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All right. Let us now call this evening's meeting of the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

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Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, 5.45 p.m. In the Shields Carter Room of the Brookens Administrative Building, Urbana, Illinois. Let us call this meeting to order.

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May I have a roll call? Molly McLay. Present.

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Chris Miner. Here. Tony Nichols. Here.

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Joe Omo Osagie. Elaine Palencia. Here.

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Kyle Patterson, Emily Rodriguez. Here. Jane Sprandel. Here, Jon Paul Youakim.

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All right. Thank you very much. We do have a quorum so we can proceed with an official meeting.

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Next, we have approval of the agenda. So we do have our agenda here, pages one through two, and we are not making any adjustments.

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So would anyone like to discuss or make any motions? I will make a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded.

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All right, we have a motion and seconded. Any further 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 will move to The MHB and DDB schedules and updated MHB timeline on pages three through seven of your packet.

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For information only. We do have a recommended change to the schedule.

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After some discussion between the chairs of the Mental Health Board and Developmental Disabilities Board, we

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Have agreed to cancel the joint study session that was set for March 26th. We have a few items to discuss that are shared between the boards, but we have determined a way to discuss those in our regular meeting

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So that we don't have to have an additional meeting, which I'm sure everyone will be happy about.

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And my understanding is that the Developmental Disabilities Board agreed to that this morning too.

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All right. Well, that we don't need to move for that. So the March 26th I guess, does anybody have any qualms about this idea?

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All right, seeing none, we don't need to officially make a motion for this, but so I will declare the March 26, 2025 study session

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With the DDB canceled. All right. Any further discussion on the schedules or timeline?

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We will be discussing some aspects of the timeline later in the evening when we discuss the application process.

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So next we will move to the CCMHB acronyms and glossary On pages 8 through 19 for information only.

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Any discussion on this?

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I just wanted to add that I think we should add Immigrant Services of CU as an acronym because it's not currently in there.

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And FirstFollowers also isn't in there. I don't know if that needs an acronym because it's a shorter name, but I would like to recommend that.

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Thank you for noticing that after you suggested that. Leon and I found four other things we wanted to add to the glossary and two things to remove.

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We've worked on it today. Thanks for the input. That sounds great. Any other discussion?

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All right, seeing none, we will move to our first portion of public participation and agency input.

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And as you can see on our agenda, we do have a little more information about public input Just that it can be shared virtually or in person.

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And if you'd like to speak, you can approach the podium. Do we still have the slips, the little You can write down your comments and your information and we can call you up.

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Or you can raise your hand in the Zoom or put something in the chat.

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You can also communicate to the board and have us read comments aloud.

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Also, just to mention that agency representatives and others providing input which may impact board actions should be aware of the Illinois lobbyist Registration Act.

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25 ILCS 170 slash 1 and take appropriate steps to be in compliance with the Act. This is going to be in all of our future agendas, but we just wanted to mention it tonight.

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And as always, I can reserve the right to limit individual participation, public participation time to five minutes.

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And or 20 minutes total. The board does not just respond directly

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To public input but may use it to inform future actions.

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One other thing I wanted to mention is that we have occasionally had instances where people online, agency representatives and others have piped in on the Zoom and just started talking without being recognized.

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Our rules are such that you can speak during the public participation and agency at put times and also when you are called upon.

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We may have items later in the evening where agencies may be called upon to discuss certain things, but please do not interject unless called upon.

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With all of that being said, does anyone... have any public input that they would like to share with us, either online or in person.

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We will find out if there's anyone in the Zoom.

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All right. Seeing that there is no one in the Zoom asking to participate or anyone in person, we will move on to our next item of the agenda,

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Which is for the board to move into closed session to discuss some issues.

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So... We have some motions presented in the packet. We will be we will entertain them both at the same time.

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And then we will move into closed session and kind of have two portions of that.

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So I'll go ahead and read the motions we have here and then I'll ask if any board members would like to present those motions So the board may move to enter into closed session pursuant to five ILCS 120 slash 2C11 to consider litigation which is pending against or on behalf of Champaign County.

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And litigation that is probable or imminent against Champaign County. The following individuals will join this closed session.

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Members of the Champaign County Mental Health Board, Executive Director Canfield, Operations and Compliance Coordinator Howard Gallo.

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And Assistant States Attorney Fletcher. That is our first motion. We may also move to enter into closed session for semi-annual closed session minutes review.

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Pursuant to five ILCS 120s slash 2C21. The following individuals will join this closed session Members of the Champaign County Mental Health Board, Executive Director Canfield, and Operations and Compliance Coordinator Howard Gallo.

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If these motions are approved, those that have been authorized here will meet in the Putman room.

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And we'll move for roll call and discussion. And then when discussion ends, we will return to the Shields Carter room.

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And the board will call for a motion to return to open session with a new roll call.

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And we do have some recommended actions to take once we have finished with the closed session.

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So given that, do any board members have discussion or want to make a motion?

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So moved. Do we have a second?

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Sorry, my mic must have cut you off. Okay, so we We have two motions here, so those who have moved and second, are you moving on both motions?

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Yes. All right. Any further discussion?

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All right. I will read the motion. Do I have to read the motions again?

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No, I don't. Okay. All... We will take a roll call vote regarding both motions that have been placed on the table.

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Chris Miner? Yep. Tony Nichols? Yes. Joe Omo-Osagie? Yes.

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Yes. Emily Rodriguez. Jane Sprandel? Yes. Molly McLay.

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Yes. All right. With that, the ayes have it to move into closed session.

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So if I can have someone turn off the meeting recording and pause. Oh, it's going to stay on now.

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Okay, so we will move into the Putman room.

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Sit next to Jane, I guess.

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They're in closed session also. Yeah. Okay.

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Going right after this?

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Have a good day.

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On the door while we're in there.

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We will re-enter open session of the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

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Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, it is 6.22 p.m. Can I have a roll call?

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Chris Miner. Yep. Tony Nichols? Here. Joe Omo-Osagie? Yeah. Here. Kyle Patterson.

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Emily Rodriguez? Here. Jane Sprandel. Jon Paul Youakim.

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Molly McLay? Here. All right, so we have a potential motion on the table.

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Would any board members like to make a motion?

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I move that we return to open session. Is that what we're doing? We already did that then.

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I don't know what the motion what is the motion? So there is a motion regarding closed session minutes.

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At the bottom of the closed session section. But I can go ahead and move to accept.

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The February 19th, 2020, February 26, 2020, and July 21st, 2021 closed session minutes as revised.

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And to continue maintaining them as closed. I need one second.

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Right? This has been seconded. All those in favor of accepting the motion as presented.

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Say aye. Aye. All those opposed same sign.

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The eyes have it the eyes have it February 19th, 2020, February 26, 2020, and July 21st, 2021 closed section minutes are accepted as revised and continue to be maintained as closed.

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So next we will move on to chairperson's comments. So I will keep it brief. I'm Molly McLay, the president of the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

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And it is a very cold evening and we will try to move through the rest of our agenda quickly.

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But I just wanted to acknowledge that this has been a tough month.

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For mental health services overall across the country, including in this county. I know that agencies are concerned about funding. I know that community members are concerned about Lots of different things regarding their mental health. And I just want to continue to assert that our county

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And our board will be here for all members of our community and their mental health.

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And we stand ready to support the programs and all of our community members.

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And those are my comments. So next. We will move to Executive Director Lynn Canfield's comments. Deferred.

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Ooh, all right. We have deferred comments from our executive director, but we will hear more from her soon. So next, we will move to approval of the CCMHB board meeting minutes.

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These minutes are presented on pages 20 to 25 of your packet. Action is requested to approve the minutes of the CCMHB's January 22nd, 2025 meeting and January 29th, 2025 study session.

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Any discussion or motions?

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I make a motion to approve the board minutes as presented.

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Thank you. Any second? Seconded. All right. Thank you very much. There is a motion and a second to approve the minutes as presented. Any further discussion?

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Seeing none, all those in favor of approving the minutes of the CCMHB's January 22, 2025 meeting and January 29th, 2025, study session as presented.

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Say I? All those opposed, same sign.

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The eyes have it. The meeting minutes are approved. Next, we will move to the vendor invoice lists, which are on pages 26 to 36 of the packet.

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Action is requested to accept the vendor invoice list and place them on file and we also have For information, only some additional details for the expenditures.

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Any discussion or motions?

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I will make a motion to approve the vendor invoices as presented.

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I'll second. All right. Thank you very much. Any further discussion on these?

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Questions, concerns?

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All right, 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 eyes have it. The vendor invoice lists are accepted and placed on file.

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Next up, we have staff reports on pages 37 to 53 of the packet.

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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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Any board discussion about the staff reports?

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We don't have one from Shandra. She's on leave.

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So I would like to call on Leon Bryson to share. We do have, I understand we have some contract terminations or amendments that happened recently, would you be willing to share a little more about that?

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Sure. So we had two contracts that were canceled by Rosecrance.

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And they were able to secure funding for the child and family services program and the specialty courts program.

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And so... Then we have a third contract,

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With Terrapin Station Sober Living that was mutually decided to cancel

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The contract and that was due to some you know programmatic barriers that prevented that agency director from going forward. And so... Sadly, we thought it would be the best thing to do.

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Thank you for sharing about that. And we've really appreciated all of the work that these programs have done over the years.

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And appreciated the relationships with the program leaders so Just wanted to mention that.

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I also had a question for Leon and or Kim, because I know that you both there was a mention of working on surveys for the agencies about a few different issues. And I was wondering if you could share a little more about that.

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Sure. So there are two surveys that um that Kim, myself, and... Ms. Canfield worked on. One was pertaining to the evaluation capacity project Where we just wanted to get some feedback from agencies that is we're working with that project. So we just want to get their experience. And then the second part, the second

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Survey was based on the survey was based on emerging threats of the federal government funding freeze.

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And so we wanted to know how agencies were dealing with that and dealing with that We received several responses from some of the agencies and some of the agencies. They have until March, I believe 7th to complete that or, you know, finish that?

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We just released that yesterday and already have several responses. It's all anonymous and optional. So that was Like, that's a measure of the good timing of that one, I think.

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Thank you very much for sharing about that. I don't know, is Kim online and do you want to add anything else?

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Not to put her on the spot.

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All right. Thank you very much. Any other questions or discussion about the staff reports?

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All right. I do have a couple more questions, but I want to make sure others can ask too.

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This is a question for Stephanie. I saw that there were some missing reports.

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From some agencies and I wondered if there are any updates on those, if any have come in kind of in the interim.

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The UP Center asked for a two-week extension. They didn't meet their deadline.

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Which would have been, I guess, the 14th. So they um so they They were sent a letter today that their funding is going to be suspended.

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And I think everyone else is in, right, Leon? Yes, that's correct.

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This was about the the quarterly reports.

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All right. Thank you. And then I also wanted to ask Stephanie and or Lynn about the Ebert Fest and air event that will be happening if any updates on that.

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There'll be an art show on Friday and Saturday. As long as we have enough artists that want to do it on Friday as well.

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And that's about as far as I've gotten with the art show.

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Any updates on what the film is? I know there was some like discussion about if a certain one was getting approved. I'm not sure they've made it public yet. I did share it with the members of the the other members of the Alliance for Inclusion and Respect - shared it yesterday. I think it's not scheduled. It's not released yet. So I'd rather not say, but it'll be Saturday.

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And I'll let you guys know as soon as it's publicly available, unless you already got that email.

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Those dates are the 25th and 26th of April. Yeah. Right.

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Awesome. Thank you. Any further discussion or questions about the staff reports?

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All right, seeing none, we will move on to new business.

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So first we have a presentation. The 2024 Mental Health Crisis Intervention Reports and Court Cases presentation, which you can find a slideshow on pages 54 to 59 of the packet for information only as a report collected by the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office Civil Division for 2024

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An assistant states attorney Andrew Muller will present to us. So take it away. Good evening.

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Again, my name is Andrew Muller. I'm an assistant state's attorney with the Civil Division of the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office Just a little context before we jump into the presentation.

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You may or may not be aware, but the Illinois state law, the Mental Health Code

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Describes the process for involuntary admissions to hospitals. The process involves what is called an involuntary mental health petition.

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These petitions are most commonly filed by hospitals looking to keep someone in care who needs involuntary treatment on the basis of either being a risk of harm to self or others, unable to meet their own basic needs, or being at risk of deterioration.

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Other community members can file these petitions for family members or other people that they're concerned about, anyone over the age of 18 can technically file this petition.

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Under the Illinois mental health code the state's attorney's office is required to be a party to all filed cases, regardless if it's the hospital or a private individual who's filing them.

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We are not a representative of either the hospital petitioner or the patient.

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We are technically the attorneys for the paperwork and help these cases move through the court system.

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And help families to understand the actual mechanism of involuntary mental health process.

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Now, we also handle what are called crisis intervention reports. These are interventions by law enforcement involving a mental health crisis or an individual who needs to be transported to the hospital due to that mental health crisis.

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These police reports often contain the same form, the involuntary mental health petition that is not filed with the It is a non-binding petition, but involves similar information disclosed to both the hospital and to my office.

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My office logs all of the crisis intervention team reports that we see throughout the year.

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And my staff have maintained the graph that seen in front of you. Based on that graph, we can see for the year 2024, we saw a significant spike in September and in January through February.

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That spike is also consistent in the involuntary mental health petitions that were actually filed, and we'll discuss that briefly.

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But the crisis intervention team reports are submitted to the state's attorney's office by the reporting agency, and we review that crisis intervention team report to determine whether any additional action needs to be taken, an actual filing of the mental health petition.

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Or other mechanisms such as firearm restraining orders if they need to be implemented.

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We see the majority of our cases from either in terms of crisis intervention team reports from the UPD or UIPD departments. We see a small number from other departments, including the sheriff's office and Champaign Police Department.

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For court cases. We handled in the year 2024 121 cases just to put this into context for you in the year 2020, we only saw 30 cases.

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Before the year 2020, there was an average of 10 to 20 cases with the high being 30 in two years.

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So since 2020, we've seen a significant spike in these cases and the amount of court time that we have to spend working with the hospitals and with family members through this process.

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We see the biggest spike in filed cases between January through February and August through the September, similar to the crisis intervention team reports. It is notable that that is the start of the semester.

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And also for January through February, we see the biggest spike traditionally. That is also right after the holidays.

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A lot of that is community stress related to those issues, but we usually see that in the beginning of the year, once we start seeing spring weather come around.

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In late March, early April. The majority of the cases are handled by Carle Foundation Hospital. A lot of these cases involve other physical illnesses or issues.

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However, and or However, most of the cases filed by institutions are by Carle. They see the most cases in their ED and then file a petition with our office.

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Most of the cases coming from community members are referred over to OSF as OSF has a locked ward and an actual psychiatric service to provide care to these individuals.

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Pavilion only accounts for about 2% of the cases that we see.

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Also, as of January 2025, we saw in January 22 crisis intervention team reports and 14 mental health cases filed with the court.

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In comparison, last year in 2024, we saw 30 crisis intervention team reports and 12 cases filed in the circuit court.

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Thank you very much any questions or discussions from the board.

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So, um. Just going back to just going back to who reports these cases You said UIPD and UPD are the ones that um contact you guys the most. If a patient or if a person goes to Carle,

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Because they're in Urbana, the ER, is it the UPD then that gets called to file the report with you? Most typically, yes.

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And then UIPD, then those are people, the individuals that are usually directly coming off of campus.

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Typically, because I'd say there's a mix there. I'd say majority are campus related but There are some individuals who just have interaction with their department for one reason or another.

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Yeah, I wanted to follow up on that because I was, I guess I was surprised that there wasn't more from Champaign Police Department because I know that When I worked at the University of Illinois, I know like a lot of students who

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Live on the campus, like do live in the jurisdiction of Champaign Police Department or Urbana Police Department rather than UIPD, and I guess was wondering if there's any specific other considerations as to why champagne has so, it's a drastically fewer cases. Is it primarily the hospital piece or other reasons?

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Unknown. UPD has the most efficient and effective system for labeling their cases as crisis intervention team related cases.

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Champaign Police Department does mark a number of cases but a number of cases are marked later as crisis intervention team related.

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Also, UPD. A number of their individuals are repeat customers.

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So individuals who have previously been marked as crisis intervention team Their future reports are also tagged crisis intervention team. So UPD also sees the most recurrent as often as when individuals are released from the hospital we see them a short time later.

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Hey, do you happen to know how these numbers stack up against a comparable size city like maybe Bloomington?

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We have not made that comparison. Okay. How many years have you been taking these statistics? Do you know?

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I started taking these statistics in 2023. My assistant, Vanessa Winters

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All these lovely graphs out of them. We have the number of cases that we actually filed for previous years that's our 2020, we filed 30 cases But we don't have our crisis intervention teams report logged prior to 2023. Okay. And are these conclusions used to

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Recommend increased services or, I mean, where does it go besides the numbers One of the focuses of my office is providing training on how the involuntary mental health system works and the mechanism of filing a petition.

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So law enforcement agencies who are frequently dealing with this process or family members, I often do a lot more engagement with them help them understand the process and know who they can refer people to often UPD or UIPD refer families who are going through mental health crisis to speak to me about how to file a petition on their own.

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So we do some targeting of training that way. I also do provide training to the hospitals on how to pursue this process.

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So having them understand how other hospitals are dealing with it or how many cases we're actually seeing in the community is useful data for them.

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And is this both for youth and adults? Vast majority are adults, Pavilion cases often involve juveniles, but they only account for about 2% of our cases.

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I guess I know. You said you couldn't compare to like Bloomington or Peoria that have college campuses. Do you know though those areas are also seeing an increase? I assume they are.

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I haven't seen their actual numbers. But mental health crises seem to be on the rise since 2020. So I would not be surprised if they had.

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Man, we're really grilling you today. As I said on something else earlier, I've slept since then. I believe we had a representative from UI, UIPD.

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Is it correct that they have someone in each squad car to do like crisis intervention?

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And if so, would that be bumping the numbers up a little bit or is that... not parallel. I think that I... I'm not sure of their actual system with that. I believe that's accurate.

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I believe that accounts for some of their efficiency in logging those cases.

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Well, and again, I mean, I hate to see numbers increasing But at least we're actually properly logging them now so we can say we do have a problem. This is why we need to do mental health funding in our county. So thank you for your hard work in your office.

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I had one more question because I actually had semi recently gotten a question about this.

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Issue from a community member. So if a community member had questions about this process, especially sort of like the involuntary commitment.

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Stuff could, I guess, would they reach out to your office like to potentially ask questions or get more information or is there another place that they should reach out to?

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They can reach out to my office, my ability to discuss certain topics with them is severely limited. I'm able to talk with them about where the form is, how they can file it how the technical process of these cases



moving through the courts progresses and I can file the petition with the circuit clerk on their behalf.

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I also act as a friend of the court in presenting the petition to the court.

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But in terms of other, whether or not they should file it, or I often refer them to Land of Lincoln or self-help legal services.

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So my office is a good starting point for families who may be considering this petition.

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To just understand how the process functions. I think that is very helpful information for community members. So thank you. I just, I'm sorry. I give this disclosure a lot, but I am not their attorney and I can't give them legal advice. So we are always very clear with them at the beginning of this process that our representative

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Capacity is limited. That definitely makes sense. Thank you.

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Any last questions?

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Well, thank you very much for your work on this and for presenting to us this evening.

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Thank you for your time. So next we will move on to the next item of new business, which is Review of applications for program year 2026 funding.

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So there is um so there is You can find this on pages 60 to 65 of the packet. For information only, the packet includes a briefing memorandum on the process of reviewing requests for funding with a checklist optionally for board members to use and we also have a list of successful applications

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Attached so I wanted to see if Lynn if you wouldn't mind talking us through this.

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Through the memo a little bit. I'll speed through this. This is very similar to the process we used last year. I just... updated with dates and um tried to clarify the expectation of what we as staff will accomplish and when

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The rest is up to you all. The board process is... maybe a little bit different every year depending on the board. And this year you have nine members which is I think it's been a few years since we had a full board when we went through the review process. So that might be easier for you all.

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Another thing is there are 19 applications.

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Which is a little bit less than some recent years. So that also might make it easier. I did try to focus on Expectations for timeline, which are in the timeline that's accompanies the schedule in every one of these packets, but we tried to add a few details to that like there's also

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A new part of the priorities documents, which you all approved in November.

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Is a strengthening of the expectations for minimal responsiveness. We have never really started there and said.

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This application doesn't meet the six minimal responsiveness standards and therefore shouldn't be considered. But it is in the priorities document.

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I wanted to just bring that forward. The language was strengthened a little bit for this year.

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There's a new requirement for the agency's most recent audit or review or audited balance statement in lieu of an audit.

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With the application so that I don't know if that's going to be helpful in this year's review.

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But the other dates to look at are you have a couple of meetings in April.

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Traditionally, we've needed both to get all the way through all the reviews. You might not.

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So you might start on the 16th and then the 30th would just be business meeting.

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With maybe nothing but the annual report and some minutes to approve Then there are also two meetings in May.

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To discuss the staff recommendations for funding because we always get into like, oh, it's never enough money available to fund everything. So how do you make decisions across several desirable applications. So these were The timelines are also flexible this is your process.

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We like to have everything settled by June so that we have some time to develop the contracts.

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So that we're ideally getting those payments out as close as July 1st and that contracts have a start date of July 1st for uninterrupted services or for best results for new services, but that's just again a standard, an expectation. So you can take longer if you need to. You could split considerations

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Across a few meetings or months and then there's just a little bit here about expectations. A lot of times there are questions.

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That board members have that may relate to things that were not addressed in the application, whether it's an oversight on our part With application questions or it wasn't answered directly or you might want to know more or you've heard something

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So there's always... extra information sought and we're trying to accommodate that despite the tight turnaround time. So there's just a little bit in there about that. I think I've said too much already. So here is the On this list we have

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This column, PY25, is currently funded contract. It's kind of hard to read, I think.

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Then the applications are in this next column, PY 2026. And then the final column is two-year contracts. So that's money that's already dedicated for this coming cycle, but that you don't have to decide on because you decided it last year.

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Through a two-year contract. So I did not do anything about assigning reviewers. I think that's something Molly McClay would like to talk with you about and maybe work on next month. So if y'all have any questions about this, I do have

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Printed copies, I can give you access to the online system if you're interested in doing that.

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There's a draft here for a review checklist if you want to use it, it might We updated it.

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Mr. Bryson and I updated it to match the priorities document.

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I think that's all I have to say, right? And I can print stuff for you if that's helpful too. Okay.

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So just to be clear, it looks like we're a little less than \$950,000 short of being able to fund everything.

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We don't know yet what we can afford. That's the totals are The totals are what you've already allocated for this year and then allocated and things that you've allocated for next year with the July 1 start date through those two-year contracts last year. And then the middle column there is the total of requests.

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So like the and then at the bottom we add in the PY 26 amount so That's what's being sought. It's not what's available. We don't know yet what's available. There are some complicating factors we have to start. We have to go

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Forward and look at what the likely property tax revenue increase will be for 2026.

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Develop the rest of the budget. And then come backwards into it because there are changes in 2025 that we weren't expecting.

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That may lower what's available. For this year. So usually the earliest I can get you that information is like middle of April, but I'll try, you know.

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I'll do my best. And Chris Wilson and I already talked today about like a strategy for giving you some kind of ballpark.

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So those numbers that are in that very bottom row there, the PY 2025 is what we allocated for this current program year and then PY 2026 is what we are being asked For this year.

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But we don't know the amount we have available to give for PY 2026.

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I also wanted to mention... Each board member that was on the board As of fall as of fall 2024, talked to Lynn and I about their feedback about the board process for reviewing applications.

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I had hoped to have like sort of a synthesis of those ideas for this meeting to talk with you all about. And unfortunately, the prep for the other aspects of this meeting consumed my life as well as my job as a therapist is a therapist

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Exploding right now. So I will be preparing something to share with you all.

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Next month about what our process could be. Knowing we have a lot of things we've done in the past.

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To discuss applications and there's some great feedback that I've gotten from everybody about things we could improve.

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So I will be ready with that next month. But of course, if anybody has any comments.

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On this process for now. Or any questions about anything that's been presented, please do ask and or share.

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I have a comment, actually. Last year, we basically, despite hours and hours of talking tirelessly about who we're going to fund, we basically funded everybody, right?

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Who did we not fund? I know Rose Krantz found money somewhere else when he knocked some money off when and knocked a couple percentage points off everybody else. But other than that.

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Yeah, and if we're just going to be a rubber stamp... I don't even know why we're going to spend hours debating. So please look at this with an open mind that maybe we can't fund everybody.

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Especially if we're going to have a shortfall. Nobody wants to be the bad guy. Last year, I've considered symbolically saying no to a couple people, but I hate being performative. That's just annoying.

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So I didn't do it. I will be doing it this year. I haven't looked at anything.

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Perhaps everybody's glistening and doing stuff, but these late audits have to stop. We can't have these fluid due dates. That's just not realistic. I run a nonprofit.

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I don't come for big funding because I don't want to have to hire an accountant. If you want to play this game, you have to play this game.

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So that being said, I don't want to come out negative right off the bat, but keep an eye out and look for stuff because we probably can't fund everything. So somebody's going to get cut.

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Thank you for sharing that. And we will have also an opportunity to discuss this audit concern.

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A few items from now as well. Any other comments, questions?

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I guess for Lynn, on page 49, it says the annual budget for the mental health board was seven a little over 7 million, is that correct? First 2024?

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49. Are you looking at the... The staff report that's the year to date It says 2024 annual budget on page 49.

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And it just says the annual budget expenditures was 7 million.

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And 82,000. Right. So we can develop. I was just wondering what last year as well, just to kind of give me. These are unaudited figures too. This is what Chris pulled down from the system.

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They're still working on it.

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Yeah, I see it. What did you want?

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Well, we had The budget was the budget for 2024 was um 7,082 and then the actual Well, actual 6.77.

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But these are, as I said, these are unaudited. There are some bills we're still paying. There are county departments bill us.

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On the last day and then we need to get that together and reconcile across these two boards so it's Well, the property tax revenue line is the one that we start with.

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So there are very few things known right now. Where is that? Property tax revenue from 24 was budgeted at 6.3 million and actual was 6.3 a little bit more.

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And then sometimes back taxes don't get applied or like there's I don't know exactly why and when we see back taxes and in lieu of, but we came pretty close to budgeted amounts and I know that just for the 01, that first line

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We can apply CPI of 2.9% increase and then assume a 99% collection rate.

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There was one year where there was a much lower collection rate, so that was a surprise that was the year people didn't want to pay taxes because they couldn't leave their house.

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So you might remember. Yeah. So, I mean, this is the only thing that's known and there's so much else unknown regarding other costs, whether they'll go up or whether we'll, and I don't know i can I could start working on it, but to be honest, I haven't had a lot of time yet, even with the guesses and then

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There's a new surprise expense that we'll need to absorb pretty quickly here.

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So anyway. But the 6.3 kind of gives me an idea. Yeah. So that... Yeah, that's the line we start with, apply 2.9%. Don't worry about the collection

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Estimate yet. Usually comes out better than what we guess.

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And so we make adjustments later in the year. But... Okay, sorry.

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I had some similar questions, so thank you for asking that.

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Any other questions or comments on this portion?

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All right. Well, seeing none, we will next move on to old business.

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So first we have an update from the evaluation capacity building project.

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And we have a representative here to share that with us.

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Good evening. It's nice to see everyone again. It's been a while since I've seen some of your faces. So I'm Rachel from the evaluation team.

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Thank you for the enthusiastic wave. I appreciate it. So we are plugging away with the standard components of our capacity building project. So we're doing the technical assistance, we're doing a working group and we're looking for someone from a developmental disabilities agency to join us for that.

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We recently have gotten some additional micro learnings up on our website that you can check out. We have a logic model series going through each of the phases of how to develop a logic model.

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And.. We're feeling good about the work that's being done and some people with the technical assistance are you know I think I mentioned last time getting excited about some of the data analysis and stuff and so I think I'm looking forward, you know, some of the data that's been coming up has been just really powerful about the importance of these programs. And so it's

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It's a nice time to see that data coming through. So I'm happy to answer any questions you

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What potential new micro learnings may be coming down the pike?

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Yes, so we have a meeting to plan some of those things, but we are also open to feedback from people if things are coming up that are becoming really pressing.

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Something we've been talking about relates to reporting and how to communicate some of the data and reporting in a way that we can talk about different forms of data and make those reports stronger and then talked about a micro learning with that, as well as some ways to build in

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Participatory approaches to evaluation for agency. So how to engage different stakeholders through those processes so that all of the evaluation stuff that's happening is really relevant to the people that



are impacted by programming and that the outcomes that are being selected are those that are relevant to the people receiving programming. So those are

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A couple sneak peeks maybe. But, you know, we talked to the working group before we make any final decisions about what's going to be most helpful and the best methods for being helpful in those ways.

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That is great. And I love like sort of the mirroring of, you know, participatory approaches are used with working with the agencies and then being able to help agencies use those same approaches to do evaluation with the participants and their programs is

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Like just a really nice way to continue that forward. I realize I don't know the URL for the website. Is that something that put me on the spot.

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I mean, maybe we could get it added to future agendas. Sure.

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It's in a memo that I've already written for the March board meeting if you'd like me to put it on the screen, I can do as I did this morning.

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Because you've got people interested. You want to see it? It's also on our... the application and reporting website too. It's linked there.

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So you want to see it? Sure. It's a long one. Okay.

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Yeah, maybe Sunday. I could just send you the memo for next month's meeting.

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Okay. Yeah, I think if we could like get the link kind of listed in the agenda next to all business, then, you know, we can well, maybe just maybe just for me, but that I can, you know, follow along each month and see kind of what's on there.

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The link to the evaluation capacity building website Okay, my signature on every email I send has two links at the bottom. One of those is to the application and reporting website, which has links to all kinds of stuff, 211,

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This stuff... I mean... I guess I can... I'm a little frustrated at needing to pull forth all kinds of detailed information and then still keep things simple so that you can get through them.

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Do you know what I mean? I can send you guys the website link right now  
Would that be okay? Yeah, yeah. Okay. We can always talk about it  
further.

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There's a memo in your next memo. Board packet about this.

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Yeah. And you all are also welcome to email us at any time. I hope that  
we've come off as accessible throughout this process and We've had formal  
informal meetings with different agencies to learn about how we can be  
really just how we can improve our work so that the work that we're doing  
is practical and relevant to

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Meeting the needs of agencies and their reporting and evaluation  
processes so I'm pretty quick on email.

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Sounds great. Any other questions or comments? From the board.

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I see none, thank you so much for your work. And we look forward to  
talking with you in future meetings too.

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Thank you very much. All right. Next on Old Business, we have two  
standing updates that have both been deferred for this month. So the  
Disability Resource Expo update has been deferred.

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And community needs assessment activities has also been deferred. So we  
will now move on.

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The special agency request, which is on pages 66 through 80, So this is a  
decision memorandum that provides background information to support the  
board's discussion of action requested by Immigrant Services of CU,  
Urbana Neighborhood Connection Center, and Women in Need Recovery.

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I think also this is an opportunity kind of to discuss this issue overall  
and how we might move forward with maybe future requests of this nature.

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So I wanted to start by asking Lynn if you could walk us through this  
memo.

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I'm not doing very well at summarizing things, but this is the wrong  
memo.

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So start with the right memo. Okay. So there's In September of 2024, we put together a memo that tried to track the history since the history some substantial changes were made to the funding requirements.

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The first set of substantial changes to the funding requirements were 2018.

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And they included.. that you could do an audit financial review or a compilation, depending on total agency revenue level, but there would have to be something And then there were allowable costs and there were some clarification of processes and

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2018 and then we kept finding for the next few years that it was it remained really difficult for people to afford and get these products to us on time. So something like, was it 2021?

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We changed the process from asking staff for extensions on audits to bringing this to the board whenever there was going to be a need for more time for audits.

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You know, I think there were.. maybe four sets of revisions to these. We keep asking CPA firms for input, agencies for input, other funders for input.

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Comparing with state rules, getting input from the board. So where we have had things since 2023.

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We've got some.. We've got the language.

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That is relevant to that is relevant what happens when an agency needs more time for an audit or if their payments are suspended Because an audit is late, what they should do in order to talk to the board. So that language is on page

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67. That comes from the funding guidelines and requirements.

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In their most recent version where we really tried to clarify these processes.

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And then there's the next section is some history There's history of.. exceptions when it was just staff.

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Working on the exceptions and then there's The 2021 revisions are when it becomes a board issue, but also we added time.

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So agencies had two extra months to complete an audit and this was based on some things that we learned like CPA firms were willing to cut some of them a deal if they could wait till after October there were people who couldn't get their audits done by the end of October, even though that was the state deadline, because the state wasn't providing them with the information they needed for their audits. So we're like, okay, we'll move it forward. Now we match the new state requirements to

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But this list shows the various requests that y'all have entertained since that change and what they were for and who they were for.

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The links, all of the blue links text there underlined is a link to the board packet which documents it. So if you want more detail you should be able to, it's quite easy to uh-oh.

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No, I don't want to open the link. It's quite easy to see more detail if you want it.

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And then here's a little bit about the revisions themselves. What was important was the change of timing.

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That was the most important thing. Here is an update on what has happened this year, there were nine audits that didn't make it to us by December 31st.

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Since that time, we've gotten the Refugee Center and Family Service. We have not received FirstFollowers and the The information right there is what they have provided to us.

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Then we notified the following. Christian Health, we still don't have, see you early got it done at that time, Courage Connection we just received this week Immigrant Services has made a formal request, which is in this packet.

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Terrapin did send it. This was one of the issues. They had sent it a while before, but there were some problems.

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Internally causing us not to receive it and causing us to the conversation got very confusing, but we've reviewed it or we're actually in the process of reviewing it and talking through that as we resolve that. Women in Need Recovery also has made a formal request and then

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So those are currently funded agencies. So they have payments suspended and a risk of the contract being canceled if the audit's not there by March 31st.

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Then we have down here. The three requests come from, as I said, women in need recovery.

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Asking to have the payments started again despite late audit. And then two agencies who are not currently funded, slightly different situations.

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But both have applied for funding and with the application is the requirement now.

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For an audit from the most recent year. So they're making a formal request as well. And then there's some stuff here, future consideration for like how this, whatever you decide to do with these formal requests now might have an impact on the other organizations that don't have audits in yet. As I said, Courage Connection is in so

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That happened since I finished the memo. And then there are some possible actions here. This is not to say We are not recommending any particular action. This board has talked a lot about these kind of issues and I need to stop now so that you can continue that conversation. But the actions are there just to save you time from having to construct motions

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On the spot, which I apologize last month I had not thought to do. Okay.

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Thank you very much. And we do have letters from the three agencies that are making requests of us that are Pages 74.

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Through. 80, I believe.

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So as Lynn mentioned, we have some possible actions that we can take. We've listed a couple possibilities.

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That are for each agency. Lynn and I talked in depth about possible motions, but obviously we are not beholden to any of these. We can make any adjustments.

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Needed or completely do a new motion for any of these But I wanted to give us an opportunity to talk about what is before us, both in terms of the three agencies making requests and then any other agencies that might

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Continue to have a late audit. Where we might need to agencies who do have a late audit whose applications for funding might also be in in have some consideration questions. So what thoughts do you all have?

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We can make motions, but I think we can discuss also.

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So there are different things that are being asked of us. So two agencies are asking us.

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To consider their application, even though their audit is not in, and then another agency is asking.

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Us to waive suspension of payments. Due to their audit not being in.

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These are options. For each agency, there are two optional motions, but we can also come up with other ones.

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Okay, so I make a motion. I move to consider the Immigrant Services of CU program year 2026. Funding request if the Year 2024 audit report is filed on or before March 31st, 2025, and any related follow-up issues are resolved.

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All right, so we have a motion on the table. Any second?

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All right. Any discussion on these? On this.

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Okay, I will start some discussion just because I don't want us to start voting.

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Again, my thoughts on this. I'm pretty sure we've had the conversation about if you don't have all your proper paperwork in when you make your application.

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Then you... you may miss out on this funding year.

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So i I feel that, but I also am like, if we were to have the information in, say, by March 31st or a date we choose.

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A decision could be deferred until then. So staff would not evaluate the application.

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We as a board would not evaluate the application until pretty much the last moment.

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So it looks like we have two agencies that that criteria would kind of fall for me. That'd be the immigrant service, I guess we're only doing one ace at the time. So I guess my point is I would feel more comfortable if they had it in say by

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The 31st rather than saying, hey, we're going to go ahead and forgive them today because how many other agencies didn't apply because they didn't have all their ducks in a row.

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And so I have to think. There could be agencies who say, I don't have a valid audit, so I can't apply for this money. So that's just my two cents.

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Thank you. I think this is a blanket comment that I... being here, it's my second, third meeting that I suspect that I will need to make a lot. It is the most bizarre thing. I have not seen it. I've sat on several different boards but

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We are tasked with servicing dollars in a way that helps, that alleviates mental health issues in Champaign County.

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And what we are talking about is being the barrier to helping those needs because of bureaucracy.

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Nobody's appointing us. I've heard the comment we can't be a rubber stamp and it's Or is that our job just to say yes all the time? Is it our job to say no?

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To helping these unique needs that are being met by these organizations that clearly don't do it for a lot of money. They just do it to address needs, like now more than ever groups like Courage Connection, like the immigrant services

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Of CU. It's more needed now more than ever. And I guess like sitting on the county board like man you guys are sitting really pretty on funds that can directly help people. It's just like, I feel like bizarro world

like that you guys are like, oh, I don't know if they didn't do it on time. Like.

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If that's really the case, then let's have a review, a study session on what barriers exist that are getting between these organizations and filing on time.

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Because it can't just be them. We know. Okay, sure.

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Sure. Again, I still hold, it seems a little silly to me.

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So we are a rubber stamp, to clarify. So we are a rubber stand. It's not about rubber stamping. I mean, this is... so self-selected by need that there is no way that these are rubber stamped. People don't just come here, expect to get money. I think that's an

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An insulting term. I agree with Emily on all of it.

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I stand with what I said. I mean, we're... I think a lot of times, I mean, we have this larger conversation about running things like a business.

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This is not a business. This is a service and being a service we are uh service in our community. I mean, David is here from the Immigration Service Center.

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I mean... I would like to have deeper conversations about the barriers. We know what the barriers are and we keep And many, not all our agencies do it.

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Some of our agencies come up to the barrier quite a bit.

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But we're not running a business. We're trying to provide services for our community and that's will consistently be my reason to be here.

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Went to the microphone. Yes. So it sounds like a board member would like to hear specifically from immigrant Services on this issue. So please do come up.

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We're more than happy to answer any questions you guys have or to even provide more context onto whatever it is that you guys would like us to express on. I think it goes without saying.

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That now more than ever, immigrant services organizations are doing work that like I could get emotional talking to you about it right now.

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It is not... Every single day we are... facing individuals who don't know how they're going to live the next day.

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And these services are what makes that possible for us. We're a small organization. We by no means are coming here to just say, here's our excuse, here's what it is.

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I appreciate your passion. I appreciate that you believe that things should be done in a certain fashion.

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But I also respect the other opinions that have been raised because this is difficult work.

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I'm an immigrant myself. I show up every day scared of deportation, but I help individuals that are also So I will be stepping into the executive director role and I will do everything in my power to assure that this does not happen again.

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But if you have any specific questions as to why it happened in the first place, David is here and is more than happy to answer those questions.

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Yeah, I just want to give just a little background information.

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We tried very, very hard. To get an audit. We shopped around for CPAs.

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None of them had the time And we got a letter of... which i have here.

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An audit engagement letter that states that they will begin an audit After May 1st. That was the earliest that we could get an audit.

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And... This does not address why we didn't get an audit done between June 31st and the end of the year.

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And I don't want to make excuses. That was mismanagement on our part.

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But we tried very hard to correct that. And the best we could do was get a letter of engagement saying that the audit would start on May 31st.

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I can go into detail on why we didn't meet the December 31st deadline if you're interested but I can assure you that I can assure you we not only understand, but we appreciate the need for this kind of oversight

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And we apologize for not doing it the previous year. And it will not happen again.

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The last thing I'll just... throw in and ask you guys to consider is how the community might suffer.

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If these services were to not be able to be provided.

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I think that's what I hope that we can all at least have respect for when we show up to have the conversation.

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Yeah. How many years have we been supporting you guys?

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We were previously, this thing on, yep, we were previously funded in fiscal year 22 to 23.

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Do... Only one year of funding from the mental health board, and that was PY24. Yeah, okay. We chose not to apply for funding the following year due to some of these mismanagement. We had a lot of turnover with our executive directors for reasons that we don't need to go into, but we're pretty heavy for us to take on as an organization. And we are now choosing to reapply after getting all of our ducks as much in a row as we can to say that we actually have the processes

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To be able to take on a grant at this level that really holds us to a high level of accountability when it comes to reporting documentation and everything else. But in terms of the client service And direct service engagement

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That was something that our demographic really benefited from and will continue to if the funding is approved.

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And what changes have you guys made? I don't just want to like... Well, we've... We've established a calendar.

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For deadlines for all Grant associated deadlines.

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We have spent a lot of time

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Late tax filings straightened out.

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In terms of internal management processes, we've

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Regular staff meetings we've tried to become in all aspects a much more professional organization.

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Can I ask a clarifying question regarding the audit start date? Because I believe The letter that you submitted to us stated that the audit would be started May 1st, but I thought I heard you say May 31st. Is it May

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First, the start and May 31st is when it's expected to come in.

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Well, I certainly hope it's done by May 31st. But the auditor didn't guarantee that.

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So I don't think I, in good faith. Can guarantee that. All I can guarantee is that what the auditor represented, he will start it.

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May 1st, but from what I know of audits, it should not take more than A month.

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I struggle with that because I know our experience is that so many agencies have had six months to do an audit and have come to us asking for extensions to continue paying them while time goes on for more and more months. Our official

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Deadline at which contracts would be canceled is nine months after the end of the fiscal year.

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So I, and I know that our local audit, you know, when we consulted with a local auditor, they indicated that kind of in a good average good scenario, an audit should take eight weeks if all the books are in order.

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So I'm concerned that May 31st would not, like the end of May would not be feasible for it to actually come in by then if it's not starting till May 1st.

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And I know the deadline was December 31st. I am really struggling with this because I really care about the services that you all provide.

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And we really do need them more than ever. And it's also, I know that, you know, the reasons we have the audit requirements that we do is to make sure that the money that we are sort of charged with disseminating on behalf of the community is used

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Appropriately. And, you know, there have been times where agencies have owed us back money and that there have been major problems and there have been times usually there aren't major problems.

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So this is a challenge because currently funded agencies, if their audits are not in by March 31st, which is the time that's been floated around that their contracts are come up for possible cancellation and this date that you're giving is

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Is multiple months beyond that. So I do struggle with that. And I do want to be very clear how much I care about your services and support your services too.

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And I appreciate what you've said, and, and we've had discussions with our financial manager about the timeline because we realize that audits do take time.

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And what we've done is we've contracted with another CPA who is going to resolve the bank statements, get everything in order for the auditor by the auditor by March 31st so that when the audit begins, everything will be in order.

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So we've done everything we can to try to make sure that the process goes smoothly.

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Again, I can't predict the future, but we've... We're trying very, very hard to get this in as soon as we can.

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I'm interested in hearing more about your work and in particular how your work has changed in the past few months.

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And how that might have changed. The amount of effort you were able to put into something like this and meeting deadlines like this.

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So if I understand your question correctly, you're saying that you know post-election, post-inurauguration that your concern is that we are taking on more, which would make it more difficult for us to comply with these types of things.

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Okay, understandable. I think that there is.. Outside, okay, how do I say this? So those of us that are not working in immigrant service organizations.

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Don't understand probably that even before this election and even before this inauguration, we were doing the work of preventing deportation. That was already what we were doing. That was not new. We were just doing it in a different way.

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The difference is that now all of the focus is on us. Everyone is now looking at us and paying attention and asking us for answers.

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What has increased is probably the community engagement portion. But the work that we're doing with clients has not changed other than to make sure that in the dialogue that we're having with clients that they know their rights, that that is something that they are very, very, very, very secure on

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But all of our programs and all of our services are aiming to help specifically asylum seekers, but immigrants across the immigration spectrum to comply and to find stabilization with whatever it is they need to to avoid deportation.

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So we've been doing that directly prior to this election. I mean, we've already gone through one Trump administration, so we learned a lot from that. And a lot of our work actually came from what we learned during that first administration. So I understand your concern. You'll find in our application that a large reason why we're asking for funding is to be able to bring on more staff.

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So being able, I currently am an associate director and a case manager. So I am handling administrative tasks and I'm also doing case management. I came on as a case manager. We're a small organization, came from a very grassroots.

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Background and I was able to learn very quickly having a case manager will make it to where my sole focus can be these kinds of things. But in

order to do that effectively, we really do need the funding to be able to do it. We would actually like to bring on two case managers. We have the opportunity to

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Pay for one case manager without a grant like this, but in order to be able to do two effectively and meet the needs that are ever increasing.

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It would be great to have two. So with that being said, my focus will be on things like this once staff, you know, once I'm not wearing five different hats. But yeah, that is something I want to emphasize is that we've already been doing this work. It's not like all of a sudden we showed up to work after inauguration and we were like, okay, and now it's time to get busy. We've already been doing this. It's just that now people are paying attention.

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Any further discussion on any further discussion on this particular motion.

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I'm sorry, this isn't really a question for you guys. I'm a little confused. I don't know, maybe I'm being dense

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By the language of the motions. I don't understand what the difference is.

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When I read the first what it says. Defer consideration.

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Until such time as the time program year 2024 audit report has been filed And then the next one it says... to consider the motion

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Once the... audit is filed. It just seems like it's the same thing, just phrased differently.

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Well, the first one doesn't have a deadline. It's just to wait. The question is.

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Please consider our application for funding. The audit was owed because of the contract in PY24. It does appear that some money is owed back to the mental health board based on the Q4 reports, but we don't use those to ask for money, wait for the audit. So right now, when we could be recapturing some funds

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We have to wait when there are late audits to even start doing that. So that's one consequence we didn't really talk about in the memo, but it's important when we're talking about reallocating funding.

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It's kind of related. If the first motion would... maybe allow you to say, we're not even going to decide about this application, whether to consider it or not.

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Until the audit is available, which could happen like in August.

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And in August, you might have more money. You know, this is, you know, you couldn't have a contract that starts July 1 so that That motion may be too open-ended.

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For you all, it gives no deadline at all, and it may put you into the time of the year when if you do have extra money you might have decided to spend it on something else.

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So you could modify that motion by adding some kind of timeframe to it. The second motion puts everything to the timeline that will apply to organizations that have contracts with us right now, their contracts will be canceled if their audits are not

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Done by March 31st. Well, actually, they actually have to come and talk to you about considering canceling the contract if the audit is that late. It's not automatically canceled it's It comes up for discussion. So the difference would be just to time it like that, but it sounds like that's not a possible timeframe for them.

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So maybe this motion would have to be revised I withdraw that motion then if that's a now that I understand.

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Is it not impossible? Could you revise it if you had an idea of another deadline? I mean, the first one is perhaps too open-ended and then this one is perhaps too soon.

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So maybe neither of these motions is helpful right now. Do either of these get in the way of funding?

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And the immediacy and when they get it it's for 2026, right?

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The question is to consider the application at all. So first, you've got to review the application.

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And so In the priorities memo.

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You won't do that if this isn't available. But you could, you have the authority to make exceptions to rules. So you could say, we will review it.

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We'll review the application whenever the audit is done. I mean, you could also say you'll review the application without an audit that's There's not a motion to that effect, but that's an option that y'all have.

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And we staff will do whatever you tell us to. We can review the application regardless of what y'all are going to do. You could say, let's review all the applications and then put conditional contracting like there's no contract until there's an audit. That's a strategy used in the past.

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Part of the reason that the March 31st deadline was given was one.

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Because that is the deadline at which Well, it's sort of the second deadline or the end of the grace period for turning in a late audit because audits are due December 31st.

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And if they're not in by then, then March 31st is when they might be subject to contract cancellation.

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But also because at our previous meeting, there was a comment about potentially considering March 31st to be the deadline by which we would deter essentially if audits are not in by March 31st.

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Then we would not consider any application whose audit was not in by then. That was a comment made in the last meeting, I believe, by Dr. Joachim.

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Please correct me if I'm wrong. So that was why that it was included in any of the motions that were regarding please consider our application. But of course, this can be amended to another date.

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And like Lynn said, we can use the defer consideration or we can just say we're going to accept it when we're going to consider the application and it doesn't matter when the audit is in.



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So we have possibilities, but we wanted to list And that March 31st date was because of prior discussions and because it is a deadline.

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I wanted to say. That I have been frustrated with a number of times we've had to discuss these exceptions and extensions.

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Since I've been on the board, I joined the board in May 2022.

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I counted them up from this memo. Which is half of my meetings and my entire time on the board. And I recognize that prior to that time, the staff handled a lot of those decisions.

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If we... I think, you know, we could consider making different guidelines than what we have now if we don't intend to enforce these audit guidelines, because I do understand that This is about... we need to focus on the services.

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And also... There are reasons why audits are required.

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So... I know that this has taken a lot of time and we've taken a lot of time with it tonight.

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But those are some of my thoughts, including on why the motions are presented as they are. So it seems like the next point in this conversation is the date.

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Do we have any suggestions on when we'd like to change that date to?

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We're trying to make final decisions by May 28th. Is that right?

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One applications. I believe so, although it is also important to note that when an audit comes in, then the staff also has to review the audit too.

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So a question for Lynn. This organization if they didn't get funding in PY24 It looks like they would just need a financial review, not a full audit, right?

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That's what we all thought. But then they had, may I speak for you? This is actually really good news. At the end of that program year, they

received a very large contribution, which put them over that \$500,000 threshold.

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So that was good news. How long does a financial review usually take to do?

01:54:33.168 --> 01:54:44.168

Well, they have to do an audit now. Oh, I think that these products don't, they're not that much different. The review should be quicker.

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But one thing that we've learned from CPA firms, it really has to do with the condition of the financial records that they're presented with.

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So. I think for me, just putting my thoughts out there.

01:55:00.927 --> 01:55:13.927

You know, I've been on this board for a while now and i've been on a while now I always try to balance of doing the most good trying to maximize the well-being of the community And also making sure staff don't burn out.

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Like that's the way that's the way see my decisions typically.

01:55:19.994 --> 01:55:24.994

I think coming at it as a position. I work in a system that's broken.

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I mean, there's a lot of systems in this country that are broken.

01:55:27.675 --> 01:55:31.675

And I spend my day trying to make the system work for families.

01:55:31.316 --> 01:55:39.316

And... The system is broken and we have to find ways to make it work.

01:55:39.672 --> 01:55:48.672

I just want to make sure that what we ask of staff isn't going to burn them out and that's what I'm going to base my decisions on.

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And so I think so. With the amount of revenue that the organization has.

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The agency has. I'm okay making a decision for this year without audit from previous year, the one year. They've only gone funding from us for one year This is an agency that is serving the most underserved in the community, the ones with the least voice.

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And at a time They are... suffering the most.

01:56:24.553 --> 01:56:28.553  
Right now. A son of immigrant parents.

01:56:29.613 --> 01:56:46.613  
I... know what that was that's what that is like for for people coming to a country with not having a social support system and it's when you have people in the community that can be a lifeline it can make

01:56:47.302 --> 01:57:03.302  
A life or death difference and it's really important that we serve those people when we can. If we have an option, again, this decision isn't to give the funding. All it is is look at the request.

01:57:03.474 --> 01:57:09.474  
That's my thought. Is March 31st That's realistic?

01:57:09.612 --> 01:57:15.612  
I didn't think it was. So how when would... Like staff, when would the cutoff have to be?

01:57:16.831 --> 01:57:24.831  
Because, yeah, plot twist. I'm completely... with y'all. Yeah, immigration is a different situation right now. So I'm not just a jerk, despite how I might have come off earlier.

01:57:25.612 --> 01:57:28.612  
And I think the board members have been with me kind of know that I just talk big.

01:57:29.001 --> 01:57:33.001  
But yeah, for real, when is the latest because I want to give them all the time we can.

01:57:34.922 --> 01:57:44.922  
Were you trying to comment or were you commenting on other people's? I'd like to wait. I can get back to both of these, but you have two board members ready to say something to maybe others.

01:57:50.289 --> 01:57:51.289  
I'm sorry.

01:57:55.812 --> 01:58:04.812  
I guess from what I'm gathering is if they're not starting till May 1st, they're going to try to have it done by May 31st.

01:58:06.168 --> 01:58:19.168  
Doesn't their board have to approve it and then doesn't our staff have to evaluate it? So are we looking at a June 31st Extension and by then we'll have already given out the funding or am I like mixed up

01:58:20.990 --> 01:58:27.990  
You could revise this motion by deleting everything after funding request.

01:58:28.863 --> 01:58:45.863

I mean, seriously. And because this is not a promise of funding. This is just to say we would review it with the other applications, period, and then make you could decide later if the lack of an audit was an issue. Is it okay for me to respond a little bit to

01:58:46.812 --> 01:59:09.812

Just because the most unpopular people in this country right now are certainly immigrants But maybe coming up coming up fast are bureaucrats. Like we're really having a bad day too, but not quite as bad so But just to say that when I came into this role, one of the things that I really understood clearly was all of the harm caused to

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America's health care system by strictly reimbursement based payment system. With like not even to comment on the complexities of the regulatory system, which are also a burden but But many experts blame the fee-for-service reimbursement model for the failures of our contemporary healthcare system.

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And that's also true with behavioral health. Illinois has a particular obsession with fee-for-service based contracts. They are far behind.

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Other states in how they fund mental health and substance use contracts by hanging on to this 15-minute reimbursement for services that are rated at like costs that only were maybe true 30 years ago and we don't staff the state agencies well enough to update the rules and regulations in a meaningful way. So the state adds harm to the mental health system. So we don't do

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Any fee-for-service contracting right now. It's really great for accountability. We can describe utilization.

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Really drill down on any questions about duplication of services or over service or gaps in service, but we have foregone all of that in favor of advance payment contracts. Everything goes out.

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As advance payments as that allows especially the small nonprofits operating in this community to function so just just that is why the audits then become really important because we learn and we also have the luxury of time the program year ends June 30th and we don't find out

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You know the audited financials are not presented to us for another six months, but we have the luxury of time. We budget for money to come back later.

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If it's owed back, but I really thought it was important to First, like upfront maximize success. But then on the back end, we spend a lot of time reviewing audits.

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It's mostly me reviewing the audits and then asking staff for help on particular issues, like to look more closely at some issues.

02:01:18.866 --> 02:01:28.866

So I can say that if there's a risk of burnout it would probably start with me. And the thing that, and I want to protect our staff from burnout as well.

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Especially if it's me emailing them little trivial questions from an audit, things I don't understand that they're working on something else and now they got to answer me. So I really appreciate what you're saying.

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But just, you know, the risk, there is this risk that comes with the way that we've chosen to fund.

02:01:46.739 --> 02:01:51.739

And the solutions end up, you know. They're later.

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And so sometimes we spend a lot of time trying to track somebody down to get that check back.

02:01:56.992 --> 02:02:04.992

That's how, you know, that's toward maximizing success. So anyway, I still feel committed to that as a bureaucrat. Sorry for going on.

02:02:05.625 --> 02:02:13.625

So now, first... No, I'll say that for later. So we now need, again, I want to keep us on it.

02:02:14.002 --> 02:02:19.002

Clip here. We need to Can I now move to amend?

02:02:18.321 --> 02:02:24.321

The motion that I made that is on the table Or do we need and you need to accept that as a friendly amendment?

02:02:24.938 --> 02:02:39.938

Yeah, that works. Okay, so I move and I'm hoping that i'm hoping a fellow board member, Palencia, will agree as if running the amendment to strike All language.

02:02:40.751 --> 02:02:44.751

After on. Is that correct?

02:02:47.313 --> 02:02:53.313

Funding request. Okay, let's do that. I move. Yes. Do you accept that?  
Yes.

02:02:57.067 --> 02:03:04.067

Motion to consider the immigrant Services of CU program year 2026 funding request.

02:03:09.407 --> 02:03:21.407

Okay, so we have a motion to to consider the Immigrant Services of cu Progenier 2026 funding request.

02:03:23.071 --> 02:03:34.071

Any further discussion. Just one quick question. This doesn't set precedent, does it? Because I'm completely voting for this, but I want to make sure that There's no precedent. We make the rules.

02:03:34.492 --> 02:03:44.492

Yeah, I guess I want to understand. So are we amending this to essentially say we're going to consider it regardless of the audit coming in or not.

02:03:48.195 --> 02:03:56.195

I think that philosophically my issue is with the organizations that repeatedly have an issue year after year.

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And it's not for an organization that has struggled maybe one year.

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So I think that's the difference in And my thoughts about it.

02:04:10.003 --> 02:04:12.003

That's why we do it case by case.

02:04:10.495 --> 02:04:18.495

Do I need to move to call the question or can we... No, I can do it. So... I guess any further discussion.

02:04:21.861 --> 02:04:26.861

All right, seeing, does this need a roll call vote or a voice vote?

02:04:27.896 --> 02:04:37.896

Okay. All those in favor of considering the immigrant Services of CU program year 2026 funding request.

02:04:38.307 --> 02:04:42.307

Say aye. Aye. All those opposed, same sign.

02:04:44.118 --> 02:04:52.118

The eyes have it. The immigrant Services of CU program year 2026 funding request is approved.

02:04:52.752 --> 02:05:09.752

And will be considered. So next we have... similar discussion around the Urbana Neighborhood Connection Center's request for us to consider their funding request, despite not having an audit.

02:05:09.690 --> 02:05:21.690

In place. They have provided a letter on page 79 So there are, you know, again, multiple motions that we can make. Any of these could be amended.

02:05:26.079 --> 02:05:29.079

Let's discuss the issue at hand.

02:05:30.061 --> 02:05:35.061

Well, I'll kick it off and trying to keep it rapid here.

02:05:35.445 --> 02:05:52.445

I think it's, again, we're not all about being fair in this world But I think it's only fair if we're going to consider the application for Immigrant Services of CU why would we not consider the one for Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center.

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Again, I don't feel it's necessary to put a date on that being as we didn't put a date on the other one.

02:05:58.831 --> 02:06:05.831

That's just kind of a thought. I agree. And like you said, consider doesn't mean we're funding it. Correct.

02:06:12.325 --> 02:06:16.325

All right. Any other discussion or motions?

02:06:26.082 --> 02:06:32.082

Consideration of the Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center Incorporated Program Year 2026.

02:06:34.881 --> 02:06:44.881

I'll second. So that's not the exact same motion we made before. So before it was consider and now it's deferred.

02:06:44.645 --> 02:06:57.645

It's okay. Do you want to amend the motion? I will amend that to say I'll make a motion to consider the Urbana Neighborhood Connection Center Incorporated Program Year 2026 funding request.

02:07:04.828 --> 02:07:07.828

All right. Any further discussion?

02:07:14.708 --> 02:07:25.708

All right, seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of considering the Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center Program Year 2026 funding request say aye. Those opposed, same sign.

02:07:27.040 --> 02:07:32.040

The eyes have it. The program will be, their funding request will be considered.

02:07:32.908 --> 02:07:38.908

So last, we have a request not on the same issue, but related.

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Women in Need Recovery has sent us a letter that is on page 80.

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Requesting us to waive suspension of their payments. Because their audit has been late. So they mentioned that the audit was late due to discrepancy with their auditor and they're asking for us to authorize the staff to release January, February, and March payments as scheduled.

02:08:06.349 --> 02:08:19.349

We also have the option of continuing suspension of payments. So this is similar to the issue we discussed last month with family service where the audit is not in on time and they're wanting us to continue to pay them

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Until the audit is in so Any discussion?

02:08:26.277 --> 02:08:50.277

In that case, we just release one month, right? In the family service one we did release one month. They requested two months of um of payments. And I believe their audit did come in shortly um And on like February 5th or something like that. So it came in right away. So that's another option that you...

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Yes. Give a partial. So we could waive suspension of a cert and release a certain number of payments.

02:08:57.413 --> 02:09:03.413

We could release all the ones they're asking for, or we can continue the suspension of payments.

02:09:07.720 --> 02:09:15.720

Because of my association with Women in Need Recovery, I'm not going to really get into discussing this, but I just have one question. Have they been on time with anything?

02:09:17.710 --> 02:09:21.710

No. I probably shouldn't even said that. I just wanted to mention it.

02:09:27.220 --> 02:09:32.220

No to quarterly reports. No to audits.

02:09:32.478 --> 02:09:41.478

No to board minutes. And this is more what I was speaking about earlier, not organization. Oh, they're gone. But organizations like this.



02:09:41.419 --> 02:09:51.419

That said, the previous organization we discussed, that question was that asked, but they have also been late with their audit

02:09:51.972 --> 02:10:09.972

Frequently. So that's, you know, something to... consider. I know in the memo there is a discussion of... Is there a discussion of when... Yeah, I'm all over the place here.

02:10:11.108 --> 02:10:20.108

Yes, there is some history about Women in Need recovery so their... Their PY23 audit was submitted on April 20th.

02:10:20.036 --> 02:10:27.036

April 24th, 2024, and their PY22 audit was submitted on July 7th, 2023.

02:10:28.148 --> 02:10:33.148

They're stating that they expect it to be completed by that March 31st deadline.

02:10:32.741 --> 02:10:43.741

That could result in contract cancellation if it's not in by that date. However, their previous two audits were not in by that date.

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And just to remember, the March 31st date is a grace period. The actual deadline is December 31st.

02:10:51.520 --> 02:11:03.520

I have two questions. Am I correct that they have other funding besides just us? I was thinking they get other funding and ours isn't much compared to what they get.

02:11:03.740 --> 02:11:07.740

And then is there actually anyone on there from when?

02:11:24.532 --> 02:11:33.532

Any further questions or discussion? Well, this seems like a different case. It's not just the audit.

02:11:33.771 --> 02:11:47.771

They have not asked us to consider their application, although they did turn one in. They've just asked us to to release the payments that have been suspended.

02:11:47.909 --> 02:11:55.909

So I don't know if they're going to make a request like those that have been made from these other agencies.

02:11:58.099 --> 02:12:05.099

Point of order, which one are we on here? So the third one, Women in Need Recovery. Their letter is on page 80.

02:12:06.230 --> 02:12:11.230

Thank you. I don't think I've received this in the mail, by the way but um when's the last time that we heard from them

02:12:16.101 --> 02:12:17.101  
In person?

02:12:18.610 --> 02:12:23.610  
Not in person, but you mean... when they came.

02:12:25.230 --> 02:12:30.230  
Yeah, yeah. I don't remember when.

02:12:32.359 --> 02:12:38.359  
And they did send us this letter, which appears to be dated January 7th.

02:12:39.125 --> 02:12:44.125  
The punch is cutting it off, so I can't tell if it's a one or a two.

02:12:46.296 --> 02:12:52.296  
Does say January 7th. Is that right? January 7th.

02:12:52.985 --> 02:12:59.985  
I don't think it was received January 7th. I can look at the email to see when we got it.

02:12:59.488 --> 02:13:04.488  
No. I'll look for that right now.

02:13:04.497 --> 02:13:10.497  
I'm concerned. I thought we sent Emily Rodriguez everything.

02:13:11.420 --> 02:13:19.420  
So we may need to talk to you afterwards about a correct address. That might be the the board packet and the other stuff

02:13:22.621 --> 02:13:29.621  
We did. It was sent. I remember it specifically. Sorry for jumping in.

02:13:25.059 --> 02:13:27.059  
So I don't know why we wouldn't have. Okay.

02:13:35.046 --> 02:13:37.046  
Thank you.

02:13:39.047 --> 02:13:51.047  
So again, I think our options are to um to continue suspending payments, to waive suspension of all the payments they're asking for, or to waive suspension of some of the payments they're asking for.

02:13:56.110 --> 02:13:58.110  
What are people feeling?

02:14:06.930 --> 02:14:16.930

I would just say when we would just say uh... when we release some of the payments for the other organization, they gave us reasons as to why.

02:14:17.001 --> 02:14:31.001

What they would be able to do, how they would be able to keep money going flowing keep the lights on. I don't see explanations of what this would do for the agency we do approve.

02:14:31.267 --> 02:14:40.267

Or we don't approve or if we approve one month. So I don't know that I would vote to approve without having that kind of information.

02:14:41.452 --> 02:14:56.452

They did state in their letter that, I mean, they stated some reasons why it was late, they stated that they stated Their auditor was unaware of the total sum of their grants, which required them to have a different kind of audit.

02:14:56.386 --> 02:15:07.386

I would be under the impression that it would be the responsibility of the agency to communicate that to the auditor, not for the auditor to just somehow know, but I could be wrong about that.

02:15:07.578 --> 02:15:17.578

That said, these are services that are in place right now. So if we suspend those payments, those could have an impact on services that are happening right now.

02:15:18.210 --> 02:15:24.210

On the other two items, we're talking about services that we might be funding in the future.

02:15:24.785 --> 02:15:34.785

That we have offered compassion around. So I am... curious about you know what approach we might take with this one.

02:15:37.162 --> 02:15:53.162

I guess my experience with WIN Recovery, unfortunately, hasn't has been one where just they have missed deadline after deadline and i don't get the same answers I get from other agencies or the sense of urgency I get sometimes from other agencies.

02:15:54.097 --> 02:16:11.097

Of getting things done or how things are going to be corrected And so I think from my perspective, I don't have a good feeling of things getting done and I I kind of, I've run my path with this agency on giving more leniency.

02:16:13.606 --> 02:16:29.606

I'm happy to do whatever other people want to do. Is it possible to ask them to come in next month and hear from them and then table this and then table this and then Not tabling, we usually tabling, but can we do that and ask them to come forward?

02:16:30.023 --> 02:16:45.023

I think we could do that. The only thing is if they're in dire need of those payments now, that would require them to go beyond another month. But I think that's definitely a motion that we could make would be to just defer consideration of the request

02:16:48.523 --> 02:16:51.523

Until they present to us next month.

02:16:51.100 --> 02:16:55.100

It doesn't seem very dire. That's just my perspective.

02:16:58.482 --> 02:17:09.482

Not usually the mean person. So could we go with... the second potential Because it doesn't say we'll never fund them. It just says until we follow up some issues.

02:17:12.987 --> 02:17:20.987

It sounds like there's the option to defer this discussion until they come and present to us themselves.

02:17:20.722 --> 02:17:32.722

Or that we continue to suspend their payments. So would that be something that staff just follows up with, you know, a letter Something formal. Okay. Red receipts.

02:17:35.159 --> 02:17:47.159

When did you hear that question? We're searching our emails to try to figure out when she sent this This letter that's dated January 7th, so still trying to follow up on that. So I missed the question.

02:17:47.410 --> 02:17:59.410

I guess I was just clarifying like the process for that. So we just get an Letter, email, something form red receipt that this has been received We're formally requesting their presence to the next meeting.

02:18:00.336 --> 02:18:05.336

We were to defer this discussion, would we be able to get those things?

02:18:06.674 --> 02:18:09.674

The process to get them to come to the next meeting.

02:18:10.423 --> 02:18:20.423

You know, we usually just ask people to come And they don't always come and we ask them I'm open to whatever.

02:18:21.105 --> 02:18:28.105

A little lost, you know, searching through the thousands of emails over the last months to try to find that date.

02:18:28.413 --> 02:18:40.413

Maybe I think this is totally possible. I'm just not exactly sure what all the pieces would be. So is that something you could... Maybe direct me through email after?

02:18:41.108 --> 02:18:52.108

Sure. And I don't think I need anything. I guess I was just wondering about the process and how we would make the gravity of our invitation clear to the recipient. I think you get to you get to design that.

02:18:52.304 --> 02:18:59.304

And we'll do whatever that it takes. So in the meantime, are we continuing to suspend those payments?

02:19:00.941 --> 02:19:13.941

I'm assuming. So I guess I will... move to continue the suspension of payments on the wind recovery program year 2025 contract.

02:19:14.180 --> 02:19:25.180

Until either the PY24 audit is submitted and any follow-up issues resolved or until the agency comes to us with more detail.

02:19:27.884 --> 02:19:33.884

I will second that motion. Thank you. Any further discussion or amendments requested?

02:19:34.880 --> 02:19:42.880

Can I ask one question? So they have also asked for funding for fiscal year 26.

02:19:42.393 --> 02:19:50.393

So yes, they have not formally asked us to consider their application, but do we want to say, hey.

02:19:51.687 --> 02:19:57.687

Review of their applications, I think need to kind of be deferred a little bit to the bottom of the pile?

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There's another agency with the same situation, and that's Christian Health.

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So Christian Health and Women in Need Recovery both submitted applications for funding

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But didn't ask about this audit requirement piece. We did find the letter, Leon found the letter just like that. Thank you, Leon.

02:20:18.569 --> 02:20:23.569

It should have probably been dated February 7th because that's when it was sent to us.

02:20:23.201 --> 02:20:28.201

So mystery solved. Okay.

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So I didn't, I mean, I didn't really feel... I feel like I don't want to ask things on behalf of agencies anymore because it creates the appearance that we're advocating one way or the other and causing you to spend hours on these questions.

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But it's reasonable if you want to take up that issue now. You have those two other applicants for funding who don't have audits.

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It looks like according to their letter, they're expected to get this done by 3/31.

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So that they would have it in. Before the application due date.

02:21:12.123 --> 02:21:22.123

I think if we want to consider this question about women in need recovery, we should also consider it about the other agency with a late audit. And I think we should consider it as a separate motion.

02:21:22.624 --> 02:21:30.624

So do we want to have any further discussion on the motion I don't actually remember if anybody seconded.

02:21:31.004 --> 02:21:38.004

Okay, thank you. Any further discussion on the motion to continue suspension of payments?

02:21:38.836 --> 02:21:42.836

Either until their audit is in or until they come to us with more information.

02:21:46.082 --> 02:22:03.082

Yeah, go for it. I think with that language, when you say until they come to us with more information implies that if they bring us more information, we're going to release the suspension. So I think maybe something like Until they get the audit in.

02:22:03.524 --> 02:22:12.524

Or until the board decides. To... Until the board decides to resume funding.

02:22:13.829 --> 02:22:40.829

Okay. I can go ahead and... this friendly amendment thing is new to me. So I will amend the motion on the table to continue suspension of payments on the WIN recovery program 25 program year 2025 contract either until the PY24 audit is submitted and any follow-up issues resolved or until the board otherwise decides to resume payment.

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Jane, would you like to rescond? Yes, I can resend that.

02:22:52.008 --> 02:22:54.008

All right. Any final discussion?

02:22:53.216 --> 02:22:56.216

Since this is regarding payments, is this a roll call vote?

02:22:56.346 --> 02:23:15.346

Yes. Okay. So the final motion on the table is to continue suspension of payments on the WIN recovery program year 2025 contract until the PY24 audit is submitted and any follow-up issues resolved or until the board decides to otherwise resume funding.

02:23:15.708 --> 02:23:19.708

Can I get a roll call? Chris Miner. Abstain.

02:23:21.331 --> 02:23:26.331

Tony Nichols? Yes. Joe Omo-Osagie? Yes.

02:23:26.709 --> 02:23:32.709

Yes. Kyle Patterson? Yes. Emily Rodriguez.

02:23:33.403 --> 02:23:40.403

Yes. Jane Sprandel. Yes. Jon Paul Youakim? Yes. Molly McLay? Yes.

02:23:40.956 --> 02:23:59.956

All right. The eyes have it. Can put suspension of payments is continued until either audit is in or we make another decision to resume payment. Do we want to entertain the question of what to do about any of these other agencies whose

02:23:59.646 --> 02:24:05.646

Who have applied for funding whose audits are late, this evening or do we want to discuss that next month?

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So Women in Need Recovery and then Champaign County Christian Health Center. And then there also is the issue of FirstFollowers is on a two-year contract. And so they did not have to apply for funding but It may be that they need to have their audit in in order to be eligible for the second year of the contract. Is that accurate?

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If there's not an audit by March 31st, the board will be asked to consider canceling the contracts.

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Yeah. So do we want to discuss the consideration of the consideration of women in need recovery in Champaign County Christian Health Center this evening or wait till next month.

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All right. I'm hearing that we will wait on that till next month and there's no suggested motion. So we can move on. And now I need to find the agenda because my iPad went to sleep.

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Thank you, everyone, for... Getting through that discussion.

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So next we do have more public participation agency input. I do reserve the right to limit individual time to five minutes and total time to 20 minutes. If there's anybody in the room, which there appears to not be and anybody online who would like to speak to the board, please let us know.

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Is there anybody who'd like to contribute?

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All right, no one online. So next we will move to board-to-board reports. As always, board members can serve as liaison to other boards.

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And if you'd like to do that, you can talk to Stephanie Howard Gallo about it.

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Any board members who are currently attending other boards have updates for us.

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Lynn and I attend a University of Illinois student mental health committee meeting. They canceled this month, but we are supposed to meet next month Any other updates?

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I believe the around March 7th, we're going to have a Disabilities Expo steering committee kickoff. So if anyone recalls anything from like their recap of the last thing that you'd like to share with me, let me know and I'll be happy to bring those thoughts on behalf of the board.

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All right. Thank you. All right, next we will move to county board input. Do we have any input from our county board liaison?

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Sure. I'll make it super brief. I guess... perhaps it'd be good to have context, I guess, for how bullish I've been tonight.

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Local governments are bracing for a really terrible set of economic circumstances.

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And it sure seems like we are one stable spot to offer funding.

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Yep. So I guess also just to note, unemployment, particularly from federal workers, will be going up.



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So our services are needed now more than ever. And you can go to any local government. They will tell you that they are having the same conversation.

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So I would just underline that. Thank you very much. Next, we will move to Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board input. Do we have any input from the Developmental Disabilities Board.

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They met this morning. They have almost the same number of applications to review that you do.

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They have added a discussion item for emerging threats Particularly federal threats, but the state budget, well, there's a lot of news I haven't read yet.

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About the governor's announcement of the budget but you know we're anticipating a 3.2 billion hole or something So not a good year for a year.

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State or federal governments But the emerging threats to people with developmental disabilities are really from every direction.

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Elder care and care for adults with disabilities are the biggest part of Medicaid.

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So there's no Medicaid, there is no community care. And so I think there, you know, yeah, the Developmental Disabilities Board and the Mental Health Board have been an island during times of chaos, but nothing like that.

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All right. Thank you very much. This might sound a little crass, but I'm glad my mom passed away last year.

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Thank you. Next, we'll move to board announcements and input. Any board members with announcements or input?

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On May 19th, the Illinois chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is going to have a conference for mental health or for providers at the, I think at the iHotel on May 19th.

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And so for like Rosecrantz and Promise Healthcare, if their providers want to go for like their doctors, their nurse practitioners, their physician assistants, it's going to be a whole day of speakers discussing different ways to our different topics from like, you know, just basic how to prescribe

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Medications for different mental health health diagnoses to possibly have a provider talk about autism or other things too and then I know they're going to have, I think, probably like 10 booths with local agencies. So they're looking for local agencies that might be interested in having a booth at that conference. So you can just email me.

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At john.uachem at Carl.com. If you want me to get you in touch with the Illinois chapter of AAP for that.

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I think they said the conference for people that for providers it will be continual medical education credits that you can get for that.

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That all providers have to get to keep their license. I think they said it's either going to be free or if they provide food, I think it's going to be 15 bucks.

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For the conference and it's going to be pretty much all day so Yep.

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Thank you very much. Any other board announcements or input?

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All right, seeing none, the last item is to adjourn for the evening. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 at 5 45 p.m. Right here in the Shields Carter Room of the Brookings Administrative Building, Urbana.

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So we will adjourn for the evening. Have a good night.