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All right, I will now call to order this evening's meeting of the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

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Wednesday, January 21st, 2026, 5.45pm in the Shields Carter Room of the Bennett Administrative Center, Urbana, Illinois.

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May I have a roll call?

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Alejandro Gomez.

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Chris Miner. Here.

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Tony Nichols.

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Elaine Palencia?

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Kyle Patterson?

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Emily Rodriguez? Here.

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Jane Sprandel, here.

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Jon Paul Youakim? Here.

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And Molly McLay, here.

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All right, thank you very much. We have a quorum, so we can move forward to approve the agenda.

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Are there any, um, edits, discussion, or would anyone like to move?

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I will move to approve the agenda.

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Thank you very much. May I have a second?

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All right, Palencia Moves, Miner seconds. Any final discussion?

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Seeing none, all those in favor of approving the agenda as presented, say aye. Aye. All those opposed, same sign.

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The ayes have it, the agenda is approved.

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Next, we will move to the Draft 2026 schedules and PY2027 allocation timeline.

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Which are on pages 3 through 8 of the packet.

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I almost missed this, but we do have an action step for this one today.

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Um, so action is requested to approve the meeting schedule, but I wanted to see, Lynn, if there are any other

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items of note in this area first.

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Nothing. Um, so any discussion and or motions on this one?

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Just what is the study session next week?

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Leon, do you want to... do you wanna take it?

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So next week will be, uh, family service and, um...

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Who else am I missing?

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I'm sorry, yeah, Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, the, uh, coalition.

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Thank you. Yeah.

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Any other discussions, or would anyone like to make a motion?

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Alright, seeing no discussion, I will move to approve the CCMHB 2026 meeting schedule. May I have a second?

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Seconded. Sorry. All right, we have multiple seconds. McClay motions, Miner and Nichols second. We can...

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pick which ones... who is the second?

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Uh, any final discussion?

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Alright, seeing none, all those in favor of approving the CCMHB 2026 meeting schedule as presented, say aye. Aye.

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All those opposed, same sign.

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The ayes have it. This meeting schedule is approved.

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Next, we will move to the CCMHB Gloss acronyms and Glossary on pages 9 through 20.

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Um, no action is needed here, but Lynn, are there any updates to this section?

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There are not, so we will next move on to public particip... oh, I'm sorry.

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Any board discussion on this, or questions?

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Getting ahead of myself. All right, seeing none, we will next move to public participation agency input.

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So, as always, members of the public are always welcome to speak with the Mental Health Board.

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We cannot respond to public comment directly, but we may use it to inform future decisions.

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So, if you would like to make public comment, you can do so now, or at a designated time at the end of the meeting. You can do so by coming forward to the podium,

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Filling out a comment card, or if you are on Zoom, you can put something in the chat.

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or raise your hand. If you do speak with us,

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Um, please be aware of the Illinois Lobbyist Registration Act and take appropriate steps to be in compliance with the Act, especially for agency representatives.

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I may limit individual time to 5 minutes and total time to 20 minutes.

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Given that, is there anyone in person or online who would like to make public comment?

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No one in person. Is there anyone online raising their hand, or...?

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All right, um, seeing none, we will move on, but there will be another portion.

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For public comment later in the meeting.

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So next, we will move to Chairperson's comments. So, I'm Molly McLay, Chair of the Mental Health Board.

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Welcome to 2026, fiscal year 2020...

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6, and the second half of program year 2026.

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Um, we have a variety of items to discuss tonight, things regarding the, um, Disability Resource Expo and the Alliance for Inclusion and Respect activities.

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Um, we have some project updates, the Behavioral Health Needs Assessment activities.

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some really cool...

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Um, reports and graphs on, um, agency revenues that I am so excited to hear about.

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Um, and we do have some discussions.

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of audits and financial reviews, because our, um, primary deadline for

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um, audits, uh, was December 31st, 2025, so all but...

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One agency are required to submit for that deadline.

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Um, we do have this grace period in place where anyone that was late...

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Um, still has 3 months before their contract is canceled, but their payments are suspended.

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And we do... are happy to announce that we have a record low number of late audits, so only 6 agencies were laid.

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And, uh, we can... I will clap for that.

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Um, last... one informed me right before the meeting that last year,

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9 were late, and that was by far the lowest last year, so we have gone even further this year.

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And of those 6, one of them has already turned theirs in.

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Um, so there are... is going to be a discussion of this later in the meeting, because a couple of agencies have made some requests

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about waiving payment suspension.

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Um, so we'll kind of discuss this more in depth, um, and just as a reminder, that grace period ends March 31st.

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And, uh, completed audit or financial review is required to submit an application to

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Our next funding cycle, and I'm just mentioning that because I do hope that we'll get all of those audits in by March 31st, because I really want every program

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to be set up for success going into this funding cycle, because we know this is going to be

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a really big cycle, and there's a lot going on with funding at various levels of government.

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Um, and beyond, and so...

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Um, you know, having those applications solid with all components completed are really important.

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So, um, definitely want to help set everybody up for success when applying.

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So we will be discussing that later in the meeting.

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Um, otherwise, uh, it's good to see you all after two... a month off, um, so we will continue forward with the meeting, and I will stop talking for a moment.

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So we will next move on to Executive Director Lynn Canfield's comments.

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I haven't thought it through. I honestly, like, I forgot that I...

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have a comment section. So I guess...

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just... I think, you know, there's a lot in the packet that I think it'll be really nice for us to move quickly through the agenda, so I don't want to hold it up too much, but...

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Tomorrow evening at the county board meeting, Chandra Somerville will be recognized for X number of years of service.

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There's some... she's been in the role that she's in right now, steadily for way more years.

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then it appears...

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To some, so I don't care how many years we're recognizing her for. Her role is very unique.

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Her contribution to this community is really important, so I'm gonna go and say nice things about Chandra tomorrow night.

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Maybe I'll see you there. Maybe I'll see one of you there.

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So, those...

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Otherwise, you know, there's all kinds of things going on, but I could go on and on and on forever about that. I do... I want to shout out...

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Um, a lot of agencies actually got their audits done very timely, giving us a lot of time to look at them and ask questions. And so, one notable is

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DSC, you only fund one program with DSC, but they've been...

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really helpful. We've asked a lot of questions, we learned a lot about the organization, it's...

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been around for a long time. It has some very stable private sources of funding.

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Um, in addition to

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public money, um, and...

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And just... it was just really interesting to have the time to ask questions about this or that, and to read the whole thing, and learn about...

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what an organization can do to stabilize in an environment that is

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- especially DD Services -

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Always chaotic. So, anyway, just... that's just one.

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There are several agencies who are indulging us.

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in a... similarly, and our CPA consultant who reads all of the audits

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is way ahead of schedule this year, too, so we already have his input.

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So, it's been... it's felt like...

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productive in a way that it hasn't for a long time. Not rushed.

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just... yeah, it's been really nice. So, anyway, shout out to...

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Everybody who...

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who works toward that requirement, which might not seem like much at first, but it is actually important.

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And we all... we all want to see stable...

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organizations providing valuable services to people who don't always have good access. So that's it. Okay, I'm done.

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Thank you very much, Lynn, and um, it's... I did not know that about, um,

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Shandra being recognized tomorrow, so that is very exciting. I just want to give a round of applause, and thank...

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Thank you for your many years of service.

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Both those that will be stated and the ones that will not be.

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All right, next we will move to the, uh, CCMHB board meeting minutes.

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These are on pages 21 through 24.

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An action is requested to approve the minutes of the CCMHB November 19th, 2025 meeting.

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So, are there any, uh, is there any discussion, edits,

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to be made, um, or would anyone like to make a motion?

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I had so moved, Rodriguez.

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Thank you very much. Can I have a second?

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Second. All right, um, Rodriguez motioned and Nichols seconded. Any further discussion on the minutes?

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Alright, seeing none, all those in favor of approving the minutes of the CCMHB November 19th, 2025 meeting as presented, say aye. Aye.

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on the same site. All those opposed seeing sign.

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The ayes have it, the minutes are approved.

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Next, we will move to the vendor invoice lists.

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These are on pages 23... 25 through 32. Action is requested to accept the event or invoice list and place them on file.

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Any discussion or motion?

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Alright, seeing none, I will move to accept the vendor invoice list and place them on file. May I have a second?

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Thank you very much. McLay Motions. Rodriguez seconds. Any final discussion?

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

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Aye. All those opposed, same sign.

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The ayes have it, the vendor invoice lists are accepted.

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So next, we will move on to old business.

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Um, we couldn't decide if this should be old or new business, but the audits are an old business item, so...

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And we thought we'd discuss it first.

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Um, so this is the delayed audits and reviews memo on pages 33...

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through 56 of the packet.

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A decision memorandum presents detailed background information as context,

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For possible actions to be taken by the CCMHB and related to...

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Relation to late audits and financial reviews,

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agency requests are attached and action is requested.

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And I am going to find the... page 42 is where

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the, um, possible actions or motions are listed that we could consider, but I'd first

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I guess how we will walk through this section is I will have Lynn share, um, you know, about the memo overall and any important context.

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then we can take each agency request one by one, the two agencies making requests are GCAP and Uniting Pride, so we can start with GCAP and then move to Uniting Pride.

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could ask agency representatives to speak.

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Um, if they are available, if we want to hear from them, and then we can vote on each one.

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Any questions?

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Can I just make a motion to, uh, waive the suspension of both of them now, or do we need discussion? Is anyone seriously even considering

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not waiving. I, um, would like to hear from Lynn first, um, and...

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I do have some discussion points, but...

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Um, we can move to the motions quickly if people would like.

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Okay, then I need to be quick, right? There's a, um... okay, well...

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Everybody's ready for pajamas.

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So, the...

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Thanks to Chair McLay,

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The memo starts with an outline, which I don't usually do, because I'm so in the weeds that I think every single thing is really important, so that was...

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really good for me to be able to say, yeah, this is...

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Most of this stuff is stuff you've already seen. If you have been on the board for a year.

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And, um, it's always good to...

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keep it, you know, to keep a record of these things, so that it doesn't take us forever.

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to look them up if you have a question. So this is really, like,

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kind of more for our sake, that it's all in one place. The whole history of the rules, how the rules change,

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Um, I had to fix some of the links,

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The hyperlinks, um, because

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some of the websites had actually changed, it wasn't... and then...

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Last year, we had to fix some of the links because the links were broken.

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So, it's kind of a brush-up of stuff you've already seen, and then the newer information is...

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The update this year that, you know, last year there were 9 delayed audits or reviews, and this year there were only

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6, well, five, because one of them came in right after the deadline.

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Um, so I think that's a really amazing improvement, and I...

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I don't know what to attribute it to. The CPA firms are still hard to secure. You can see

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In the request from the agencies that one of the agencies, at the very last minute when they expected a completed financial review,

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got bounced from the person who was handling their case and got a new person who was on vacation, so...

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We haven't seen a lot of that stuff for a few years, and...

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Um, it was unusual to see it this year, too, so things...

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What a nice year. Anyway, that's it. And then the, you know, the last couple of pages are the updates on this year, so we...

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have, um...

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Starting on...

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Oh, there's a... there's also a new rule, which is that we want to have the start date

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We want to have that information of when did the CPA firm actually start working with you on audit, so that we can understand what it takes. We've also heard

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you know, that maybe some agencies, if they're...

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small enough, don't really get treated with priorities, so we kind of wanted to see some details on

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How long does it really take? What happens?

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But a lot of folks didn't know about the...

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requirement and didn't give us the start date. So, we don't have a lot of data, but I did put it in here.

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What the start date...

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if we knew, and then the completed date, which...

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Happily we had many. So that's one update, and then after that, it's updates on what's going on with the actual audits or reviews, and that's...

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Is that enough?

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I think so, yeah. Um, I... with... to that point around the, um...

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Agency's new requirement to notify us of the start date, um, I mean, most did not notify us.

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And, um, of the ones that were late, only one of those agencies notified us of the start date, I think, which is interesting, the refugee center.

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It was one of the agencies who was late. They have not made a request this evening, but their audit started August 15th.

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Um, so that is interesting.

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Um, so I'd be very curious about whatever's going on there, um, as well as, you know, any...

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of the timeline on any of the other agencies that are, like...

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Um, but the... I just... I'll just read the agencies that are, um, late, so that we're aware.

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Um, so, uh, GCAP and Uniting Pride are both late, but they have made requests and provided details.

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Um, Champaign County Christian Health Center, it was late, but they are the agency that has submitted their audit, um, on the January 7th.

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Um, and was that approved by their board? Wait, no, what date... it's not... hasn't happened yet. Yeah, I think... I think next... well, is this weekend? Yes, the 24th is when it's happening. On the weekend, okay.

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Which is... yeah, I thought it was passed then already, but...

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Where is my brain? Um...

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The Refugee Center has not, um, replied regarding the audit being late.

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FirstFollowers, um, has replied. They stated that they're still working through it and believe they're in a better position to complete it sooner in comparison to previous years.

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Um, but they didn't give any more detail than that.

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And then, um, Women in Need Recovery, um, is also late, and they have not provided any updates.

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Um, so it is disappointing to see some agencies that have repeatedly be late on this list again.

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And I do hope that they will, um, that everybody will get it in by March 31st, hopefully as soon as possible, I mean, preferably by

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The application deadline, since it is a requirement of the application,

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Um, so I guess, um...

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When can you just, I guess, briefly explain what is being asked of..

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by GCAP and United Pride.

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They're both asking that we release that payments as scheduled, um, so there would... that means we're holding one right now,

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And then at the top of February, we would release it as scheduled, and just

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until the audit is... the audit or review... I think they're both reviews.

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Maybe. Yes, they're both reviews.

00:29:14.668 --> 00:29:20.668

Um, until those are submitted, they're not asking for additional time beyond March 31st. I think there is...

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some hope that these could be done, financial reviews are simpler than an audit?

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And they're both in progress.

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So I guess by... so they have both asked for January, February, and March?

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Already, they did not ask for, like, just January or, like, just January and February.

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Because they expect that the financial review will not be in until March.

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Okay, so... so the GCAP request...

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Um, unfortunately, this was...

00:29:53.712 --> 00:29:59.712

This is the first time they've ever had to do one. They were very, very different circumstances for them as well.

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Um, and relatedly...

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When they tried to submit a request for extra time, which they tried to do in October, it was a really bad day.

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So, what they sent us was a blank request.

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And so we're at the point where we're just moving forward with a request to...

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release payments that we understand, so it may just be for January, she didn't...

00:30:22.895 --> 00:30:24.895

fill out the form. Do you know Leon?

00:30:25.993 --> 00:30:31.993

Okay, and then with the Uniting Pride, and they have a representative on the call, I think...

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The request is completed, and it says release of paused payments.

00:30:36.764 --> 00:30:40.764

Um, and there's quite a bit of detail about what happened. We did... whoop!

00:30:42.166 --> 00:30:45.166

Oh, no, there's the request from GCAP, she did it.

00:30:45.312 --> 00:30:47.312

It's just, I put it in the wrong place.

00:30:48.406 --> 00:30:50.406

Okay. So, she did it.

00:30:50.407 --> 00:30:58.413

After the fact, and there is quite a bit of detail in there, so it doesn't say, it just says, release of paused payments.

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There's only one paused payment right now. Um, United Pride's release...

00:31:03.955 --> 00:31:05.955

of paused payments...

00:31:06.022 --> 00:31:08.022

Also...

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could be seen to apply only to January?

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But I think that's a question that you could ask.

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I don't think Darya's on the...

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On the meeting?

00:31:23.516 --> 00:31:30.516

But anyway. We can ask, um, see if the board wants to ask any questions.

I mean, I... I guess I'm concerned about...

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going ahead and giving, um, waiving the payment suspension all the way to that, um, end of the grace period, because it does...

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create, kind of, I mean, one, it's sort of...

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basically gives, like, a de facto extension to that date, um, which doesn't really incentivize anybody to turn it in any sooner than the end of March.

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Um, and if they were... if they didn't specifically ask for the extension to go to the end of March,

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Um, I'm...

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not sure that I would want to do that.

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Um, that said, if it is...

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easier on the staff to not have, you know, for us to just make a decision about all three months now, rather than having this be addressed meaning by meeting, um...

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you know, that's something to consider.

00:32:19.426 --> 00:32:25.426

I would say on this issue, this is more on you guys. It's more of your time than it is ours.

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It's pretty easy for me to update the memo.

00:32:27.878 --> 00:32:30.878

Every month, but then you put time into it each month.

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All right, well, I would like to open it for board discussion.

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Well, I guess I will give a little thought.

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I kind of like...

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the idea of going month by month, because I understand what is the incentive. We say, hey,

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your accountant has till March 31st.

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Um, and I think we do often

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worry about being protective of the staff, and, like,

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Lynn said it's just a little change in the memorandum, so maybe that's not...

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that big of a burden. So maybe we... I would feel comfortable going month to month.

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Even though, do I really want to rehash this every month?

00:33:24.102 --> 00:33:26.102

But there again, every month,

00:33:27.260 --> 00:33:34.260

I need a new update. Where, you know, I even... I was the one who said it last year. Maybe the CPA needs to come and sit in these meetings.

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You tell me why it's late, you know?

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Um, and we've gotten that in the past.

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Oh, well, the agency didn't get us the paperwork until...

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November 31st, you know. So, I mean, I guess...

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you know, then we could put the heat on a little bit more if we were doing it month-to-month, but that's just a thought.

00:33:54.630 --> 00:33:57.630

Thank you very much. Any other thoughts on this?

00:33:58.406 --> 00:34:00.406

I'm comfortable with months-to-month as well.

00:34:03.158 --> 00:34:08.158

Anyone have, um, additional thoughts on that idea and or, um, any...

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other ideas.

00:34:12.354 --> 00:34:15.354

So, I mean, I guess, what's the... what's the main concern?

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That we have. Like...

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Obviously, the executive director is...

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ill, and it's been on an extended

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medical leave, and that's causing a lot of issues with the reporting.

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Um, their social worker had to...

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step down, um, and are required

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you know, a lot of people at that organization to step up.

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And provide a lot of community support. Like, these are very vulnerable people.

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Um, I know we usually want to hold agency feet to the fire and make sure they're accountable, but...

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At the same time, it's a resource in the community that's very valuable, and I don't...

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Want them stressing about this at a time when they're already very stressed, and it doesn't seem like they're...

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not doing their job, they're doing all that they can with the...

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the resources that they have right now, and it seems like they're not...

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being lazy, they're getting things done when they can. So...

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I'm fine giving them the...

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extension, and then addressing it in March, if...

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we were still having issues.

00:35:18.947 --> 00:35:20.947

Yes.

00:35:21.761 --> 00:35:24.761

Alright, so we've heard, um, going month to month,

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And giving them extension all the way to March, so I'd like to propose a compromise of we give an extension for

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January and February, since

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February's almost here, and if it is still not here by the end of February, then, um, we can take the issue up again in March, because that...

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puts a bit of an alert of, you have one month, and if... because if you have another deadline,

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And if it's not in by then, then the contract is at risk of being canceled. So it means we don't have to discuss it in February.

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They're getting 2 months of payments released to give them more time.

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but, uh, doesn't let it go all the way to the end, um...

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to the last minute, which could get risky for them as well as us.

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Well, we used to worry about setting the wrong precedent, you know, but...

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our process

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has set the precedent of taking everything case by case, so...

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we're okay to do that, and certainly in the case of

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of this agency, I mean, it's kind of... I think...

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She used the word cascading at some point. There's been a cascade of

00:36:38.507 --> 00:36:42.507

problems that was out of their control, so...

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I'm good with the... your compromise, certainly.

00:36:48.825 --> 00:36:53.825

And I'm a person that uses the word precedence a lot, um, and so I guess then that would ask the question,

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Um, since we have two agencies with requests this evening,

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would we extend the 2-month...

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to both, or are we gonna do it case by case and...

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two months is given to GCAP, and then we'll talk about Uniting Pride. So it's kind of a question, not so much a...

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Here's what I think we should do. I think for me, it's...

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case-by-case, right? You take everything into context. Like, we have this standard of what we expect

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from our agencies, but then we also expect communication.

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To give us context, and so I think both of these agencies have given us

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good context as to their situation.

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These are unforeseeable things. They are doing things that... everything they're supposed to be doing, both of them.

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And United Pride, you know, also in their communications with their CPA.

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CPA person left. Like, that's not anything they can do anything about.

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They have a new person there that's working on it at that same firm.

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So, again, I would give them the extension. Like, I think for me, at the end of the day, they both know that...

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you know, if there are audits or reviews are not in, and they apply for, um, funding, then we look at their application at that time, and that's... that is the stick.

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In my opinion, not the funding that we're holding right now. For me, that's, like, no.

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I... they don't have a history of not complying with these things, and so...

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I would just... I would give them the funding, and then we'll see where we are. Like, worst case scenario, we're out that funding, but it's going to good causes that...

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we know in the community it has a history of...

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Spending the money well, especially GCAP, you know, very vulnerable population.

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Um, I am fine.

00:38:28.435 --> 00:38:32.435

you know, with the context that they've given and the communication that they've given, that...

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things are going to get done.

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that is in their control, and everything else that's out of their control, you know, will get done when it gets done.

00:38:42.578 --> 00:38:44.578

I think most, uh, motivating my

00:38:45.226 --> 00:38:53.226

Um, seconding, I guess Ms. Sprandel, what, um, her comments about the month-to-month update, is really, I want to underline what you said.

00:38:53.991 --> 00:38:56.991

Um, John, that's an opportunity for communication.

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That's really the precedent that I care about, and maybe it's not so much as a deadline with pressure, but

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I would like to give them an opportunity to give an update to us that's more...

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what is motivating my position, but I'm happy to do either both 3 months or this compromise.

00:39:13.587 --> 00:39:19.587

Um, one other, I guess, compromise. Compromise could be that if we do, like, the two months,

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We could ask them for... to give us an update in February anyway.

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Even though we wouldn't be necessarily discussing it.

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um, voting on anything at that point.

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What do folks think about that?

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All right, well, I... we will take... we will vote on each one at a time, but it sounds like we basically discussed them...

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all... I guess, before we vote, does anybody want to ask any questions to any agency representatives right now?

00:39:49.874 --> 00:39:53.874

Okay, so I am going to try to construct this motion.

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Um... let me just...

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think for a moment.

00:40:03.160 --> 00:40:08.160

What do you think would be the best way to word the request for the February update?

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We want to make the, um...

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I guess we couldn't really...

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make any of these payments contingent on that if... unless we want to make the update due February 1st.

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could just make a strong recommendation to give an update, but not a requirement. I'd say a request.

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We request that a memorandum to the Mental Health Board as to the status of

00:40:46.025 --> 00:40:48.025

of the audit.

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by February 18th.

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Do we want to make it for...

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You're obligated to have

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information made public at, you know, at least 48 hours in advance, and the way that

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We've been doing it as about 10 days in advance.

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But also, February is tricky because we've got applications coming in.

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So... When would the packet, um, materials be?

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There's also all these pesky Monday holidays. Why don't you just release...

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March, or January, February,

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And then we just would see... get the update in March. Like, give people enough time.

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Yeah, I think February is not enough time. Like, February 6 is when I need

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board documents. We also... something we're not talking about yet that we need to talk about is everything has to be ADA compliant now.

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And a lot of what we receive from agencies is not, because they're not under the same rules that we are.

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So I have spent a...

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an enormous amount of time

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converting documents that we receive at the last minute, so...

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Like, it's probably, you know, this memo structure might be better than

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But if they can just come and talk to you...

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We could have it just be in the public comment, rather than...

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But if they... if they want to send us something, I do need things by February 6th.

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if the motion is, like, with instructions

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as specified at a later time, would that work, or do we have to specify them now?

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You know, February 6th is actually just a couple weeks, and we have applications coming February, too.

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So, you know, maybe we should be clear now.

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I mean, if it does not get submitted.

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Yeah. We could... I mean, they could very easily participate in public comment at either of our opportunities, so it doesn't even necessarily need to be in a memo.

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Um, we could just say... you could even write in to the board an email, and... And then we could read it into the record?

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I mean, we don't need to read it, but I mean...

00:42:56.188 --> 00:43:02.188

Yeah, but I'm just saying we've got a lot of options that it doesn't need to be... we don't need to feel rushed, I guess.

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Thank you. Oh, that's so good.

00:43:05.044 --> 00:43:08.044

Alright, I'm so... thank you for your patience as I try to...

00:43:08.593 --> 00:43:17.593

work this out. So, I will move to waive suspension of two payments on GCAPS program year 2026 contract.

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Due to late financial review,

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And to authorize CCMHB staff to release January and February payments as scheduled.

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With a... Could you start again? I have to write down what you're saying.

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Okay, I'm... I, um...

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I'm sorry. That's okay. Okay.

00:43:35.609 --> 00:43:38.609
So, I moved to waive suspension of 2 payments,

00:43:39.539 --> 00:43:42.539
On GCAP's program year 2026 contract,

00:43:43.621 --> 00:43:45.621
Due to late financial review,

00:43:46.851 --> 00:43:49.851
And to authorize CCMHB staff to release

00:43:50.283 --> 00:43:53.283
January and February payments as scheduled.

00:43:53.973 --> 00:43:55.973
with a...

00:43:56.441 --> 00:44:04.441
request that the agency make a verbal update about their financial review progress at the February 18th

00:44:04.442 --> 00:44:06.372
CCMHB meeting.

00:44:09.724 --> 00:44:12.724
may I have a second. You sure do. Thank you.

00:44:13.444 --> 00:44:17.444
Alright, McCoy motions, Rodriguez seconds. Any further discussion?

00:44:21.468 --> 00:44:27.468
Seeing none, the motion has been hopefully clearly stated, uh, so I will not state it again. May I have a roll call?

00:44:28.581 --> 00:44:30.581
Oh, okay, yes.

00:44:31.222 --> 00:44:34.222
You can have a roll call, I'm just...

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hard to do all this stuff at the same time, but here we go.

00:44:37.914 --> 00:44:39.914
Um, Chris Miner. No.

00:44:40.543 --> 00:44:42.543
Tony Nichols.

00:44:44.377 --> 00:44:47.377

Yes. Elaine Palencia. Yes.

00:44:47.304 --> 00:44:49.304

Kyle Patter- so he's not here, sorry.

00:44:49.433 --> 00:44:51.433

Emily Rodriguez. Yes.

00:44:52.523 --> 00:44:54.523

Jane Sprandel. Yes.

00:44:54.839 --> 00:44:56.839

Jon Paul Youakim.

00:44:57.719 --> 00:44:59.719

Yes. Molly McLay.

00:45:00.991 --> 00:45:06.991

Yes. Um, with that, the, um, ayes have it. The motion passes.

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So next, um, I will move to waive suspension of two payments.

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on Uniting Pride's program year 2026 contract.

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Due to late financial review.

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And to authorize CCMHB staff to release January and February payments as scheduled.

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With a request for the agency to provide a verbal update

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on their financial review progress at the February 18th CCMHB meeting.

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may have a second. Rodriguez.

00:45:42.317 --> 00:45:46.317

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

00:45:51.072 --> 00:45:54.072

Seeing none, the motion has been clearly stated, may have a roll call.

00:46:01.891 --> 00:46:03.891

Okay, um...

00:46:04.573 --> 00:46:06.573

Molly made the motion.

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Okay, um, Tony Nichols.

00:46:10.751 --> 00:46:13.751

Yes. Elaine Palencia? Yes.

00:46:15.012 --> 00:46:17.012

Emily Rodriguez. Yes.

00:46:17.942 --> 00:46:19.942

Jane Sprandel. Yes.

00:46:20.543 --> 00:46:22.543

Jon Paul Yoaukim. Yes.

00:46:23.900 --> 00:46:25.900

Molly McLay? Yes.

00:46:25.901 --> 00:46:27.431

Chris Miner. Nope.

00:46:29.568 --> 00:46:34.568

All right, with that, the motion passes, so next we will move...

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to new business.

00:46:36.515 --> 00:46:41.515

Um, and first is the ex... are the expo activities for 2026.

00:46:41.751 --> 00:46:43.751

Oh, um, sure.

00:46:44.151 --> 00:46:48.151

This is on the old outside. Yes, it's on the last item. I just wanted to clarify, so...

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At this time, we still have

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3 outstanding. Besides these two. Right, and so, because they didn't give us any, um, requests for

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for payment, release, those 3 payments...

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are being held, correct?

00:47:05.480 --> 00:47:11.480

Okay, I just wanted to clarify. Thank you. Is, um, Champaign County Christian Health being

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held until, um, like, issues are resolved with the audit as well.

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Well, we have the audit, we're just waiting for their board to approve it, and it's actually already been reviewed by our CPA, so we're ready to do the follow-up.

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Yes, and I'm clear that in March this comes back as a full update with possible actions.

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And one thing that also we could do in that March

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action, all, like, all one package, is if there are applications submitted,

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Um, on or before February 2 that are not accompanied by an audit.

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then I might provide you updates like that, so that you can think about how to deal with the application review process moving forward.

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Just... maybe a whole...

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potpourri of updates and...

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questions for you. Sorry.

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It's the right time to do it, though. Yes, I mean, I think that's...

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part of the, you know, what makes

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you know, waiting... having this be in March.

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good is because it kind of gives everybody a reminder that

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by the end of that month, everything has to be in, um, rather than us not talking about it, which doesn't put it back in anybody's brains, so...

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Um, alright, so now, um, I guess any other discussion?

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Alright, seeing none, we will move on to new business, um, and the first item is the Expo Activities for 2026.

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On pages 57 through 62, a decision memorandum presents an update and action is requested, so Lynn, can you give us this update?

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So, long story, the first...

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A million pages tell a long story, and I put in some

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pretty logos, um...

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And then here's how the expo has fared in the last over 10 years, as far as revenue and then cost. Where's the cost?

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Cost is around \$71,000 each year, and then it's offset by...

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Varying amounts of revenue. I think in 2021,

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We, although we only had \$100 in revenue,

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And we couldn't have an in-person event. We did a lot of, sort of, experimental activities,

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that were related to the expo, so the coordinators were really busy thinking up this...

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These alternatives, and some of them didn't work very well, but we tried.

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And we kind of know what those are made of. So we're in a funny position. We have budgeted for an expo this year, an in-person expo, using these same expectations.

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But at the very last minute, we had a lot of...

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sort of existential threats in October to the event, one of them being

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suddenly the mall was a really unsafe place to ask people to travel to.

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Um, we didn't have any incidents.

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Well, no major incidents, so we were very lucky, but...

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Um, I don't know if we'll always be able to hire police officers to come and help us, or...

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If Dres will always be willing to provide a shuttle service. So, Marketplace may not be the greatest venue anymore, so that was one...

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thing that was really difficult. The other thing is that,

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Um, the two people who've done the lion's share of work

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To make the expo happen, and it requires a pretty high degree of organization

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to plan all these little pieces. Um, had a really bad year last year, like, for personal reasons.

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And then, um, faced some...

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Complaints from the steering committee, which were, you know, kind of persistent problems with how

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The event is organized, and at that point,

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They both resigned. And that was late in the... late in December, at which point we've usually already booked a venue, and...

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gotten some things rolling, so I'm not sure.

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That we can have an in-person event in 2026.

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Even though we have put money aside to do it.

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A subset of the steering committee, like some people who actually have been active and done a lot of work,

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made some suggestions that seemed pretty clear, like,

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What if we take a year where we think about what's... what's gonna be best for the community? There are lots of little expos and fairs that we can

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just go participate in or co-sponsor,

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Um, and so we could... it wasn't... I wasn't really sure what to ask you all, but this is a big change,

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And the board has not really had an opportunity to say if it wants an expo at all.

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For years, so we're in this moment where

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We can meet with this small advisory committee and talk about

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what... what kind of things it maybe should evolve into, and then come back and let you know.

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So, I don't know. So there's, like, there's a suggested motion down here that a lot of people helped me work on.

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I'm not sure it's perfect, but anyway, it was a... this is like...

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Okay, it's, like, a little bit sad. Well, it's very sad.

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For some of us, but I don't know...

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Um, the...

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The event had become somewhat unsustainable.

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Anyway, because of, like, it's just more and more difficult to get big sponsors and to get...

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Volunteers, people are pulled in a lot of different directions, but maybe it's more important than ever to have a thing like this. So, anyway.

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That's it. I'm done.

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Any discussion from the board?

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I'm just surprised there isn't a facility on campus. I'm just trying to look at places and venues

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that can host something like this.

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That would be a lot easier, and...

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I think the cost has been the biggest prohibitor of that, because I...

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I'm under the understanding the former consultants had reached out to some

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venues at the U of I, and it was just very cost prohibitive.

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Again, I don't know for sure what

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you know, did they want the State Farm Center? I don't know.

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But, yeah, I'm... I think that was...

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The biggest concern was cost. Something like a line of union and, like, there's other facilities now, there's bigger ones on campus now.

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And I just don't know, like, if there's maybe a time of the year that's a little easier with less students that they would get... donate to us, or give us at a cheaper price, like, in August.

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You know, rather than October.

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You know? But then the downside is you would have less students there. I don't know how many students go, and obviously these resources are probably utilized more by county members, or people...

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that are here all the time, that just...

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Uh, during the school year, but...

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There's always Brookens.

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I love Brookens, I miss it. Okay.

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Brookens would be a great escape room.

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Well, and I think one of the biggest challenges

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Um, immediately is the fact that we...

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don't have a venue.

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We don't have consultants at the moment.

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Um, we have one. We have one. Um...

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But she can't do it all herself, and so that's why it kind of came up a little bit in the steering committee.

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of what if, you know, we kind of take a break,

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We look at some other avenues.

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maybe... when I say rebranded, I don't mean change the name, but just, you know, what do we need? Do we need more, like, breakout sessions for people to go to?

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Um, because there are, there's a lot of different...

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health, um, expos out there, um, different even mental health and disability type things.

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And so maybe there's a way we can kind of

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take our amazing resource guide,

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and really get on that circuit, where we go to all those health...

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health fairs and stuff like that.

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Um, I haven't even discussed it with Lynn yet, but...

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Um, I was at an event with her last night, and I was thinking about, um,

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The prom that's coming up, the... it's not the special needs, what is it? Night to shine, but it's for...

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Um, individuals with disabilities, they're prompt, and I was like, oh my gosh, what if we threw, like, a flyer in there?

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to get to our digital guide.

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And, you know, maybe, is that going to cost us a couple hundred dollars to get a bunch of postcards?

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Maybe that's how, on this year that we're trying to re...

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align some stuff, we could still keep our name going and top of mind.

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Um, you know, so I just think there's some ideas out there.

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You probably read in Lynn's notes, you know,

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we almost need to take a step back and almost make... and I don't want to use the word job descriptions, because the majority of these people are volunteers.

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But, you know, what does a committee do? What are their expectations?
Because I think there was a lot of...

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oh, I'll take care of that, and someone else took care of it, or...

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You mean nobody did that? You know, so I think maybe we just need to kind of start a little bit from the ground up on some things that we've learned.

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You know, again, I think my first meeting was actually with the Disability Expo Steering Committee before I came to my first mental health board meeting, so I've kind of been doing this a while, and so...

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We all know I have a lot to say, but, you know, so I do think, and I have... I vowed I will stay on this, I will help in any way,

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You know, if it is, we're kind of making...

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you know, these job descriptions or suggestion of what a steering committee does.

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Because we do, we have a... I... one of my complaints has been we have a lot of people on the steering committee, and I'm like,

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I don't even know who they are, or what do they do?

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So we need to kind of, you know, wring it back in and find out who our core people are, and so that's why we kind of have formed a...

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A smaller group, and I think next Wednesday we're gonna meet and kind of talk, but we first had to bring it to the boards to make sure that it is what the board wants.

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to give permission for us to take a step back and maybe just do a few more

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things in the community rather than one big event, so...

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I guess my only other... I know, just... I'm sure you guys go over all this stuff, but what about, like, a high school or the Leonard Center? Did you guys look into those places?

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Well, there's sort of...

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There's a question about, like, like, there's some value in plopping into a public place and catching people who wouldn't know about any of these resources if they weren't...

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Passing through to buy some socks.

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Um, because really, like, people who are in crisis,

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might not be able to manage the expo very well anyway. Like, most informa... most resource information systems are not very helpful to people who are in crisis.

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But they're helpful to people who don't need anything yet.

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So, we've... we've enjoyed a lot of accidental traffic.

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And that gives some exposure, too, to disability issues where people might not be interested. But if we book a room...

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say the iHotel, which I recently learned is really expensive from another conference that we're trying to

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um, support, not with money, but with planning.

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So, I...

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we could... they have great parking, it's not that hard to get to, kind of bus service.

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But it would... because it's not a public environment, we wouldn't have that.

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So, there could be a lot of venues that are...

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I mean, I think the only other idea is, like, partnering with OSF, since they're going that way, and seeing if there's a venue that they have.

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Where people, um...

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Normally, they can...

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And we have tried to interest the U of I in taking a more...

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you know, like...

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serious role in...

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Well, and I like the idea, though.

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Majority of us have been on the board long enough, you know. You know, we've done the vineyard, but there's some concerns about some of our agencies

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being at a church, or even some of our participants coming to a church, they don't feel that's welcoming. And so, again, we wanted to be where people feel welcome.

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They can get there. There's enough parking, the bus service, you know, so there's just a lot of...

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things, um... but yeah, I thought Leonard Center was a good one. Another one we thought of, which I don't know how good would be, is Out at the Fairgrounds. There's that Kessler Center, but there again, I don't know...

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Like, I doubt MTD pulls right up in there.

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So that would probably be a very significant...

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Um, way from the bus drop-off to there. Again, I haven't researched it, but...

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It also just sounds like there's more problems other than the location, right? That, you know, taking a beat to...

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Explore is what...

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is being communicated to us, so...

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And I think... I think we're really lucky to have the one consultant that we do, because she's the person who's done it every year.

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Since it started, and I... my fear is that she will say, I can do all this, and...

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You know, we're both a lot older than we were when it started, and we've both been called out for doing, like, dangerous things to try to get it

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done so. So just to... I want to be a little bit protective of her, but the spirit is there!

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So, anyway.

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The mall does get a lot of traffic, what are the issues with safety as far as having a mall? What's the drawbacks?

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Okay, I'll start. Um, so you might recall, um, MTD is not allowed to come on the property of the mall now.

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Because, um,

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The buses were doing significant

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damage to their parking lots? Okay, this is my biased opinion. Okay, um, they were doing significant damage to the parking lots, this and that, so they told MTD, you can come onto our property and continue to drop off on that beautiful, wonderful bus drop.

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But you have to pay us X number of dollars. \$1,300 a month, which we offered to pay for our one day.

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And they said, no. They said no.

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Um, so then that's where I was like, oh, so I'm sure Costco, Dick's Sporting, it's all those big semis,

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They're paying \$1,300 a month?

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But no one wanted to answer that question for me, so...

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And because, um, the drop-off was over by where the old, um,

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Zaz was.

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That's a really scary thing for someone with a walker who has any assisted

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mobility, um, wheelchairs, I mean,

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There's not even a way to get off the bus safely, um, if you're in a wheelchair. You have to get off on the curb in the grass.

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And so, I think...

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a day or two before the event, I happen to physically be standing out there, and I... I did. I called one of our consultants, and I'm like,

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You need to come down here, because I don't think you can get through here in your wheelchair.

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Um, and so, um, they did...

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Am I correct they hired, what, a champagne... or a Champaign City police officer to work as a crossing guard, pretty much?

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Um, so... Andres offered a shuttle service, which was amazing. That was like...

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Thanks, Dres! That's really coming through for us.

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Um, and also, I'm going to speak for Ms. Summerville, she's on the Zoom, but...

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She was out there all day, it was raining, and the tents were flying around, and she...

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She managed the traffic out there, and at the end of the day, like, you know, we talked about it, and it was a good day.

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So, if we had to do that again, we could, but...

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I... a lot of it was, like, I felt like we got really lucky that no one got hurt.

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You know, we did provide a lot of protections, but...

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Still a big risk. Well, and I just... again, I wasn't the one dealing directly with

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Um, the mall corporation, but they really did not want to...

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help us accommodate in any way.

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And so, to me, I'll take my business elsewhere.

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Yeah, I guess we're happy to hear from you, Shandra.

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Um, a couple of things. Yes, it did go well.

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Um, I also... and I also, um...

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Just as the CLC coordinator, just want us to be mindful.

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That, um, when... what made our event unique

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was the fact that it was people living with disabilities

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at the helm, at the planning of it.

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That does not happen in other events. And so, um, as we are going forward,

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choosing to take a break, choosing to pause. Um, I really want to make sure that we are

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speaking with the people with lived experience.

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So that they can be at the helm of what it is that they need.

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Um, those of us that do have other limited abilities or abilities

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to move. No one knows what it's like.

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when a person living with a disability...

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says this was actually for me, because it was planned by someone.

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who is like me. And so, I just want us to keep that in mind.

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Thank you. And speaking on that, this motion, the Advisory Committee, is that what we're going to compose of?

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people with a lived experience that actually have to deal with this, they're gonna have their input. It's not gonna be a bunch of us.

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So, no, we've got... we've got a couple of people who are disability advocates,

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disability rights advocates who actually have disabilities.

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But then we have also agency representatives who work with people with disabilities, and then

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As much of our staff as we can cram into it, and I think Jane is doing it too.

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Any other discussion?

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If you don't want us to do anything, we cannot do anything.

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I guess, so the motion as presented

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um, is... it's sort of here partly because

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You know, we have... we allocated funds in the budget,

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with the idea that we would be doing the Expo event,

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And now we're kind of shifting it in another direction, but there... we will soon learn that there is something else that we didn't expect.

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To have... to fund this year that we now do.

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Uh, or we may want to consider, um, so this is, um...

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just kind of to give the staff

01:05:57.298 --> 01:05:59.298

um... a little...

01:06:00.075 --> 01:06:03.075

direction and our, you know, support in...

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reth... kind of rethinking things and having, like, a year to do that.

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So, I will go ahead and move to direct CCDDDB, CCMHB staff to form an advisory committee to plan and carry out disability resource expo activities.

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Which may include an in-person event,

01:06:23.329 --> 01:06:28.329

And to authorize the Executive Director to pay for related services and products using approved budgeted funds.

01:06:29.386 --> 01:06:34.386

Second. Thank you very much, McLay Motions, Palencia seconds. Any final discussion?

01:06:40.342 --> 01:06:44.342

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

01:06:47.745 --> 01:06:49.745

Um, Elaine Palencia. Yes.

01:06:50.400 --> 01:06:53.400

Kyle Patterson. Oh, I keep forgetting. Okay, Emily Rodriguez.

01:06:53.401 --> 01:06:56.531

Yes. Jane Sprandel.

01:06:56.530 --> 01:07:01.036

Yes. Jon, how are you akin? Yes. Molly McLay? Yes.

01:07:02.201 --> 01:07:04.201

Chris Miner. Yep.

01:07:04.651 --> 01:07:06.651

Tony Nichols. Yes.

01:07:09.235 --> 01:07:12.235

All right, with that, the motion passes. Next, we will move

01:07:12.745 --> 01:07:16.745

to the, um, AIR activities for 2026.

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which is on pages 63 to 66, a decision memorandum presents an update. Action is requested. So this is where we get to hear about

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the thing we didn't expect, um, to have to fund again.

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There's a curious detail that's not even in here, but, like, anyway, this is a few pages, I tried to include...

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the pretty logo and a cool picture by one of the artists, and then just some details about the history and...

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This has not been the big moneymaker that the Expo is, but it's...

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Also, not very expensive compared to the Expo, and doesn't

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require a lot of staff or consultant support.

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Um, anyway.

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In the last few years, it's been super fun for the artists, because they were invited to do their show inside the theater, and they were...

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Even if they didn't maybe sell as much, they were treated so nicely. So that was really great to see. That was a nice ending, and I thought...

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At the end of the festival,

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Very shortly after the festival, we learned that would be the last festival.

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And so here's a curious fact that's not included in here.

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Um, we didn't... we never paid for the film sponsorship last year, because by the time

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They would be sending out invoices,

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the struct... the infrastructure for that was gone.

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So, I really... I went all the way through our budget process thinking there would be no more Ebert Fest, and then

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Um, Chaz Ebert called a bunch of us together and said she would really like to do a last one instead of the last one just being accidentally the last one. She would like it to be intentional, so she has

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booked the Virginia theater for two days,

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And the plan is to have a shorter festival for those two days, and then a big...

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meal at Steak and Shake on the third day. I don't know if she knows.

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About the Steak and Shakes,

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like, I mean, I don't know how you book the whole Steak and Shake for a bunch of festival guests.

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Um, so the...

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I don't know that this is actually going to happen.

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But if it does happen,

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I think it'd be great for us to be involved. Again, we've had some really nice impacts from it. The most it has cost...

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The Mental Health Board is \$15,000 for the whole film sponsorship.

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And then there's some incidentals, but those are usually offset.

01:09:42.486 --> 01:09:46.486

by contributions from members or by people buying passes.

01:09:46.487 --> 01:09:54.334

I don't know what the cost of a sponsorship would be this year, or if they're gonna have anybody in a position to send us an invoice.

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But we did not budget for this for the year. So, obviously, we would have a lot of money

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you know, from not paying consultants for the expo,

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to do this. The other thing is I'm going to ask the DD Board next week if they would like to

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co-sponsor of film. They haven't done that in many, many years because

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There were very few films that addressed developmental disabilities, so it was... it was...

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a strange partnership, but I think that there's a chance they would be in on it, so even if we had the full bill for \$15,000,

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Um, that the cost might actually be split between the Mental Health Board and the DD Board, according to the administrative cost-sharing agreement.

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So, that's why the decision is for that full amount.

01:10:43.914 --> 01:10:50.914

I don't know what's gonna happen. I was looking through old emails, and by this time last year, there was already a film selected for us, and we were already...

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Coordinating some promotions and working with artists. Stephanie Howard Gallo is

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Um, really great at bringing those artists together. She knows how to work with them, and...

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who the key supporters are, so...

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I'm confident we could do all the things.

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Just not sure there's really gonna be a festival.

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So, maybe 2026 is just a year of question marks, but I...

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Anyway, that's it.

01:11:20.986 --> 01:11:24.986

All right, any discussion from the board on this before we vote?

01:11:27.757 --> 01:11:29.757

I don't know, is...

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I don't even know. I know we've talked about this forever now. Is there, like,

01:11:34.070 --> 01:11:37.070

maybe a survey effort going on to get input?

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From past attendees...

01:11:39.684 --> 01:11:41.684

if this is really going to be a pause year?

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Is it something we regularly gather?

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it's gonna... the Eberfest is over.

01:11:48.860 --> 01:11:52.860

Yes, I got that. Yeah. I'm sorry, I'm... yeah, it's late, but...

01:11:53.092 --> 01:12:07.092

No, for, um, the Disability Expo, that's what I'm... or the expo that we were just talking about. I'm so sorry, I'm jumbling up two meetings. I think that's a great idea, that's actually one of the suggestions that I believe Jane had made. If there is an advisory committee that...

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They should start there by serving the... surveying the community as to what it wants of a...

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of an expo.

01:12:16.037 --> 01:12:24.037

Okay, thanks, and sorry again for... No, no, I... jumping back on the setup. No, I see it. Like, that is... that's something that folks had talked about, so...

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Yeah. It's something I'd actually thought about, that's why I was pointing out when you said it, I was like, oh, I just didn't say it in time, so I was like, yeah, we need to have some kind of evaluation, or some kind of survey, and...

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See what the people want, and see what they're interested in.

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They're very interconnected memos, since it's, like, we're kind of moving money from one thing to the other.

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And we always do do a survey thing after the event, but most surveys, you don't get a lot of

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response. That's why I kind of was like, okay, can we go to...

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Um, and autism, you know, meeting. You know, there's community choices, they do lots of different activities. Could we just be like, hey, did you go to the last expo? What did you like?

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Even if we just have a big dry erase board. And so, you know, they're shouting out things that they loved, or... it would have been better if this was there, and then...

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Right there was our unofficial survey, so... yeah, that was something I, like, was like, can we do this, maybe? So, yeah.

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That's okay. Um, any other discussion about the, um...

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the Ebertfest stuff.

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Well, I was looking quickly to see if, um...

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They even have it on the Virginia site, and they do not at this time.

01:13:39.411 --> 01:13:47.411

So it must not be... It's officially not happening now, but she just... oh, sorry. You know more about this than me, but Chaz brought it up, and she is interested, and I guess he reached out to people.

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So that's why we don't know. As of now, there is no more eBird Fest ever. But I think it's interesting that the Virginia doesn't even have down that

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They're rented that night. Or, you know what I'm saying, like, that there was something coming, you know?

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Yeah, I think I, like, read some article about it, and I was like, uh, does Lynn know about that?

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It's like the best...

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Somebody decided it's happening?

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Well, I guess I will go ahead and move to approve up to \$15,000 to sponsor an anti-stigma film at Roger Ebert's Film Festival 2026,

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And to authorize the Executive Director and staff to issue payments.

01:14:22.630 --> 01:14:24.630

I have a second. I'll second that.

01:14:24.966 --> 01:14:28.966

We have multiple... the McLay motions, Sprandel and Nichols second.

01:14:29.046 --> 01:14:31.046

Um, could...

01:14:31.878 --> 01:14:36.878

That's fine. We can give it to Tony, because Chris got the one earlier.

01:14:37.295 --> 01:14:39.295

Um, any further discussion?

01:14:41.152 --> 01:14:44.152

Do we have any say in the film, or do we just... okay.

01:14:45.608 --> 01:14:50.608

I wanted to... Do I have any say in the film? I mean, if you want to look at movies with me, please.

01:14:50.426 --> 01:14:55.426

There was one year early on... You don't want everybody watching the prison. Watched 30...

01:14:55.433 --> 01:14:58.433

Anti-stigma films, and it was so...

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depressing. Like, and it was, you know, I was doing it at night, I was doing it on work time, and after hours, and just, like, never, ever giving myself a break.

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like, you know, documentaries about suicide. Like, it was really, really hard to do, so I like it when they give me three choices.

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And I would be happy to ask you for feedback.

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But also, sometimes they just ask us generally for ideas.

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So...

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Any other discussion before we...

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Take the vote.

01:15:32.143 --> 01:15:35.143

All right, the motion has been clearly stated. May I have a roll call?

01:15:35.714 --> 01:15:37.714

Emily Rodriguez.

01:15:39.579 --> 01:15:42.579

Yes. Jane Sprandel. Yes.

01:15:42.944 --> 01:15:44.944

Jon Paul Yoaukim. Yes.

01:15:45.196 --> 01:15:47.196
Chris Miner. Yes.

01:15:47.242 --> 01:15:49.242
Nichols. Yes.

01:15:49.777 --> 01:15:51.777
Elaine Palencia. Yes.

01:15:52.143 --> 01:15:54.143
And Molly McLay. Yes.

01:15:54.425 --> 01:15:56.425
With that, the motion passes.

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And I think that's all of the voting we have to do this evening, so next we will move to reports.

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First is staff reports on pages 67 through 78.

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Are there any, um, is there any board discussion on the staff reports, or any updates you would like

01:16:14.754 --> 01:16:16.754
to share Lynn.

01:16:18.481 --> 01:16:24.481
I do want to share that, um, despite our best intentions, Chris Wilson and I had a plan

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to make his staff report accessible, but because it's...

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Mostly generated by the Munis...

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ERP, the accounting system that the whole county uses,

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it generated something like 5,000 errors, and I was like, I don't even know how to... I don't even know what the error is that...

01:16:43.788 --> 01:16:48.788
happened 5,000 times. So, we were not able to provide Chris's usual reports.

01:16:49.921 --> 01:16:54.921
Um, apologies, we will try to get that process started a lot earlier next time.

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So...

01:16:57.342 --> 01:17:03.342

Thank you for your hard work on all of these, and just... and for everything, making everything, um,

01:17:03.844 --> 01:17:05.844

ADA accessible, um...

01:17:06.732 --> 01:17:10.732

Any comments or questions about the reports from the board?

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All right, seeing none, we will next move to the Evaluation Capacity Building Project Update.

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So we will have an oral update from the team, and as always, the packet includes a link to the microlearning videos.

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So, take it away, we are excited to hear.

01:17:41.959 --> 01:17:43.959

Well, happy hump day, everybody!

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Yay! This is gonna be short. I know every time I come, I seem to have a micro-learning or something to show, and I'm sorry to disappoint you that this evening I don't have another one to show you, but we'll have a new one.

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Uh, probably in March. So we are, um, putting final touches on a one-page handout that will go along with how to, um,

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create one's own survey with free or very low-cost survey tools, such as Google and Microsoft Forms.

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Of which we get no proceeds from, and we do have a disclaimer in.

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Um, but so, hoping that this will be useful for both those who want to have the visual with the microlearning,

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As well as a tangible, um, uh, text and picture

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version, and then we will have a follow-up in person training with different agencies, uh, whomever wants to come, however many members that they want to have come.

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with their laptops so that we can actually work through showing them how to actually create one of the surveys.

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Um, that will be meaningful for them in real time, so we can give them technical assistance.

01:18:48.863 --> 01:18:54.863

And providing them, um, some of the tools that will be available to them, as well as the microlearning as homework.

01:18:55.112 --> 01:18:57.112

And one pager. Um...

01:18:58.245 --> 01:19:04.245

We are also... and so we've worked with our working group to get feedback on all of that, the content, and um...

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the display of what we're doing, so that's been wonderful. We are doing our technical assistance with three of the different agencies, working with them on their measure, for their outcomes, as well as logic models.

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And that's been going very well. Um, Kim has sent out a, um,

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reminder and an update of all of our evaluation activities in the newsletter.

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So that has been, um, something that we just provided to her, and we're hopeful that we'll get more

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Uh, requests for office hours.

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Which you think everyone would be, like, knocking down our door for office hours, but then again, people are very busy, and sometimes they don't know what they don't know.

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So we're getting the word out there about our office hours, in case anyone has questions about evaluation.

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And they're not one of our technical assistants, um...

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agencies or programs.

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And that's what I have for now!

01:19:57.816 --> 01:20:04.816
Thank you very much. That was actually a lot of stuff, I think. I was, like, thinking there wouldn't be much update, because it's January.

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But a lot of cool things happening. I think that

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the, um, how to make your own survey using, like, the low-cost tools, I think, is really, really important and will be valuable.

01:20:15.727 --> 01:20:23.727
Um, as well as the, like, having the handout and video, just different methods of learning for everybody.

01:20:24.751 --> 01:20:26.751
Any other discussion from the board?

01:20:29.022 --> 01:20:31.022
I don't know if you noticed that...

01:20:31.115 --> 01:20:34.115
Jacinda spilled the beans about Kim's newsletter.

01:20:34.839 --> 01:20:36.839
I know! Um...

01:20:37.352 --> 01:20:44.352
Leon and Kim and Shandra spent some time looking into different products, and we thought we had a perfect product, and it didn't work.

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So, Kim designed a beautiful newsletter full of really good information that's already public, so it doesn't create

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We wouldn't be, like...

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um, you know, creating an Open Meetings Act issue, or local record retention act issue.

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But we had to switch, so now she's working in a different...

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Um, online environment, and we are getting some help from IT. But it's...

01:21:09.521 --> 01:21:15.084

It's cool, so thank you guys. Thank you, Leon, Shandra, and especially Kim for this.

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I think y'all, like, have kind of wanted something like that for a minute, and...

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We're really close, so...

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Great, great to hear. I did catch that, but Kim's newsletter. I was like,

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hmm, I'm like, is this our Kim? Like, what? No one told me it was a secret.

01:21:34.025 --> 01:21:41.025

I think she and I both hoped that it would be out already. It's just we ran into a snag.

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The product that we all liked really made sense.

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And the other... then... so then we went backwards, and...

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Some of the other products we looked at are just way too expensive for what they are, but she found something that might work, so...

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Fingers crossed. Yeah, no, I, for one, have been...

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hearing from people in the community that they wanted something like this and, you know,

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have been pushing for a while, so I'm very excited.

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But... and also very excited about all of the activities that you are doing. Any additional comments from the board?

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All right, well, thank you very much for the update. And thank you for your support. Have a great night, too.

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Alright, next we will move to the Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment activities.

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On pages 79 through 98.

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I think originally I didn't know there was going to be an update here, but what is here, and it's kind of a big update.

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I mean, you don't... you really don't have to do anything with this. This is... this is the...

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format for those work groups, I think we were talking about the work groups a lot in the fall, because they were meeting pretty actively.

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to define their actions, and so this brings it all together, and this is what the work groups will be doing.

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I think the health plan is actually for, like, 5 or 6 years.

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So it's longer than our own.

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But we do spend a lot of time working with them

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on these, and so I just thought you should see, and this is also posted

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On the county website with our other assessment stuff.

01:23:20.703 --> 01:23:22.703

So... Any discussion from the board?

01:23:28.999 --> 01:23:34.999

Alright, well, thank you very much. Um, Disability Resource Expo update, do we have any additional updates?

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We were really hopeful for one of those comprehensive annual reports from the coordinators. They thought they would do it, too, but they're not... we're not paying them anymore, so...

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Um, I didn't... I didn't get that, but they...

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That report usually...

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gives a lot of detail about survey results, as Mrs. Sprandel was talking about a minute ago. So, they may still surprise me and send it, and I'll put it in the packet when we have it, if we do.

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It's a good document, but I didn't get one. Because what...

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Are there unofficially results, though?

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from the surveys that just have not been compiled.

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Okay. I mean, I'm not volunteering for that, I'm not asking you guys to do it, but...

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Um, so yeah, I suppose some survey results, not a lot, um, but that might be something, too, that...

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you know, I could look through, and it might be something nice moving through on this, um...

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advisory thing, you know, if I could find some counsel.

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I might have you send that to me again, maybe I'll do that in all my free time.

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I think that there were so many different surveys, like, you might be thinking of the steering committee survey results.

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Uh, yes, I definitely have seen that, but I think in your office one day, I think I read some results, and I think that was... And you saw the bucket of the results, okay. Yeah, I think Kem had sent you something, so yes.

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We'll talk later, but yeah, I think there might be an...

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I could do an oral report, but maybe at some time.

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Any other, uh, comments on this one?

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All right, next we will move to comparison of 20... PY2025 agency revenues on pages 99 through 130.

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For information only is a report on revenue sources on which agencies funded by the CCMHB and CCDDDB rely.

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So, I know this is something that Lynn has been working on, and maybe other... I don't want to miss giving credit to anybody else who works on this with you, but...

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I know many times I was

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talking to Lynn about various other things, and she's like, I'm working on these charts!

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Um, so I'm very, uh, pre- I'm very excited about them, and thank you for doing it, but please explain what we have before us.

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Well, other people were helping me with proofreading, and just, like, how does it look?

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But yeah, it was... this is really just for...

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fun, and... because it has... look, it has pretty colors! Can you see?

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In the packet online.

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It has nice colors. It's also...

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ADA compliant, so I was learning a lot of things at once, but this is just one of the things that...

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that I like about the fall, I have a little bit more time, and I can...

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Dig into something that I always feel kind of bad about. We ask for a lot of data from the agencies, and we don't always give you a summary or

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something meaningful, using all those big data.

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Um, we've worked with STATS students and, um,

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And business students, and...

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you know, thinking about different ways to present different data, and what can you do with it, and I thought,

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This really is very simple. Where does the money come from for the agencies that people rely on for services?

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I don't know if people really realize how much work their tax dollars are doing.

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Um, and through which...

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venues, like, there was a time...

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Where you could look at an agency's revenue

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spread and say if they had too many state contracts,

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that they were really vulnerable, that that was a concentration of risk that was just too risky, because...

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Illinois budget was not good, and their payment were very slow, and...

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Medicaid providers were kind of, you know, falling off a cliff.

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Because of the problems with Illinois, but now,

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We look at some of those federal funds that were stable for years and years are now being moved around.

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There isn't a, like, a single change

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to call out, but this was a very stable year, PY25.

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So I think it gives a nice picture of where organizations

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get the money to do all the things they do. This memo is silent on what the services are, or whether people love the services, or how many people use them.

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It's just about where the money comes from.

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And one thing I learned in here, and there's just a comment somewhere in it. So the first few pages are kind of, like,

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If you look at all of it, and everybody that we're funding, where else are they getting money? And then,

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the last million pages are

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Each agency. But one thing I noticed when I got into each agency is that

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The older ones, that some have been around as long as the Mental Health Board have,

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has been... tend to have a lot more private

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funds. So that...

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Seems like... it seems like little agencies, when they get started, need private funding, and then

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For long-term sustainability, that becomes really important. So there's, like,

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some foundation funding. Anyway, I thought it was interesting, I like the colors.

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You don't have to do anything with this.

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But I was learning how to do these things.

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So, the other thing about this that I like is that we always worried about agencies that depended too much on us.

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And you can see how that...

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that message has gotten out to a lot of...

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agencies, and they look healthier.

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There's one or two that don't, but...

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I mean, they look like they have taken that... they've realized, through experience, that you've got to have multiple sources of funding, and...

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And funding that isn't going to go away tomorrow, or just happened

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on one fundraiser or something, so I liked that. I liked saying that we were not

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you know, the major funders.

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For most everything.

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Thank you. Any other comments?

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I wanted to comment on the private funding sources, um, so, like, for all the revenues of all agencies, 12% of them came from private.

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But... when you actually break down what private funding means, um, it was disappointing to see how little of that is coming from, like, the kind of

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strongly resourced community, private funds like Carle, OSF,

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Um, I mean, even United Way is a pretty small portion, but, like, Carle and OSF were 1%.

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of that, that most of the private funding was

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Um, contributions, client pay member dues, fundraising, and in-kind contributions.

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And, um, like...

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from other organizations was less than 15%.

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And I just think, like,

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why is that? Like, why is... are some of our, like...

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largest resources in our community not providing funding opportunity, or they're not providing opportunities for funding? Are they not

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selecting agencies, like...

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what is that about? Because, you know, we do a lot of the heavy lifting for the local,

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funding, but, um...

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you know, some of these private options are local, but they're not

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utilized.

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Particularly given that they're not paying taxes.

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that just... grates me. I also just want to note UIUC.

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Um, nothing. Um, and they have...

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like, two or three of their new efforts come to mind, that their funding positions, meaning to link up with local funds, or local...

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organizations. I know DRI's been contacted.

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But... I don't know, I thought it was a very interesting report.

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I guess the, like, the bounds are... this is a...

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Maybe a very certain type of agency.

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So, maybe those other sources of community or private funding are going to other...

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to agencies that do totally different things.

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So there's that.

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But also, I was really heartened by...

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contributions, like...

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And fundraising, that we actually do live in a very generous community.

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With, you know, all of our other problems, that's kind of nice that people put that much money into these type of services.

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I thought that was nice. So, anyway.

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Any other comments?

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Well, um, thank you again very much, Lynn, for putting this together, and for the rest of the staff for helping out.

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Um, next, we will move to public participation agency inputs once more.

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Um, so once again, members of the public may speak with the Mental Health Board. We cannot

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respond directly to public comment, but we may use it to inform future decisions.

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If there's anyone online or in person that would like to speak with us, you can approach the podium, fill out a comment card,

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Put something in the chat or raise your hand on Zoom.

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Um, I may limit individual time to 5 minutes and total time to 20 minutes.

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there is a public comment. Um, so there's nobody in person.

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But it appears that there is somebody online who would like to make public comment.

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So, um, are we ready to...

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Yep. Jessica Smith.

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Please go ahead.

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Hi, everyone. Many of you probably do not know me, but I am from DSC. I am the Director of Family Development, um, and we get

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A lot of our funding from the MHB, so I'm glad to be here, um, and to participate in these meetings.

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Um, first, I just want to say thank you to Lynn for your kind words in the beginning, just to the organization as a whole.

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Um, I've only been here for about a year, but...

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I've known about DSC for quite a long time, so very glad to be a part of our agency.

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Um, just kind of want to really give a quick update, since we don't normally do that in these meetings, um, but just to kind of show

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the progress that our agency is going through, um, especially the Department of Family Development, since that's what you guys fund.

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Um, through the MHB for the majority, um,

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But I do just want to say, I feel like we've had really, really great collaborations throughout the community, um, which has increased

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our ability to just kind of get our name out there,

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talk about early intervention, talk about what our department's doing. We've seen a large increase in the number of developmental screenings that we've been able to provide, um, in daycare centers.

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Um, and within early childhood programs throughout the county,

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Um, we have a lot of really great interns from the U of I starting in our program this semester, so...

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Really excited to just promote

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early childhood professions, um, and kind of just see where those... where those professionals go.

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Um, and again, I feel like one of our biggest things is our collaboration with Salt and Light throughout the community, um, to establish our playgroups that are available for families and children within the county.

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Those have just started this week, and we'll go for 8 weeks, so we're really excited to see a lot of new kiddos, actually, on the roster.

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For this season, if you will, um...

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So yeah, just kind of want to thank all of you again for your continued support. As always, um, from the MHB, and

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Thank you again to Lynn for your kind words, because

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We definitely... we definitely work hard at what we do, and we appreciate the recognition. So, thank you guys very much.

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Thank you very much for your comment. Is there anyone else who would like to make public comment?

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It appears none, so we will next move on to board-to-board reports.

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As always, board members can serve as liaisons to community and agency boards.

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There's a list of possibilities on page 131, and if you'd like to get involved with that, you can

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reach out to Stephanie Howard Gallo.

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Um, are there any board members who want to make a board-to-board report?

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Yep, as usual, I was at Community Coalition this, um,

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This month, and they did something a little bit different. They had people pair up

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And just in that room, everybody that comes from all the agencies, if you were there, you had to pair up with somebody else, and you got 3 minutes to speak about yourself, and then they got 3 minutes, and then you switched.

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to another pair, and so you get to meet different people in different agencies, and...

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And, uh, it was... it was very interesting. It was short, but it was supposed to be. It was kind of, kind of like speed dating, you know, except without the date.

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So, it was, uh, something they were trying to get more...

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Um, acquaintance besides just sitting there next to somebody, so that was fun.

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And then the other thing was, um...

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an interest... an emphasis on school attendance as a predictor for so many things, and so there's an emphasis now going on

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across a lot of agencies is to make

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get kids to go to school and stay in school and help them do that, because otherwise...

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And there are all kinds of, you know, statistics about...

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about what that does to you if you...

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drop out of school, so that was... that was... they were both...

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interesting initiatives for that meeting.

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Thank you very much. Are there any other board-to-board reports?

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Um, kind of, sorta, and I'm gonna ask my friend Lynn to remind me

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what the actual name of what we went to last night, and then I'll tell you my perspective on it.

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what... there's a, um, developmental disabilities-focused agency called Community Choices, and they've been participating in a research project

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Um, that's at Queens University in Canada.

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Which, like, that project is in 6 different countries, and the only...

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U.S. agency... the only U.S. entity as Community Choices.

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But, um, I... I did one of the interviews with, um,

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So, I think... I don't know if anybody else here got a call from them to do an interview, but it was quite nice.

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So, and the project is about how do people balance

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family and natural support.

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with formal support.

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Anyway.

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Yeah, so they have done, um, some of the study. Last night, they presented. Um, we were the fifth country they had, um,

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you know, met up with some of their data. It was fascinating, and I know that we actually don't fund them on the Mental Health Board, but...

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There were so many things that really, um...

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encouraged me, and you know, like Chris pointed out, the idea of,

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You know, asking people

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who are currently living those experiences? What do you need? What do you want?

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Um, and it was just really, like, uplifting, and I really learned a lot about their agency, and the fact that

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This is the only agency in the United States that is doing this

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Worldwide study, and so it was really neat, and so I was glad that...

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Um, Lynn happened to send the invite to all of us, and my husband was working last night, and I was like,

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Heck, go work with some people, get some dispassionate food, and...

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I'm really glad I did, because I feel like there was some stuff I could bring back even into the mental health board of...

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Um, you know, one of their... and I think community choices actually uses this.

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with you, not for you.

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Um, and how important that is, whatever individuals we're working with, to partner with them rather than saying, oh, I'll do it for you, or

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I'm gonna tell you what to do. So, it was very nice.

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Thank you for sharing. Any other board-to-board reports?

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All right, seeing none, next, uh, County Board input. Do we have any County Board input? I do have some hot goss.

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Um, we are looking at restarting the reentry Council.

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Um, we have finally, after shifting from funding Rosecrans for that \$100K, which...

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I'm not going to be that candid, I have to remember it's a public meeting.

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We are now finally evaluating how we want to use that funds, and we know it's not a lot.

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Um, but we would like to figure out some way to leverage it into more money. So,

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Um, we have at least one dedicated person who works on grants, and, um, we will, again, reconvene that council to figure out

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what's the best ratio to hit? What are our goals? We're looking to, I guess, get more, maybe not elegant, or... but, um...

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We would like a way to set goals and to track if we are meeting those goals. So, I guess I just wanted to communicate that we're thinking more seriously about how we use those funds.

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Thank you for the update.

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Um, next we'll move to the CCDDDB board input. Lynn, any updates?

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No. All right, um, next to last, we have board announcements and input. Do any board members have announcements or input?

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All right, seeing none, the last thing to do is to adjourn our next study session will be next Wednesday, January 28th at 545 PM.

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right here in the Shields Carter Room of the Bennett Administrative Center in Urbana.

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Have a good night.