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It takes a long time for us to get the notifications.

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I just heard through the grapevine about Kyle.

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So if, like, was it a... committed the whole last week.

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Okay, so I think like it's formal tomorrow night, so I don't really know what to do.

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This is a great meeting for you not to want to vote

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If I'm telegraphing anything, but I think it's really good that you're here. This is going to be a There's a lot of good information tonight and some really important actions.

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Well, the meeting is recording and I can keep letting people in, and Molly, I think you have a quorum if you want to start this is the January 22nd, Mental Health Board meeting. I've been asked by IT to say that

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So they can find the recording.

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Oh, you're right... Robert's rules experts in the room, county boards on the wall... a little nervous.

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Okay. Are we missing it?

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Yes. Chris has let us know he can't come.

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I imagine Joe will be here.

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Did you notice the range of like really not healthy and then pretending to be healthy, but maybe also not,

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Candy with a fancy name.

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All right, I will now call this meeting of the Champaign County Mental Health Board

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To order Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025, 5.45 p.m. In the Shields Carter.

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Of the Brookens Administrative Building, Urbana, Illinois. May I have a roll call, please?

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Chris Miner, Tony Nichols. Joe Omo Osagie.

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Here.

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Elaine Palencia. Kyle Patterson.

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Here. Here.

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Jane Sprandel. Jon Paul Youakim.

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Here. Here.

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Here. All right. Next we have... approval of the agenda. Would anyone like to make a motion?

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Molly McLay.

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I'll make a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Thank you. Second. All right. We have a motion on the table and a second to approve the agenda as presented. Any discussion?

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

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Aye. All those opposed, same sign. The ayes have it. The agenda is approved.

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Next, we have the CCMHB and DDB schedules and an updated MHB timeline.

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On pages three through seven of your packet. So we do have action requested this time to approve the 2025 meeting schedule.

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As presented on page three and the other documents are for information only.

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Lynn, is there anything you want to add about the schedule at this time?

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We tried to oh. That sounds weird. We tried to indicate whether they're off cycle and the cycle is listed up at the top. It's the Wednesday. After the third Monday of each month.

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But we were trying to stay off of holidays and also to pay a little bit more attention to the review of applications process, which takes a lot of time during the spring.

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There's a meeting in there that you might not need, which is a joint meeting with the DD board.

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So it's still listed and you just cancel it when we get closer to it if you and the other board chair decide that's right.

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All right. Thank you. Any discussion?

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All right, seeing none, I'd like to move to approve the 2025 CCMHB meeting schedule as presented.

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And I get a second. I'll second. Thank you very much. Any further discussion?

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Seeing none, there is a motion on the table to approve the MHB 2025 meeting schedule as presented. All those in favor say aye.

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All those opposed, same sign. The eyes have it, the meeting schedule is approved.

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Next, we have the CCMHB acronyms and glossary on pages 8 through 19.

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No action needed, but any questions, discussion? Or commentary from staff.

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Seeing none, we will then move on to public participation and or agency input.

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So as always, all are welcome to attend the board's meeting to observe and offer thoughts during this time.

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I may limit public participation to five minutes per person and or 20 minutes total.

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So if there's anybody in person who would like to speak to us, you can approach the I guess makeshift podium desk with microphone up there And if anybody online would like to speak, please raise your hand and we're put something in the chat so that Lynn can see.

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Is there anybody who would like to share?

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We have a cool new form that Leon created if people would like to sign in formally here, but also we ask that you sign into the attendance sheet at least. And you guys did. Okay, thanks.

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Yeah, I wanted to add, and this can be for later in the meeting, we will have time for public participation and agency input as well.

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Lynn and I attended a meeting in Springfield of the Massey Commission. And one thing they did is have a sign up for public participation. I know that other meetings do as well but We wanted to give options in case people feel more comfortable kind of

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Discreetly signing up and want to be called upon to participate. But of course, you can still approach and put in the chat if you'd like to say something as well.

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So we will now move on to chairperson's comments. So I'm Molly McLay, the chair of the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

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And due to the frigid weather, I will defer my comments.

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Challenge accepted. I was going to say stuff. Because it's January and this meeting has to me like a little bit, it's a little different from the other meetings.

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That just means more time for Lynn to share and also for us to welcome our new members to the pool. Let's do that.

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So because our next item is welcome Welcome new members and or new old members. So we do have Three members who are returning to the board on new terms and or reappointed terms and that is Tony Nichols, Joe Omo Osagie, and Kyle Patterson, who is coming back to us after his time as county board liaison so

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Do we usually give time to comment? Okay. And then should we... So we also have a new member from our, a new county board liaison, Emily Rodriguez.

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We don't... we are determining when it is official, but she is here tonight with us. So if any new members would like to share Any comments for why you decided to join us?

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And if any old current members would like to wish welcome, you can do so at this time.

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Well, it's definitely good to see Kyle back. You know, he was our fearless leader through the pandemic.

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So I'm glad to see you coming back to you coming back you know, join us and help lead the ship again.

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I will just note that in caucus we did joke about voting you down, Kyle.

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So.

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Burn. Well, I am very glad to see everyone. I know that Tony and Joe, you had already been serving, and we're glad that you're reappointed. Kyle, we are glad that you're back.

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Emily, we are glad that you're joining us. So, you know, I guess we just almost doubled our members tonight, which is interesting.

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So welcome all. Any other comments from any new or you know, ongoing members.

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I think for me, just hearing so many stories in our community, you know, every day people are struggling.

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And just wanting to be somewhat of an influence or try to be an influence.

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To others organizations and helping them out, supporting them. In any way that I can. So hopefully the next year to four years that we can provide more support to people in our community.

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Absolutely. Thank you for those comments. So we will go ahead and move on to our executive director, Lynn Canfield's comments.

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So I really, I didn't want to defer, but I'll try to be brief.

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Because it's the January meeting feels a little bit different for me, especially if we took December off. So it's been a long time. I don't know how to do this anymore.

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Suddenly, after two months. But also we have like the new tradition of want to make sure that that annual schedule is approved. We weren't doing that until I learned a few years ago we should be doing that.

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So now it's like... There's just a few, there's like... some things that are some things that are easy to accomplish and important to accomplish in January, and that feels really good. The next one is we usually present the bylaws. This year

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I have, oh, actually in 2024, I somehow became really interested in bylaws.

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And found some causes for updates within your bylaws and we'll get to that. I can say more about that when we get there. It's really a cleanup more than anything.

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So instead of just presenting them to you, there's like actually some consideration requested for some changes.

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It's also... one of the few meetings where you get, and I think the next two meetings will also be like this. You get to hear from agencies for like a little more substantially than usual about the impacts of especially new programs

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I've seen this presentation once today. I think you're going to like it when you see it in a few minutes. So those are the exciting bits for me about January. The rest of it, you know, there's a lot of difficult business in front of us. So I think that I'll just stop talking now.

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How about that? Sounds like we are going to have a fun meeting tonight.

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All right. Well, next we will move on to approval of the CCMHB board meeting minutes. So we do have minutes presented on pages 20 through 23.

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Of the November 20th, 2024 CCMHB meeting. Included for approval.

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Any discussion about the minutes?

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Would anyone like to make a motion about them? Go ahead. I'll move to approve the CCMHB November 20th, 2024 minutes.

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And I'll second that. Thank you very much. Any further discussion?

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All right, seeing none, all those in favor of approving the CCMHB board meeting minutes.

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From November 20th, 2024 as presented, say aye. All those opposed, same sign.

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The ayes have it. The meeting minutes are approved. Next, we have the vendor invoice list on pages 24 through 50.

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So we do have action requested to accept the vendor invoice lists and place them on file.

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And we do have some additional details for these expenditures. For any discussion.

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I just want to say thank you to Chris Wilson for this added detail. I really appreciated that.

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I had a question. In the past, did we have Spanish interpreters for the expo? I see that on the vendor invoice list and I'm happy that we actually had that.

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This year. They've often been volunteers.

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This year, there was a volunteer and then there was a volunteer One person? Did you see one interpreter?

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Spanish translator? Two? Okay. So it was nice that we still had a volunteer, but I think that it is important to make sure that we have them. If that means paying people for their work.

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Excellent question. So any other discussion or motions?

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This is one of the because it was one of the The last time you met, you looked at October details. You are... You have twice as much right now as usual.

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Sorry about that, but hopefully it's organized well. Chris does take care to find report options within Munis that are easier to look at and give you what you want to know?

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I'll move to approve the vendor invoice list on pages 24 through 50.

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Thank you. Any second? I'll second the motion.

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All right, any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of accepting the vendor invoice lists and placing them on file say aye.

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All those opposed, same sign. The ayes have it. The vendor invoice lists are approved.

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Next, we have the staff reports on pages 51 through 65.

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So included for information only are reports from Kim Bowdry, Leon Bryson, Stephanie Howard Gallo, and Chris Wilson.

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Does anyone have any discussion or questions about the staff reports?

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I guess I'm just curious, before the pandemic, what was our Audit, submittal.

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Like on time percentage. Like 2019 and before.

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I know Stephanie had that in her report. Yeah, Stephanie's here. I will let her take that, but we have...

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The records were not tracked the same way and these were all like - The board was not asked to grant exceptions prior to that.

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It was all - staff would manage those questions and they were due earlier. They were due in October instead of December, so - So one, the data are harder to find, and two, they're not as comparable.

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No, I mean, I would have to really go back and look, and I'm not comfortable saying what it was before the pandemic.

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But she's here, and maybe she can give some insight.

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But Lynn's correct in that it's just in the last four years we've really started tracking it because it seemed to be a problem.

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More of a problem. Audits were always late by some people or some agencies.

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I can't say it probably not as many as now. But there were always some audits late.

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Like, do you...

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I appreciate it. Thanks, Stephanie. Just like Stephanie's probably not going to... say this because it might sound boastful but The best information I found was in old board packets in her staff reports.

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That's the best I can do like right now.

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That was where I could, you know, it's pretty reliably reported, but you kind of You have to know which month to look at and some of the board packets are harder to find.

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Because I don't know. Some are posted the way I expected them to be, but that's where I found Good details. So we can certainly keep looking for those details and share with you. I mean, it sounds like it's roughly kind of what I thought.

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But there was always some issues, but it's gotten worse during the pandemic and hasn't really like improved very much, if at all.

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I guess to follow up on that, there was a mention that the audits used to be due in October.

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Presumably for... those um that are now due in December.

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What was the reason for changing it to December? Well... There was a sort of... complex set of reasons, the most maybe the most boring one is that we were aligning with the state's changed requirements which is the most simple interpretation of your establishing statute is that it should

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Rely on the State Department of Human Services rules. So if their requirement is their requirement - You got till December 30th or 31st, then that is it's probably good for our requirement to be the same. So that was one, but there were other reasons too. It was very hard for some to make that October deadline, often because they were waiting for information from the state.

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And, you know, so like, and then also there was a there were periods of the year when they could get better rates from CPA firms because they wouldn't be as busy.

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So it seemed to be a like a really easy move to just move the deadline closer to what people were actually able to do.

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But then the pandemic changed the circumstances one more time. And maybe I think the biggest problem was the workforce shortage

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With CPAs, but I don't - You know, the last time we asked CPA firms that wasn't really This no longer the barrier.

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And they're talking about other barriers. You know all that.

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So, I mean, one takeaway I have is that we essentially have granted additional time to complete the audits but also have... had increased lateness and or asking for potentially increased lateness and also increased asking for exceptions, extensions, etc.

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Okay. Any other, I mean, I think, helpful that some of these questions are coming up now because we will have an item later in the agenda that it pertains to this and also thinking about as our thinking about as

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Funding application deadline is coming up. How we will approach applications for whom an audit may not have been received yet is also an important discussion point.

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You know, if folks have comments on it now or if you want to talk more about it.

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At the later point in the agenda that is understandable. But if anybody has further discussion on this or anything else in the staff reports.

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Please share.

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So I did have a couple of questions. One was about in Leon's report, and this might not be information that there's a lot of yet, but there was a mention of early termination of some Rosecrance contracts that may be happening.

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Leon, would you... be willing to share more about that.

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Of course. So Lynn and I met with Rosecrance, I believe, December 19th.

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And they share some exciting news with us about their

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About their receiving additional funds and the no longer need for us to cover or fund those two programs.

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And so the services will continue. But we just received a letter from them, I believe yesterday.

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Indicating that they want to terminate the contracts.

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I think back in December 31st of last year and so last year and so on our end, we have to do our due diligence and look at the numbers

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Of funds that are owed back to us. And then begin working on a contract amendment. So that's where we are.

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Just got the information yesterday and we'll be working behind the scenes to get that resolved.

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All right. And to clarify, this is for the child and family services and the specialty courts contracts that we will be potentially getting money back or not having to disseminate. Getting money back is always a good thing for us.

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Thank you for sharing that. Does this mean Lynn that we're not going to be funding the court ever again like or just this year?

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Because I know that's been a topic of... discussion ongoing.

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Well, I've learned... Not to say what's going to happen in the future And then it's different the next day.

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Right. And it's like wildly different, but this is This is the result of new funding that they have through CCBH, the CCBHC, which is Certified Behavioral Health Clinic

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Project. So there are a whole bunch of things that they're going to have state and federal funds for now

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That you've been covering for this specialty courts for over 20 years. So I think the mental health board will not be paying for that again.

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Thought we shouldn't. Right. I mean, no, because... Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois Healthcare and Family Services has selected Rosecrance to do those services here on the state's behalf.

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So you don't have to pay for it anymore. It doesn't mean that there are not problems. That doesn't mean there are not opportunities to fund other things within the specialty courts, but those core services without which there is no drug court are now covered by that contract.

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So, and then the child and family services are those are also fully covered under the under their other Medicaid funding so That's so nice.

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Any other discussion?

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I did have one additional question. So there was a mention in Kim's and Leon's reports both about a meeting with a statistics professor at the university. And so I was just wondering if Either of you or I see that Lynn was there as well. If any of you would be willing to share more about

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What this potential project may be.

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So we met with her and then I completely forgot to send her the samples of documents that I wanted help with.

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There are documents that Kim and Leon and I are responsible for.

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That present you with data in like the most old-fashioned boring way.

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And one of the things this class can do is develop options for more effective data visualization. I was like, that's us.

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And these are not huge sets of data. They're not that complicated, but just to maybe like for our program summaries where we're reviewing the applications and trying to show you some performance data of the past and even not that long, like a year and a half

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It's really not big sets of data but just if they have ideas for ways that we can organize these this information.

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To communicate more easily, not just with you, but with the public.

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There's also that gigantic performance outcome report which there may be opportunities in there to pull things and summarize in an interesting visual way.

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What else did we send them? I finally did send her some things, but... She had to write the blurb for her students because I forgot.

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And the blurb she wrote was so good. We should ask permission to use it.

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I mean, it's about your work and it's so nice I thank you.

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There was something else, though. I don't know, man. Performance tables. Maybe that's it. Okay. Well... Annual report. Annual report. The other most boring thing. So... Anyway.

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Students don't have a lot of time to work on these things. The last time I met with a STAT student was stats student club was a dozen years ago we gave them... 10 or 11 years of highly comparable data

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And never heard from them again. So I'm... I don't have a high expectation, but I thought, why not try?

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And then maybe we're going to give you easier to look at reports. Wouldn't that be cool?

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So... All right. That sounds very exciting and potentially more successful than giving the data to students and they disappeared.

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So last, uh call for any further discussion on the staff reports.

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All right, seeing none, we will move to new business. So first, we have a mid-year progress report On pages 66 through 96, this is the presentation.

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So representatives from CCRPC will give a progress report on the community life Short-term assistance program.

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Funded through our IDD Special Initiatives Fund, and the items in the packet are the PowerPoint presentation.

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Thank you. We look forward to your presentation. And I don't know If the microphone thing is on the phone. But...

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Are we all hooked up with Zoom and everything? All right.

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Yep, there it is. I was going to say, I was trying to get it pulled up.

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Sorry for the delay. I'm Angela Yost and I'm the program coordinator of the Developmental Disability Services Program here at RPC.

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As I said, I'm going to present on our community life short-term assistance program um so The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance along with supportive services to address the needs and desires of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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By furthering community life, socialization opportunities. With friends and family, opportunities for leisure or travel.

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Educational advancement, entrepreneurial. Opportunities for them to be able to increase their independence.

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And or improve overall well-being related to their physical or mental health.

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This program aligns with the board's priority for short-term supports by providing financial assistance Along with supportive services to address needs and desires.

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Of furthering community life for adults with DD. We provide brief support services.

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To those who need them. To supplement the covered cost by assisting individuals with IDD toward Further understanding confidence building and long-term self-sufficiency in the areas available through the financial assistance So for instance.

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If we're planning, if someone's planning on taking a trip our short-term case manager can work with them to help them plan the trip, plan out finances.

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Learn how to use Uber while they're away if we have someone who's purchasing technology Such as a device like an iPad, she can work with them on learning how to use that iPad, learning how to use email, whatever it may be that they're wanting to use that for.

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So program qualifications. An individual must be a Champaign resident, Champaign County resident, sorry. They must have a diagnosis of intellectual or developmental disability.

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And be enrolled on the pens. I will say that that just recently changed to also include individuals who receive Medicaid waiver funding.

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Through the Department of or the Division of Developmental Disabilities. They must be at least 18 years of age and have exited school services.

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And they must meet a household income guidelines at or below 60% of the annual median income.

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And so we're looking at household income. So initially we started the program only with people who were waiting on pens.

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And we found that our referrals were lower than anticipated. And I think probably part of that is that A lot of the individuals that we're working with are still living at home with family and so that probably... limited people because of the limited because of

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Income guidelines. So definitely adding in people who have Medicaid waiver funding who are living in Sillaz with limited income, you know, now they're getting the \$100 a month from their SSI.

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Or individuals living on their own with home-based support funding will help us to reach a greater number of individuals and have a greater impact.

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So in order to outreach for this program. We sent out CLSTA flyers.

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To everyone that we knew was on the puns list. That's changed, of course, in the last year and a half since we were the ISE agency.

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Unfortunately, we don't have an up-to-date list but I'm keeping, I still have the list that we had back in June.

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And so I update that with information as I have it, as I get families send me new addresses or I get mail back and know that something isn't accurate anymore.

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So I sent that out to everybody that I knew was on puns.

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I provided the flyers to Prairieland Service Coordination, who is the new ISC agency for this area.

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And ask that they give it out to Anyone new to puns, anyone that they felt would qualify.

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And then also provided it to our provider agencies in the area.

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And also offer to do presentations as well on the program.

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So, so far we've been able to fund a few things.

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One of our first things we funded was an individual who was grandfathered into grandfathered into developmental disability funding he's actually doesn't have a developmental disability but has mental health diagnosis.

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We have been working with him for a while. But usually when we come and see him at home.

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It's a little later in the day. On this day, one of our staff showed up a little earlier and realized that he had a makeshift bed on his floor.

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And so we realized that he didn't have a bed and he told us that he'd been sleeping on his floor for about two years.

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And so we were able to fund him for a new bed.

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A seven-piece bedding set. You know, he's reported that now at least he's sleeping comfortably He's not having the aches and pains that he was reporting before.

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You know, we asked him just directly how, if it's impacted his overall mental or physical health and he said he wasn't sure.

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But we're happy to hear that he's at least getting a better night's sleep.

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And comfortable. Client M.

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She's dually diagnosed with intellectual disability and mental health diagnosis. She recently moved back into the community after being in a nursing home for about a year.

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And sharing room, her room at each of the nursing homes she had been in.

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And so she desperately wanted to make her apartment feel like hers.

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And so she really wanted items to feel more at home and more cozy.

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So she asked for various items. When I asked her what kind of impact these items have had on her she She phrased it in the perfect way.

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So she's just really just self-aware. She said that her positive affirmation signs help her with positive thinking every day.

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Her clock radio allows her to listen to country music and this is calming for her when she gets upset.

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She got a water filtration system. She doesn't, I can't remember Why she doesn't drink tap water but she needed a water filtration system and she said that this enables her to drink more water and helps her to be more physically healthy.

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And then she also got an iPad. And she's learning how to become more independent with this with the help of community choices.

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She's learning how to check her email. She had an email address already, but she didn't know how to check it or use it.

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So she's learning how to check her email and how to sign up for her own volunteer shifts now.

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And then we had a couple who had a couple their second anniversary was coming up and they wanted to take a trip together.

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They had never had a honeymoon and the husband always wanted to take his wife on a honeymoon. And so they originally talked about wanting to go to maybe Orlando or Georgia.

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But then decided they wanted to stay a little closer to home since they had never traveled, just the two of them somewhere.

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And so... This is Caleb and Carrie.

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They gave us permission to use their names. And their pictures. This was them waiting on the bus. They took a Greyhound bus to St. Louis.

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They reported feeling nervous and excited while waiting on the bus to come and get them.

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They were... They reported that the bus trip was felt very long, the seats weren't comfortable.

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And then once they got to St. Louis, they stayed at the Drury Inn at the Union Station.

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They were there from October 23rd through the 27th.

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They said that the hotel staff were very friendly and helpful to them.

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The first night there, they just kind of relaxed and took part in the the 530 kickback that they have there.

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And then one of the days during their stay, the hotel staff actually surprised them with a bottle of sparkling grape juice and an anniversary card. And they were just so excited and proud of that that they called several of us at RPC that work with them. And I know they called their DSC staff as well to let them know.

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And... I got to say, like, they were so excited for this trip. Their DSC case manager went out with them and they bought new luggage and so they really were... so excited just to even be able to like go. So anyway.

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So these are just a couple of pictures that Carrie took the first night on the trip and sent to us.

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When she walked over to the Union Station. And then on the next day, that was their anniversary.

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And we had arranged for them to, they told us so we met with them, our short-term case manager met with them and they gave us a list of things that they wanted to do.

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And so we took care of getting the tickets for everything.

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So we got the tickets for the arch. They wanted to do the riverboat cruise. So we got the tickets for that.

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And then they wanted to do the documentary movie So we made sure that all the activities that they wanted to do In a day we're kind of all in the same area so they weren't going back and forth all over the place.

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And then for their anniversary dinner, they wanted to go to a steakhouse. And so we got them a gift card to Morton's Steakhouse.

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They said their favorite part of the trip overall was the riverboat cruise.

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And then... So at Morton Steakhouse, they had a \$150 gift card for their anniversary dinner.

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They called us that night too to talk about the food that they ate. They were so excited.

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Caleb talked about having lobster mac and cheese, and Carrie had mashed potatoes with sour cream.

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That's the only thing she told me she had. I don't really know if she had anything else, but she was very excited about the mashed potatoes.

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But they were excited because the restaurant also gave them a free dessert.

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And so they said this was their favorite restaurant. Let's see.

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And I should say also that, as I mentioned earlier with the Uber, they learned our Tiara, who does our short-term case management worked with them on learning how to use Uber. They've never used Uber before.

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So she worked with them on getting the app on their phone, learning how schedule an Uber and then we got Uber gift cards so that they could do that pretty seamlessly.

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While they were there. And then she worked with them on making an itinerary So that they knew kind of where they were going each day.

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But as the trip went on, they started getting, you could just see their confidence building in themselves because they started just going off the itinerary and being like, but we're going to do this instead. And it.

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It worked great. They did an awesome job there. So I don't want to go too long on this, but They went to the aquarium at the Union Station the next day.

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They had the super six. So they were able to take part in like all the indoor activities there as well as do like mini golf and the carousel and the wheel if they wanted to.

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And then they had a gift card for dinner at Landry's Seafood House that night.

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And then they got another free dessert that night as well from the from the staff there because... They must have told them it was their anniversary again. So they got free cheesecakes. So they were happy about that.

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I think they told me it was key lime. They were so happy about all the food.

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And then on their last day, they went to Build-A-Bear and made a bear together.

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And they just noted that the butterfly wing and the dome was their favorite area of the zoo.

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And then took off to the zoo.

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So just some takeaways from this, from their trip. They said that they felt like it helped them to feel more confident in themselves and in their ability to plan trips and go on trips together.

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They had fun. Felt like it was peaceful and relaxing.

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And they're already like wanting to do it again and planning like to submit an application in the next fiscal year and they already know where they want to go.

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So it's been pretty awesome to see that.

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So at the end of the of the second quarter We had funded a total of just a total of three people under the the husband and wife, we put all the funding under one person so We had... all of that just

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Under one of them. So that's why it was three instead of four.

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And since that time. We have been able to also purchase a washer and dryer for a mother who is dually diagnosed and has, I believe her son's around two years old trying to maintain she owns her own home and trying to maintain a home and

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Work and take care of her little one and was hard for her to always try to find childcare to get to a laundromat and So we've been able to do that.

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And we also have a, I'm going to skip ahead to show purchased a prom dress for the Night to Shine prom coming up on February 7th.

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This isn't the exact dress. I have a picture of it, but It was just while the individual was trying it on and I don't think she would probably want that picture shown.

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Because, you know, the dress isn't altered or anything yet. But it's very similar to this dress. It's very beautiful.

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We're excited to be able to do that for her. She's going to be getting her hair and her nails done.

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And we have the gift cards for her for that. And then I'm working also on a gym membership for someone.

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And then we have one more big trip that we're planning. We have a husband and wife who are wanting to go to Chicago.

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So that's in the works now. They want to go to a White Sox and Cubs game.

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We've got the weekend mapped out and are hoping to get tickets here in the next week or so.

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Get their trip all planned out. So just really quickly, some successes is just that we've been able to get the program going.

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Establish a working relationship with CCAMR so that we can forward requests that maybe aren't so time sensitive onto them to see if they can fund them.

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And, you know, actually begin getting some things funded There have been, you know.

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Some challenges as well. Maybe a lot of the referrals that we were getting not always meeting eligibility guidelines as far as financially or I got a lot of... people calling in for their children.

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Who were under the age of 18. And then just some delays in the funding process as we worked out kinks of the new system, which I think We have really come a long way now and we're really starting to

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Move along on everything and move along and everything we're not having those hangups any longer. So that's great.

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And then just another success is just great collaboration with our provider agencies and they're jumping right in to help people get suitcases or, you know, do the things they need to do to be able to be able to help along with the funding so

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So anyway, obviously we are taking referrals. And I'm happy to consider anyone that might meet eligibility guidelines so It's everything.

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Any questions? Any questions from the board?

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Or comments.

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Thank you for a great presentation. I actually was reading this the other day when my husband was driving and I was like telling him how exciting it was.

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So when this proposal was first given to us for consideration.

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I had some questions. I was the one who was like, \$3,000 per person. That's a lot.

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So what was the estimated cost for like the St. Louis trip.

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So am I still... So I think that one came in just under 3,000.

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I know it didn't exceed because we had started out thinking we were going to have to kind of spread it between both individuals because they were both receiving county funded services and weren't Medicaid waiver and so we thought, okay, they're both applying. We can definitely do this.

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And then as it progressed, we were like, oh, we're not even we're not even cracking the surface of the 3000.

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And we were able to do everything that they're requesting. And so that was really awesome. And just to see their excitement and how to see their confidence really come out the further they got into the trip was I can't even explain how great that was to see.

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No, that's amazing. And I remembered the day we had some... self-advocates here and someone was wanting to um learn another language. Now that would be something that could also be covered by this program.

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It's like a tuition waiver type thing or yes Okay, excellent. Thank you so much. Yep.

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Any other questions or comments?

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Thank you. I did have one. I was just giving space for the other board members. I just wanted to thank you also for the program.

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Just reading about all the different experiences that people have gotten to have as a part of this.

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I, you know, I'm a therapist outside of my mental health board time and a lot of what I encourage the people I work with to do is like build these positive experiences into their lives. You know, we talk a lot about

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Evidence-based interventions and all these different things we can do in therapy. But a lot of the times the things that help the most are just like getting to do like enriching things like, you know.

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Getting a bed helps improve sleep, which definitely improves mental health.

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Being able to be more connected through like technology and email and then getting to go on a trip where you get to have all these amazing memories and like build that confidence too.

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Just hearing about all everyone's joy in this process and what they gained from it.

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Was really awesome. And as someone who got engaged in St. Louis and had my wedding there, it was really cool to get a relive some St. Louis memories.

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Definitely have some St. Louis recommendations, but I'm going to have to check out some of these places that they went, the steakhouse, the seafood. I haven't actually been to Union Station, so... Some really, really cool stuff. Thank you so much.

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Anyone else?

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All right. Well, thank you so, so much. For this presentation.

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And we will now move on to our next item of new business.

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Which is also exciting, but maybe not as exciting. Quite as fun. But it's the notification of funding availability, which is on page 97 of the packet.

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So we have, information only is the affidavit from For the program year 2026 notification of funding availability so Lynn, is there anything you want to share about this?

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Um... I know this is exciting.

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This is very exciting to me because we made it in time. We got it in the paper twice. This is really Stephanie Howard Gallo's

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Purview and she did... We had a conversation, Tony Nichols and Molly and I had talked about some ideas, and one of the ideas was get this into other publications, and Stephanie actually made some efforts to do that but didn't get responses from

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People in time because we have to we have this 21 days ahead of the opening of the system, so she couldn't wait anymore so we - It's in the news gazette and on the two websites, which - one is the county's website and one is the application website.

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Sorry. Last year we got the DI because we knew what it would cost in time. Stephanie, I'm sorry for speaking for you. This is... 100% your work. Sorry.

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That's okay. Just reaching out to smile politely and the DI was not successful this year.

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That was...

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Well, hopefully they will respond next year in time. And not to diminish the excitement of, you know, it is also very exciting in a different but in some ways similar

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Way because now we get to see what applications we might get for this year.

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So thank you both for your work on that. Any board discussion on this?

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All right, so we will now move on to our next item of new business which is the Draft revised CCMHB bylaws, which are on pages 98 through 103 of the packet.

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So we have CCMHB bylaws presented with some suggested changes highlighted.

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We also have a decision memorandum that kind of summarizes the changes with a suggested action. So Lynn, would you share more about this?

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This is, again, Stephanie and I put this together and it started with - I noticed something that we haven't been doing that's a new flexibility under the Open Meetings Act that you haven't been taking advantage of because we didn't know about it.

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And once we found out about it, we're like, yes, you should have that flexibility too. It's just one more reason a person might be allowed to participate virtually if needed. So that was where it started. Then we started looking at other things that needed to be updated.

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Either because the statute, Community Mental Health Act, has changed or because of the particulars of Champaign County's form of government, the executive form of government.

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There are experts in the room, but I think that there are certain things that apply only to Champaign County

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And nowhere else. So we tried to get these bylaws to conform more closely with all of those changes. I don't think there's anything else, maybe a typo

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Here and there, but... It was... Oh, for bonus points, I did share it with the state's attorney's office civil division chief, and he thought it was fine and he asked, you know, he said you could put other things in there, other rules and guidance for yourselves and but

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But it's also okay not to do that. I thought, yeah, that's a lot. So anyway, but he also approved it. So I got Stephanie Howard Gallo and Andrew Bequette.

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This is solid. So hopefully you will like it. Let me know.

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Thank you, Lynn. So we have The actual bylaws are on pages 99 through 103, and then we have this memo that summarizes everything and has the suggested action.

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So any board discussion? Yeah, I don't have any problem with the changes you've made, but in the very first paragraph A, I was just kind of stunned to see that... construct, repair, operate maintain and regulate community mental health facilities. That sounds so 19th century and

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So that's just there in case we ever have to build an asylum?

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That's so weird. I'm just laying it out there. I'm just so...

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That is a very good point. Let's just... Think about that going forward.

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Well, and in fact, in our very limited experience with owning properties to provide services, we ran into so many barriers that we're like.

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You know, policy related so that part of the Community Mental Health Act is absolutely outdated.

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But you're not precluded from funding services so you - So onward. But I also feel like, you know, it is a little barbaric, but I also feel like that gives us also the opportunity if we want to to build a building that offers 24-hour service for those who are having mental challenges, not

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To reside them, but to assist them in their time of need. But yeah, I kind of saw that too, but I'm glad you're not Or I wasn't the only one who was like, gosh, that's You know.

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Thank you both for pointing that out any Any other comments or things that we might need to change.

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If there is no further discussion, I'd like to make a motion to approve the revisions to the Champaign County Mental Health Board bylaws as presented.

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I will second. Any final discussion?

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Just a point of order question. I don't know if I'm using that term properly but do we need a voice or a roll call vote for this since it's bylaws, even though it's not finances?

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Okay, then we will not. Well, with that, all those in favor of approving revisions to the Champaign County Mental Health Board bylaws as presented say aye.

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No.

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Aye. All those opposed, same sign. The ayes have it. The revisions to the bylaws are approved.

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So next we have another action item that was sort of last minute addition to the agenda.

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And that is for the relocation of staff offices, which you can find the decision memorandum on pages 104 to 105 of the packet.

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So this decision memorandum presents a possible option for relocation of the CCMHB and CCDB business offices.

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And action is requested so Lynn Would you like to share how this came about?

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Some of that story is in the memo. I think like key points from today.

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We're still working on what the cost differences would be for three different potential scenarios. We just saw the space yesterday.

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So I didn't have an opportunity to have an opportunity Like you might not have gotten this memo if we had gone over there two weeks ago and it was awful and not a good option for us,

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But basically, this relates to a change in the county's plan. One department is not going into the building, leaving some space

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That we might be able to use. So some of us did go over there yesterday and did a tour and many questions and we've been asking a lot of questions ever since then.

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Chris and I are trying to figure out exactly what the rental costs would be.

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It's, you know, small increase, a little bit bigger increase, and then a bigger increase, but we need to get the numbers.

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But we have Leon was there, and he's willing to speak to what we saw, right? Am I right?

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Absolutely. So, yeah, we went over there yesterday, had a chance. The office space is located on a third floor in the Bennett building.

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Our offices are accessible via or by stairs if we want to count our steps or we can take the elevators and so Once we got up there.

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We had a chance to look at I think up to eight office offices that were available to us along with a potential records room for us.

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I will say that the space is very clean. It's fresh carpet.

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Paint looks great. What else can I say? Oh, security. It's very secured.

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So staff will be required to carry a badge.

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Which will be our way to get in the building to our offices.

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The first floor, I would say the... the Shields Carter room is... about twice the size of this room, I think.

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On the first floor in the Bennett Center so it's It's well laid out. It's nice space and it's very, I think, operational for us so My one caveat or one requirement And I mentioned this to Lynn was to have heat because sometimes in our current

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In my current office, heat comes and goes and so it's - Some days it's cold.

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And we have space heaters in there. So this will be a change of pace and so Provided that you all agree to it.

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I think myself and other... Team members would... Greatly appreciate it.

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So that's kind of my take on it. We haven't decided who's going to get what office.

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I think the offices are maybe, I don't know, same size, a little bit smaller, maybe.

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They're a little bit smaller. You know we - i've talked with the county administrative staff about this that really The thing we really need to do is preserve some files for a really long time and that - So if we can digitize some of them while they're doing digitization, we might be able to reduce

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How much space we need, but that's really the heart of our work is these is this kind of archive that Stephanie manages that's really, I mean, we have to keep it. It's also super interesting stuff and useful. So that's

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You know, we might have smaller offices to be in, but if we can unload some of the paper, that won't matter.

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So we're working on all those things at the same time, going light on the budget would be amazing. If we don't go, we have a very uncertain future, which would include figuring out where to rent or purchase. And then so that adds some processes that we need to do with you all

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And potentially much higher costs. Because we haven't gone down that road, I don't know, but it's I think that the last time that we were asking around the rate that the county was charging us was the best rate

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That there was. And there are some advantages to staying. What I was surprised with is that everyone liked the space. I was not expecting that.

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Everyone liked this space. So I just want you to know that like The staff perspective is not complicated. Yay.

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And we need things that are not complicated. And then the DD board was also all for it.

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So, I mean... This is the very first step. I just needed to be able to tell the county as soon as possible if we were interested in coming or not.

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Because if not, they're going to shop it around to other potential tenants.

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So do you actually have a date that they would like to know by?

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And then obviously that's tomorrow. Tell them to get those information to you tonight. Some of it has to do with what other departments might want. Like there's some space that other departments might still take.

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How much we can reduce the square footage that we need for files.

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No matter what we come up with, it's not going to be a huge cost But we are still working on those details and i think that I feel much more positive about it myself.

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The first I was thinking, oh man, we got to change the letterhead.

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Like, what is that, like a hundred bucks, but it's - It was really in the forefront of my mind. And I also do not like putting things in a box to carry them somewhere else like that is so... I would rather stay here forever than do that but

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We do not have the option to stay here forever now.

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So. And then one final question.

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Maybe. So I love... when I hear about safety precautions and stuff like that. So that was, I was glad to hear that you have to have a badge.

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Not that you have a lot of people who visit your offices from the general public, but is it accessible like for a board member?

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Can I come bring you coffee? Do I just have to check in at a front desk or how does that kind of work?

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I would have to know you're coming. But there's like part of what we're looking at is like, there's a whole bunch of little tiny offices. And I was thinking, well, you know, maybe... One of these is for board members to come and do stuff like because sometimes we have board members who are waiting for a meeting for several hours in advance and

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Need a place to work. So there's a lot of, yes, you can visit. There might even be a place to sit.

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So... So essentially what we are doing is it's not a guarantee that you will go there, but we're authorizing you the opportunity to like terminate this lease and turn into a new lease.

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And it sounds like the DD board was all go ahead on that.

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Would this one be a roll call vote because it has to do with signing a lease and therefore money?

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This is something I've been a little bit, it's a little weird like my relationship to these boards has been from the beginning, like I can sign all kinds of contracts on your behalf. When it's a big contract, I don't want to do that.

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This wouldn't be a big contract. So I don't know like if, to be on the safe side, let's do roll call, but it might be nice to bring you another action when I have more details you know yeah just i don't think it's going to be a whole lot of

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It's not a big... I do not even... sometimes know what the county is going to charge us for the services that we receive from them until the next year when we get the bill.

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So it's kind of also in that category of like You know, there's not lots of negotiation. We look at the rationale We look for any errors. That's it.

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So is that okay to roll call anyway, but maybe like I'm going to bring you more information in the future. Yeah, I think so, for sure.

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Any other discussion and or motions?

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I will make a motion. To approve the relocation of staff offices to the Scott M. Bennett Administrative Center.

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And to authorize the executive director to terminate the current lease and enter a new one with the county pending staff assessment of the space and contingent on approval by the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board.

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I'll second. All right. Thank you very much. Any final discussion?

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I think it's very exciting. Yes, I'm very glad that you all like the space because I think we didn't, you know, when this was added to the agenda, we weren't even sure if you would be able to see this space beforehand. So now we have extra information.

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All right. Well, all those, oh, no, we're doing a roll call vote. So the motion is to approve relocation of staff offices to the Scott M. Bennett Administrative Center.

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And to authorize the executive director to terminate the current lease and enter a new one with the county

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Pending staff assessment of the space and contingent on approval by the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board. May I have a roll call?

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Tony Nichols.

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Tony Nichols. Elaine Palencia.

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Yes. Yes.

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Kyle Patterson. Jane Sprandel.

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Yes. Yes.

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Jon Paul Youakim. Molly McLay.

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Yes. Yes.

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I'm here.

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Yes. All right. So with that, the motion to approve the relocation of staff offices.

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Hi, Joe. Joe Omo Osagie.

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Terminate the authorized executive director to terminate the current lease and enter into new one is approved.

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So we will now move on to old business. So we have a few different updates this evening. So first we have the evaluation capacity building project.

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So we'll have an oral update provided by representatives from our evaluation team.

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So please take it away when you're ready. Hello, good evening. I'm just going to do a quick update on the core pieces of the evaluation work we've been doing.

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First, we did an outcomes workshop in November, and we got some really helpful feedback about how to improve our work moving forward and overall it went really well. We had 25 agency representatives attend and about 18 agencies as well.

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And then our associate director, Dr. Nate Underland, has been working on and is near complete logic model series going through the different phases of going through a logic model.

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And has a fun chef metaphor that I am looking forward to everyone here seeing.

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And then it's been about a year since we started technical assistance with four programs. And over the year, we've done about 30 formal meetings, including Zoom and in person, and then also just some informal things and background work doing

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Survey development, survey programming, and people have been getting involved and engaged. And I have someone currently looking forward to doing data analysis, which is super.

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And then we're starting to think about some spring trainings and planning those moving forward. So that is a very Short and sweet summary, and I'm happy to answer any questions from there.

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All right. Thank you. Any board questions or discussion?

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Thank you all. Stay warm. Thank you so much.

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All right. And next we have... The Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Activities Update, and this can be found on pages 106 to 109 of the packet.

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So information on the community needs assessment activities or results, and I think we'll be having more of these updates but This month we have a summary of immigrant needs And this may support our discussion and planning.

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So Lynn, whoever you would like to designate to share more about this would be great.

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I will designate myself. This is something that... We have the mental health board, the DD board, and a whole bunch of other partners operating in Champaign County who have a responsibility for a strategic plan and a needs assessment,

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Work together on one community health needs assessment, and the coordinator for that project gets really passionate about the behavioral health stuff and so I just called him one day and said, could you give us a report, just some kind of report on all that's

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Like millionty billion public forums and hearings that you've had this last year and what is turning up and he was so excited and we agreed this should be on your agenda every month and that I should bring you Some little piece of information

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Every month. So we have this month we have information from Ricardo Diaz about the immigrant project i believe he prepared this for the county in response to the ARPA funding that several programs had received, but he also shared it with us.

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He just shared it with me like a little bit late to get into our priorities document, but I think it's still great to have and then Next month, I have something else for you, and then we may take a break from it.

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It might be nice to have a standing agenda item in case any of you have insights about community needs assessment activities because this is a very thoroughly surveyed community, and so there's always some data we could bring you to look at.

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This stuff seemed important because we didn't get it before and now It may be especially timely.

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Any board discussion about the materials that we have been presented?

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So this is the year that we'll have the shared health plan too, and then and then some priority-setting meetings community-wide. They don't always go deep enough to be like a perfectly aligned with what you all are doing.

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But we can include them as part of This regular item and part of your strategic planning process.

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I guess I'll say something you know i'll say something Obviously, with previous years with previous years You know, we've had a lot of need for trauma-informed care. I think this year, more than other years.

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There is going to be a lot of need for trauma.

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Informed care. From many different aspects worldwide, not just immigrants, but also you know refugees As well. So obviously our community is more of an international community and we're going to have a lot more of that.

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So I think that is something we need to make sure we keep in mind that we serve that part of the community as well.

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Thank you so much for that comment. Any other... comments.

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To that because I completely agree with you, Dr. Yoaukim. Just thinking about like in reading about some of the cases that are presented in these materials, seen some of the trauma that individuals experience before coming here

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And then also recognizing that individuals are likely to incur additional trauma upon coming to the United States

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Especially in the current climate. So I think this work is more important than ever. Just seeing, I do remember last year immigrant services did a presentation talking about some of these things as well and it was really striking just learning about

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Things that individuals are experiencing. I was also struck as a therapist seeing the work that the contracted therapist is doing.

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525 total therapy sessions. These letters that the therapist is writing that are extremely involved.

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I know I've had to write letters for other kinds of issues that do not even come close to approximating like 50 pages, 50 page long letters So, you know, I think that both the individual served and those who are providing the services

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You know, it shows how much that this is needed. So really grateful to see this information.

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And to be able to learn about this more. And, you know, any other board members would like to share Please do.

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Of course, as I was reading my packet as my husband was driving.

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You know the the statement on 107 you know this will continue to be need without bringing politics into the mix.

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And again, many of you know me personally, I know you personally, and we don't always see eye to eye, and so this weighs on me big time because I feel like... we need to take care of those who've had

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This trauma and you're right, they're going to continue to face traumas I think sometimes even the helpers are getting traumas. I feel like I'm a helper even though I've been called terrible things.

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Again, try not to get political on this, but I think we have to just reach across the table and start caring for our neighbors.

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Because of how I cast my vote

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And forget about how you vote, how you do.

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We just got to give love to each other. And my heart goes out to these people who Yes, have fled countries because things were so much more terrible than I can even imagine.

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So I'm glad that we're able to fund these organizations, and I think they've got a long road and hopefully we can continue to help fund them and help them.

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Thank you. Anyone else?

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All right. Well. Seeing no further comment. Thank you very much

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For presenting this with us and for the opportunity to receive more of these updates in the future. So next, we will move on to the Disability Resource Expo update, which is on Pages 110 through 137.

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So we have a report from the expo coordinators about this fall's event

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Is included in the packet for information, and Lynn, if there's anything that you or anyone else on the staff would like to share about this.

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Please do.

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I think it's really well presented. They've covered everything. Maybe Leon wants to add something, but I'm good.

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All good.

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Any board discussion?

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Actually, I do have a question, Lynn. Do you know, have they had any luck finding a date for... I know they were looking at a couple of dates. I haven't heard an update. Okay, thank you.

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We've been having a totally different discussion, and I forgot to ask if they've made progress on that. Yeah, we've been talking about social media because it's gotten overwhelming for them, So they want to focus on the event. Okay.

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Yeah. But yeah, that's a great question. I'm sorry I don't know.

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It was definitely interesting to see about how the evaluations changed this year, you know, switching back from an online evaluation where there were very few responses to a paper evaluation. I know when I was at the university, I saw that commonly with student programs when we gave them something to fill out.

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They did so if it was on paper. So being able to see a higher response rate and the good feedback about the program was really nice.

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Anyone else?

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All right, seeing no further comment, we will now move on to the last item of old business.

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Which is an agency request for waiver of payment suspension, which you can find a letter about this on page 138 of your packet.

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So included for consideration is a request from family service that the board waive suspension of payments due to late PY2024 audit and authorize the CCMHB staff to release payments as scheduled.

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Our action is requested. So.

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Lynn, do you want to share any context or would you for us to... defer to.

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I can. I think sometimes when I... give more details that makes things... much harder for you all. So why don't you start? And Ms. Dowling is here.

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Yeah, yes, I guess, sure, you can come forward and um speak about the request.

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Sorry. So Nicole Dowling, the executive director at Family Service, I think we put a request in and let Lynn and the mental health board know towards the beginning of December that we knew that the audit was going to be running late due to some changes.

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With our fiscal changing to CLA. I'm happy to report that the audit is in the second phase of being reviewed.

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So we are confident that it will be done the beginning of February.

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If not by next week. So yeah, we're confident and they're working really hard. So as soon as we get that final copy, the board is ready to have a special meeting

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To get that voted on and then get it submitted. All right. Thank you. You're welcome. So I open it up to board discussion, both for sharing perspectives and also asking any questions

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That you might have of the agency.

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Molly, you know, in our discussion, we were wondering or wanting to explore what were some of the causes for the delay in the audit?

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Sure. So I started in November of 2023. Do you know there was some transition at family service

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And then we transitioned from our controller and outsourced to Clifton Larson Allen

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To streamline processes within the agency, and during that time of that really going from paper to more electronic, we switched over to QuickBooks Online.

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There was that transition during that period. And then... Clifton Larson Allen did have a change in the staff person that we had that delayed our audit by getting started.

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By two weeks, which caused that effect. With Kemper, but we've been working diligently to get that up so that we would not have hopefully, you know, cause in our services are delayed in payments so

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I guess just for everybody you know as far as I know, this is the first time since I've been on since 2019 that they've ever been requested an extension I don't know if you could state for the record, is this the first time you

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Know of the agency requesting an extension? Yeah, yes. It's my understanding this is the first time.

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So that is not accurate. So last year they requested an audit. Okay, they didn't request an extension, but they were late on the audit and then the prior year, they requested extension to the actual funding application.

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Okay, so I do apologize. That was out of... before my time. So I do apologize for my That oversight.

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Well, I thought your question was specifically this extension related to audit payments You're right. And you are right.

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It's on the agenda. So I do have a question about the reason for asking for continued payments to happen because, you know, we know that there have been many times, as we've alluded to earlier, that agencies have been late with their audit.

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And, you know, the only real incentive to real incentive complete the audit besides contract cancellation if it's more than three months late, is that suspension of payments.

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So I am wondering what specifically is prompting the request for continued payments. I know it's vital to the operation. I know it's vital to the operation of any agency, but what specifically would be a detriment to waiting for the audits to be turned in in terms of what are the specific needs

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Around being paid now rather than being paid the payment being released when the audit comes in.

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Sure. Really, it is just a matter of just keeping cash flow. I mean, that's that would be the main request

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Is just to keep receiving the payments. You know, we were hopeful that we were going to have it, even though I sent the letter that we would have be completed by the end of December.

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Again, just knowing that you know. We are internally that it is getting completed a lot quicker than we had had previously anticipated.

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All right, thank you. Any... oh what say that again, Lynn? I don't always have time to prepare cover memos to go with the agency request.

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So I've been putting Suggested motions on the agenda, which is not convenient at all so I've got to figure out a better way. I apologize. Now you got... Many, yeah.

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I guess I did have one further question, which is. So, you know, there's an extension for continued payments, but that language is kind of open-ended.

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So I know that the January payment has been suspended. Are you seeking only that payment or are you seeking like further payment until the audit is turned in?

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I think we would be we would like to request that the continued payments I think if I knew that it was going to be extended out longer, I might be hesitant to ask that of you, but to know that

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I am confident that we will have it completed

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You know by the beginning of February. I would request that.

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I hate to slow things down. Just to be clear, what... Because when we issued the payments, the January payment goes out like the end of December, early January, that February payment is going to be issued in early February.

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So if you are looking to cover all gaps, you would authorize release of January and February payment even though the audit might come the very next day.

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Do you know what I mean? And I don't know if you knew that. This is... like a lot of times we're looking at reports overnight to make sure that we can issue a payment.

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And then, Lynn, if they say they don't turn in the audit.

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When does the... contract finish

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For this funding. March 31st. And then... they have to apply for new funding for this new year.

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Yeah, that's a very... That is the whole thing we have to figure out.

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Yeah, because so like... At March 31st, which is the end of the grace period We used to just, we would automatically cancel the contracts, and then agencies would come and ask you to undo that. So rather than that,

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Now, we'll bring you the question. If it gets to be March 31st and there's no audit, what do you want to do? Cancel the contract?

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Or not cancel the contract. So that's the natural end point. Some of the agencies who don't have audits to us, who didn't have audits to us by December 31st,

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Don't have to apply for funding, which is due- the applications are due February 10.

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Technically, an agency is not eligible for funding unless they have a recent audit.

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But it's not necessarily due by February 10, but when is it due, and what is fair since some of the agencies with late audits don't have to reapply because they have two-year contracts so - This is a whole other really super important question that's coming up on you like

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Right around the corner. Was that an answer? Their contract ends... This year. So if they want more funding, they have to apply in February.

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Correct. Yes, this is what they have contracts that end at June 30th.

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But without an audit, they end March 31st, potentially, if y'all decide. But I understand your question was different. Sorry. Yes.

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You're okay. You're good. About half of the agencies with missing audits

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Have to reapply for funding, and then the other half have two-year contracts so How do we make that fair? I don't know.

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So this is a topic that I'm always very opinionated on, I guess.

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I really am thankful you came tonight. This is not a direct you know to you, it sounds like you're doing everything you can. I appreciate that your board recognizes that once this audit is in your hand that they need to approve it

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So maybe you've heard that from another agency that they weren't as fast on that. So I really appreciate that your board recognizes that that would a need for an emergency meeting would be needed.

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I love that it's almost done. Hopefully it'll be done by February 1st.

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In the past, we've asked if the CPA firm is the one who is holding up the thing if they can send a letter saying, hey, it's in our office. Here were some of the hangups whatever. Again, this is your first rodeo, so you didn't know that, but that might be a thing.

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So then here we get to the but in my conversation.

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We have spent lots of time talking about black and white rules. This is our policy.

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And I do not want to be the one that makes Family Service Center our example, but we as a board, excluding our new people, we have talked about how we got to start following what the policy is.

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If they didn't have... the audit in, then it is in acceptable to suspend the payment. That's in our contracts. It's in the application, et cetera.

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I recognize that not having the January and February payment till maybe sometime in March could be painful for an agency.

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But someone signed on the dotted line that we will make sure we take care of everything

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In the contract. So again. I'm not trying to make this a personal thing. I'm not trying to use this personally towards the agency.

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But as a board, we have to decide, are we going to keep talking about this and changing the rule or are we going to say hey We made a decision.

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So we have to do the tough part Tough love and parenting. I don't know.

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It's just unfortunate.

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Yeah, Jane, I agree that you know, I've been on the board since May 2022 and this has been a perpetual issue since I've been on the board

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Of agencies asking for exceptions to the rule. And... you know, in my work, we talk about you know accountability

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If we can, and boundaries. And if we continue to not uphold our boundary, which is the stipulations of our contract

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And our funding requirements, then I think we'll continue to see exceptions being asked for.

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It is... I also, I do struggle to understand because we did give agencies longer to complete audits.

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They have six months. And my understanding when we sort of talked to... a CPA in the fall when we were evaluating the situation with Promise,

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We learned that an audit when everything's in on time should take an average of about eight weeks, if I recall correctly.

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I know this was something the staff sort of surveyed. So, and the processes with CLA started almost a year ago.

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So I am kind of struggling to understand that timeline in terms of why has this taken so long.

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I appreciate, you know, the advance notice

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And the... the plea to the board.

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But I am struggling with this decision, and I'm open to you know hearing from other board members, of course.

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On what we should do because we should do continuing to grant exceptions will likely mean that we'll be continuing we will continue to be asked to give them.

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So I have a question for Lynn. All the other agencies that have late audits, are their payments suspended currently?

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Yes. Have any of them asked for an exemption?

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No.

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Thanks. Is there an impact on staff for accepting or reviewing late submissions like this?

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What's the trade-off here? Wow.

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Well, that's so complicated. It's really complicated because - it's complicated because it is our job.

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And, you know, I actually like wound up back reading the Illinois Administrative Procedure Code today

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For an issue related to this that the DD board is dealing with and felt really comfortable with all of your rules including the authorities that are built into your rules

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That give you flexibility. That flexibility has become sort of a major time consuming, stressful, sometimes divisive public conversation for you all. And I feel really bad about that so I don't know like how to - I'm sort of lost for how to

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Support the board better. So I feel like you're asking me about the impact on staff, and my head's not in that right now.

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I talk to the staff a lot about these issues, so I know the impact on staff, But I've become more preoccupied with what it's doing to you all.

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These are hard conversations, even though each individual request is not.

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Then they accumulate, and we start thinking about the impact on the whole system and then it's I don't know, but... That's not a good answer.

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Okay, one follow up question does this imitating anyway. So as many of you know, the county is no stranger to late audits. Is there a schedule that is similar to that of the state in terms of what happens when things are late? We've aligned it with the state because

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That's the nearest structure to what the mental health board rules should look like and the DD board rules should look like is what the state is doing so that's - We are aligned as closely as we can be

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With their requirements, their grace period, their strategies for noncompliance. We may be unique in that Our staff read all of the audits, and we ask questions as follow-up because we're kind of alone like - Everyone I run into is either wondering what's going on with their tax dollars or like

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Has a stake in the services. You know, so... I feel like I need to know, I need to be able to tell you with some certainty if your money was spent well.

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And so we really do read the audits, and we follow up, and it takes a really long time. So I think the staff impact is that the later the audits get, the harder it is for us to finish those reviews in time to give you the kind of certainty that you might need to make the next set of funding decisions. I think that's the biggest piece.

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Okay, thanks for humoring me. I know I'm new, but hopefully it would be helpful to other people who might be watching.

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But the issues that when the county has had problems delivering an on-time audit You know, paid attention to that.

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If the county can't do it, then maybe there's a reason that small nonprofits can't do it.

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So, you know, we have been watching that unfold too,

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And I think that has complicated my feeling of conviction about enforcing the rules.

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Honestly, there was one year when I... And I think that you were on the board back then and some of the old timers that you know I said, I don't think I can move forward right now

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Because of the lateness of the county audit. When we first started to notice the lateness of agency audits, that was actually a delay. I'm sorry to be so blunt, but you're asking a question that really resonates so you will get no, I don't know, any kind of offense from me. I'm just as critical on the late audit.

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Thank you for the question. Any other comments? I think I was exploring this this week, and I think it's unfortunate that family services have in 30 years haven't really been part of our stress as far as audits and that

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In the recent six months that I've been on the board, there has been a lot of stress and communication

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About these audits. And so I think that that's unfortunate timing that you're coming and making this request.

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I also know that it is difficult as far as trying to run a business and you need cash flow and all the different expenses and paying salary and employees and that can be challenging too.

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We just keep having this same conversation. But year after year, but that's why we talk to agencies about having a broad funding, a broad financial base

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And not depending on us, but having other sources. And endowments when possible, you know, start an endowment and there at one time was an argument, well, if you've got enough money to start an endowment, you can just use that to pay

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For your services. Really, I mean, we can't be the only - I know that there are pots of money, and you have an agency has an agency has our money designated for certain things, but that does become an issue how

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In time of crisis, is there backup

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Within the agency? So that's another thing we've talked about.

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So we do have funds that we can use. I do understand your frustration and i i I understand their rules. And so I respect the comments that you're saying. And I understand that's the way it is um - I came into the agency. I'm not making any excuses at all. You know, I've been here a little over a year.

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And so there were some changes. We did have an executive director that was there for many years that had to retire early and passed and had to retire and passed from cancer, and then we had someone that stepped in as an interim -

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Was supposed to be six months - It ended up being 18 months until that I came on board so working through and cleaning up some things and um Again, I understand the necessary having the timely audit um. All I can do at this point is just apologize.

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And I do understand the need for rules and to follow those. So I respect what you're saying.

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I know that we don't have a decision memo or suggested actions. There is One possible... at motion sort of in the agenda, I've sort of written other ones that I can draw from. I guess what I'm seeing as the options are

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To go ahead and grant, the options would be to grant the request to continue payments until the audit comes in and issues are resolved.

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One would be to continue to suspend payments until the audit is turned in and all issues are resolved.

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And a third option might be to really, you know, release one payment

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And not decide to release further payments and, you know, until... Especially if audit is going to be coming in very soon.

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That might be, you know, a happy medium, not happy really, I don't think.

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Any decision will make anybody happy here. But those are some options that I see.

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So I think we can continue our discussion and or if anybody has a motion that they'd like to make, we can discuss that further and vote.

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But those are some options

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Based on what um I know about family services or family service I mean, I would go with a partial payment to start out.

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Then give them a chance to do it.

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We're here to hopefully keep

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People... Yes, there are rules. And yes, we want to run things on a business model This is not a business.

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And I don't i just think I mean, I've known Nikki since she was a student of mine.

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And family service helped my mother. And it is personal. I mean, maybe I should step out, not vote for this.

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But I believe this is not a business. And we do things that are right.

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I think my biggest thing is always making sure that - The two things that I always think about is staff burnout

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With extra work and stress that that puts on them.

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And then, you know, how this would affect the vulnerable in our community.

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And balancing everything.

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No, we've had these conversations many times. And I usually always I want to be you know i want to be concrete and make things black and white and be strict.

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I think I'm probably more that way with different agencies. Since I've been here.

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Five, six years now. I know, right? December 2019. I was like five, a little bit more than five now.

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And, uh. I think... I haven't had any issues with family service in my time here and I feel like I'm okay giving an agency, a mulligan you know just a one time. And I think for me the stick would be canceling the contract and no further funding after march and then

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And when they apply, when other agencies also who have late audits when they apply I think they're not going to be as prioritized in funding when I'm looking at funding for agencies who turn our audits on time, who's been compliant

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So I think I'm okay using that as the stick. But that's my perspective. I'm fine if other people have different perspectives. Again, I think for me, it's making the system work.

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Making sure that obviously we don't want to make agencies feel like they have a lot of leeway with the rules and they can do whatever they want, but at the same time, just making the system work for for the people in the community so

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That's my thought. I always think there's always a stick. I mean, I think... Fabulous service new.

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Those that stick. And it's nothing new. And I think... Ms. Dowling is trying to... I mean, this agency has been through some turmoil over the last couple of years.

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And most of our social service agencies have been through quite a bit of turmoil over the last Four years. And so... there is that stick. I mean, I... coordinated an agency that lost its funding

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And I will always come back to that. I understand. Those things occur. And there's a vacuum that would be left.

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So... Jon, just to clarify on your statement when you said like the sort of putting a higher priority on agencies that were on time and lesser priority of agencies whose audits weren't on time, are you referring to like the December 31st deadline.

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The funding or when we start approving funding for applications? Right. But I mean, I guess for the audit, like if they didn't turn the audit in on time.

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By on time, do you mean December 31st? And then potentially if an agency didn't have an audit in March 31st,

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Then we'd be looking at cancellation of contract and complete ineligibility.

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I mean, I know this is a separate issue but it's also very related. And the next time that we have an official meeting,

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Applications will have been turned in. So this is kind of our last chance to discuss that.

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Too. Does anybody else have... thoughts they want to share.

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I think a happy medium could be that approving for January and February.

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And given the track record of the last 30 years, I think that it makes sense. I think that's meaningful.

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When you have a relationship that long with an organization that has provided on time on-time audits, I think that that means something and that means something The stories that I've heard recently as far as people out in our community that are struggling. I'm not going to go into any detail. I think that it

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The money is better served with organizations trying to do something in our community.

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And so I think... A happy medium would probably be possibly approving for January and February.

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Is January and February what, like essentially what is being asked for currently?

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Or is that just kind of just being asked for you know being asked for well, at this point, the February is going to be paid before we even meet.

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Right? If we receive the audit in early February, they will have missed the February payment

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Too. You know it's like a matter of days, which feels kind of weird, but... That's why I asked you to think about the February payment. I'm trying not to influence your discussion. I've had to step out for just a second too. Sorry.

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You know, I had... thought that I probably would probably... not grant this request because we have started started to uphold this boundary that we have of our requirements in the fall, I'm willing to, I've been swayed by the message that you've shared and other board members, but I don't think I'd feel comfortable

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Releasing both January and February, because that would essentially be all payments until the audit comes in. I guess if the audit is you know further late Then into March, then there's multiple problems.

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I would feel comfortable releasing January and then if things continue to be delayed, potentially hearing a request for february In the February meeting, but I am open to what other board members think.

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I'm open to that. Let's do it.

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All right. Well, I... I was going to like Frankenstein a motion here and then we can have further discussion about that But I will move

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To waive suspension of the January payment due to the late PY2024 audit and authorize CCMHB staff to release the January payment as scheduled.

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I second. Any further discussion?

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It sort of feels weird to do a vote when Lynn's not in the room, but we Yeah, that's true.

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Well, seeing no further discussion, we can go ahead and vote.

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So... The motion is to the board will to waive the suspension of the January payment due to late PY2024 audit and authorized CCMHB staff to release the January payment as scheduled.

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May have a roll call.

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Tony Nichols.

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Joe Omo osagie. Elaine Palencia.

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Yes.

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Yes. Yes.

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Kyle Patterson. Jane Sprandel.

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Yes.

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Jon Paul Youakim. Molly McLay.

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No.

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Yes. Yes.

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All right. With that, the... the yeses have it.

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The board will waive suspension of the January payment and authorize the staff to release that payment.

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So, um. We will now move on to public participation and or agency input.

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We do have a sign up sheet. If anybody, but I know we don't really have anybody left in the room. It looks real cool. Did anybody sign up on it?

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Okay. So as the chair, I reserve authority to limit individual participation of five minutes and or total time to 20 minutes. So if there's anybody in the room who would like to share or anybody online, you know, either please approach the podium or please

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Raise your hand or put a message in the chat online.

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Is there anybody who would like to share with us?

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All right, seeing none, next we'll move to board to board reports.

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So as always, board members can serve as a liaison to other boards.

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And there are a few board members who do attend other board meetings, both agency meetings and community wide meetings.

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Are there any members who have a report to share?

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Yeah, since our last meeting, I've been to two community coalition meetings and I just want to say, I think everybody should go to one.

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At least one. But if you had, I know you have jobs. So if you have to choose, the December one

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Is just, is a... compilation of everything that's been accomplished during the year. And it is a wonderful meeting to go to you will feels so good about the community and all the initiatives.

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And the only other thing I will say is that since I have been going

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The proliferation of agencies has been really remarkable.

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I remember back when it started, most of the agencies were those funded by us.

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And now there are so many different people that you wouldn't maybe think would start an agency You know, but their personal experience has made them realize that they're not the only people with this problem you know there have been some wonderful presentations and I just think

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We're doing a good thing by supporting the community coalition. And we're thanked for that And... And I think everybody should experience a meeting.

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And it is fostering more interagency collaboration. Well, now I think I might have to go as long as there aren't too many board members there at the same time.

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Then we can make sure that's not a separate meeting. Yes. Any other board to board reports?

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All right, seeing none, now it's time for county board input. So we have a part of the meeting where the county board liaison shares, you know, input. You can, if you would like.

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Anything new from the county board? I mean, there's always interesting stuff going on with the Champaign County Board, let me tell you.

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Things that are coming up, really ugly budget decisions.

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Just like gird yourself for that conversation in general. That's the only joyous update that I have from the county board.

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Thank you. Next is Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board input. Yes, please. They met today and this conversation conversation that you all had and I'm grateful for the sensitivity and the thought and the questions that you all ask

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Before and during and after in these conversations.

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If you think that was hard, you need to watch the recording of what they went through today. It's such a - They haven't done this very often. They have not had to consider requests for exceptions to the rules, and this is a really big one kind of out of nowhere.

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It was so difficult, and I think it was difficult I mean, it's just stayed with me all day.

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So this is why I ended up looking at the Illinois Administrative Procedure Code And to you all's defense, theirs and yours, there is, in addition to living under the DHS rules

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There's language about regulatory flexibility that boards such as yours have a right to have a right to exercise with regard to small businesses and nonprofits. And that can include exceptions to reporting requirements, reduction of compliance requirements, but, you know.

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I think the way you all do it is like remarkably sensitive, and I hate how much time it takes, and I hate how much, how hard it is for everyone because this morning was so hard, and - But just to like to pat you on the back one more time

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You probably remember when there was a two-year budget impasse in Illinois and social services in the region

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All around us disappeared, some of them never to return,

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And the only factor that the enduring social service system in this county is attributed to is the mental health board.

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So it works. I'm so sorry, it's really hard.

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I hated seeing them go through that today. Because the issues they're dealing with are hard enough already.

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So anyway, that's the input. Thank you. Next, second to last item on the agenda is board announcements as an input. Any board members have any announcements or input?

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All right, seeing none, this has been an incredibly, this has been a long meeting.

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On a very cold day. So the last item is to adjourn.

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Next week, we will have a study session on Wednesday, January 29th at 5.45 p.m. Right here back in the Shields Carter room.

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And I hope to see you then and have a good night.