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Anne Robin: I'm going to call the meeting to order. It looks like we might even have a quorum here.

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Can we have a roll call?

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Kim Bowdry: Susan Fowler.

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Susan Fowler: Here. Kim Bowdry: Neil Sharma.

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Neil Sharma: Here. Kim Bowdry: Dianne Gordon.

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Dianne Gordon: Here. Kim Bowdry: Kim Fisher.

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Kim Fisher: Here. Kim Bowdry: Anne Robin.

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Anne Robin: Here. Welcome, everybody.

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Can I get, um, motion to approve the agenda, please?

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Niel Sharma: Oh, motion to approve.

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Susan Fowler: Second. Anne Robin: all in favor?

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Board Members: Aye. Anne Robin: Okay, I should have asked for discussion, but

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Okay, so we're going to skip...

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Do we need any comments about schedules and timelines? Everything is pretty clear.

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Lynn Canfield: They're posted what in your agenda are links to webpages. Now, we're... we've set up individual webpages for the meeting schedules.

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As well as for the glossary,

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This might not be super convenient for you, so I also started

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Trying, and last month I failed,

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To put the upcoming meetings at the bottom of the agenda,

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And the first of those upcoming meetings is listed as tentative. So that's something

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the toward the end of the meeting you might want to discuss whether to keep or

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or not keep the August 26th.

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Meeting. Anne Robin: Thank you, Lynn.

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Is there any citizen input or public participation at this time?

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Anybody online?

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Okay, I have no comments. This is chairpersons comments. I have no comments other than

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Welcome. Thank you for being here, and I think we'll have a...

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A good meeting today.

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Lynn?

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Lynn Canfield: Well, unfortunately, I have a comment.

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Mainly, you know, we'll you'll we'll be talking about some of the items in the board packet later. So I'll save comments related to that.

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For later, but last week, something happened,

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Um, isn't Facebook a treasure trove of information?

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Some people that I know,

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who live in southern Illinois were very upset about losing their jobs at Choate State Operated Developmental Center. Yay!

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So they were complaining about that and about the governor,

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And I was like, this might be the best day of my professional life. I read the letter,

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Um, you know, telling them about the change.

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So what's happening at Choate is

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They're closing down the DD

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Beds. Yay! So some... and some of our colleagues are saying, well, great, but 6 more to go.

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And I know that's true, but just seeing how long this took,

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And how much advocacy and how many people got hurt?

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Right, and how much attention it took to horrible stories that

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People with disabilities and their parents shouldn't even have to hear

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That's what it took to get this one closed, so I was really celebrating, I was very, very excited.

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The other piece of it that's interesting is they've...

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Um, the forensic beds for people who have mental health concerns and

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may languish in jails for longer than the...

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The statutory limit of 90 days

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tend... they do languish in jails. Champaign County Jail being one of the four top ones.

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Because there aren't enough forensic beds,

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For those folks, so some of the...

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Some of the mental health beds at Choate are being transferred to one of the

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Facilities closer to here.

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Which will be very helpful, like increasing capacity

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Closer to home is good for everybody. So, there was two pieces of... and it's actually something I had advocated for,

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So I was so excited that I literally texted the director of the state's behavioral health

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agency, and told him thank you.

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And anyway, I just thought you guys should also know this, and

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feel, you know, permission to celebrate if you like. Neil Sharma: What was the sit... oh, sorry, I'm like...

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Apparently living under a rock. Uh, what was the situation that happened? Lynn Canfield: Well, to some of the folks that...

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Or losing their jobs in southern Illinois, I would say, you know, maybe you shouldn't have hit people so hard that they died.

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Right, like, this is what was going on there.

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Like, very severe maltreatment, yeah. Neil Sharma: Where was this?

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Susan Fowler: Yeah. Just part of the problem of still having institutions in Illinois. We're one of the last states

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To maintain the level of institutionalization that we do, and it..

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really problematic for quality of care. Neil Sharma: Yeah.

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That's like one of the motivators to be on this board was my experiences in Chicago with some of those.

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It's a tough situation. You can't blame just like necessarily all the providers at these places too, but.

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Oh, I don't know about Choate, it sounds like.

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People were being beat up. Kim Fisher: Yeah.

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Neil Sharma: Oh.

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Lynn Canfield: No, I think I think you're right. It's possibly much more complicated, but uh...

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the horrible stories that it took to turn the corner on this one, just the...

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We shouldn't need to do that.

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But I've also noticed something that might be kind of interesting. Just when the Federal Department of Justice says,

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Institutionalization is okay. States should be able to go back to

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institutional care. It's almost like some of the states are saying,

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No, we're not gonna do that, I'm like...

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Maybe this is what it took for Illinois to really commit.

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to moving people into community-based care because it seems...

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Isn't that weird? Like, so all we had to do was a little...

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Magic tricks, still terrible, and we may end up talking about that later in the meeting, but...

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Just, like,

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really, to me, just, like, really, really good news on a personal and professional level, and

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I know many of you have been involved in those fights, so...

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Anne Robin: Thank you, Lynn.

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Approval of the board meeting minutes.

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And because we didn't have a quorum last month,

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We have minutes for the May meeting.

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So, I would like to just separate them, so...

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We'll do the May meeting first.

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Neil Sharma: Move to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

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Susan Fowler: Second. Anne Robin: any discussion about the minutes that that's a big one, because that's our...

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allocations.

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Everything look okay? Susan Fowler: Very thorough.

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Anne Robin: Okay, all in favor. Board Members: Aye. Aye.

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Anne Robin: My microphone cut off. Okay, well, it just does that.

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Um, now the minutes of the June meeting, which was an...

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Information-only meeting.

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But we still have minutes.

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Susan Fowler: Move to approve as a remote visitor...

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the site.

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Dianne Gordon: Second.

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Anne Robin: All in favor?

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Kim Fisher and Others: Aye. Anne Robin: Any opposed.

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Okay. And, you know, about the June meeting, I was just thinking about that and reading through the minutes.

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Thank you for participating online, both of you that did.

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It was just... we just didn't have enough people in this room,

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Um, to vote you in, which was...

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I was like, maybe something needs to be done about that little regulation, but...

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Um, we're going to...

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Adhere to the regulations, so...

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Now we've got the vendor invoice list, which is rather extensive.

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Um, motion to approve.

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Susan Fowler: I move to approve.

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Dianne Gordon and Neil Sharma: Second. Anne Robin: Any comments about the vendor invoice list?

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Susan Fowler: I have one question.

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It's unusual to see reimbursement for mattress.

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And I just wanted clarification on... on...

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why we were paying for a mattress.

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Lynn Canfield: Well, I am so glad that you asked, because it will actually connect to business later in this meeting.

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So the special initiatives Fund

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was set up to manage two group homes, and the reason it was set up is that the mental health board has certain magical powers, and the DD Board

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Has other magical powers, and between the two of them, they had all of the authorities needed

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To purchase and manage homes.

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This, you know, separately, it was a little more complicated, so...

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The other thing that ended up in the special Initiatives Fund

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Because it happened around the same time, was...

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A sizable donation to...

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On behalf of one person,

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It was from a private donor,

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It was set up as a trust fund.

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With... we're managing the trust, we have to review

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The requests, the purpose of

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The fund was to make sure that this person could continue to live

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in a small group home, and not...

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Institution. And so after...

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many adjustments, there were some big purchases at first to make sure they were safe.

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Um, and then nothing for the last 4 or 5 years, so you haven't seen anything like that.

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For many, many years. That's the trust fund.

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It's this purchase

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Comes very close to exhausting all that's left there, and they have told us they will be able to use

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The other... I think it's 12 or 1500 left

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By the end of this year.

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This gives us an opportunity to eliminate the special initiatives Fund, which we will get to later, but...

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Um, anyway...

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It's... it is... you haven't seen that in years and years and years, and probably what they purchased before were, like,

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Items related to safety, not health.

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But... eventually, a mattress relates to health, so...

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We thought it was a fine purchase. Susan Fowler: I figured you'd have an answer. It was just... it just stood out, so...

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I wanted Chris to know I looked at it. Lynn Canfield: So, speaking of Chris, he has... like, we... I think we all were fine with that format, but he has come up with an even more readable

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Format for the future reports, Kim helped him develop it, but we're very excited that the next time you see reports from Chris, they'll be

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Even better to look at.

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So yay, Kim. Kim Bowdry: I was that that was moved by Susan. Kim, did you?

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Who's seconded?

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I'll second it. (Susan Fowler acknowledges Dianne Gordon as one of those who seconded.) Kim Bowdry: I'm not. Okay, I'm sorry.

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Anne Robin: Any further discussion?

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Okay, I think we can just do this by acclamation. All in favor?

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Aye. Any opposed?

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Okay, once again, thank you for your brilliant staff reports.

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It's so much fun reading the work that other people are doing.

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And some of you, I'm looking at you, Lynn, I don't know how you managed to do anything,

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Because you spend so much time reporting on what you do, but...

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But I don't give you a report every month like all the rest of the team does, so you're getting, like,

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the sort of, like, the... Anne Robin: I'm exhausted reading it, but it's good. It's all good stuff.

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Okay, so we're into new business, and we have Officer...

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Elections, um...

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And I actually re-read the bylaws while I was preparing for this meeting,

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And I don't...

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We have to elect officers every year,

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The president...

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And the secretary can only

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Service, um, those positions for 3 years.

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And I don't remember when I took over as president. When did...

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Lynn Canfield: I mean, I think last January. Anne Robin: I think...

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was the official... Yeah, December or January. Okay, so we're a little bit off cycle.

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Because of the, um...

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Vicki leaving. Yeah.

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Um, but I was elected last year.

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So, I don't know if I have 2 more years, or another...

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Year and a half that I can... Lynn Canfield: I think because... so you had been the secretary, vice president? Yeah.

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So you would be the acting president anyway.

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Even if you had not held a special election, we needed a special election because we needed a secretary -vice president. We needed to have two officers for

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the workload and to keep me on track. So, I think it's okay to treat

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Whatever, if you are president from...

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Today, for the next... I think that's all right, because functionally, what you were doing was completing the...

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the other term. Anne Robin: Okay, so... so I've got either one more year or two more years, depending. Are you... a year and a half or two years?

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Depending on how we interpret it.

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Two. Okay, whatever.

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Lynn Canfield: And we do. We do have to have annual elections, even though traditionally,

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Officers serve for 2 or 3 years.

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Anne Robin: Yeah, okay. So we've got a little bit of time.

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And I'm willing to do it for another year, so...

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Neil, are you willing to serve for another year?

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In your demanding position as second-in-command.

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Well, you never know you could have to take over at any moment.

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Is... is there anybody that wants to step up and...

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Take either of these positions.

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Everybody's silent.

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So, um...

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I think we need a motion.

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Susan Fowler: I move to recommend that Anne Robin continue as President for another year,

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And that her second-in-command.

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The Doctor Neil Sharma, Doctor Robin and Doctor Sharma.

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Uh, for, um...

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President and Secretary. It's gone really well this year. Thank you for your service.

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Kim Fisher: And I'll second.

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Anne Robin: Any comments?

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Okay, we've got two people up. We're doing a twofer here. All in favor?

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Board Members: Aye. Aye.

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Anne Robin: Any opposed.

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Okay, Neil, it's you and me for another year.

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Hey, I think I'm doing pretty good at signing those things in a timely fashion, huh?

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We might have one email. I can't keep up with email. Yeah.

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It's my nemesis, always will be.

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Lynn Canfield: We will have... potentially have...

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later today or tomorrow, something for you to sign. Maybe. We'll see how this meeting goes first.

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Anne Robin: So the next item is the draft RFP for evaluation capacity building project.

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And there is a decision memorandum,

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Oh, wait, wait.

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Oh, my gosh, I had budgets circled and question marks and everything, and I just skipped right over it.

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How could I do that? Okay, we have draft 2027 budgets.

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Pages 43 to...

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58, and I think the memorandum, or the, um...

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Decision Memorandum is on page 44.

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And there are 3 of them, and I think we should take them

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In order...

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Lynn Canfield: Or just because I can't... if something is real straightforward and simple,

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I'm your guy for making it complicated, so...

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These might be better taken in the order of first one, third one, and then second one.

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Just because the discussion you and I had yesterday,

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Relates to that. We can talk about that in a minute, but just...

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I apologize for not thinking of it when I was putting the memo together.

Anne Robin: So were you suggesting we do the third one first? Lynn

Canfield: No.

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1, 3, 2, yeah. Anne Robin: 132. Okay. Lynn Canfield: I mean, you could do 3...

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One, two. That's also logical, but I wouldn't know.

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Anne Robin: Okay, we're going to do number one first.

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And I will... I will read it.

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This is a motion to approve the attached draft 2027 CCDDDB budget.

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With anticipated revenues and expenditures,

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Of \$5,829,

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Kim Fisher: Second.

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Anne Robin: Now, since this involves

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Money, do we need a roll call?

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Is there any further discussion about this?

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Any questions about the draft.

00:18:34.776 --> 00:18:36.776
Okay, then let's do a roll call.

00:18:38.028 --> 00:18:40.028
Kim Bowdry: Dianne Gordon.

00:18:41.978 --> 00:18:43.978
Dianne Gordon: Yes.

00:18:44.813 --> 00:18:46.813
Kim Bowdry: Kim Fisher.

00:18:46.812 --> 00:18:48.620
Kim Fisher: Yes.

00:18:48.621 --> 00:18:51.710
Kim Bowdry: Neil Sharma? Neil Sharma: Yes. Kim Bowdry: Susan Fowler.

00:18:52.782 --> 00:18:54.782
Susan Fowler: Yes. Kim Bowdry: Anne Robin. Anne Robin: Yes.

00:18:54.835 --> 00:18:56.835
The motion passes.

00:18:57.991 --> 00:19:02.991
Okay, we'll jump down to the bottom, and this one might need a little bit of explanation.

00:19:03.945 --> 00:19:05.945
This is a motion to approve amending

00:19:07.068 --> 00:19:10.068
The 2026 IDDD Special Initiatives,

00:19:10.627 --> 00:19:12.627
And CCDDDB fund budgets

00:19:12.627 --> 00:19:14.701
To transfer the remaining

00:19:15.669 --> 00:19:17.669
IDDSI fund balance

00:19:17.904 --> 00:19:21.904
In equal amounts to CCDDDB and CCMHB,

00:19:22.048 --> 00:19:26.048
Funds at the end of 2026.

00:19:27.332 --> 00:19:29.332
Use of this fund is consistent with

00:19:29.306 --> 00:19:32.306
The terms of intergovernmental agreement

00:19:32.343 --> 00:19:35.343
Between CCDDDB and CCMHB,

00:19:35.862 --> 00:19:37.862
Full approval will be contingent.

00:19:38.186 --> 00:19:40.186
On CCMHB action.

00:19:42.225 --> 00:19:44.225
Move to approve.

00:19:46.070 --> 00:19:48.070
Susan Fowler: Are you? Anne Robin: I just read it. So

00:19:48.972 --> 00:19:51.972
I made the motion. Susan Fowler: Oh, I second. Okay, thank you.

00:19:52.647 --> 00:19:55.647
All right, Lynn, do you want to give us a little bit of a...

00:19:56.616 --> 00:19:58.616
Brief explanation about this.

00:20:00.716 --> 00:20:05.716
So, please. Lynn Canfield: We kind of... we talked about it during the allocation process, too, that

00:20:05.983 --> 00:20:09.983
It might be good to have a little bit more cushion in the DD Board

00:20:10.280 --> 00:20:12.280
Fund balance, um...

00:20:13.192 --> 00:20:19.192
This summer, we hit the wall with the Mental Health Board fund balance, not the DD Board fund balance, so...

00:20:19.657 --> 00:20:22.657
There was a period of time where agencies were waiting for payments

00:20:22.657 --> 00:20:26.955
Much longer than they should have. It did affect the DD Board agencies, too.

00:20:27.412 --> 00:20:29.412
But the fund balance problem wasn't as bad.

00:20:29.870 --> 00:20:36.870

That convinced me that it is probably good to move the money out of special initiatives where it's not doing anything.

00:20:37.214 --> 00:20:43.214

The DD Board and the Mental Health Board have many collaborations already established, and they don't need

00:20:43.636 --> 00:20:45.636

The Special Initiatives Fund

00:20:45.637 --> 00:20:50.452

To do those things. We just need to ask each board separately for their approval,

00:20:51.342 --> 00:20:53.342

And we need to be responsible for the cost split.

00:20:53.489 --> 00:20:55.489

So, the...

00:20:55.432 --> 00:21:00.432

The fund has no real reason to exist anymore, except that it holds that

00:21:01.397 --> 00:21:06.397

Individual trust fund, and when those people said, we may be able to spend the rest of this during 2026,

00:21:07.267 --> 00:21:09.267

I talked to the finance department chair,

00:21:09.336 --> 00:21:11.336

Or not Chair, uh, Director,

00:21:12.321 --> 00:21:16.321

About clearing out the fund next year, and he said, no, do it this year.

00:21:16.844 --> 00:21:19.844

And so we're like, okay, we'll look at the very end of the year,

00:21:20.308 --> 00:21:25.308

Whatever's left in there, per the original agreement between the two boards, you just split it.

00:21:25.260 --> 00:21:27.260

And then it would... it would...

00:21:27.456 --> 00:21:30.456

Help you pay the bills this year, and...

00:21:31.059 --> 00:21:34.059

In the future, by having a little bit... it's not a huge amount,

00:21:35.296 --> 00:21:37.296

My estimate right now is 155...

00:21:37.357 --> 00:21:39.357
393.

00:21:39.655 --> 00:21:41.655
each, but that depends on...

00:21:41.974 --> 00:21:43.974
Interest income.

00:21:44.351 --> 00:21:49.351
Which we don't know yet what it'll be, and it's not deposited at a predictable time, so...

00:21:50.290 --> 00:21:55.290
The reason... so that's the reason for doing that this year, is that we can...

00:21:56.071 --> 00:22:02.071
If we wait till the end of the year, with your permission, the Mental Health Boards' permission, and the County Board's authorization,

00:22:02.682 --> 00:22:06.682
We can move that money out of special initiatives and into each of the main funds.

00:22:07.562 --> 00:22:09.562
And that's...

00:22:09.603 --> 00:22:11.603
Yeah.

00:22:11.810 --> 00:22:13.810
Anne Robin: Susan, you have a question.

00:22:14.615 --> 00:22:20.615
Susan Fowler: Yeah, so just just to refresh my memory, is this the money that was accrued when we sold the 2 group homes?

00:22:20.686 --> 00:22:25.686
And then, again, to refresh my memory, I think DSC included

00:22:26.912 --> 00:22:31.912
In one of their proposals, the opportunity to fund some special requests.

00:22:32.731 --> 00:22:39.731
From individuals, does that take the place? Lynn Canfield: It's... DSC does a little bit of that, and regional planning does a little bit of that. That's a little bit of that.

00:22:39.727 --> 00:22:43.640
The regional planning did it for two years under the special initiatives,

00:22:44.225 --> 00:22:46.225

And then they're absorbing

00:22:46.209 --> 00:22:48.209
some of it, because.

00:22:49.265 --> 00:22:51.265
The full request was not funded.

00:22:52.014 --> 00:22:57.014
Most of the request was... so they can still do some of it, but you know, yeah, yes, that's special...

00:22:58.068 --> 00:23:05.068
assistance, short-term supports. Susan Fowler: So if there is a need for special assistance, short-term support, there's still the option.

00:23:05.536 --> 00:23:11.536
To go to the DSC. Lynn Canfield: Regional planning. Susan Fowler: Or regional planning has more ability to do. Susan Fowler: Okay, more ability, okay.

00:23:12.173 --> 00:23:14.173
But we're eliminating the funds, so...

00:23:14.931 --> 00:23:19.931
Regional planning won't have that ability, or they still will? Lynn Canfield: They do, they have it through DD Board funds.

00:23:20.227 --> 00:23:26.227
Susan Fowler: Through DD board funds, a separate source of funds. Yeah. So this is really something to increase the...

00:23:27.312 --> 00:23:33.312
Financial stability of both boards and to reduce confusion? Yeah. Would that be a fair summary?

00:23:33.298 --> 00:23:35.298
Okay. Lynn Canfield: Yeah, I think that's...

00:23:36.036 --> 00:23:40.036
Thank you, because I hadn't thought about the second point, but that's true also.

00:23:45.203 --> 00:23:50.203
Anne Robin: So my question is on page 3, the special initiative is fund budget,

00:23:50.574 --> 00:23:56.574
Those zero numbers, you want to explain that to me. Lynn Canfield: just be the next motion.

00:23:56.573 --> 00:23:58.741
That we ask you to make, and that is...

00:23:59.171 --> 00:24:01.171

This is DDB budget.

00:24:02.141 --> 00:24:07.141

The... having a null fund, where no money's coming in and no money's going out,

00:24:07.853 --> 00:24:16.853

might be required by the independent auditor. We're... the finance department chair has just texted me and wants to talk today. He was going to ask them

00:24:17.460 --> 00:24:22.460

What's required... I know that for any fund that uses federal dollars,

00:24:23.740 --> 00:24:28.740

You have to keep it for 3 years, with zero in and zero out. We may not need to keep it at all.

00:24:28.739 --> 00:24:33.635

But this is a precaution. If you do need to keep it, it's just recorded with nothing in and nothing out.

00:24:33.635 --> 00:24:38.639

Anne Robin: Okay, so this is assuming that we do the transfer. This would be just to keep it in name.

00:24:41.799 --> 00:24:44.799

That does not help my confusion any.

00:24:50.343 --> 00:24:55.343

Okay, so the recommendation from Lynn is that we do this

00:24:55.379 --> 00:25:02.379

Fund transfer, and I was looking for a number for approximately how much money it is, and it looks like it's

00:25:02.796 --> 00:25:07.796

Approximately \$155,000 for each board,

00:25:08.889 --> 00:25:13.889

Which increases the amount of money that we have to disperse to the...

00:25:13.845 --> 00:25:16.845

Agencies and programs that we have approved.

00:25:18.444 --> 00:25:21.444

So we'd be using it for those purposes.

00:25:23.529 --> 00:25:26.529

Susan Fowler: That just raises a second question. So, if...

00:25:26.806 --> 00:25:30.806

We needed additional money this year, we would spend it, and then it's gone.

00:25:30.946 --> 00:25:35.946

Or it's a cushion that we hold onto for a couple of years.

00:25:36.788 --> 00:25:40.788

Or both? Lynn Canfield: Well, I... it's gonna probably... okay, to...

00:25:41.934 --> 00:25:48.934

There are a few months left in the year. I can't guarantee what will happen, but if everything, every obligation is paid out as

00:25:49.028 --> 00:25:52.028

Budgeted, you will need a little bit of it this year.

00:25:52.929 --> 00:25:54.929

That never happens.

00:25:55.778 --> 00:25:58.778

So, but I don't... if I as soon as I say never,

00:25:58.787 --> 00:26:00.787

Then here comes the universe to...

00:26:02.112 --> 00:26:04.112

teach me a lesson. So...

00:26:04.875 --> 00:26:08.875

If... you know, it could be more than \$155,000, but...

00:26:08.981 --> 00:26:11.981

The reason to do this is mostly that

00:26:12.151 --> 00:26:14.151

Your fund balance

00:26:14.646 --> 00:26:17.646

Needs to be pretty high at January 1.

00:26:17.981 --> 00:26:23.981

And it's sort of conspicuous when I go to talk to the county about it, it sort of stands out as, like,

00:26:24.717 --> 00:26:26.717

Why don't you spend all this fund balance? Well, the...

00:26:26.717 --> 00:26:28.620

The thing is, we do.

00:26:28.619 --> 00:26:36.678

Between the two boards, over 90% of these funds go out on agency contracts, which are paid out every month.

00:26:37.284 --> 00:26:40.284

And you don't get any money until June or July.

00:26:40.533 --> 00:26:42.533

So, whatever you've got,

00:26:42.780 --> 00:26:44.780

in January needs to get us through

00:26:44.780 --> 00:26:48.629

Till June or July, and then the promise to everyone is that we would have

00:26:48.629 --> 00:26:53.028

Six months in reserve, just in case something goes wrong at that point.

00:26:53.569 --> 00:26:58.569

And that includes shutting down our operations. If something went wrong, we'd need to

00:26:59.331 --> 00:27:01.331

You know, manage our...

00:27:02.377 --> 00:27:06.377

Our records would have to go somewhere. It would take some time for us all to be...

00:27:06.670 --> 00:27:11.670

laid off. I guess that's what we would be doing. So, anyway, that's all doomsday stuff.

00:27:11.671 --> 00:27:17.755

But that's what a fund balance is for, and we really did have a crisis this year. We couldn't pay people

00:27:18.024 --> 00:27:22.024

For May and June, until almost... it was like...

00:27:22.498 --> 00:27:26.498

It was July. We had the new contracts set up and ready to go,

00:27:27.309 --> 00:27:31.309

And that's not okay. So there are a couple of things we're trying to do to protect them

00:27:31.664 --> 00:27:35.664

In the future from that, one is encouraging direct deposit of checks,

00:27:36.328 --> 00:27:40.328

To take that'll snap a week of time off, because as you all know, the mail

00:27:41.289 --> 00:27:44.289

You didn't even get it. There are extras. Okay.

00:27:44.812 --> 00:27:50.812

But anyway, that's affecting them, too. So there's little things that we can do, and then the bigger thing is,

00:27:51.344 --> 00:27:54.344

Can we advocate for adequate fund balance and then hold it?

00:27:54.784 --> 00:27:57.784

Because, you know, there's a lot of stuff that you do want to purchase.

00:27:58.466 --> 00:28:05.466

So I'm not saying you have to save it, I'm just saying it would probably be better for you to have access to it, to save it or spend it.

00:28:10.935 --> 00:28:12.935

Anne Robin: Any further discussion.

00:28:15.329 --> 00:28:17.329

This is all useful information.

00:28:20.962 --> 00:28:26.962

Do we need a roll call for this? Let's let's do a roll call. Just... I don't know if we do or not, but let's do it.

00:28:27.463 --> 00:28:29.463

Okay. Kim Bowdry: Kim Fisher.

00:28:29.500 --> 00:28:31.500

Kim Fisher: Yes.

00:28:31.664 --> 00:28:33.664

Kim Bowdry: Dianne Gordon. Dianne Gordon: Yes.

00:28:34.544 --> 00:28:36.544

Kim Bowdry: Neil Sharma. Neil Sharma: Yes.

00:28:36.414 --> 00:28:38.414

Kim Bowdry: Susan Fowler.

00:28:39.262 --> 00:28:41.262

Susan Fowler: Yes. Kim Bowdry: Anne Robin. Anne Robin: Yes.

00:28:41.487 --> 00:28:43.487

The motion passes.

00:28:44.914 --> 00:28:48.914

So the middle one is to approve the, um...

00:28:49.929 --> 00:28:52.929

continued existence of this,

00:28:53.991 --> 00:28:55.991

Fund with a zero...

00:28:57.271 --> 00:29:00.271
Balance just on paper, because

00:29:00.271 --> 00:29:01.770
Some financial...

00:29:02.694 --> 00:29:04.694
person who knows more about it than I do says it

00:29:04.695 --> 00:29:07.379
It might be required for audit purposes.

00:29:07.526 --> 00:29:09.526
Which I don't unders...

00:29:09.705 --> 00:29:11.705
Yeah, yeah.

00:29:12.933 --> 00:29:19.933
Lynn Canfield: There are also adjustments. The county is finished with 2024. Now they're working on 2025. So there are adjustments that occur later.

00:29:19.933 --> 00:29:22.167
That sometimes results in deposits.

00:29:23.017 --> 00:29:27.017
So you could end up having some money going in in 2027, and I would just...

00:29:27.591 --> 00:29:30.591
Bring that to your attention, and we deal with it at the time. Anne Robin: Okay. Yeah.

00:29:31.465 --> 00:29:33.465
All right. So for real reasons,

00:29:34.019 --> 00:29:36.019
Having to do with finances,

00:29:36.867 --> 00:29:38.867
This seems like a good idea.

00:29:38.864 --> 00:29:45.072
So this is a motion to approve the attached draft 2027 IDD special initiatives

00:29:45.330 --> 00:29:49.330
Fund budget with anticipated revenues and expenditures of 0.

00:29:50.565 --> 00:29:55.565
Use of this fund is consistent with the terms of intergovernmental agreement between CCDDb,

00:29:55.911 --> 00:29:59.911

CCMHB in full approval is contingent on CC...

00:29:59.745 --> 00:30:01.745
MHB action.

00:30:03.453 --> 00:30:05.453
That's the motion. Dianne Gordon: I'll second that.

00:30:07.176 --> 00:30:09.176
Anne Robin: Any further discussion?

00:30:12.846 --> 00:30:14.846
Do we need a roll call for this?

00:30:15.016 --> 00:30:17.016
Okay, let's do that.

00:30:18.708 --> 00:30:20.708
Kim Bowdry: Susan Fowler? Susan Fowler: Yes.

00:30:21.376 --> 00:30:23.376
Kim Bowdry: Neil Sharma? Neil Sharma: Yes.

00:30:24.267 --> 00:30:26.267
Kim Bowdry: Dianne Gordon. Dianne Gordon: Yes.

00:30:26.316 --> 00:30:28.316
Kim Bowdry: Kim Fisher? Kim Fisher: Yes.

00:30:29.056 --> 00:30:31.056
Kim Bowdry: Anne Robin. Anne Robin: Yes, the motion passes.

00:30:31.950 --> 00:30:35.950
Okay, good job, folks. That was excellent, good work.

00:30:38.059 --> 00:30:42.059
And I don't know why my eyes skipped over that in the agenda.

00:30:43.580 --> 00:30:47.580
Okay, so now we have the draft Rfp for the evaluation.

00:30:47.580 --> 00:30:49.931
Capacity building project,

00:30:49.774 --> 00:30:51.774
And that will be...

00:30:52.917 --> 00:30:56.917
The draft motion is...

00:30:59.287 --> 00:31:01.287
On page.

00:31:01.329 --> 00:31:03.329

60?

00:31:04.731 --> 00:31:06.731

Yeah. So the, uh...

00:31:06.888 --> 00:31:08.888

Yeah.

00:31:09.421 --> 00:31:11.421

There's some discussion, and then there's...

00:31:11.654 --> 00:31:15.654

The request for proposals, what it looks like,

00:31:15.767 --> 00:31:17.767

And then there's the motion.

00:31:20.298 --> 00:31:24.298

So, I will move to approve the attached request for proposals

00:31:24.857 --> 00:31:26.857

Evaluation capacity building project,

00:31:26.855 --> 00:31:28.855

For the County of Champaign.

00:31:28.978 --> 00:31:30.978

Neil Sharma: Second.

00:31:32.141 --> 00:31:34.141

Anne Robin: Discussion.

00:31:36.159 --> 00:31:38.159

Susan.

00:31:38.680 --> 00:31:42.680

Susan Fowler: I was so impressed by how well written and thorough this was.

00:31:42.712 --> 00:31:47.712

I've written a lot of grants in my lifetime, and I used to oversee grant processes.

00:31:47.712 --> 00:31:52.706

At the federal level, and I thought this was better than most grant...

00:31:52.706 --> 00:31:55.171

RFPs I've read, it was really clear.

00:31:55.844 --> 00:31:58.844

And it also had some nice contingencies.

00:31:59.305 --> 00:32:01.305

So, I was...

00:32:01.696 --> 00:32:03.696
gobsmacked.

00:32:04.280 --> 00:32:06.280
Anne Robin: Thank you for those comments.

00:32:06.618 --> 00:32:08.618
Any other comments?

00:32:10.690 --> 00:32:14.690
Well, I have one that's, I think, kind of a no-brainer.

00:32:15.034 --> 00:32:21.034
I think I speak for all of us when I say we've been extremely happy

00:32:21.859 --> 00:32:24.859
With the evaluation capacity project, um,

00:32:24.861 --> 00:32:27.164
Done by the Family Resiliency and

00:32:27.346 --> 00:32:33.346
I feel, you know, honored to be associated with them, and they've been great, and

00:32:34.111 --> 00:32:36.111
I'm kind of... it's kind of...

00:32:36.711 --> 00:32:41.711
weird that they have to apply for the position again, but I think it's required

00:32:42.056 --> 00:32:44.056
Under the...

00:32:44.130 --> 00:32:47.130
Regulations that we have to put this out there,

00:32:47.296 --> 00:32:52.296
So, if anybody is listening, I certainly hope that they are ready with their proposal.

00:32:52.374 --> 00:32:55.374
Um, and we will be very happy to consider it.

00:32:58.087 --> 00:33:00.087
They set a high bar for anybody else.

00:33:01.216 --> 00:33:04.216
Anybody else wants to come up to that high bar, good for them.

00:33:05.594 --> 00:33:07.594
That's my comments.

00:33:09.276 --> 00:33:12.276

Okay, so this we can just do by voice, um...

00:33:12.784 --> 00:33:14.784

Okay, all in favor?

00:33:14.785 --> 00:33:16.785

Susan Fowler and Other Board Members: Aye.

00:33:17.071 --> 00:33:20.071

Anne Robin: Oh, wait. Susan Fowler: Neil seconded it.

00:33:20.903 --> 00:33:22.903

Lynn Canfield: Can you believe I knew that?

00:33:23.119 --> 00:33:25.119

Kim Bowdry: Oh, never mind, I had that. Sorry.

00:33:25.059 --> 00:33:27.059

Anne Robin: Okay.

00:33:27.369 --> 00:33:29.369

All in favor. Board Members: Aye. Aye.

00:33:30.423 --> 00:33:32.423

Anne Robin: Any opposed?

00:33:32.905 --> 00:33:34.905

The motion passes.

00:33:35.182 --> 00:33:37.182

We will go ahead with the...

00:33:37.300 --> 00:33:40.300

Rfp. Lynn Canfield: We kind of the...

00:33:40.753 --> 00:33:45.753

Originally, Stephanie and I were talking about, well, we could release it July 31st.

00:33:45.591 --> 00:33:47.591

But... but...

00:33:47.591 --> 00:33:54.490

We decided to kind of slow it down a little bit, just in case the board members had any changes they wanted, so...

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The issue date is August 21st,

00:33:58.014 --> 00:34:01.014

There's a description in there of where it's published, and

00:34:01.123 --> 00:34:03.123

The timeline that follows is designed

00:34:04.184 --> 00:34:06.184

to, you know, hopefully, if there's an...

00:34:07.160 --> 00:34:12.160

If there is a high quality application and you all choose to fund it and the mental health board chooses to fund it,

00:34:12.118 --> 00:34:15.118

That we could have a contract to start May 1st.

00:34:15.479 --> 00:34:19.479

So, which is one day after the current contract ends. And this is...

00:34:19.480 --> 00:34:21.480

Based on legal advice,

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Uh, that came from...

00:34:24.731 --> 00:34:29.731

A 1935 precedent about how long agreements should stand

00:34:30.581 --> 00:34:32.581

In Illinois County government.

00:34:32.583 --> 00:34:34.593

Four years. Yeah.

00:34:34.753 --> 00:34:36.753

1935.

00:34:41.217 --> 00:34:47.217

Anne Robin: Okay, the next item is setting the stage for 2027 and program year 2028.

00:34:47.226 --> 00:34:49.226

This is an information...

00:34:49.165 --> 00:34:51.165

Briefing memorandum.

00:34:51.735 --> 00:34:53.735

Um, any discussion about this?

00:35:01.452 --> 00:35:03.452

Something we can refer back to.

00:35:03.856 --> 00:35:06.856

It's good to get it in print, good to get it out there.

00:35:11.934 --> 00:35:15.934

All right, we're on to old business, emerging threats.

00:35:19.593 --> 00:35:26.593

Kim, you're keeping us up to date as well as possible. Kim Fisher: A few things that folks had already kind of know about, and something that

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It's

00:35:28.646 --> 00:35:32.582

kind of reaching back from what we've done before. So, as we know,

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The Department of Justice has says they're not, um...

00:35:36.976 --> 00:35:46.976

that Olmstead is just a court decision. Basically, it is not statute. So they that it is not recommending that states follow Olmstead.

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The Olmstead decision, which said that folks should

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State governments should look to, um...

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Provide services in the community for folks rather than institutions.

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So there's lots of advocacy going on call all your legis, your electeds.

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organizations that are, you know, if you're looking to take action, American Association of People with Disabilities, Arc obviously of the US and Illinois.

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Here, um, but this is really...

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Terrible. Along with...

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Um...

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Way back when... remember we talked about, like, there were, like, 16 states fighting the Section 504?

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Um, well, 8 states did drop out, but now, um...

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the remaining 8 states are kind of reigniting their fight against Section 504 and bringing along Olmstead.

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So it is, um...

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to basically say, one, we don't have to provide service... states don't have to provide services for folks in the community,

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And, um...

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Section 504, which is how many people get their accommodations in education and in the workplace

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Does not need to be followed. So...

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Um, a good place to, um, follow updates and advocacy is DREDF.

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D-R-E-D-F dot org.

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That's an acronym. I don't remember what the ac... it's a disability, um...

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organiz- advocacy organization, so... but they are giving rapid updates, um, on how to take action.

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As well as updates, uh, very clear updates on, um...

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On the processes. So it is...

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Just attack upon attack upon attack on...

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disabled people in this country.

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So it's very terrible.

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I would just, uh, also, um...

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I know that we've talked about ice before, you know, the TPS status for Haitians and Syrians, I believe, was revoked.

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And so there is a call for increased or there's been reports of a plan for increased ICE operations, so I think in the county board last week, there was discussions

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In public comment about that, so we should just be aware that, um, obviously,

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Disabled people in our community are even more at risk for those things, so...

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And then the last thing is, um, we had that pledge, remember, the resolution that passed, so we finally had a meeting. It was an awesome meeting. So I'm just going to end with a hugely positive thing.

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And these are like the small actions, I think, that we can do as a community.

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So on Monday we met with, um, it was Kelli Martin and Lindsey Anderson, both from DSC.

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Myself, um, Edgar...

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Edgar, is Edgar here?

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Thank you. Thank you. Hihracek. And Becca Obuhkowski, Hannah Sheets, and Rachel

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Ms. Cuso from Community Choices. So all of us met to talk about the pledge and like, what are the next steps that, um,

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They want to do... the folks that they work with, advocacy groups and stuff, so we have a really great plan.

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Yes, so, um...

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Essentially, we're... they're gonna work with their respective advocacy groups to talk about the pledge, like, kind of go through, like, what does it mean? What... how can... what are some specific actions that can be taken?

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And then work together, Community Choices and DSC's advocates.

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And they're going to talk about a plan for actually presenting this pledge to different public institutions. So like the city councils and

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MTD's board, that kind of thing.

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So they're going to be working over the next 6 weeks, and they're going to present their stuff at our joint meeting.

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So yeah, it's, I mean, it's going to be great. It's going to be great. And so, and then kind of like over maybe the next year, a potential plan is actually reading the pledge

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At public meetings and having a group of people taking turns for their 3 minutes and reading the pledge, and

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Asking boards to say, would you...

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Take this on. So, yeah, I mean, it was just the most productive hour.

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And I think a couple of us were on vacation the week before, and then came back, and we were like, wow, this is like our first meeting. It was really great. So that was...

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Sorry to start my comment as a real negative, but it just was... it brought joy

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to my week, so thank you for the partnership, and

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And the board, me as a board member, I asked them what they wanted my role to be, would just be to, like,

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Kind of be the voice here at the public board, but also, like, connecting with other boards as I, you know, just supporting their work, so...

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Yeah. Susan Fowler: Great.

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Congratulations. Anne Robin: Thank you for that.

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Do we have any input from people with IDD?

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Do we have an update on Engage Illinois?

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Susan Fowler: Uh, yes, Engage Illinois has been pretty active in terms of, um,

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Presenting its message through the DD community, and there was a, uh...

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A meeting earlier this month, um,

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With, uh, the...

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Did he, um, IDHSDD,

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Folks to talk about the study that engages in.

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Which is to look at the barriers

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For 2 families who are using community-based supports,

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Um, through, um...

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The home-based waiver system,

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And, um, how that...

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Is, um...

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More difficult than...

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They're trying to move towards a more flexible CILA,

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And they're documenting all of the concerns

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That exist, that, um...

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Are currently present when you're trying to use the HBSW.

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So I think that'll be quite informative in the future for

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Policy development. I know that on my own part,

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I can't always use all of the home-based service waiver

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Because it's very restrictive,

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Um, pretty much focused on salaries.

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Rather than on access to community activities.

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So, um, I think the group is, you know, strong,

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They have about 800...

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Members at this point, the membership is not necessarily

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As active as the...

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Engage board, but the word is getting out.

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And I think that's a real positive.

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And I'll just keep you updated as things move on.

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Anne Robin: Thank you for that. That's... that's very positive.

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Okay, anti-stigma activities, and there is a decision memorandum associated with this.

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Lynn Canfield: So this is... I mean, everybody... y'all know what happened to the Eberfest and the Expo.

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But earlier in the year, when we were

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When Barb Bresner was still living and we had some conversations with key people,

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Who had organized the expo, and who were also involved with

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The Ebertfest stuff. We got some pretty clear notes, and then we got some pretty clear direction from the boards, too, about things we can do while we're reinventing whatever

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Is going to happen, so we are doing those things, so this...

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This report offers you some updates on the things that we are doing, that we have done that were very obvious things to do.

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One that's obvious, but not, like, super easy to...

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Do is update that book, that resource book,

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I mean, just as recently as last Wednesday,

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Someone stopped by - a very sophisticated user of systems and resources -

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Who said, oh, I love having a book, because I can write in it. So, like, alright.

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get, you know, that put a little bit of fire under me to figure out how we can update the book.

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So, um, that is one thing that is now in progress that I do have a contract ready to roll,

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And Kim Bowdry has reached out to some of the key people on

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How we can get reliable updates,

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On each exhibitor, and maybe even...

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Update the sponsors.

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So working on that, that's a much bigger scope issue because so many people are involved. But if I can get somebody

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To make the book, that'll be huge. And they can do other things, like they can revive all our social media,

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and fix the websites. There are many, many, many suggestions.

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From people who've been involved with these 2 projects,

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About the websites and social media, and it would be really great to be able to integrate that stuff.

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So that for 2026, I think I'm good. I think I... it's not...

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Easy, but I think there's a path.

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So I did provide a list of 3 conferences that we...

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As DDB and Mental Health Board staff are involved with,

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Um, yesterday,

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Shandra and I attended a meeting of the final one, the Global Mental Health

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conference, it's the second annual one, it's a virtual meeting with, you know, like,

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Maybe nine spots for sessions, and we were reviewing proposals, and there was, like, no proposal

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The group was willing to reject, so I don't know what they're gonna do.

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I'm not the key planner, but, like, just this content just sounded so cool.

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So anyway, we're working on that, and then...

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During that meeting and after, I started getting emails and texts from people talking to me about

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Miniature film festivals that we might be able to get involved with this year. In fact, that same week, so...

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You know, I just feel like there's... this is a community full of people with ideas,

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It's just not always easy to find a center, a coordinator for those ideas. I haven't quite cracked that.

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But with what we know we can do,

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I wanted to ask for...

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Some direction... we've got some money in the 2027 budget that is, like,

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How we budgeted in the past, when we had these two...

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annual events. It's still in the budget, but without a whole lot of definition. So I'm kind of asking y'all

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To approve us continuing to plan things,

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Within those budgeted amounts,

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Right? We may not ever get the sponsorships that we had one year where we had, like,

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\$24,000 of revenue from sponsorships. I don't think that's ever going to happen again.

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Because there was so much... Barb Bressner telling people you're gonna give us money,

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And they did, and...

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Right? Like, she was very special, so...

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So, one of the things I'm asking for is just your support in our continuing to explore these things.

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I know people would probably still most prefer a large in-person resource fair,

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That is still... looks like the most elusive thing.

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But there's so many other interesting ideas on the way. I'd like to...

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To have the support to do them in 2027!

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So, the other thing is, this was an idea that I think the group came up with right after Barb

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passed away, and then Kim,

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And I have been talking about it. It's just to establish some kind of annual award in Barb Bressner memory.

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We talked about a recognition to her family and kind of puzzled over that. Like, they...

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They really don't need a plaque.

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Maybe they need kind words, and everybody can do that, but...

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This might be fun, like, to have some kind of recognition award. I'd love to put a big cash prize behind it,

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That is not something that's easy to do for either of these boards, because of your unique

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Authorities and restrictions, but maybe a sponsor would...

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Offer a cash prize. My thought is that you could work on some kind of nomination process. What are the standards?

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Would we be giving one individual an award each year?

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These type of things could be worked out, but just...

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To get board approval to start something like that, I thought was important, and also,

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Possibly a nice thing to do toward the end of the meeting.

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So, just these are the decisions I'm asking.

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Neil Sharma: One thing, and I mean, maybe this is like a selfish plug-in, but it would be...

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That resource guidebook has been so helpful for people in providing resources, and

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So, I know it's not exactly an easy task, but I was wondering, I mean, one thing we can maybe think about is, like, do we fund

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A project that we suddenly, on our county website, we have all the list of resources that are available, um, so that

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You can point to somebody and say, hey, I mean, I point people to the Expo website, but, you know,

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Um, we could probably keep...

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Keep it current, you know?

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Lynn Canfield: And that... that is another thing that the group was feeling really strongly about, and I just haven't... we haven't been able to do it yet.

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This is a contract issue.

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So, but maybe we can... maybe later today we'll have a contract with somebody who can help us do that, but...

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Thank you for saying that, and the County is happy to link to things like this.

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We were just talking earlier today about

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It's not easy for them to host things for us, but if we host, they can

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Direct people to it. But the key that you're saying is...

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It needs to be updated.

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Dianne Gordon: I just want to follow up with that.

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I handed out 25 of those books.

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About two weeks ago at an event I was at, and people...

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I don't know how they had never seen them before, but they had never seen them before. So it was a whole new group of people that were like,

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We had no idea these...

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things were available for us in the community. So that book is really, really critical to have

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as something to get out in people's hands.

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Yeah.

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Neil Sharma: So...

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This is a bit like unrelated, but...

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Oh, I'm sorry.

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No, it was sort of like come up in our, that whole the Christopher guy who's, like, meeting with all of us.

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And I was thinking, I mean, one gap would be is, like,

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How many people in, like, the pediatrics know about all these resources? What information do they have to give the patients?

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So, uh, I thought about that, and I'm trying to figure out who is the contact that... and also the time to actually go

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do this, but, I mean, that could be also another future direction, if we want to make it more formalized.

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Kim Fisher: Yeah, I'll just add on to that, like,

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We... I've been here since 2017, and we've never, through the schools, ever gotten a book.

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I don't know, Dianne, have you gotten it through the schools?

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And I mean...

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Yeah, or Peds. So, yeah.

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The book is good, and I like to write things, too. I think people do like to write in things. Yeah, yeah.

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Yeah.

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Anne Robin: So what I'm hearing is, um, the paper book is very, very useful.

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And it needs to be updated probably on an annual

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basis. Um, and maybe, um...

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Funds for printing it on an annual... annual basis.

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Um, so that's something that we could think about.

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Funding. Lynn Canfield: This is exactly what I was thinking. In 2026, we have the money budgeted to do that.

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But we didn't have an event, or anybody who could do the updates, so...

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If I can pull this together quickly, and if folks give us updates, I mean, we...

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We can only make the updates as...

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Accurate as the information we're provided, but we can try that.

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We can probably get it done in 2026 for release in 2027, so we'd be paying for it this year.

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And then just do it again next winter.

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Like, is - that sounds like...

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It would be valuable to this community at this time to continue doing it, but...

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We can... there is money in the budget in 2027, the budget you just approved, that could also be used that way.

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Anne Robin: Okay, thank you for that, Lynn.

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Um, the other, uh, kind of...

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side of that is that electronic information

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A website, links to...

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Very easy to use links,

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to the same information,

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And I'm not...

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savvy enough to say, you know, what's the technology and how much work is it?

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To get that same information on a website versus

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In a printed book, but it sounds to me

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As a layperson, that that would be possible to do if somebody

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knew how to do that, and that that would be the goal, to have the same information that's in the

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The resource guide to be available with a link from the County website

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And as a paper.

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So those would be the 2 things that that we would like to see happen.
Yeah.

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Susan. Susan Fowler: That just brought up a thought that, you know, if we can do that and have the link,

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On the county website, then it would be really easy to notify the schools,

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Christie, Carle,

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To perhaps get them.

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Yeah. To advertise or provide the QR code.

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To families that come in who have concerns about developmental delays

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Or who are being evaluated for special ed services.

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Much easier than having to have a stack of booklets, which are really convenient to have as a recipient,

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But, you know, there's the whole issue of distribution. Neil Sharma: Yeah.

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Anne Robin: Speaking as a clinic,

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healthcare provider stacks of papers always disappear, and we never can find them when we want them.

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Well, almost never. Neil Sharma: Yeah.

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Anne Robin: So getting with the modern age, QR code, whatever. Neil Sharma: Yeah.

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I like that idea a lot, and that would make, I mean, that would be amazing. Right? Something simple, and...

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Doesn't have to be a fancy website, um...

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It just needs to have links and, you know, organized maybe by topic.

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Anne Robin: Okay, so I'm going to go ahead and do a motion based on all of this discussion here.

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And I'm going to do the first one is to authorize the CCDDDB-CCMHB

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Executive Director and staff to plan and implement

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Anti-stigma activities during 2027,

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Not to exceed budgeted amounts.

00:55:34.822 --> 00:55:36.822

Neil Sharma: Second.

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Anne Robin: All in favor. Susan Fowler: Aye. Kim Fisher: Aye.

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Anne Robin: Motion to approve establishing an annual recognition award

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In memory of Barbara Bressner,

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With any associated costs not to exceed

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Budgeted amounts.

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Kim Fisher: Second.

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Anne Robin: All in favor? Board Members: Aye.

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Anne Robin: All right. So that is...

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it for our...

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agenda items that we have to

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approve, and we can go on to successes and other agency information.

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Hannah Sheets: Okay, Hannah Sheets, Community Choices.

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I just wanted to share kind of, um...

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something that happened this past month within Community Choices. We work with someone who doesn't have a lot of family support,

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Works very hard to live independently in the community.

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Um, works at the State Farm Center,

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Um, but as we all know, in the summer, they don't have as many events, and so he doesn't have as much work.

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So I went to just checking on him, um...

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We check in periodically, usually he lets me know when he needs something.

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But I went to check in with him, and he lives in a very tiny efficiency.

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Um, in an apartment, in a house.

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And, um...

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Went in, and he was, uh... had this, like, kind of flat air mattress there in his kitchen, which is also his bedroom.

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I was like, what's going on here?

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And he said, oh, my air mattress that I was sleeping on popped like a month ago.

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And I said, why... why didn't you tell me? He's like, well, I don't have the money to do it, and, you know, I like to do things myself.

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And so, within 24 hours, we had 3 offers from our membership.

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It's saying, hey, we have a twin bed, we have a bed frame.

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Does somebody, you know, does this person need...

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A gift card from Walmart for bedding. Do they need towels?

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And just... it was really great to see

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the community, our membership, I guess, why we operate as a membership, we think that folks should be able to support each other.

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Um, it's really great to see people come together and

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offer help to somebody that they didn't know who it was, I didn't share any of, you know, the information, just like, hey, this person needs this thing.

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And, um, yeah, it was just really great, and I was...

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I, you know, I like to think about our co-op as a family, and think that they'll come through.

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But I was also just pleasantly surprised just how...

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large of a response I got in such a short amount of time. So, just wanted to share that with everybody.

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Anne Robin: Thank you.

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Don't all come up at once.

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Anybody else?

00:58:59.797 --> 00:59:01.797

All right. Um...

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Thank you for your service, even if you're not telling us about

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Successes this month.

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Or anything else, thank you very much.

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Um, County Board input?

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Do we have a county board person here?

00:59:18.469 --> 00:59:23.469

Jenny Lokshin: We do. Yes. Hi. Nothing to add today.

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Thank you. I will say, actually, however, I was happy to, uh,

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Re-elect Susan Fowler for the next term on the Developmental Disabilities Board.

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or approve that appointment at the last board meeting. So thank you for agreeing to serve again, Susan.

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Anne Robin: Thank you for that input.

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Mental Health Board input.

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Lynn Canfield: Oh, they met last Wednesday, and

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They approved the same... the relevant items that you approved, so we will...

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We will be, uh...

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Sharing the RFP,

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I think we can't really post it before August 21st. This is based on the newspapers.

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So, I'll talk to Stephanie about when we can get that out, but... so the RFP is ready to roll.

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Um, they also approved the budget changes and the anti-stigma items that you just approved, so...

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I think they also, and this is because you might need to talk about this in a couple minutes,

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They decided not to have an August meeting.

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Just - it's listed as tentative every year, and some years we end up having an August meeting, and some years we don't, but they decided not to.

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Not... that is not meant to influence you. It's just an update.

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Anne Robin: All right. Well, I guess we can discuss upcoming meetings.

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Um, Lynn, you and I didn't really discuss

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Do we want to have the August meeting to resolve the...

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Ongoing situation with...

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CU Autism Network or do we want to kick that can further down the road?

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Neil Sharma: So, yeah, next, unfortunately, I won't be able to be at the next meeting of the day, because... Anne Robin: Okay, Dr. Sharma will not be able to be here in August.

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Susan.

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Susan Fowler: I would really like Dr. Sharma to be here. And, you know, we have already kicked this can down the road for...

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Almost a year.

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More than a year, so I'm getting concerned that it will just...

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Deteriorate, disappear, and won't be a topic of conversation in the future if we don't

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wrestle with it. It's festering. Anne Robin: It is festering. I... I am fully aware of it. There was a...

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Request to discuss it when we were doing our...

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Our funding discussion, and I was like, no.

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No, um...

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We needed the time to do that.

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And then we needed the time for some other things, and then they weren't available when we wanted them.

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To be here, so... Lynn Canfield: They also don't have any new information for you. Yeah. Which is... you...

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We're waiting for new information. Anne Robin: Yeah.

01:02:19.049 --> 01:02:22.049

I think we need to put it on the agenda.

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And, um, spend the...

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requisite amount of time that we need to spend.

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And as your chair, I will...

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Um, take the prerogative of limiting some of the discussion, if it

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Seems repetitive.

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Um, so...

01:02:42.156 --> 01:02:45.156

Lynn, shall we just... we'll just get it on the agenda.

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Well, I don't think we need to do it in August because Dr. Sharma will not be here.

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Do you think we'd have time in September?

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Good. Okay. So, I'm gonna propose that we get it on the agenda for September.

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Kim. Kim Fisher: So, I thought there was discussion that, like, they don't really have any updated information, um, for us, and so...

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I guess I wouldn't want them to come and then just repeat the same information, so...

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Is there a way for us to say to them..

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like give us updated information, or..

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Lynn Canfield: So I've done that, and I just got a response.

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A couple minutes ago, about why there's not updated information, which

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in itself could be an update.

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But, you know, and they're willing to come and talk to you whenever...

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You're ready.

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But it doesn't... it doesn't provide any clarification

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To the big questions that we had, so that...

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I mean, I don't know, like, if you want to have a special meeting August 26th, we can have it be only that. We can absolutely fit it in September 23rd.

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You might have budget updates September 23rd, but...

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Probably not... Anne Robin: Well, I'm gonna propose that we...

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We do it September 23rd, and

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Just take an August recess, if Dr. Sharma won't be here and we don't have any other

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Business that we need to...

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Conduct, Lynn?

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in August? Lynn Canfield: Nope. Anne Robin: Okay.

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Everybody have a good August.

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And we'll see you in September.

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And we can all communicate

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In between.

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People can talk to each other.

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We can't all talk to each other at the same time because the open meetings, we don't want to violate open meetings.

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But individuals can talk to Lynn, individuals can talk to each other.

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Individuals can look at the information that's presented,

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Dianne, did you have a question?

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Dianne Gordon: I was just gonna say, so, I...

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I will not be part of the discussion.

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With... about CUAN, um...

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As you guys... as you guys sort it out.

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But coming into this after the fact, you guys have been talking about it for several months before I joined the board.

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We have to find a solution, whether... so...

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If they don't have new information for us,

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What is the end goal, what is it that we want to achieve, and I think that's what we need to go back and say.

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Here's how we end this, here's how we get this resolved.

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We just have to end it for the... it is having an effect on the community,

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at large. So. Neil Sharma: I mean, there is... there's several, honestly, like, in looking at it, there are several issues at play. There's not only the issue of a breach of contract with us, but there's also, um, they might be in violation of IRS tax laws regarding nonprofits and disclosures like every other agency.

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DSC, everybody, like, they do a wonderful job of, like, disclosing

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Their, um, their financial information, which is a requirement, because they get a lot of tax benefits, and so...

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That's really, and I think the bar is like \$50,000.

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If you make more than \$50,000 over a three year period, um...

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Something like that, you have to actually provide all those disclosures, so...

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That's also another issue, which...

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I mean, it's not for us to necessarily take up that, but it could be a referral to the IRS to investigate further.

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Anne Robin: Is the board okay with putting this item on the agenda for September 23

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Um, with the goal of...

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Getting all the relevant information as much as we possibly can, and...

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We've had plenty of time to think about it. I've had time to think about it, other people have time to think about it.

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And come to the best decision we can, given that it's a difficult situation.

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Susan Fowler: I'd just like to highlight decision.

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That we've come to a decision,

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that it's it's just been going on far too long for us to say we're a board that

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values accountability. I'm not... I'm not blaming any of us. It's been a really...

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Really difficult, unusual situation, but...

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The way it drags on just...

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is really problematic,

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the lack of responsiveness.

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Anne Robin: Sounds like we'll be ready to make a decision in September.

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And, um, move on.

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You okay with that? All right.

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Um, we do have a joint session scheduled September 30th, and that is definitely going to happen.

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I think the DD Board has been very good about showing up for these joint sessions.

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That was one of the questions, you know, I was like,

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Oh, that I got from the reviewers.

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How come people don't show up for the joint sessions? How good are they? And I was like, well, they're really good, and...

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I'm sorry that some people

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can't put it into their schedule because they've been very helpful.

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But we do have a joint session

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On September 30th. So, put it on your calendar.

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Just, it is also...

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okay to attend those virtually.

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Yeah, it's information only. You can zoom in.

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Yeah. Kim Fisher: And Lynn, I think we'll work with you on.

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some of the information. Oh, Kim, sorry, I'm sorry, Kim. We'll work with you. Get in.

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Anne Robin: Well, thank you all for your time this morning.

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Have a good rest of your day.

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Meeting is adjourned.