had... I see you.

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Oh, nice, yeah.

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Smart Control, that's fine. He took back that copy of the sales contract.

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Yeah.

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Alrighty, that's strange. We're gonna start allowing you to vote. Start the meeting now. Um, with a roll call.

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Kim Fisher.

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Fisher? Here.

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Susan Fowler?

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Here.

00:08:45.338 --> 00:08:47.338

Anne Robin?

00:08:48.307 --> 00:08:50.307

Neil Sharma?

00:08:51.248 --> 00:08:53.248

Vicki Niswander?

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Here. Okay, moving on to the approval of the agenda.

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Stage 1 and 2. So moved. Thank you. Second.

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Neil, neil got it.

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Okay, any, uh, additions or deletions?

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

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Okay, moving on to the meeting schedule, which is posted online with acronyms and glossary.

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They're also in the packet.

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Because there's two... Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, there were changes, too. And there's a question?

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Okay, let's... what is the final question you may not be able to answer this right now, but...

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You have one more meeting scheduled in 2025, and depending on how things go today,

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the chair has the option to cancel.

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And then we have a new pattern for 2026, which will put us back into that room the Shields.

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But although I'm not...

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It's not very chronologically advanced.

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Will the chair not be here to run it, you know?

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Uh, the chair will be packing boxes the 17th. We're going to be out of town by the 18th.

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So, tomorrow. Yeah.

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It's gonna be...

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a whirlwind. Yeah. So I...

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To discuss it at the end during board announcement? Okay, is that okay? Sure. All right.

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Okay, we are at...

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Citizen-input.

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Anybody online?

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Okay.

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Um...

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My comments are next. Um, I don't really have a lot... I mean, I'm...

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We've got this move going on, I'm leaving town, I've turned in my resignation to the... to, uh, Steve Summers, so what's getting done.

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And, um, I was just telling...

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And how much it would have been this - Champaign

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You know, this is a real hub for us. I mean, we've been here a long time, so...

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Uh, we hope that anybody who comes support Collins Colorado gets in touch.

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We have extra ..., we'd love to have you take a vacation, he's there, and use us to, uh, this place to stay, so..

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keep that in mind, and uh..

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Once we get back. By. And then summer. But, um..

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Those are my comments. Oh, one more thing I wanted to mention, too, is that I hope that...

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the support of Engage Illinois goes on in this community. I am having to leave that committee because of leaving the state

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It would be great if one or two people from Central Illinois could join that steering..., as right now, it's very...

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Chicago focused, and most of the people that are engaged in it are up there.

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But it really does need to be a statewide effort. So, if you are interested at all,

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Please let me know, I'll hook you up with Sharon Costabile, and she will get you on board.

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It's... they meet on Zoom about twice a week. Wow. No, no, no, twice a month.

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Monday morning, and it's for about an hour, so it's not a big deal, and it is really a good way to...

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Central Illinois, and eventually we hope to get more people in southern illinois engagement.

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So, that's... that's neat.

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You're next. Okay, well, I had... I do want to...

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start where you stopped, because I wasn't expecting to say this, but I want to share that in our statewide advocacy efforts, it is a persistent problem that even if we get everybody from downstate on board,

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There's just not a - by numbers - a sufficient legislative lobby.

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So the more... so this is correct. The more representation from this area, the better. And this manifests in things that you see, which are, like, the continuing barriers to transportation.

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Like, the rates are worked out with...

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with Cook County, and the formulas work a little bit better there, I would say, not perfect.

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Right? But it... they really fail in downstate, especially for crisis.

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So, so I love that, and I hope that someone has time, and two times a month still sounds like a lot, but it's really important.

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Yeah, well, I didn't make it to ... to see, but to have that representation, it's not like you...

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has to be there or else. It's...

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Something that you can even...

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you think should be cut?

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Very good, I'll let them know that you're contacting.

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Next, anyway, Susan Fowler has offered to take it. I'm letting the Zoom participants in. She's offered to keep down.

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So the rest of my comments are just, like, very simple. This packet and the actions requested of the board during this meeting

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Okay, maybe if we... if successful...

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close out my favorite period of the year, which is fun and... It's just,
everything's on the table, we get to communicate with lots of different...

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people about what should happen, it's wonderful.

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So, and then, you know...

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then we get planning for, like, lots of review and analysis in the
spring, you know that.

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So, you know, this might be my favorite meeting.

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We'll see. That's all I have to say.

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Okay, it's time for approval of minutes from the last meeting. I think we
have two sets, right? We have to approve them separately, or...?

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You can do both, just depends on the motion that you would like to

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Monday, October 24th.

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So, what are the October 22nd meeting finished, and then... or, sorry, the...

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and minutes from October 29th, 2025 study

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Session. Second? Okay, any changes or corrections? Oops, sorry.

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All those in favor say aye. Aye.

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Any opposed?

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Could we move - Kim Fisher made the motion, Susan seconded.

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Yes, no discussion? No discussion.

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Okay, moving on to...

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And your invoice list.

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Which, there's probably 16

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Move to approve. View.

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Who got that one? Neil got it, okay. You know, you gotta get in quicker to get my door, you know.

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This is really chop-chop. It really is. So those, Anne Robin

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made the motion? Of course. Okay, and Neil Sharma successfully seconded.

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I'm waiting for Neil to just, you know, take a deep breath and do it.

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Okay, um, and is there any discussion on this one?

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Although some voters say, ah, it's fine. Aye. Any opposed?

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Motion carries. Moving on to... staff reports.

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Always amazing. You guys are so engaged in stuff, it's... it's great to see, and it means a lot.

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to our community, so thank you for that.

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Um, new business, changes in eligibility determine the flow.

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There's no... There's no material left. Okay.

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So I'm talking to this one. Well, we have...

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Kim, do you want to introduce us? Okay. I'm gonna appear to take credit for Kim Bowdry coordinating this group of people to speak to us about

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The issues that were emerging last month during public comment.

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Which really do warrant the board discussion

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From the experts.

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So, the experts are sitting at this end of the table, we hope their microphone

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The microphone will pick them up,

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Um, I don't...

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I don't care who talks first, you guys all.

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Like, know what you're talking about, so... and then, because this is a board discussion, I think

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We all can ask questions if you want, right?

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You would think so. Okay, that's my introduction.

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Well, I don't know if PUNS eligibility has changed. I mean, I think we've heard some of that, but also...

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But then they're just, um...

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She likes strictly up, tightening up.

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Um, the eligibility requirements, and where sometimes in the past, I'm not sure how...

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Sometimes simple people got through.

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Um, but it feels like they're really critiquing, um,

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The documentation to keep them on funds, and when they get selected to get an award.

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So it's getting harder to find that documentation.

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Asian people aren't keeping it, especially the older population, who...

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maybe didn't even have IEPs?

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And then that's when they're asking us to write.

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letters or the families to write letters that you say what principles can be.

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So, I know I, as some I think, are just concerned, um, how many people out on their

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now potentially fall through the cracks, so to speak.

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Can I make a comment?

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I was fortunate in that I had an attic, and I saved every IEP that my son had from

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preschool through high school.

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I had to turn... I had to scan them and send them in when I was getting him.

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certified. They wouldn't actually see

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the IEPs and outlook.

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7 years ago, 8 years ago.

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So, you know, and something that's really tricky about that... And the school district doesn't keep it.

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Right, so school... it's not as far as a permanent record. No, so...

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sync in session 5 or 7 years, it gets to... It's fine. Yeah.

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Is it strictly a cost-saving measurement thing?

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Is there any possible reason to give... to take off services?

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I'm using them.

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Seems like a cost... It does ..., to me.

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reduction. Yeah, we're definitely seeing, um...

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you know, definitely people who we historically could have gotten funded.

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I'm running, you know, maybe individuals with autism whose IQ are a little higher, being able to write

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you know, some strong letters of support, you know, outlining where they're having those

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limitations and the supports that they need, and we could get them funded.

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And now, you know, they're requesting, you know, original documentation from diagnosis.

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years of IEPs, so that we can see, you know, how it...

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manifested over the years.

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And so it doesn't seem like...

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how we were able to get these through before is sufficient any longer.

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And they're requiring those documents to stay on PUNS as well.

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So, if people aren't able to produce them, then...

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a lot of people are fearing that they're going to be...

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I'm taking off that. For people already approved, they've started taking them off? Yeah, they're... they're asking and reaching out, and they're kind of...

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in limbo, so to speak, I think a little bit off, but if we can try to really

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scrounge for documents and write these letters, and sometimes we've been able to get them back on.

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But I feel like I have a handful that are in limbo, so to speak, trying to figure out if we can come up with.

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information for them to stay on.

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Can I... when you're saying, people who were already eligible.

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getting benefits who are now being taken off with those? No, on this list, unfortunately, people could get on the list. I mean, they were supposed to be on top of the list, but not yet approved. Right, yes. But with people already approved. Yeah, so...

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They were able to be...

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Um, put on PUNS due to the suspicion of having developmental disabilities.

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And so, for some people,

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Um, we may have had an IEP or, you know,

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Some document that outlined that, but not to the level of...

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what's being requested. It's a weird system where you enroll someone on the waitlist on the assumption

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that they qualify. Right. And the full clinical eligibility piece comes after you've waited.

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After they've gone your name. After they've selected you, and they've said, we invite you to apply for services, now we're gonna do a full...

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battery of ensuring that your clinic

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So, some people get enrolled based on the assumption or suspicion that they qualify, and we're finding a lot of people are getting to the point where they've waited, waited, waited,

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Now it's time to fully clinically eligible, and

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Battle.

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So, advice to parents long-term is save the documentation. Before you think.

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copies of everything, requests. I had a family I worked with that, um,

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spelled by the school district, like,

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I don't think the IQ score changed much. Why don't you just waive the testing, don't bother. We won't... we don't need to do the IQ testing, this IEP cycle.

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And they waved it, and then over and over a new cycle to be done, which took another year, I mean, it's...

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So, take advantage of anything offered to you, keep copies. Yeah, I really think they need those psychologicals in schools before the age of 22 is super, super helpful. And there's not a lot of outside...

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financially available resources. Are there psychologists? I'm sorry. No, go ahead. How do psychologists available to do it, and it's also means to pay for it? For their service is what's missing?

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I'm... I've reached out to, um,

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Dr. Grissom, who we had started contracting with,

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Um, towards the end of the transition.

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And she's still doing psychologicals. I don't know how quick the turnaround is on those.

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Um, but I know, like, we were using...

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Um, Evergreen Counseling that has fallen off, that didn't work out in Longwood.

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So, I know that's one less provider. And I... I would have to double check, but I... I think the mandate for the ISC agency to pay

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and contract with, and get you set up with a psychamel.

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only comes after the fund selection. I do not believe they are mandated to help the movement.

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to get enrolled on funds, or to be maintained on funds. If you need a psych eval, you as a family are responsible for figuring out

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where and how to get that.

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7 years ago. Wow.

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No, it's really hard. I was, like, helping, um, my patient's mother, like, try to figure out autism.

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And that's, like, when I saw how bad it is.

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It's really not the biggest necessary. Um, it's really frustrating.

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And unfortunately, the neuropsychologist...

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Very strong. That's...

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Well, they don't. We want them referred straight to the very clear. It doesn't sound like they want.

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Yeah, it's to me.

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So, I just have a question. So, save every record, have an attic,

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Um, that where you can store all these things that they had a safe deposit box, um, across stage, whatever. What about people that are renting and have to... And moving frequently? They do not have access to a scanner. I would suggest requesting that the school district email such things, because then you have the scanned copy and can save it in email. And if you email it back to yourself and say,

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Such and such ... IEP.

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Just remember, you know, it's easy to do a search like that, so...

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Having them email scanned.

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We have a lot of families that are...

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getting... making phone calls to the...

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school district their brother attended 30 years ago in Georgia by requesting those IEPs. I mean, that is not unheard of.

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Especially for anyone over the age of

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30, who's maybe trying to track down pay court.

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And that's what we're seeing with at least a few people, where it's just like, these records maybe never existed, and the things that they are asking for

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are things that didn't exist when... when they would have been done, you know? And they just kind of like, well,

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But that's what we need.

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sort of just, like, sort of blindly, like...

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Yeah, it doesn't matter. Right.

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Yes. Well, and that has to... a lot of times, I feel like the step after that is

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connect with people that knew the individual during their developmental years, neighbors, family, friends, school staff, whoever.

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And have them write letters that outline how the person's disability affected them here in those developmentally... In classes.

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I mean, everything... I think that's what I was trying to say, is this is very ableist and very classist.

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Um, because there's so many people who cannot do all of these things, for a variety of reasons. And so I think, like,

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our represent... I don't know if it's our representatives or late legislators need to be called into any meeting.

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invited to discuss these things, so that they can...

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I don't know, I'm not... I mean, I became best friends with the records department at Carle. All of my son's records from Neonatology forward

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To get the disability SSDI, I sent 1,500 pages of scanned materials. I think your case is unusual, Susan. But nonetheless, you know, I had to do it. Otherwise, I'm not sure he would have been approved. So, we're talking about

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And we appealed 3 times. This is not an amazing process, and for puns, I didn't have to do that, but

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We're also talking about people getting on SSDI, which is easier to do once you've been approved for PUNS. You know, there's this domino effect.

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I think the other thing that we're seeing, and it sounds like all of us are seeing it, is, like, the people that they are asking for these extensive records for are not people that we would have ever expected to have been asked for this level of scrutiny, or have been given this level of scrutiny.

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5 years ago, 10 years ago. Um, like, some of the people I was, like, when their parents told me that this was what they were going through, I was, like, truly shocked, like, really? Like...

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You know, like, there... we all have worked with some people where it's like, I don't know, there's, you know, you're kind of on the edge here, but clearly you need some services.

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Some of these people are like, they clearly need services. Yeah.

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Like, is anybody who PUNS actually gonna talk to any of these individuals?

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They talk to them, they don't always necessarily meet face-to-face, which I think is kind of a disservice, and if they're not reaching them,

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We have a hard time finding out that they haven't reached them until we're kind of asking for the update, and then if they would connect to one of us would be great, because

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We generally can connect to the people and coordinate

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that to happen. We're kind of finding out after the time that we're gonna be close to puns.

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And then we're like, oh, well, that means they're not supposed to be getting services any longer in the county, like, we need to figure this out and get them back on PUNS list, and...

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Um, so there's a lot of, like, after-the-fact stuff.

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I mean, where does puns feel about all this? Like, their policies are, like, clearly being exclusive, you know, excluding people on the surface.

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Yes, oh, well, not really... yeah, so that's, um, where I'll see their coming from.

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Yeah, and I think it would be wonderful if we could see what the check marks are that DHS is checking, because sometimes it even feels like you have some of this good documentation, and it doesn't seem to work.

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Like, what is... what is it that we need, or what kind of words do we need to write?

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what we feel like we have the six areas, but I... there's not a clear... if we had a clearer direction, we could maybe even get them what they want the first time.

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from your conversations, Amy, it doesn't seem like they have officially changed any guidelines.

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Um, but they do seem to be interpreted differently. Well, I think another difference, maybe I remember when we were trying to get Chris on, and again, this is 7, 8 years ago,

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I have a lot of help in the regional planning commission.

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They helped me write my letter. They helped review,

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They are extremely...

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supportive, and I don't know that we have that anymore through

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Prairieland. And so... and I'm not faulting prairieland per se, but there seem to be

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a local investment through the RPC to do things that don't get done now.

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Yeah, I think that counted on our agencies and the families, so I feel like it's us trying to diligently work, which is just another...

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avenue that you don't necessarily have a lot of time to, but it is, you know...

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I'm trying to try to... There are links missing now from the system. It used to be there. My full-time job is helping families navigate upon selection. So, I'm available for free, and everyone gets

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a letter from my agency that says, got a PUNS selection? Call us. But the impetus is on the family to connect, and so sometimes that doesn't happen. And there's no default release to speak with any other agencies.

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And ultimately, all I can do is...

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be another talking point in the room, in their conversation with the ISC.

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But, you know, I don't handle the file at all.

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That's a tricky thing, too. Yeah. I can speak to any family at any point, ever, but my main program focus is when people are early notified, or puns selected.

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And Annie, you're the Arc of Illinois.

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Free family consultations. And see, I wasn't even aware of that 7, 8 years ago, so thank God for the RPC. We're statewide, and the person that...

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held the Central and Southern region

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was often in the Peoria area, so, like, how much are they connected locally, I don't know. Yeah. Um, but I just happened to be here, so... I know how things work. I think, like, we would hear from them that there was some sort of concern, but I don't think it was to this level at that point.

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So, what's the solution?

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action items. We do. Get a list of what are the requirements and how are they...

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How do they need to be documented?

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Who is the person to contact? Is it HHS? Is it a department? One thing... I had a meeting with DHS in recent weeks, and one thing that was requested, which I forwarded on to Kim,

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was a request of how many folks

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Um, have been pun-selected in recent years and still not yet through to funding, or denied clinical eligibility, or...

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kind of in a limbo, and so getting those numbers was requested by DHS, so...

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I don't... I guess that comes back through me, but I can present that to DHS and give them more information about what we're seeing here locally.

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That's one step. I think we would be interested in those numbers also. Right.

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Because we could then use those numbers.

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To make a statement or another resolution.

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Now that we know how to... Now that we know how to do it.

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How do you get the numbers of people who were never selected?

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They were denied.

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Well, I get the list of who's selected.

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I don't get the list of who got through to an award letter.

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I never hear that, necessarily, so... but DAJs is requesting...

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Those who have... repeat your statement of what PHS is requesting? I think any of these...

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We're finding these groups of folks that are pun-selected in 2024, 2023,

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And are either still trying to get clinical eligibility determined through letters of support and hunting down old documents,

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And maybe that's kind of in limbo?

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for, um, are denied. And I don't know if we have many that have been fully, like,

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totally denied. Um, I can think of one case or the list, and they're denied.

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Yeah, close to people.

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Dance to them not being eligible any longer. However, I felt comfortable forcing them.

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a lot of natural supports was older. One, I felt like had kind of exceeded

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what we could do when we kind of needed to move on, and so it kind of pushed us to move her on.

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Um, I mean, it was easy, because they were both very long-term clients of DSC, so...

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It stumped, but yeah, I haven't. We've closed 1% because they were denied, and then there's two people

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that we're still serving through our internet appeals process, that we're trying to kind of work them through. Which also doesn't move very quickly, right? Yeah.

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Can they continue receiving services while in appeal, or is it happening?

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I do. Well, if it's, like, for clinical eligibility, well, I guess I don't know. I don't know.

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they wouldn't be in the waiver yet. Yeah. So, if they're still just trying to determine clinical eligibility,

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But I think they're appealing

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Well, disorder services. Yeah, I'm going to reach

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had time limits for how long the...

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the award process would take maybe 6 months.

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So this is not... this is not matching reality, but a year or so ago, I think...

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You guys made it clear to us that you did not want people

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that were in that kind of limbo to lose out, I think, at one of the meetings, you guys kind of...

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told us to give up our 6-month timeline if it was necessary. Well, that was the state, though. At one point. Right, and that's the complicating factor, is now your invitation. Once you're unselected, your invitation to apply for services never expires.

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So, I think both families have the option to move at a slower pace, but also

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Um, there's maybe a little less motivation to meet that 6-month deadline. Well, I think there has been a barrier for...

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for programs that we fund that the families

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we're more comfortable with that funding, and did not

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jump on the process, so maybe they need to understand that someone else is actually possibly suffering, or love their case manager. But while they wait, like, it only contributes to longer waits for other people.

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the family slows it down.

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I don't think any family wants to hurt anybody else. Yeah, I don't know that that is what we're seeing. Um, I think the families that we're talking with are, like,

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chomping up a bit. Not because we get connected with funding, um, and they're being told, like,

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they have all of our stuff. Everything is in order, and they tell us that we're 7th in line.

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And now we're fifth in line, and that was a year ago. And at this rate, it's going to be 3 years before we're funded.

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I mean, and I heard that from multiple people. I think, so, like, there's the question of people actually getting funding, and then there's this other question of the process and the waiting period.

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Before they can get somebody. So that poll... That is a bit of a statewide issue we're seeing, is that there's sort of this...

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secondary hidden list.

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You queue up into after you've received your fund selection.

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to actually go through the clinical eligibility

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process, which can be... I warn families at least 6 months, but that's fast. Is that because they cannot get the psychological assessment done, or because the...

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I think it's a... The state is just really dragging...

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I think I had a staffed. Yeah, and I would add, too, you know, now...

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They are required to do the discovery and personal plan, and I think maybe that's slowing down their process to some?

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She said that could be multiple meetings, and I'm a big report.

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Yeah, I don't know. Because I've had fiance say about this.

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But then there's been ones that all of a sudden they have an award, and I had no idea they were reselected, and they seem more recent, and then there's these other people, so I don't understand how they're working. Yeah, we had someone who was just selected that got awarded, and...

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The provider has even gotten the award letter yet, so...

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We have from the family and reached out. So, again, that's something, like, after the fact, that's, like, finding out about.

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Um, and I just had someone who we found out was...

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um, denied...

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Um, their pun selection, I guess I have someone new. Um, and another clinical eligibility. Mm-hmm.

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And this is a person who doesn't answer their phone. All their mail goes to a family member, they really don't handle their own mail.

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And so, although this person does retain their rights, they just don't really... unless they know the person, they're not going to interact with them.

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And so it's really not clear...

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At this point, if they understood that they were being closed, if they knew they had the right to appeal,

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So, we're trying to shorter timeframes. Yeah, or when they were closed, so...

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We're sorry, we just found out about that yesterday, so... And is this a person that you could have...

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advocated and assisted and probably been able to get qualified if...

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the ISC had communicated... I would think so. I mean, this is a person who...

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Um, has supports through DSC,

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Family does most of the support right now. He has a pretty good, strong support network there.

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But if something were to happen, would absolutely need to be on the list and eligible to have that HVS in place to assist. And so if he's not even

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open now on cons, that's a huge concern. So, some of this is just simply

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lack of collaboration between

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the ISC agency in our...

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providers that are... and I do think it's getting better, like,

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Um, I'm finding when I reach out and request information, I feel like they're being more open and giving me updates than previously.

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But there's not a lot of, like, proactive communication coming through to us, unless we reach out and...

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requests, which, you know, I hate to continue reaching out about everybody to...

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That's kind of selected to ask about it, so...

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And then there's the idea that once they do get funded,

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then they've got nowhere to get services, you know, so...

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There's that, too. Well, there's, like, a queue with these folks that are pun-selected. You know they're pun-selected, you may connect with their agency. I remember Becca telling me,

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Two years ago, that you were, like, holding some slots for SBA support.

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waiting for people to get funded, and then it becomes, like, a year and a half. How long do you slot when someone you've worked with?

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Ugh, that was fun!

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But I, I mean, like, oh, yeah. Well, so my, my question is, I think the...

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The frustration and the concern

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Um, and I worry it is very real and very clear.

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Um, what we want as a board, what I would like as a board member, is suggestions from you in the field

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As to what we can do to support

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your work in terms of advocacy,

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Um, basically advocacy. What, what...

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And we do to help. So, if you can come up with

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Things...

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I think we would all be very happy to listen. Storm the Capitol. I was thinking sitting in the office immediately, but...

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I, you know, I need to be a little bit more informed than that.

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We need some stories. It sounds like they're beginning to have stories that also could be used

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to, uh, send the message about reasons for concerns.

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I also have a very good comment, yeah. Connecting with Engage Illinois to see if they're...

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Also, having families

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sharing this information with them. They have an in with the governor's office already, so, um...

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It might not have a good thing for us to reach out and see if they're seeing this involved. And I do think that what we're seeing is not unique to Champaign County in that

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This is statewide, the waitlist, the...

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the time to get through clinical eligibility is taking longer. I mean, it's... there's a little bit more coming down.

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tightening up of restrict... you know, so...

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Um, a statewide effort is not about to get anywhere.

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So, and I know that Paul Faraci and Carol Ammons are both in the corner,

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you know, better services for people with disabilities, for sure, so...

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I would say stay connected with them, and give them some of those stories, and go talk to them.

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I do think that, you know, this is sort of more of a, like, sort of logistical or perhaps contractual, um, sort of

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point of advocacy, at least to support the people in this community, and that the people who are being denied clinical eligibility, and maybe have been through that appeal process,

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Um, at this point, there's not...

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a huge volume of them, but they... and they, at least in my experience, they're not people who typically eat a ton of support, but they need some support. Um, particularly as their natural supports age.

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Um, to maybe consider if there are ways that would be us, us, or you all as a funding source might be able

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to continue to support their services going forward. I think, um, you know, like, I know of

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to a special initiative, or whatever. It's almost as if we traveled in time.

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We did this before, didn't we?

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We'll get back to...

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Okay, can I... can I make a comment?

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You do come up to the ... Yes.

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So, I think what Annie said about it's not unique to

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the state, you know, it's kind of happening across the state. I think what makes it unique is

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the DDB board, that all of these people are already getting services in other parts of the state, they're not. They're waiting for services, so the risk now is them losing services.

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Because of...

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It appears to be a definition that has not changed

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very candidly. I mean, it feels like they're discriminating against their own criteria.

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Which is making it harder for us to prove their eligibility, but we make decisions based on the state definition.

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And so the agencies are suffering. Yeah, and I think... so, a couple months ago, I think it was two meetings ago, the young woman that came and spoke,

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Um, she is an example of one that would lose service.

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you know, they are not talking to people, they are not face-to-face with people, they're reading paper

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to make a determination, and if they would meet with some of the folks, they would understand that they're

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capable to, you know, in a lot of ways, but have these deficits and needs in other ways that they are not seeing. And so, how do we push that? How do we make that obvious, I think, is part of the charge.

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Um, but I think the biggest concern is, um,

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not having people fall through the gaps, or having interruptions in service while they figure out

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services, so that's kind of what's scary. And that is what makes it unique in Champaign County, which is a blessing, but is now causing this

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fear. So, no point is anybody who might like the funds or the DHS, like, actually talking face-to-face with the person before they

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Like, he writes them on.

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It's like, for people with disabilities, they, like,

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the people with the disabilities, they have their own doctors who then assess, right? So...

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that's where I was, you know... but there's... is there anybody on that?

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Because, like, it's kind of obvious, like, I think... They should be mandated...

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mandated at a minimum to meet with them for the discovery meeting, correct? Correct. After they had been chosen and received the funding. That's before denial? I mean, if they're... sorry.

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They're tripping in the packet, but we are seeing the people at least denied before they actually go through that formal.

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past process. So, that's a whole other issue.

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So, I would say your therapist.

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person at every app.

00:46:33.137 --> 00:46:44.137
Or just clarify that the issue we're talking about now are people who are currently on funds. I'm just waiting at the surface. Yes, I mean, these are all individuals who are on puns and have been receiving services through

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county funding. Okay, so we're not centralized services for people who are... The bridge funding.

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getting denied because they don't have the fighting you need support. Those can become the same people. Like, so all of those people right now are being served with your funding.

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And then when they're pulled, they're being asked to present all of this information, which they often don't have, which here is, but aren't there people... maybe I'm misinterpreting. Aren't there people who are likely eligible to be put on lists, but are denied?

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Like, not even... Right. I feel like it's become an... or it's unclear to me sometimes if it's just an annual update to their funds that they're scrutinizing more to keep them on that funds list.

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That then they might have the risk of falling off because they seem to be trying to make them already

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as clinically eligible as possible for when they get to the pre-selection.

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time, too, so it feels like the funds list is also scrutinizing. But we don't know about brand new people. Yeah, we don't know about brand new people enrolled in funds, we don

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But annual updates, or upon selection.

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letters, that's what I think we're seeing, yeah.

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I know that your emails reflected quite an effort to get some information from people just on how many people were selected. Yeah, and that was for a different... that was just for...

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the priorities, um, but they were also invited to be here today and affirmed that they would, but...

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And then I... and I'm not sure. They were gonna...

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Pretty stations. No, they were coming in person, I believe. Oh, really? Okay. But...

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I assume? Yes. Sorry, Susan, I'm not okay, I don't know. I thought it was this.

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So we're getting to a part of the discussion where, like, I've done this for a long time, and I used to have Kim's job, and I'm...

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kind of... my head is full of...

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some of the directions that this could go, which is not information you need today for this discussion. So when we talk about an alternative

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eligibility system, um,

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just... just to keep it simple, we do not have...

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the staff capacity to be adjudicators of this..., which means that someone else ends up

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having to do that. So there's this little burden

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like, inside of the probably most obvious answer, and we can talk about it a little bit later in the meeting.

00:49:13.387 --> 00:49:23.387

How was that? Okay, now it's actually put together, like, an ad hoc committee of the board members. Yeah, I think we've... maybe so, but we... let's get through the rest of this meeting, because some of this is already...

00:49:24.061 --> 00:49:30.061

handle it. You know, upcoming documents. Okay, very good. Well, thank you so much for all of that.

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Were there any other action steps that you guys thought you were doing?

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Awesome, not yet. I'm just not

00:49:45.601 --> 00:49:52.601

summed up kind of what we were hoping for pretty, you know. That really does provide a nice segue, too.

00:49:53.069 --> 00:50:00.069

Thank you! Okay, well, that was quite a conversation, and well worth the time spent that you got about it. Thank you.

00:50:01.356 --> 00:50:04.356

Uh, where are we? We are... Oh, my goodness.

00:50:05.099 --> 00:50:08.099

Old business. Old business. Do you need to... do y'all need to...

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impressed from this... You ready? How do we do that? I don't know.

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People who are in other counties, too, like, especially down south, and there is no resource.

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There's nothing. I mean, and I really...

00:50:24.112 --> 00:50:26.112

It is frustrating. It is very, um...

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You know,

00:50:30.239 --> 00:50:36.239

Screen share? Yeah. Okay. Your title was stressed about that a lot of times. But I'm great.

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You ready? Yeah. Okay, thank you. Don't you say? Okay.

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All right, moving on to old business, then. Interesting from stakeholders.

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I shared the wrong thing.

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So these were the...

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Oh, no, stakeholders. This is in a package. I'm gonna... I have the wrong thing queued up.

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So we have a book page.

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Thank you. Oh, 30s.

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So, while there's not a whole lot,

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Here, this is very helpful. It fills in some gaps in...

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help describe one thing in a 3-year plan, and it filled in some gaps in the priorities memo, as Kim just mentioned, so...

00:51:19.783 --> 00:51:23.783

Thank you to the people contributing to this implementation.

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Yeah, so Prairieland.

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They don't answer your question... one of your questions.

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Do you have any...

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Observations about this input, or...

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No, I already... I think we already talked.

00:51:41.410 --> 00:51:43.410

We're good about it, so what's going?

00:51:43.817 --> 00:51:45.817

So this is the first...

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I know. They're related to that input, is the...

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Approval of 3-year plan, so you saw it a couple months ago, Kim Bowderry shared it with

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through both stakeholders, I don't know.

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You know who shelving. Yeah. Lots of people like a lot of people. And with corrections based upon the information from Annie that PUNS no longer stands for anything. Correct.

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I'm getting it right. So that was super helpful.

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So this... the draft plan that we saw

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You've seen it. Two months ago, it has started. Only that... that's the only change we think, right?

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Is there something at the end?

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No, that's the only... Okay, so everything in there is the same, except for the change that you need to provide. Yes, the other change was in the...

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You know, that's a change on page 43. Yeah, yeah.

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Which is really minimal. Okay.

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Yeah, we had a lot of input before that first draft. Yeah, right. Absolutely. I mean, we were almost there and ready to push it, I think, at a former meeting, but it was too soon.

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Well, then maybe this... Maybe this is our first move. I guess.

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I would be happy to make a motion. Okay, well, why don't you just move that motion on the bottom of the page?

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Motion to approve the draft CCDDDB three-year plan for fiscal years 2026 to 2028,

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with the fiscal year 2026 objectives.

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And a second. I'll second.

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And any discussion?

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Although it's in favor, so yeah, aye. Any opposed?

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Increased trust. Okay, the 3-year plan... oh, no, we just did that. The funding plan is next steps.

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Now, ... there was kind of... there was only a little bit of...

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input through email, but there was a lot of new information, like...

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shape some changes in the year, and also, like, I noticed something that...

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And there's a couple things that weren't um

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really accurate.

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that I had written, so nobody thought of mine.

00:54:09.039 --> 00:54:17.039

But it all in green, right? Yes, but it was on the screen, I think green. We had, so we had a chance to review that. Yeah, so this is...

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The new changes are in green.

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Um, they're not italicized, because when I got into the document, I found, oh, I had italicized some things on purpose, so...

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This is just in green.

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Stricken and new language.

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Um, there was also...

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We had already had, I think,

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input to that subject section through both surveyors,

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that we were able to present to you with that first version of this. So...

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Really, the big changes which were really fun, Kim Bowdry - thank you so much -

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went through a study session recording and found some really great quotes. Yeah. I found that addition.

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That was really... Yeah. And the survey, the survey results also had provided. We can't really tell from the way you've presented which way they gave input, it doesn't matter.

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They're italicized. The ones are italicized. Yeah, so we're really mean to elevate that input.

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And I was very happy you could find so much.

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Yeah, I love some of the quotes.

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Certain - unfortunately, in the printed packets. A gray. A lot of rainy day gray.

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So, I want to call your attention to page 63, where somehow we time-travelled you. I'm listening to this discussion.

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And introduced one...

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possible solutions? Not necessarily.

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the whole solution, but it's one option that we wanted to be clear, and this is under the collaboration with the Mental Health Board.

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Those boards fund...

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the IDD Special Initiatives, and it is really, we're just spending down a fund balance.

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There's only one contract currently in that, and we did not do an allocation

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Priorities memo for that fund.

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So, when that contract stops, which is June 30th,

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We've got to do some other kind of competitive public process, but...

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You could increase the amount of money available to that contract

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If that would help to cover some of the eligibility-related needs, like, this is not changing eligibility standards, which we'll get to.

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This is about meeting the current eligibility standards if a barrier is

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The cost of psychological testing We think that is something reasonable,

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to ask of that contractor, and to give them more flexibility than they currently have by contract. So we put it in this document,

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just to forecast, it's... you already have the right to do that. It would, you know, it's a contract amendment decision

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that might come before the full boards, but we wanted to forecast it in this time.

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I just assumed that we would use those funds if the evaluations we had to.

00:57:16.771 --> 00:57:21.771
We have to amend it in June. I'm more than happy to... We could, yeah, we can figure out...

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in June, or maybe sometime in the spring, how to do that in a fair way, because there might be other

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organizations that want... that would offer to do... so we...

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But I don't know if the need is right now, and if there are psychologists available who could spend some money on that.

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price bringing more neuropsychologists. This is just an idea, but... Yeah. I think it's great to have it in this. I mean, it...

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It keeps it alive, so that we can do it. We're not saying we will do it. You already have the right to do it under your own rules and under the... It reminds us to do this.

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So, like, to recruit.

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Thanks. Um, or pay. Pay, yeah. Bring someone in from Chicago to the country. The agency could probably find...

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Or somebody else can help them find psychologists.

00:58:16.716 --> 00:58:18.716

Um, anyway.

00:58:18.716 --> 00:58:36.707

And where do they just came, not recruiting. No, right, we're just... we would just be letting them use the money that's available through that fund to meet this need, which has been otherwise funded. And I think what paid relief. I think we are already able to pay for that.

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Um, the need is to improve the lives of people with disabilities, so I think

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That would improve the life, but I think we are talking about increasing the maximum amount that is allowable per person. It's at 3,000, I believe, so a psychological might...

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cost more than that? Probably, no.

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So, I think that's what we were discussing. The biggest change, because I think...

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I think the way it is written, that it would already be something

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That could possibly be of...

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approved for funding, because it would improve a person's life. This would... this particular strategy doesn't need any... this...

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This is outside of the priorities, like, agencies could actually apply to do that from July 1.

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through June 30th, through the normal priorities. There are places within the priorities where that would be fit.

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So, but no, through the DD board fund, which this priorities document points to, it's just that one

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place where the boards collaborated wanted to be clear with both boards that you have a short-term strategy, too.

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And certainly not so...

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We have a number of... I know, I know, she chomping at us a bit, go for it.

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We do have it written in our clinical, um... It's not to the... Not to that experience, but we shouldn't have seen...

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It shouldn't be used that robustly. It's actually seen it that much, I mean, it

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to traits when people can't get any eligibility. I mean, we do it very minimally, but I feel like we do...

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So, it could be looked at, too. Excuse me.

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Some's persisting. Yeah, that could be done through the next allocation cycle.

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That's... that's a really focused. So those priorities would be for the next, uh,

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And the initiative fund would be for short-term, like,

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from now until 2 years.

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So this is a... the... the...

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Paragraph is a little bit out of place, but it is in response to the ...

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And then, how do you name the...

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I'll get to that, okay. Yeah, that's a big, big, big issue.

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So then the other issue... yeah. The other ... are... I did receive a...

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great deal of information about civic engagement from you, remember?

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Thank you very much. And I managed to make it through the documents, but it was very hard to summarize, and we really kind of got

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Kim and I got to a point where we're thinking,

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This really... we need to really expand this next year when we have some time to expand on it, because

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There's a whole lot of value in that, but we did link to... we placed it under personal agency, which was already one of the overarching

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considerations for determining a best value. Um, and then so...

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Just to kind of...

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felt like there are some... and then we also put it under promoting inclusion, and...

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Respect and linked to some of the materials that you sent to me, because I think organizations applying for funding might find them really helpful. Unfortunately, one of the

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that one of the AmeriCorps website is federally, um, managed website and is under construction... under renovation. Sometimes...

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might mean it's - the information will not come back.

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I have the copies. Okay, so we could...

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So that's just... this is just...

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Material for applicants to consider, which could really, you know, kind of change the way we later define these.

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best prep... best value categories. I'm talking. It's all good, kind of. But there was enough input, so I was very happy, and I think I'm done, so...

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There's a motion at the end of it. There is. Oh, there's one... oh yeah, the very last one is very, very important, but please see - DDB might exercise its authority to establish... I like that.

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How is your eligibility standards? The...

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So you... you have the authority to

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change to deviate from the state standards.

01:02:51.827 --> 01:02:54.827
That's a new-ish col...? Not really that new.

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But if you do, we've already had some very difficult experiences with managing an alternative process.

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So, whatever we do,

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want to do carefully.

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But you can do, and you can come up with a process that works. Yeah, you're saying we can do it. I just wanted to...

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to give this board an opportunity to say, they have the authority, and we'll probably execute this.

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Okay. Okay. Absolutely.

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So we need a motion to approve the, um...

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guidelines report out. It's just a bug.

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Motion to approve the CCDDDB program year 2027 allocation Priorities

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And decision support criteria, and subscribe for this modal.

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And we need a second? Second.

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Thank you, jumping right in there. Any discussion?

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All those in favor, say aye. Aye.

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Very good, we passed that one. Moving on to...

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CCDDDB requirements and guidelines for allocation of funds.

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So, you and I think this is the nerdiest thing in the whole packet, and it was kind of.

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There was initiated by, um,

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Chris Wilson, our financial manager, after he got some feedback from the CPA firms,

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who do the audits for agencies. The feedback was you've got me to update your rules,

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So, this helps us update some things in the rules. It, um, also...

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move somewhere, you saw this. We saw this before. I took the opportunity from this document, because again, I traveled to the future

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I took the opportunity in here to state that

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the board can amend its eligibility criteria, and

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away from... but in addition to what the state uses.

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There's no detail about it, but because this is your funding requirements document, it's kind of foundational

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to contracts.

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It is no... it's your procurement policy.

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So, this is another place where it's appropriate to say you have the authority... you used to say you have the authority to amend

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And now it says you might just do it, and if you do,

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Um, the public... Yeah, I think this would be potentially another ... of this, but we would need

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Kim and I would need to develop something for you to decide about.

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So just, again, like, setting the stage for what appears to be one.

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I think we've already discussed it, really, in the last meeting, so unless there was some change it that you made that for a surprise, I didn't notice at all.

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then I would move to, uh, approve the proposed revisions.

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to the CCDDDB requirements and guidelines for allocation of funds.

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It was on page 71.

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Because we didn't spend a lot of time on it. Yeah.

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That's not...

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Any further discussions? Just a couple questions. Perfect. So, um...

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For the on-page that we see the inventing eligibility. Anything in statute?

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The statute was revised a few years ago to give DD boards the option

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To add to the eligibility standards.

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So, I don't know if that... if what was meant was we're gonna...

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You know, more strict than the state.

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It doesn't say that. They said that was their idea. I mean, but it doesn't say that. It does not. So... so this is within Statute already. I do want to just say it one more time, this would be, like, 3 or 4 times so far.

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The practical considerations are a little bit. Yeah.

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Because there's a will there's a way, right? Right.

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Okay, and then my second question is, um, 82. So...

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that last sentence, um, in the highlighted area, adjusting to change is often to the benefit of all parties.

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If it will preserve value, service capacity and limit disruption to those served. So,

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This was actually a suggestion from a mental health board member, which has

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They have a very similar

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policy around all these processes.

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Um, just... that's just kind of because we understand that

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Every agency, just like every one of us at the table, is going to have

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higher utilities bill pretty soon than was budgeted for. So just to say, like,

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We have a process in place

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For changing from the original budget plan. We want to, um, make that process as soon as possible,

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And, you know, not drag things out, but this is a way for us to acknowledge that the board,

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Also, it's usually board president, unless they think the full board needs to check in, that the board also approves

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And understands why money needs to be moved. Often, agencies are...

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I mean, I hate to say this, because I don't want to... I don't want it to be true.

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But sometimes the difficulties around staying fully staffed

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results in underspent budgets. So there could be money to move in the event that utilities goes up

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or health insurance, I really... this is getting processed. But this one is flexibility. To add something about why we have a process,

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That is correct. And keep it clear.

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Okay, now we saw this.

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Any other discussion?

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Do you have a motion and a second? Is everyone in favor? Please say aye. Aye.

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Any opposed. It's my various moving on. It's looking right for you...

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We still have the resolution, which is fine.

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93,

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And it was repeated throughout.

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Okay, so there are... so...

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And myself, and Lynn...

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Yeah, we were all kind of...

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Um,

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working together, on a resolution,

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Um, addressing some of the, um...

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effects against, um...

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people all across the nation, in the particular community. So, we created a resolution.

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Um, the first one is in typical resolution, uh...

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different, you know, language, and then the second one is

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our attempt to do a plain language, which is really compelling, but not right, not really.

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Um, so that's why... Yes, we did it partway. So, you know, I think someone who's an expert in plain language might go, this is still...

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Yeah. But, um, she that was not aware, this is... There is one, yes. There's one where else, um, yeah, so we just may go to the bullet points, or separate paragraphs, essentially,

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And then, um...

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Yeah, kind of kept the full influence of the resolution.

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So we need to adopt those separately, then?

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But I didn't know if there were feedback, um, so...

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Um, and I didn't provide you any draft motions, I'm sorry. Well, that's okay.

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And I loved it. I mean, I should...

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Gosh, this... I jumped the whereases and just went to resolve to... I did want to just clarify one other thing, because we had some communication, like, we wanted to kind of collaborate and develop this student collaboration, get access to the community, and Lynn reminded me that we did, in the sense of

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folks do, um, share at the study session with their experiences.

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In fact, another way, sorry.

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Well, then I also... I went a little further before we are defining actions to take.

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based on this, maybe they're a pledge from us and other units of government to do certain things.

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Um, we might want to take this resolution on tour with

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Advocates who've been training to talk to units of government, and I did happen to...

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Um, so up to a staff person who does that.

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for one of these colleges.

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who thought this would be a great idea. So we'll get... if you all...

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I agree that this resolution should perhaps be presented to these other units of government,

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We might have...

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Advocates are super interested, and we might have resources to support them. I don't... I can't speak for the agencies.

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But if they don't, then we would figure out a way to do it. Maybe, like, the special initiative fund. Would it be used? Well, it's... there's already a contract. Oh, advocacy groups and at TSC that already exist, also.

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community choices, so they... but if they aren't able to do it, we would figure out some way to do it. Like, just to talk to the other units of government, like, I don't need to.

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No, but a person whose... maybe their life is thank you, might want to, and we could help them, and then develop some actions

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based on this for 2026. My favorite is digital assets.

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Because everybody needs to get their websites ADA compliant.

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ASAP. Pretty soon. And we actually have some ways to help with that, so...

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Anyway, I'm getting a file. Y'all are considering a response.

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Okay, well, I...

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I guess we, um... first, we need a motion to approve.

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Both of them, or if you want to do them separately effort at plain language, it's the same.

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It's the same thing, yes. It's the same thing. Now, therefore, resolves to...

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Okay, in a second for that.

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Did you motion? I would like to make a motion to approve the draft resolution set

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present it in resolution language and in plain language.

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That outlines, uh, future steps

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to resolve

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concerns around, um,

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current treatment of persons.

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with autism.

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Treatment of persons with a developmental disabilities,

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And autistic people.

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sheets.

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Well, then we'll make the person who seconds that voice that entire thing.

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Building wheel.

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I'll say. That's a fish.

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All right, uh, any more discussion?

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

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motions for them.

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And now we have a model for many of them. That's number one. That's right.

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Okay, we'll be signing that one, and they'll maybe be your final app.

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It may be, maybe.

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Um, Engage Illinois, that would be a community I have...

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Missed the last couple of meetings. I did interview Sheriff Histottomi on my radio program on Monday.

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They had their first big

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Like, statewide online webinar thing last night. I didn't attend that either, so I don't know how it went, but...

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Again, just encourage people to be involved, let their families know that are working with you.

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to sign on to support this effort, and uh... that is all I have to say about that.

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Oh, we skipped something. People with dis- with IDD.

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That's the next thing.

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Yeah, I looked in the... in the Zoom group -

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possible we don't have any today. Yeah, maybe not.

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Thank you. Okay, let's go on to evaluation capacity building project updates.

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I'll just public, okay.

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Happy Hump day, everybody!

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All I will say, yay, it's half over, almost.

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Um, so we have some updates. I'm gonna keep it kind of short in the chat. I'm actually going to put in a link that I think is going to be useful for a lot of people, and I'm going to share.

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a document that, uh, just to show a screenshot.

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So we've decided to, um, launch what we call Office Hours, and, um..

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So, what we did was we had help from Kim and, uh, Lynn,

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to add to each agent... funded agency's website or web page, um, that you log into,

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Um, down here, talking about program evaluation office hours,

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So if there's anything that anybody needs who might not be receiving technical assistance or other components that

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interacting with the evaluation team, that anyone who has questions about a program evaluation.

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can contact us and set up a time for 30 minutes or so, um, to let us know what questions you may have, and then we can meet with them, and then if they need a follow-up, then we can also do that.

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Also, offering this, and we're also going to share it next Tuesday, um, with the, um, administrative

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Council meeting, and it's freely available, and it's on everyone's webpage, and if there are any other suggestions of how to get the word out to that funded agencies know how to contact us for office hours?

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Please let us know.

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It's not a very nice-looking link. It's pretty long, but it's effective, and it's useful, and it gets you to the right place. Um, and if you have any trouble with it, you can email myself, you can email Rachel,

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Um, so it's really trying to make sure that anyone who has

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It's kind of questions or anything that they have about evaluation can get those answered.

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And not necessarily just have to spin their wheels and figure it out.

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So we're excited about that. So please, utilize us and utilize it.

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Um, so we're happy to launch that.

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Uh, a couple of other updates. So, we are, uh, doing our technical assistance with three of the different programs, and that's going really well.

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Um, and we are also working on some microlearning, so we've worked with our working group.

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So I highly recommend, if you have the time to spare, we meet, um, about once a month or once every two weeks.

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With our working group, trying to build a community of practice.

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So that's where agencies are sharing their strengths, things that they know, but also agencies showing where they might need their assistance, and really building that community of shared knowledge. And also, they get... they get the first preview of our micro-learnings, but also give us feedback on it so that we're getting that real-time information before we finalize them.

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And so recently, we showed them one that was inspired by a technical assistance program from last year.

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I had difficulties in managing their own data and putting their own data in electronic forms.

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And so, we are creating a micro-learning on data management and how to use

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some of these free forms that are available, like Google Forms and Microsoft Forms.

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We had no money from any of them, so...

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some disclosures, uh, to report. Um, you can only send the notes there. But some agencies are trying to do this on the shoestring budget, you know, and buying something like Qualtrics or REDCap or something else.

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Um, is not something that they can do. So we're going to create a micro-learning on data management and how to utilize these, as well as a

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a one-pager, so if people like to read about it, but also seeing it in action. And then we're going to have a follow-up on how to analyze those data from this one.

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And then we're going to have an in-person training on data visualization from the analysis.

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and hands-on, because

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You can look at it on the micro-learning and learn a bit about it, you can do it from the one-pager, but then actually bringing your laptops and having your team come in and actually going through and doing it in an in-person training.

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And then the follow-up would be to have, um, uh, in-person training and some micro-learnings on page.

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So that's where we're going for the next year and a half, just to let you know, because these things take some time to develop and so forth, but...

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really want to put the word out that if you or anyone in your program or agency wants to be part of the working group, it's a really great opportunity to also

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give your feedback of what the next thing is that we should be working on, and what your needs are. And if any of you want to run unclear to, like,

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the, um, you know, a participant in the co-creation of this, we're always happy for that, so it kind of makes me... makes it even more relevant, right?

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shows your expertise in...

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So those are our major updates.

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If anyone has any questions, thoughts, concerns, you can always reach out to us, you know how to reach us.

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It's JDariotis at illinois.edu, not Doritos.

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If that's what makes you remember?

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So I just want to say, like, this is great, and also I shared to Susan's point last, uh, month, I shared it with some faculty.

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at ISU who are teaching evaluation next semester, so they were, like, floored that this was a freely available resource, and so they're going to include it in the class. So I'll have them email you so you can then share that recordings.

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Please do. Thank you for doing thank you to the board for helping beyond this.

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Absolutely. That just warms our hearts to know that it's really just getting out there for as many people.

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Yeah, please let us know that so we can let people know of the reach of it.

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Great, thank you.

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All right. Well, thank you. You know, Vanessa, we are in.

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All right, um, we are there.

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Disability Resource Expo update. We're deferring that session.

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We don't have information... we don't have new information. They're working on it, so... I'm sure they are.

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Okay, so, um...

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Utilization and outcome summaries for this...

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For 2025, 97 through 112.

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We also have the funded program service reports, a lot of information in all of this.

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And the program claims data, I think maybe we want to just roll that all into one discussion, because there's so much here.

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Um, that's awesome. Yeah, I... isn't it... It sounds really good. It's so great. Thank you, like, this is really exciting.

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And we've been since, too. Yeah, yes. It is really, really interesting.

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This is great reading.

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Toward the end of the meeting to overcome some of the stuff that we had been doing, that you guys are doing such a great job, um, providing services to people, and...

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And have a lot of satisfied customers, obviously. So, including us.

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I mean, it feels like there's just so much great things happening, and that communicating that to

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Is there... I know a few months ago, I talked to somebody, like, after a meeting about, um,

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is there a way for us to communicate?

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these outcomes to the public, you know,

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clearly or regularly. So, the person I spoke with,

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mentioned, like, you know, in the...

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quarterly, or if it's, like, in the tax bill, like a little... little flyer saying, like, these are... we don't have any control over that.

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I mean, I can ask. We post everything publicly in a couple... on a couple of different sites,

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Um, I guess I mean more just, like, highlights, like... Well, that's a prob- that takes a lot of time to dig through 300 pages and find the highlights.

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And create that summary. This is something I have struggled with every year for...

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Since 2009, um, the evaluation team at, you know, asked them to help with it. It's very difficult for them to do that, too.

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So, I... I don't know that distilling the highlights is as simple as it sounds.

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Right. You know, getting the information out

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There's a whole different set of challenges, but I like the idea of, like, asking other units of government to help us communicate.

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Yeah, since it is public information, it has everything to do with taxes. Right. Well, and the problem with doing a lot of that public information is that most of the public

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doesn't understand the language. Right. ...of disability and the things that we work on here. They don't... they don't understand what...

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you know, all this stuff means to their... to their lives and to the people that they know. And so, again, we're looking at more plain language

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kind of documentation.

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And that's a challenge as well. That takes another step beyond what we're suggesting, and just summarize, yes,

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But then you have to make it understandable, so it's tough.

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You need that. You give me an idea. But this is clearly, like...

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Better communication means. I don't mean by better, just a different area, sorry.

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Well, I... I think that in terms of the general public, the thing that's most effective is stories. And I think we're learning more and more, and people have been including stories

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of the individuals in their data, which is helpful for this board, but in terms of communicating with the general public,

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individual stories, and how you get those out, what the media are,

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You know, social media or TV programs, or local whatever.

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Um, it's stories that really... yeah.

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Right. Like, this... right? In such a different way.

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But, right, like, it is... In this day of brainwater, you know, like... You said TikTok!

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Truly, how some people get their news. Yeah, that'd probably be probably the most effective way, um, because then people can kind of see

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Um, because that's what people are, like, consuming media, so it's really interesting, you know, like, how...

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how that's really shifted. You go from radio to, like, now...

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podcasts, where it's just two people yapping, you know? It's like, why isn't he... aren't people listening? Yeah.

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Some of it's good. But I thought this is right, like, the...

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ways to communicate has changed so much, and we're still collecting massive amounts of written...

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I already hate them all, which, like...

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I mean, the reading is also a... like, like we were talking earlier, if I'm away from my email for 2 hours, I come back and there will be at least 50 minutes.

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And some of them I actually have to read, so... so for us to carve out the time to communicate more clearly,

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the essence and the good parts of these, like,

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This is a really important project.

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But we don't really have...

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a roadmap to that. And I don't want to create a new project. Well, there's your social media policy, for one thing, that's very difficult to get around. There's a law about record retention that makes the social media policy really

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Okay, and TikTok is illegal in the U.S., so most... I mean, just like a...

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Like, if they overturn that, then the government... I think that until it's sold. The governmental units will be able to... Or YouTube shorts, or whatever. Right. And certainly YouTube is safer, but just... I'll be looking for you on. I get it, yeah.

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Sometimes I do scroll on YouTube. Every minute that I'm awake and now, Leslie, so I... Oh, my... I love it.

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You know, like, that could be something with, uh...

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the college. We have college, we have people who are wanting to build resumes, and so, like, somebody who is studying communications and stuff like that, this can be a great project to help

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And we can start to... I love that. I wanted to share that when we do anything with the university, we end up being the instructors and having to dedicate at least

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2 or 3 hours a week to student projects, and I like it, and I believe in it. We do it when we can, so we could ask for something like that and see what happens. Like, if you wouldn't understand.

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If they wanted to take it on, that would be great, but usually what we get is...

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we get students that we have to teach 2 or 3 hours a week.

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Usually in person, which is very difficult to fit in.

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So, I think it's important, and I think this university has many students who would be interested in something like that.

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So we could certainly take it on and see where it goes. AFO shaft was the third.

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I mean, our groove, it was us. Like, it's really important.

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This is a very important conversation.

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Um, but just for context, I want to share. After this meeting,

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For us to present the Zoom recording on... on the website, accounting goes in.

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There are a few things that are going to happen. I'll spend a few hours editing the closed captions, because AI is not

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quite perfect, so that I have to find time to do that.

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Then somebody else will spend about a half an hour merging the closed captions to the Zoom recording.

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And then they'll post it online, and then...

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Kim Bowdry, when she comes back, has to move all of that from the county's website, where it's been hosted,

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And our Zoom recordings are taking up more than half.

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That's the case website source. So, they've asked us to move it to our own YouTube site.

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So this is just... just to post a board use. I'm just sharing with you, like... Oh, that's a great way of getting around that. Yeah, you just post it to YouTube, then it's on them. But we insert commercials and stuff. I mean, editing's like an update to, like, not monetize, like, so, like, there's some channels that don't...

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But in the ads, and then, like, but editing captions on your... it was actually very laborious, so we have to...

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keep those sort of three-step process, but I'm just sharing this with, like,

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you think is simple to say, post this on the website, and then we're done.

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I'm just saying, like, a simple thing like that, with dense information that most people are not going to look at or like.

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When they do look at it, because it's too dense.

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is super time consuming already. Yeah. So, I'm just...

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like, there's some... I think the idea of, like, asking for help from your bias...

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very promising. Yeah. So... But problematic. I mean...

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Yeah, their intern program is great. You get smart students, but they need constant... you have to, like, be with them.

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The entire journey. I had one that I volunteered to support the radio station, and it was...

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3 hours of instruction, and maybe they did a little project that helped down the road, but...

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they don't spend a lot of time there either.

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So... Well, and also, I want to respect their experience and what they're here to do.

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you know, two months of productivity is great. That's a lot.

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That's a lot for them to give, so we want to...

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measure our expectations against two months of really working on it, and then they have to do other stuff. I was thinking pre-meds.

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Everyone's desperate for all these volunteer, you know, and so this is, like, a perfect... that's what I think about, is, like, that's, like, a perfect...

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you know, nice thing that you could put in. I helped to be an advocate, you know, it's like, because it is very competitive. Definitely agree. Exploitable for people.

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Don't catch on that.

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Exactly, and I would see it probably being, like, collaboration between the various specialties, like maybe somebody in communication, somebody through med, and then they can even, like, partner with people in the med school, too, right? Like...

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Um, and that's also good for them. That would help to build... of all the things that people try to go and try to accumulate with their resume, I mean, this is something that's meaningful.

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That could be kind of fun. Are you volunteering to be the preceptor? The medical side for the medical school side, yeah, I guess so.

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I mean, I... A project for our pledge for 2026. It's a good idea.

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Yeah, I really like to figure out how I'm gonna.

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Yeah, exactly.

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I think, yeah, you know what, I'm gonna ask around. Thanks. Yeah.

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Yay! I didn't mean to derail our person, but mostly, like, thank you, Kim, for putting this together, and thank you. It's just exciting to see those folks...

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Yeah, so many successes. Yes. Yes. And I also appreciate Kim taking the time to go through all of that.

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And distill the results.

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Because just then, so... Yeah. It's not hard, just very time. Yeah, yes.

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Okay.

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Alright, thank you. I think you're in the mute. I think we are at successes and other agency information.

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Okay, a really quick thing, because it kind of relates to what we were talking about before.

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Um, so we do these, like, quarterly co-op meetings where we talk about resources in the community, and it's open to anybody. Um, and we had one last

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Meeting from two weeks ago, um, and we invited healthcare consumers to come and talk about their support for people applying for disability. And so we had really great attendance, and one of the things I've been really excited about this year

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Both with this meeting and the one that we did back in September with PACE about their PSW programs. Like, we've been getting a lot of people who we've not seen before. Um, people who are not necessarily even members, but are coming because this is a service that they need, and they seem to be sort of taking advantage of it. So, we had a really... it was supposed to be an hour, we were there for two hours, people had really, really great conversations, and

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Um, I'm just so excited that that...

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that their program exists. I think maybe you guys fund it, I guess, no. Mental Health.

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Um, but anyway, I just wanted to sort of share that. That felt like...

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I really... I don't know, I don't know if you guys are experiencing this too, but I think we've been having a lot more younger people come to us who aren't on any type of Social Security yet.

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Um, so it seems like a... like, sort of a hurdle that families are with, along with all of these other ones, like...

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kind of struggling to jump over, but it's nice that we have that resource in the community. And it's important.

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for you to connect them to those other agencies that can do that, instead of having to feel like you have to do it all yourself.

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I would like to just tag off of what Becca said, um,

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not necessarily a success, but just...

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Well, we don't want to hear about that.

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I'm sure everyone's starting to see, um,

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I've had some... we've had some, um, individuals we work with reach out

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that, um, are going through appeals process with Social Security,

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To get on SSI, and they're starting to get their letters that they required to work.

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Um, and for the individuals that we've spoke... I mean, it would be very difficult for them to meet those work requirements.

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So, just another shoe that's...

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We decided to make that ready to be, and...

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Um, trying to figure out, like,

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um, applications.

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Situation.

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This is... this is agency updates, right? I just want to make sure I'm on the right...

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Um, it's mentioned in the board packet, and I... I was intentionally a little vague, because I didn't know what these were looking like, but...

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The Arc of Illinois has started doing listening sessions statewide as part of a collaborative

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partnership, um, of a system redesign coalition.

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Right. Um, so we are part of one of a couple. There's IRF and a couple other entities involved.

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So, as part of what the ARC is doing, is we're hosting listening sessions, and we've got them all over the state, and I was asked to host one here in Champaign-Urana,

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So, I have reserved a room at the Champaign Public Library on Thursday, February 5th.

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I think I accidentally heard the fourth. Um, it's the fifth.

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In the evening from...

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you know, probably 5.30 to 7.30, or something like that.

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Um, and I've recently attended one, so I have a much better idea of what these look like, which include

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Um, just some open dialogue about what's working in the system, what's not working in the system,

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And then, um, you know, invited people, our families, self-advocates, professionals, provider agency staff,

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ISC staff,

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anybody that has a stake in the system.

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And so, uh, a while to kind of have an open discussion on what's going well and what isn't.

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And then surveys are being distributed to everyone to complete, and when that survey data is collected,

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The University of Illinois Chicago is going to formulate a report and make recommendations to DHS. So I have a much better idea of what this event looks like. I emailed Kim and was like, hey, want to get together on this? Like, a couple weeks ago, I really didn't know what it looked like, but this is what it looks like now.

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So, far and wide, anyone is invited. It'll be open to the public.

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Um, and it, you know, is a way to kind of have your voice be heard. So, once I get a flyer,

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I would love it if that could be broadly advertised and have some partnership on that, so...

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That's it. Great.

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It's... hello! Um...

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It's been a while since you've heard from me, but again, I'm AJ Zwettler, and I am the Director of Employment Services at DSC, just

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I want to share a couple of things, uh, a quick story about an employment journey recently.

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Uh, so we recently began supporting a young man that had just graduated from high school.

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Um, and he did face some barriers in finding work.

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Had some pretty severe social anxiety, pretty similar to what I'm feeling right now.

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But at first, he met with his employment specialist twice a week.

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And they focused on building confidence, reducing that anxiety when approaching employers.

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Together, they discussed all of the interests this young man had,

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and the strengths to identify and hone in on to...

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get the right job batch. So, through this process, we learned that this young man collected sneakers, loved sports, and enjoyed engaging in conversations

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with people that he felt comfortable with.

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Me too. Uh, to practice some confidence building, he and his job developer visited Marketplace Mall to speak with potential employers.

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They stopped at a sneaker store where he started a conversation about the latest Air Jordans with the manager,

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It's this natural connection led to a job offer in the stockroom, unloading and sorting sneakers as they arrived.

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The position was a perfect fit, combining his interests with the combinations he needed, like working in a setting with minimal customer interactions.

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He's been really enjoying this job, and recently started working and picking up extra hours

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As the store prepares for the busy holiday season,

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Uh, on the community-first side, uh, we have a group who calls themselves the Positivity Committee.

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Uh, they've been busy curating themed book displays at the Tolono Public Library.

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So if you're into Lona, or just want to take a trip, please go visit

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Um, and see where they're, um, showcasing.

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Uh, they've also been volunteering weekly to read to students at Unity West Elementary School.

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Um, and I'd also like to personally invite everybody in person here, and...

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Uh, via Zoom, to the annual holiday open house at The Crow.

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Which will be Sunday, December 7th, from 11 to 5pm.

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We'd love to see you there. Everybody's been working very hard on, um, projects, and uh...

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We will be there and...

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Yeah, stop by. Awesome. Thank you.

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If you have a flyer, I can distribute that.

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Yes. You bet, JAJ.

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Anybody else?

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Anybody online?

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So Paula has her hand up.

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Paula from

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PACE

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I just

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Want to

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say and

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I don't know if...

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it before

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That we've been...

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Have to say.

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Okay. Any questions for Paula?

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Thanks, Paula.

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And... Vicki, you are going to be missed.

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Thank you so much. I'll miss you, too.

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Yeah, we go back...

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A long

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Way.

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Okay, thanks, Paula.

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You're welcome.

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Okay, um...

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December 17th - is that still on the list?

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Oh, yeah, almost the board county board, but we're not quite there yet.
I'm sorry, it's all right. Jenny was in the chat that she took me...

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She had to leave? yes.

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All right, so, uh, on to the Champaign County Mental Health Board input.

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They meet tonight. Thank you. That's it, you took it.

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And board announcements that we put. Any announcements for the board?

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Yes. Well, I just want to publicly thank you, Vicki, for all of the work that you've done with this board, and

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I think I speak for everyone wishing you and your family well in Colorado. We'll miss you terribly.

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Thank you very much. It's been a pleasure. It has been a pleasure. Can we do this?

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Okay, I've given my speech already. I'm... I'm... I don't have anything to say other than...

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you might see me lurking on the next board meeting.

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But do you want that to be December 17th? I don't think we need to do December 17th, do you?

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I... we've accomplished more than any I thought. Yeah, also, I couldn't make it.

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And since I'm quitting, me and that...

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All right. Thank you.

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Um, so any other announcements from the board? Other than that, I think we adjourned. Thank you so much for clarification.

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You guys got a lot done.