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Anne Robin: I'm going to call the meeting to order. Can we have a roll call, please?

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Shandra Summerville: Okay, Susan Fowler.

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Neil Sharma. Neil Sharma: Here.

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Shandra Summerville: Kim Fisher. Kim Fisher: Here.

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Shandra Summerville: Dianne Husby Gordon? Dianne Gordon: Here.

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Shandra Summerville: Anne Robin. Anne Robin: Here. Shandra Summerville: there is a quorum.

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Anne Robin: Thank you very much. Um, we're gonna call for approval of the agenda, but I'm going to make an amendment to the agenda before we approve it.

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The evaluation capacity project

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is going to make a presentation

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And that was inadvertently...

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Left out of the agenda? Lynn Canfield: My fault, I'm sorry. Anne Robin: Nobody's fault, these things happen, but we caught it, and we definitely want to hear from them,

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And, um, we're going to put it...

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Under, um...

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13 old business...

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After the agency's special request item in A,

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So, that will be, um...

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A+, or...

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be or whatever, but we're going to put it in there.

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And I'll ask... I would suggest we approve that agenda. Is there a second?

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Neil Sharma: Second.

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Anne Robin: All in favor? Group: Aye.

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Anne Robin: Any opposed.

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Okay, moving along, we've got schedule and timelines.

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And I do want to call everybody's attention to the fact that we do have a

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joint study session next week.

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On Wednesday,

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Is it Wednesday? Yeah, at 545 in this room.

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And, um...

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I encourage everybody to come. I think it will be a very good

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Very good session.

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And these joint study sessions only happen once a year, and they're really...

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Really a good thing to do. So, encourage everybody's attendance.

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Um, do we have any citizen input or public participation?

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Okay, I'm going to make just a couple of comments.

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Thanks to everybody for being here.

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And, um, we have a busy agenda. We have one item that will probably take a little bit of discussion.

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Um...

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And happy beginning of fall.

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Lynn.

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Lynn Canfield: I haven't done this for a couple months, so I forgot. I'm trying to...

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Make sure that you can see the board packet on the Zoom too, not the that matters that much. Okay.

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Um...

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There's a lot of information in this packet. I don't expect the board to...

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go into a whole lot of depth on a lot of this, but

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Part of what we're trying to do with the board packets is communicate with the public. The agencies provide us so much important information,

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And I, you know, rather than just do nothing with it, or just summarize for you with something like,

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They did a great job. Like, I think it's really nice for you to be able to see the details, especially at the end of the year, where

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Kim Bowdry has summarized the quarterly service reports for the whole year for each one.

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So that's a big portion of the packet.

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I think it's really important, I'm really happy about that.

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I'm very much looking forward to...

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Next week's study session, although I can't be in person with you, I'll be on the Zoom.

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And...

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It's been a nice little break. I've got stuff set up for the rest of the year for the board. A lot of...

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um, very dry,

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materials for it's the most dry material you'll get. So today,

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Maybe today is the most interesting stuff compared to what's coming, I don't know.

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And, you know, trying to...

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Pay attention to federal and state policy changes and new legislation in the state of Illinois, and

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How, um...

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The Medicaid changes will be implemented starting January 1.

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Um, but it's a lot to keep track of, and um...

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Some of it, I hope, will change before it happens, so...

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Try, you know, trying also to go outside sometimes.

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So that's... I think that's about it.

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We have a... I think before your next meeting, there is a legislative and policy conference of our National Association.

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Which will be really interesting. It's not too late to sign up for it and it's a virtual conference.

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For two days, it's October 21 and 22.

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And then we meet again on October 28th, so that's enough. Okay.

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Anne Robin: Thank you, Lynn.

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We do appreciate all the information that is provided, even if it takes a while to get through it.

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We really appreciate it. It's all good.

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Approval of the board minutes from the last meeting.

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Kim Fisher: I move to approve. Neil Sharma: Second.

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Anne Robin: Any discussion?

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All in favor. Group: Aye.

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Anne Robin: Okay, the staff reports are included, and as always, they're...

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Oh, I missed vendor.

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Oh, my goodness, there it is. Number 10, vendor list.

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Uh, invoice list, and I even have it marked here at pages 11 and 12.

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And this one is action item.

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Kim Fisher: I move to approve the vendor list.

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Dianne Gordon: Second.

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Anne Robin: Okay, it's moved and seconded. I don't... Is there any discussion?

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I just want to say again that I think this new format is really, you know, user-friendly, and thank you.

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Um...

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All in favor?

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Group: Aye, aye. Anne Robin: Any opposed?

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Okay, now we have staff reports. My eye just went to the bottom of the page, I guess.

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Thank you again for your staff reports, and the staff have

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has always been busy and productive.

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New business, and this is an action item fund balance policy review.

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Pages 31 to 34,

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Um, Lynn, do you want to give us a little background on this?

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Lynn Canfield: Well, yes, and maybe this is about as dry as...

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Anne Robin: This is fine. Lynn Canfield: Okay, so for... well,

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Okay.

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In Chris's staff report, there's a new, there are some new formats, Chris and Kim Bowdry worked pretty hard on accessible presentation of these data.

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Took them a while, and now that they've got it, I'm stealing the format from them whenever possible.

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And one of the things that Chris presented is the fund balance report, which

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Um, this is...

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the...

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Director of the Finance Department has started to post the fund balance information each month as well. It's unaudited.

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Going back to last year, but it's...

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It's still a good measurement for us to have

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To understand what's... how much money we have on hand and why sometimes

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We get nervous before that first property tax deposit. Every special district gets nervous.

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Before the first property tax revenue deposit.

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Um.

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And they have to pay bills, they have to pay their staff, so the special districts often complain if that first distribution is late,

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For us, the stakes are kind of different, because

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Before that first deposit gets made, which is

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Late June, early July.

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You have just obligated to multi-millions in agency services.

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To people... to, you know, the services are pointed toward

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The people who are least able to kind of roll with the punches when there's no money coming, or when a program gets changed, so...

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It's... we don't want to disrupt those services, and if we are facing a disruption of the services, we want to give them time.

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So we've had this fund balance policy for a long time that when we get to that low point,

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Rather than zero, we want to see at least 3 months' worth of the operating costs, and

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Agency payments are 90% or more of our total budget.

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So, we want to see basically 25% of our annual

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Um, budget at that low point.

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Even better if it's 50%, because if something... there have been

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Dire circumstances. I'm trying not to live in that world, but we have had things happen like the...

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The economic downturn of 2008 affected Champaign County in 2009, and we had to cancel some agency contracts.

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Our own budget constricted, so...

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Um, in 2020, some people didn't want to pay taxes.

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So the collection rate was lower than we've ever seen, so there are...

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Things that can happen, in addition,

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This board and this fund

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Is a legislative act, and it is... so it could go away,

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by another legislative act. It could go away

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By the decision of the Champaign County taxpayers.

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It could be zeroed out by the county board. We have been very, very lucky that it's gone on

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Healthy for so many years with so little disruption to the revenues, but any of those things can happen.

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So, having 50% of... which would equate to 6 months of payments on those contracts, you will have just agreed to

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Is our ideal situation... I don't remember us ever having that much on hand, but it's ideal in the event that

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Everybody has to start shutting down operations and

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Closing services, laying people off.

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We would have to find ways to,

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Some entity to store all the records, as we ourselves transitioned out.

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Sorry to live in the doomsday, but that is the purpose of the higher

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fund balance policies, so then I took the chart that Kim Bowdry and

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Um, Chris Wilson worked so hard to create and make accessible, and I used it.

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And I filled in data,

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For the last four years to show you where the lowest point occurred,

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And how much was there? And the lowest point used to be in May,

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Uh, because of other pressures on county staff,

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Um, and maybe even on taxpayers,

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Those distributions are probably going to continue to be later in the year.

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Late June, early July, so...

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What we saw this year, when the low point was in June, is probably more

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what we can expect in the future.

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So then there's a discussion, I show that...

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Um, there's only one of the last many years where we were below.

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It was 2022 when we were below that 25%.

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Um, so basically...

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The upshot is, I'm asking you if you like this policy and want to affirm it

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And to continue to have it be the fund balance policy.

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Anne Robin: Okay, just to clarify, Lynn, the reason that you're asking the board to clarify this policy is because -

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or to approve this policy -

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Lynn Canfield: It is actually your policy stated in your what in your budget documents,

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that the county releases to the public,

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But you haven't looked at it for years.

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Anne Robin: So we're updating our review because it was approved a long time ago,

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But maybe this particular, um, board, the individuals on this board,

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Or not really familiar with it, so it's bringing it to our attention and reaffirming that this board believes this is a good idea.

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Or not. Lynn Canfield: You know, and I think you have... you have the right to... like, you decide about budgets every year,

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And this detail is tucked in there, but you have the right for this to be brought forward,

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Maybe every year, maybe every 4 years, so

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Anne Robin: Okay, well, I agree this is a good idea to bring this forward to the board. I think I was vaguely familiar with this.

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But it's good to have it front and center, um...

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And, um, thinking proactively and protectively.

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Kim Fisher: Okay, I'll motion to affirm the fund balance policy of maintaining between 25% and 50% of total

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Annual budget throughout the fiscal year.

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Neil Sharma: Second.

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Anne Robin: Any further discussion?

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Dianne Gordon: This may be a silly question, but what happens if it goes below the 25%?

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Lynn Canfield: Nothing. We just freak out a little bit. Neil Sharma:
Yeah, okay, yeah.

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Dianne Gordon: I mean, we wouldn't stop payments at that point to keep
the 25%.

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Lynn Canfield: like, I think the our priority is

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People should be paid. So that's the first thing. If there's other
payments that can wait, then they'll wait.

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Neil Sharma: Yeah, this is like, I don't know how relevant a question,
but I was just noticing that

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you know, in terms of the fund balance, like, it would go down, and then
there's, like, various times in the year where it would go up, and
that's...

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Presumably, but like 2025.

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It went up around like June, and there's a few times where it...

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like, even in October or something like that, um...

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What's... what's going on there? Like, what... what is your staggered
payments throughout the year? Oh, okay. Lynn Canfield: It's.

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you know, I'm not even sure how many...

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Distributions we can expect, but taxes are collected at two different
times.

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in the year, so there's at least 2 different distributions of those
taxes, but

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There also are... later in the year, there are smaller

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Distributions, as I... it might be, like, um, in lieu of her mobile home or late payments,

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Payments that are not made at the same time get distributed later, so...

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You might... I think a normal year is 4 distributions, but I think...

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And I'm not... I'm not judging anybody. I think that...

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Um, it might be...

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Easier for the

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for, um, that office to have just two, because these really are... this is a lot of work for them, so...

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You know, as they're all struggling with staffing levels,

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We might expect fewer than 4 in the future.

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Neil Sharma: Thank you.

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Anne Robin: Yeah, I do have one comment. Dianne, I think your question was.

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I hadn't even thought of that, because

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You know, we always pay our agencies.

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So is there something in the policy, Lynn, that

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that says the agencies get paid before anything else.

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Lynn Canfield: No, there's a... there's a... in the contracts, there is a clause about this, that if we don't have funds, the contracts can be voided.

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So we did have in 2009 we did have to cancel some contracts because there wasn't enough money.

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To pay out on... we could see that there would not be enough money to pay out for the services which had just been awarded.

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So some of the contracts were voided.

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I don't know, before that, I started here in 2008,

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So, I don't... or 9...

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So I'm not sure if there was a time before that,

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When payments had to be stopped and contracts canceled, but that is...

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That's one failsafe.

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Anne Robin: Well, do we need to add something to this policy?

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No. Lynn Canfield: I don't. I mean, if you don't have the money, you can't make the payments.

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This fund is belongs to itself only.

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So.

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Anne Robin: All right. Well, I guess I'm a little bit confused, because

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The question was, does the fund balance take priority or did the patient, the payments

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The payments take priority. That's solid.

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Okay, as long as that's true,

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Then we can proceed.

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That's what your question was, right, Dianne?

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Okay, good. I got that right. Okay, any further discussion?

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I think this was useful. I don't think we need a voice vote on this, or do we need a voice vote on this? Shandra Summerville: because it's pertaining to the budget,

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You have to do that. Anne Robin: Okay, would you please do a roll call?

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Shandra Summerville: Yes, Kim Fisher.

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Kim Fisher: Yes. Shandra Summerville: Neil Sharma. Neil Sharma: Yes.

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Shandra Summerville: Dianne Husby Gordon.

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Dianne Gordon: Yes. Shandra Summerville: Anne Robin. Anne Robin: Yes. Okay.

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Okay, well, I think that was useful.

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Um...

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Then we have...

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Draft 2027 objectives for 3-year plan.

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Um, this is not a decision

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item. This is an agenda item.

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Is there any discussion?

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Lynn, would you like to make a couple comments?

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Lynn Canfield: So this opens the period of public comment, and the -

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Our suggested changes are highlighted.

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In yellow.

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In the document, um...

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We, you know, this is a... What is up for grabs are the objectives and tactics, not the goals, not the plan itself.

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So we're looking for feedback on that, and you could...

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Give us input anytime to the end of October. Was it November 9, maybe?

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So it's the... through the first week of November, and

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Kim is sending it out to - maybe already has, sending it out to agencies and other interested

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stakeholders, so...

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Kim Fisher: I just had a question. So...

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Do we kind of work through...

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Oh, sorry. Is that better?

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Okay, thank you. So do we talk a little bit about the community event focused on resources?

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In replace of the disability

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Uh, Resource Expo.

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It is in there, but have we... I can't remember if we've, like, decided, or if the group, not...

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us, but the... right, there's a group that's in charge of the disability. Well, we've done a... our staff has done a lot of work on this in the last few months

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Um, with some support from that...

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Expo Advisory Group, but they turned out to be quite busy, too.

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So I think it's going to come back to the board eventually, but we do...

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Thank you for raising that. We do...

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There has not been some official decision

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That in-person event costs these two boards \$70,000 a year,

00:22:04.189 --> 00:22:09.189
And a huge amount of staff support is needed, and the consultants who have known how to put it together

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are not available anymore, so...

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So whatever we do next is going to be sort of like...

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Brand new. And so I think that will have to be a board discussion, because it'll be brand new.

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Kim Fisher: Well, I was just thinking, like, um, when I was reading through this, the movie that's happening October 9th or 10th or something,

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Could we... because I know we have, like, the website, right, that with all the... could we just be passing out flyer, like, like, just a flyer with the QR code?

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For disability, or maybe, like, wouldn't that, like, uh, promoting community event focused on resources, can't we do both at the same...

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Event, maybe?

00:22:47.602 --> 00:22:58.602

Yeah, maybe you did that already. I'm sorry. Lynn Canfield: Well, I mean, we don't have enough people to make it to every event that where it's appropriate to pass out those books. Some asking people now, you know, would you pass out our books? Because

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We do have the books. It's going to be updated and published again in January.

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And the website is also being updated. That's something Kim's been working on.

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The resource guide itself is really important.

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The event is also important, we haven't figured that part out, but the resource guide and book is easy. Got it. It takes time, but...

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It has obvious value, so spreading the word about it is...

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Just requires us to have people available to sit at tables with that material, and right now we just can't, so...

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Asking other people to help with that.

00:23:34.595 --> 00:23:36.595

Kim Fisher: Okay, thank you.

00:23:39.136 --> 00:23:43.136

Anne Robin: Any further discussion about the draft objectives.

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3-year plan. Okay, now we have draft allocation priorities.

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For program year 2028.

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Discussion.

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Lynn? Lynn Canfield: It's the same process.

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This is the introduction of the document opens a public comment period.

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For this one, we need to close public comment at the end of October,

00:24:15.086 --> 00:24:17.086
Just to be able to use it all.

00:24:21.986 --> 00:24:24.986
Anne Robin: Any questions or discussion from the board?

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Okay, hearing none.

00:24:36.445 --> 00:24:38.445
We are going to move on to...

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Old business.

00:24:40.930 --> 00:24:45.343
We have an item that is very old. We have kicked the can down the road

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For two years?

00:24:48.928 --> 00:24:53.928
On this, and I'm hoping that we can get this resolved today.

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We've had a lot of discussion,

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And we've got a decision memorandum requests.

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And it's very complicated. The decision memorandums are...

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Very complicated.

00:25:06.554 --> 00:25:08.554
And, um...

00:25:09.222 --> 00:25:12.222
I have some comments to make.

00:25:13.191 --> 00:25:15.191
Before we even do...

00:25:15.430 --> 00:25:17.430
The, um...

00:25:18.896 --> 00:25:22.896
Decision memorandum. I did send this out individually,

00:25:22.998 --> 00:25:28.998
To members of the board not to violate the open meetings Act. We had individual discussions

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about it. Um, Susan Fowler, who's

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Um, in Japan right now, um,

00:25:35.723 --> 00:25:39.723
Had input, which she shared individually

00:25:39.724 --> 00:25:41.961
With Lynn and myself.

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Um, so, um...

00:25:46.084 --> 00:25:48.084
This is a sad...

00:25:48.162 --> 00:25:50.162
process. This is something that...

00:25:50.827 --> 00:25:54.827
That makes us not feel good. Nobody's gonna feel good

00:25:54.828 --> 00:25:59.123
about this. Um, there's no resolution that we're gonna come to

00:25:59.097 --> 00:26:01.097
That's going to make people feel like

00:26:01.606 --> 00:26:04.606
Dang, we nailed this. We did a really good job.

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Um, this is something that just has to be put to rest

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After so much time.

00:26:10.669 --> 00:26:15.669
Um, the agency involved, the Champaign-Urbana Autism Network,

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had internal problems

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Um, which...

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We don't need to go into, at this time,

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Um, but despite...

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Every effort by DDB staff to assist,

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In any way that they could,

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Um, the financial reports were not forthcoming. The other reports were

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Not forthcoming, um...

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And so, their contract was canceled. Now, this was... Lynn, remind me of the timeframe, because this is going back so far.

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We had approved them in...

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Fiscal year...

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I wrote it down here. Lynn Canfield: The...

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This was the review process would have been May of 2023. The award made...

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In May of 2023, the contracts developed in June,

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And then in July, we issued contracts for signature, but it took them some time

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To respond to that, we didn't understand what was going on, but apparently the director who wrote the...

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applications had left.

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He did sign the contracts after resigning

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As did Mrs. Duvall, who was the board president at the time, so there were two contracts signed in late July

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of 2023,

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And our payment, this is structured as a grant payment, so it's an advance payment.

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They went out July, August, September,

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October, and then at the end of October, the first quarter reports were due,

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I think Stephanie had tried to talk to Dr. Fox about minutes of board meetings,

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And he didn't respond. We need to have minutes of agency board meetings so that we know what's going on

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And that they exist.

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And he didn't respond, we didn't understand why.

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So then we got to October, and correct me if I'm getting this wrong,

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When there were no quarterly reports submitted,

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Kim Bowdry and Chris Wilson got involved

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Oh, okay, they requested an extension.

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So then there was a lot of activity. Um, Kim and Chris and Mrs. Duvall and another staff person from CUAN,

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Autism Network, were working together to get those reports done, but they didn't get done.

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So we then we issued the November payment because they were working on it.

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And then the December payment went out, and we stopped hearing from them,

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And no progress was made on the reports.

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And so, we just...

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We sent a letter that we were stopping payments. We did not cancel the contracts at that time.

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There was still some talk about getting the reports done and getting it back on track.

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So then, when the year ended and there had not been any submitted reports,

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We did request the payments back, and that's when

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I think the memo starts there. Like, what happened after we requested payments back, which would have been in August or September of 2024.

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Because we... there's 2 months at the end of a contract year,

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To finish the reports.

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To finish the reports, yeah.

00:29:22.882 --> 00:29:28.082

No, 2024. Anne Robin: Okay, so just... Lynn Canfield: December 2024.

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Anne Robin: They received 6 months out of a 12-month.

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Lynn Canfield: Two contracts, yeah. Anne Robin: Um, on two contracts.

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And payments were stopped because of their not...

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Doing the reporting that is required

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By everybody. Lynn Canfield: And that's normal. That's our normal practice. If payments are not... or if...

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Reports are not submitted on time, and a request for extension is not made,

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We start payments. The request for extension had been exceeded by this point, so we've been... Anne Robin: Okay. Lynn Canfield: Then we stopped.

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Anne Robin: Okay.

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So, all payments to...

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CU Autism Network stopped

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At the end of December of 2024

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Lynn Canfield: You're right, December 2023 was the last payment. Yeah.

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Anne Robin: 20... no, really?

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23? Lynn Canfield: Yes. We didn't... we didn't notify them

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We wait until so the contract year then ended June 30th of 2024.

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Then they have 2 months to do all the rest of the reports, and then after that,

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So it would have been about September. Anne Robin: So much time has elapsed, and I'm getting confused about the... about the years, and... and so this is...

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is way, way beyond.

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Um...

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So they received 6 months out of a 12-month

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Contract. Um...

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And at the end of 6 months,

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They were requested to give the money back, and...

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That is what we're talking about now, so we're talking about

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From the end of December of 2023,

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to September of 2026,

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We have been extending, extending, extending,

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Based on, um, requests from CU Autism Network to

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Get their financial reports together, get a financial...

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Review by a, um...

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Certified public accountant,

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Um, and...

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So, this is it. We are now...

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Faced with making a decision based on the information that is available,

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And the other thing that I have to say is,

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Um, I do not believe that they're ever going to get us a financial review

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by an outside agency. I think that what they've given us is what we're going to get.

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I know that representatives from CU Autism Network are here today,

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And I will invite them to make brief comments if they want to make brief comments,

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Um, about what's going on.

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And then we will make a decision.

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Is that acceptable to the board?

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And we can ask questions.

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Steve Beckett: Good morning.

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So in November of 24,

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I agreed to assist

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CU Autism Network

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dealing with the board.

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With my efforts, we were able to engage Martin and Hood, who began the financial review that the board

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wanted. We gave them all the information. Christina Forrest, my assistant, who's worked with Lynn very, very much on this,

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dealt with a representative of Martin Hood,

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They asked for all the information that...

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They needed, we provided all the information to them.

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And abruptly, we were notified that they wouldn't complete the financial review.

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I will add that I had reached out to a certified public accountant,

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In Rantoul, who agreed to do the financial review, but I was told

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By the agency's existing accountant that it requires some form

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of special certification, not just a...

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CPA, and so that's why I went to Martin Hood. And so, obviously, I was shocked

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And no explanation was given to us

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Whatsoever, for why, we've provided the general ledger information. I've obviously looked at the general...

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Ledger information myself. I can't... obviously, I'm not an accountant, I can't do a...

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Certified review, but there's nothing glaring in any of the ledger about expenditure. There are lots of events that

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Were consistent with the contracts that were

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Awarded, and the expenditures, you know, there's no self-dealing.

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There's no expenditure of funds that looks like somebody is converting inappropriately money from the grant, you know, to their

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On personal use, but of course, the contract requires this higher level

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of reporting or certification.

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So after Martin Hood left, then I engaged another accountant who indicated he was willing

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To do it in January of this year,

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And then about...

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You know, before we received the notice that it was going to be on the agenda,

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All of a sudden he says to me, I'm so sorry,

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I really meant to do it, but I've had some personal problems, and

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I'm not going to be able to do it.

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Well, by this time, whenever you go to an accountant and you give them that history,

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Then they have a bad taste in their mouth. It has an aura

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That there's something wrong even though, from my review, and I'm just a lawyer,

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I don't see anything wrong.

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But your requirements are this accountant's

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review, and I'm not able to get that for you, so...

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Myself, I feel like a failure.

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I got involved in this because, just as all of the...

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Board members and even the chief... the executive officer of this,

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Because of ties to the autism community. That's why I was willing to do it.

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That's why all of the... and I really think maybe that's why the accountants initially said that they would do it.

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But I have no other explanations for you, but I'm happy to answer any questions.

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Mrs. Duvall is here as well.

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Is that brief enough?

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Anne Robin: That was fine, thank you very much.

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We're not just talking about the lack of

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CPA, um, certification of the financials. I mention that because

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You have provided financials

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to us, and one of our...

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proposals is to accept those

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in making our review.

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Which is a big concession. Steve Beckett: Yeah, so could I come on with anybody else. Could I comment on that, please?

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Anne Robin: Sure. All right. I guess I would say that

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From my view of what these...

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volunteers, board members, and even Ms. Duvall, who hasn't

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She's she hasn't been compensated since January 2025.

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So she's received no money, and the organization has collapsed

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Because the accountants have not been able to do the...

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Annual report that allows them to solicit funds, so they're not even able to raise funds now. It truly is.

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An organization that, if anything's happening, it's being done completely on a volunteer.

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Voluntary basis. And I think the vision of the grant, I think,

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Mr. Fox, who was the CEO, I think he had this vision

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that the grants were going to allow the organization to expand

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And become a, you know, a much broader community organization, and provide much better services to the autism community,

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And then he left,

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And that caused, in my view, the complete collapse,

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But I can't emphasize enough

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The good faith of these people

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Who... who are committed

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To services for the autistic community that that's what their goal was.

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Their goal wasn't to get money from you for no purpose.

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Anne Robin: We really appreciate those comments, and we agree with you, and

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I think everybody on this board shares your commitment to the autism community.

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And we appreciate your service.

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Are there any questions?

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Neil? Neil Sharma: Yeah, um, in light of what...

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One of the CPA firms had published that

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The reason that they couldn't have done the audit was that

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There was incomplete financial information, so just a few questions.

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Did you guys file, um, your financial informations with the IRS?

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If so, um, what form did you use?

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Do you use the 990, 990N, 990EZ?

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And how did you assess the...

00:38:33.206 --> 00:38:35.206

Accuracy

00:38:35.493 --> 00:38:37.493

of those filings?

00:38:38.943 --> 00:38:40.943

Julie Duvall: I am aware that we do 990s,

00:38:40.875 --> 00:38:42.875

I do not do them.

00:38:43.709 --> 00:38:46.709

I am an advocate. I am not into the financial realm of things.

00:38:46.712 --> 00:38:51.103

Uh, but we had... Anne Robin: Would you please identify yourself? Julie Duvall: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm Julie Duvall.

00:38:51.520 --> 00:38:57.520

Thank you. I'm sorry. Anne Robin: And what is your role, Julie? Julie Duvall: I am the president of the CU Autism Network.

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Anne Robin: Thank you. This is a...

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on the record, so I appreciate that.

00:39:08.159 --> 00:39:12.159

I'm sorry I interrupted you. Julie Duvall: Oh, uh, we do 990s.

00:39:12.234 --> 00:39:14.234

And so we were...

00:39:14.911 --> 00:39:16.911

I don't do that, but an outside agency does.

00:39:17.355 --> 00:39:19.355

Neil Sharma: How are they able to do that?

00:39:21.386 --> 00:39:24.386

Julie Duvall: We haven't done it for 2 years. We're in the process of getting that done.

00:39:26.410 --> 00:39:29.410

Neil Sharma: Oh, filing your taxes with the IRS? Julie Duvall: Yes.

00:39:29.469 --> 00:39:32.469

Neil Sharma: Okay. Well, um...

00:39:33.364 --> 00:39:35.364

Okay. Um...

00:39:37.269 --> 00:39:39.269

Anne Robin: Any further questions, Neil?

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Neil Sharma: Yeah, I just, I guess, like, how do you explain, like, what is the difficulty, I guess, within the organization? I get it's a volunteer organization.

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But you're a nonprofit. You have, um, tax-exempt status, which is pretty powerful in this country, right?

00:39:55.921 --> 00:39:58.921

There's a lot of power with that.

00:39:59.763 --> 00:40:03.763

So what happened, essentially?

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Julie Duvall: To be upfront, I...

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Um, we...

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received some money, um...

00:40:11.593 --> 00:40:15.593

And we decided as an organization to get a

00:40:16.335 --> 00:40:23.335

CEO, because we were putting on a lot of events in the community, and what went from just a 10...

00:40:23.717 --> 00:40:25.717
hour a month job went to a...

00:40:26.366 --> 00:40:28.366
40-hour-a-week job, volunteered.

00:40:29.293 --> 00:40:32.293
We met Dr. Fox at an event,

00:40:32.640 --> 00:40:37.640
He and Lynn connected, and he thought this was something great that we needed to do.

00:40:40.556 --> 00:40:42.556
We had taken grants before with the district, with...

00:40:42.799 --> 00:40:46.799
Uh, the Mental Health Board, and, um, were successful.

00:40:47.244 --> 00:40:49.244
I...

00:40:49.626 --> 00:40:53.626
Was involved in it in name only. We had a CEO, and that's what he did.

00:40:53.790 --> 00:40:57.790
Again, I'm known for... I advocate, that's what my forte is.

00:40:57.879 --> 00:41:03.879
Um, every time... I did not know there was a problem until I received a registered letter in the mail.

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Because the information...

00:41:07.395 --> 00:41:11.395
I was aware Dr. Fox was gone. I did not know that he did not tell the board.

00:41:12.272 --> 00:41:15.272
So Lynn and Kim and I had multiple conversations,

00:41:15.596 --> 00:41:17.596
Um, I've been upfront with the board,

00:41:17.640 --> 00:41:19.640
All along, I've...

00:41:20.512 --> 00:41:24.512
Every questions they've asked me, I've answered, I reached out and hired

00:41:24.746 --> 00:41:26.746
Multiple agencies to be involved.

00:41:27.492 --> 00:41:33.492

Um, you're asking me to answer something that I don't understand finances. I just understand

00:41:33.492 --> 00:41:35.492

how to be an advocate.

00:41:45.150 --> 00:41:47.150

Anne Robin: Any other questions? Thank you for that.

00:41:50.307 --> 00:41:52.307

And we do appreciate the work that

00:41:53.509 --> 00:41:56.509

advocates are doing, advocates are very important.

00:42:03.295 --> 00:42:10.295

Well, I think we're ready to move on. Lynn, this is kind of unique. We've got scenarios.

00:42:11.206 --> 00:42:16.206

Can we just pick a scenario, or do we have to vote

00:42:16.160 --> 00:42:21.160

on all of them. I'm confused. Lynn Canfield: You can... I tried to avoid

00:42:21.462 --> 00:42:25.462

Decision section for this, because, like,

00:42:25.860 --> 00:42:31.860

we can... as staff, we can't really form any recommendation, but we're just offering these as a form,

00:42:31.861 --> 00:42:37.152

You can choose a scenario or you can skip all the scenarios and do something totally different.

00:42:39.967 --> 00:42:45.967

That's you are the board, you have to... you have the decision power, and you also have the power to defer or table decisions.

00:42:47.019 --> 00:42:50.019

So we're just offering you them as a form.

00:42:51.011 --> 00:42:56.011

And I would just like to add, we have had experiences with family support networks in the past where

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This kind of... this is not...

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Unusual for a family support network to be comprised mostly of very busy,

00:43:04.992 --> 00:43:08.992

Very passionate volunteer advocates who do not have the time or the skills

00:43:09.391 --> 00:43:13.391

To, um, you know, to be certified public accountants.

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So we know from that that having the rule structure and the reporting structure and the expectations

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actually helps them. It is partly designed to protect them from internal implosion, where people become -

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I've seen this many times with family support networks -

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Very suspicious of each other.

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So having the reports and the...

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And the regularity and the schedule is not meant to torment these small agencies

00:43:43.713 --> 00:43:47.713

Who can't afford staff. It is meant to protect them from

00:43:47.715 --> 00:43:49.761

from the commu... from...

00:43:50.442 --> 00:43:53.442

accusations, from each other becoming

00:43:53.409 --> 00:43:55.409

tense and concerned, so...

00:43:56.339 --> 00:44:04.339

Like, I'm just much more tuned into that part of it, the prevention side, than what to do about it when we get to this. We have not been in this position.

00:44:05.641 --> 00:44:11.641

So, I really wasn't ready to give you, like, here's the decision that I feel really comfortable to recommend,

00:44:12.313 --> 00:44:15.313

I could only offer you these as a form...

00:44:15.746 --> 00:44:17.746

And you may reject all of them.

00:44:19.436 --> 00:44:24.436

Anne Robin: Okay, I I think, having talked individually with board members, that

00:44:24.873 --> 00:44:26.873

that we are really ready to move on.

00:44:26.872 --> 00:44:30.029

And that it's time to make a decision.

00:44:30.957 --> 00:44:32.957

Kim, you seem like you want to say something.

00:44:33.299 --> 00:44:41.299

Kim Fisher: I just wanted to clarify that it's, and I think maybe you mentioned this, and that it's not just the financial reports that it is also the work of the grants.

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And the grants that we provided,

00:44:44.320 --> 00:44:48.320

Were, for certain things, but they weren't actually... we don't have evidence that

00:44:48.446 --> 00:44:52.446

All of those things were completed. And I also just want to say that

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Throughout this process, staff has just been...

00:44:55.880 --> 00:44:59.392

Unbelievably supportive and worked so hard to...

00:45:00.212 --> 00:45:06.212

Try and get this process resolved. So I just thank you. We have just unbelievable staff - they're amazing, so.

00:45:06.194 --> 00:45:08.194

That's all I want to say.

00:45:08.851 --> 00:45:15.851

Anne Robin: Thank you for that. And I think we all... we've all had a lot of feelings about this, because we all

00:45:15.853 --> 00:45:19.597

Believe that advocacy is very important, and

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You know, the the reason that each individual

00:45:23.428 --> 00:45:28.428

is on this board is because we believe in the mission of advocacy,

00:45:28.886 --> 00:45:31.886

For developmentally disabled, and autism,

00:45:31.887 --> 00:45:37.422

Um, in the current political climate has been under amazing attack,

00:45:38.192 --> 00:45:41.192

And we really should be all working together on behalf of

00:45:41.589 --> 00:45:44.589

Families who have autistic individuals,

00:45:44.627 --> 00:45:47.627

And we know that autistic people, um,

00:45:48.167 --> 00:45:54.167

People living with autism, whatever we say, um, can be amazing individuals, and

00:45:54.682 --> 00:45:57.682

Um, we want to support them in any way that we can.

00:45:57.909 --> 00:45:59.909

That being said...

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This board has a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Champaign County,

00:46:07.957 --> 00:46:11.957

Which we have to take seriously.

00:46:11.966 --> 00:46:16.966

I'm a family physician. I'm not a certified public accountant either.

00:46:17.713 --> 00:46:20.713

Looking at the financials for me is like...

00:46:21.200 --> 00:46:25.200

But I do take that responsibility seriously, and

00:46:25.796 --> 00:46:29.796

Um, so we need... we need to put this to rest.

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The other thing that we need to consider is the other agencies and organizations

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That, um...

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are turning in their reports in a timely fashion.

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And we need to respect the work that they do.

00:46:48.079 --> 00:46:52.079

Everybody does great work with their clients. I know they do.

00:46:52.079 --> 00:46:54.079

Um, and...

00:46:54.661 --> 00:46:57.661

It's difficult for organizations

00:46:58.529 --> 00:47:01.529

To get it together to do these reports, but...

00:47:01.471 --> 00:47:04.471

With the help of staff and with help of the

00:47:04.926 --> 00:47:07.926

Evaluation building capacity,

00:47:08.434 --> 00:47:12.434

Um, people have been doing amazing reporting.

00:47:12.872 --> 00:47:17.872

And I think the reporting is important to show the outside world

00:47:18.153 --> 00:47:21.153

the wonderful work that we're doing.

00:47:20.922 --> 00:47:22.922

Um, so...

00:47:24.323 --> 00:47:26.323

Those are my comments, background.

00:47:26.748 --> 00:47:29.748

I'm going to make a proposal that we...

00:47:30.835 --> 00:47:32.835

Skip scenario 1,

00:47:34.166 --> 00:47:38.166

Which is asking for complete repayment, that we just skip it.

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That we also skip scenario 2, which is complete forgiveness of the payment.

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That we just skip that. So the choice is between scenario 3

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And Scenario 4.

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Um, and the difference between those two

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Is significant financially,

00:47:59.492 --> 00:48:03.492

Um, because there were two grants that were given to CUAN.

00:48:03.722 --> 00:48:09.722

One of those grants they evidently did provide enough information

00:48:10.690 --> 00:48:15.690

Um, that they actually did those services, which was their community outreach.

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It was the seed..

00:48:18.540 --> 00:48:20.540

Planning

00:48:22.388 --> 00:48:27.388

that they didn't either do any work on it, or they didn't document any work on it.

00:48:27.251 --> 00:48:31.251

And they probably used some of the money for the seed

00:48:31.641 --> 00:48:36.641

planning grant for their community outreach activities, which is understandable,

00:48:37.026 --> 00:48:40.026

But it's not according to the books.

00:48:40.406 --> 00:48:43.406

So, we have to decide if we're going to...

00:48:43.155 --> 00:48:45.155

Um.

00:48:45.245 --> 00:48:48.245

Ask for all the money for seed planting,

00:48:48.835 --> 00:48:51.835

back or allow them to..

00:48:52.849 --> 00:48:57.849

Keep the money that they can account that they spent for good activities,

00:48:58.357 --> 00:49:00.357

For community outreach,

00:49:00.555 --> 00:49:02.555

They can account that they spent that,

00:49:02.805 --> 00:49:07.805

It's not verified accounting, but it it is their report.

00:49:07.592 --> 00:49:09.592

Um...

00:49:10.154 --> 00:49:14.154

And that is scenario 4. So scenario 4 would be

00:49:15.113 --> 00:49:18.113

Just the money that they cannot account for.

00:49:18.116 --> 00:49:20.116

And I'm going to propose

00:49:21.557 --> 00:49:23.557

that we just skip to scenario 4.

00:49:23.795 --> 00:49:27.795

Is there anybody that wants to talk about scenario 3?

00:49:27.790 --> 00:49:29.790

There are...

00:49:29.845 --> 00:49:31.845

One, two,

00:49:32.331 --> 00:49:34.331

Um...

00:49:38.133 --> 00:49:40.133

4, 5...

00:49:40.919 --> 00:49:42.919

Recommendations under each scenario.

00:49:44.718 --> 00:49:46.718

The beginning are the same.

00:49:49.317 --> 00:49:51.317

Anybody want to do number 3?

00:49:53.080 --> 00:49:57.080

Neil Sharma: I mean, in a lot of ways, right? There was a breach of contract, so...

00:49:57.080 --> 00:50:01.853

Technically, that would be what would be entitled for that breach, but

00:50:01.853 --> 00:50:05.964

I think we're also just trying to meet people halfway.

00:50:06.021 --> 00:50:09.021

Trying to be as reasonable and understanding,

00:50:09.649 --> 00:50:12.649

Especially with our taxpayers' money, you know?

00:50:12.419 --> 00:50:14.419

Times are tough.

00:50:14.657 --> 00:50:16.657

So that's where I...

00:50:16.991 --> 00:50:18.991

Support Scenario 4. Anne Robin: Okay.

00:50:19.203 --> 00:50:22.203

So anybody, is everybody...

00:50:22.482 --> 00:50:25.482

in agreement to just skip to scenario 4?

00:50:27.920 --> 00:50:29.920

Okay, so

00:50:31.936 --> 00:50:36.936

I will read the first motion, and then we can have a little bit of discussion.

00:50:36.841 --> 00:50:41.841

Um, the first motion is to waive requirements for the CO Autism Network,

00:50:41.840 --> 00:50:44.052

Program year 2024

00:50:44.439 --> 00:50:49.439

CCDDB-CUAN Planning Seed Grant and Community Outreach Program

00:50:49.431 --> 00:50:51.431

Contracts...

00:50:52.241 --> 00:50:54.241

To waive requirements for demographic...

00:50:54.988 --> 00:50:57.988

And zip code data reports.

00:50:57.988 --> 00:51:04.459

Maintaining audit-ready records, attending mental health and developmental disabilities agency council meetings,

00:51:05.052 --> 00:51:10.052

Submitting agency board meeting minutes, and notification of personnel changes.

00:51:10.115 --> 00:51:15.115

So these are all the reporting requirements that all agencies

00:51:16.217 --> 00:51:18.217

Are expected to...

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Adhere to, um, that

00:51:20.628 --> 00:51:22.628

Were not done

00:51:23.470 --> 00:51:25.470

For months on end.

00:51:26.427 --> 00:51:29.427

Um, and that is what we're voting on.

00:51:29.873 --> 00:51:32.873

Any further discussion?

00:51:34.957 --> 00:51:36.957

Yes, Kim? Kim Fisher: I'll second the motion.

00:51:38.361 --> 00:51:40.361

Anne Robin: Kim, seconded the motion. Thank you.

00:51:40.110 --> 00:51:42.110

Any discussion?

00:51:45.814 --> 00:51:50.814

I made the motion because I read it. I just read it off the sheet of paper, because it's kind of long.

00:51:58.525 --> 00:52:02.525

Okay, do we need a voice vote on this, or we just need to say?

00:52:03.363 --> 00:52:06.363

Okay, so we need to say either approved or denied.

00:52:09.329 --> 00:52:13.329

Okay. so the motion is to waive

00:52:13.054 --> 00:52:16.054

All of these reporting requirements.

00:52:20.188 --> 00:52:22.188

Anybody in favor? All in favor?

00:52:22.641 --> 00:52:28.641

Kim Fisher: Aye. Anne Robin: You are in favor of deny of waiving all of the reporting requirements?

00:52:30.604 --> 00:52:34.604

Kim Fisher: Isn't that the motion? Anne Robin: That's the motion. Kim Fisher: Yes, oh I thought we were voting.

00:52:35.045 --> 00:52:37.045

Anne Robin: We're voting. Yes.

00:52:37.525 --> 00:52:40.525

Okay. All opposed.

00:52:47.639 --> 00:52:49.639

Two. An abstention.

00:52:50.234 --> 00:52:53.234

Dianne Gordon: I'm abstaining, yes. Anne Robin: Dianne is abstaining.

00:52:56.110 --> 00:52:59.110

Lynn Canfield: So the motion fails. Anne Robin: The motion fails. Okay.

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We are not going to allow them to...

00:53:02.996 --> 00:53:07.996

be able to not do any of the reporting requirements.

00:53:08.082 --> 00:53:10.082

The second motion...

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Will have to be approved if we are going to, um...

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Go further, and that is the motion to waive the contract requirement

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For an independent CPA financial review of the agency's program year

00:53:24.900 --> 00:53:27.900

2024 and to use the previously submitted reports

00:53:27.899 --> 00:53:34.806

to determine whether funds are owed to the CCDDb. So, if we do not approve this one, we are done.

00:53:34.807 --> 00:53:37.424

We can't proceed further.

00:53:37.898 --> 00:53:39.898

That's my understanding.

00:53:40.676 --> 00:53:42.676

Any further discussion?

00:53:44.055 --> 00:53:46.055

Kim Fisher: I'll second the motion. Anne Robin: Okay.

00:53:50.279 --> 00:53:52.279

All in favor?

00:53:52.278 --> 00:53:54.278

Kim Fisher: Aye.

00:53:55.227 --> 00:53:57.227

Anne Robin: Aye, any opposed?

00:53:59.483 --> 00:54:02.483

Abstention. Dianne Gordon: I will be abstaining. Thank you.

00:54:05.109 --> 00:54:07.109

Anne Robin: Okay.

00:54:08.256 --> 00:54:10.256

Lynn Canfield: Motion passes.

00:54:13.240 --> 00:54:15.240

Neil Sharma: Just to clarify, right, that means that...

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just for this organization that will just, like,

00:54:20.087 --> 00:54:23.087

Waive that so that we can move forward with this partial.

00:54:24.446 --> 00:54:29.446

Anne Robin: The purpose of this motion is to allow us to move forward, because

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We have a...

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Financial report, which was prepared by Mr. Beckett and his staff, and submitted.

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Um, for our review,

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We do not have a, um...

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financial review from any outside, so this is all inside information that they gave

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That they gave to us, and we also heard that they have not filed taxes for 2 years, so...

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We're just allowing...

00:54:56.595 --> 00:54:59.595
them to give us this information and then we can proceed

00:55:00.412 --> 00:55:02.412
Further. This is highly irregular.

00:55:03.516 --> 00:55:08.516
And we don't like doing it, but we have to in order to move forward.

00:55:08.399 --> 00:55:11.399
And we've just approved that we will... we will do that.

00:55:17.039 --> 00:55:22.039
Lynn, I think after you and I had our discussion and I wrote my letter,

00:55:22.232 --> 00:55:25.232
to the individual board members,

00:55:25.992 --> 00:55:28.992
You actually made 5, rather than 4.

00:55:29.788 --> 00:55:33.788
Did you change this document at all? Because I'm confused.

00:55:33.789 --> 00:55:41.499
The third is to waive payments issued on one of the contracts. Motion to waive. Lynn Canfield: So you're saying... so the first motion now...

00:55:41.719 --> 00:55:47.719
to look at is about saying, we are convinced that the money was used appropriately

00:55:48.884 --> 00:55:51.884
For the money that was paid on the Outreach,

00:55:51.884 --> 00:55:55.118
And then the next one is a slightly different issue.

00:55:55.124 --> 00:55:57.124
Anne Robin: Okay, so... so...

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The third motion.

00:56:00.281 --> 00:56:02.281
has to do with the...

00:56:02.313 --> 00:56:07.313

Payments issued to CU Autism Network program year 2024,

00:56:07.521 --> 00:56:09.521

For community outreach

00:56:09.398 --> 00:56:11.398

Program contract.

00:56:12.124 --> 00:56:15.124

For which planned activities appear to have taken

00:56:15.092 --> 00:56:22.092

Place and expenses were incurred. So we're going to move to waive the return of all payments

00:56:23.076 --> 00:56:26.076

For the 6 months that...

00:56:26.071 --> 00:56:28.071

That those payments were given

00:56:28.715 --> 00:56:30.715

For community outreach program,

00:56:31.032 --> 00:56:34.032

For program year 2024.

00:56:37.096 --> 00:56:39.096

I think that that's clear.

00:56:40.793 --> 00:56:43.793

Neil Sharma: Yeah. Lynn Canfield: Okay. Anne Robin: Is there a second?

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Neil Sharma: Second.

00:56:47.288 --> 00:56:51.288

Anne Robin: Okay, I talked too much while I was reading the thing. I'm going to read it again.

00:56:52.215 --> 00:56:55.215

This motion to waive the return of all payments issued to the CUAN

00:56:56.235 --> 00:56:59.235

Program your 2024 Community Outreach program contract,

00:57:00.006 --> 00:57:04.006

For which planned activities appear to have taken place and expenses were incurred.

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Is there a second?

00:57:09.927 --> 00:57:11.927

Neil seconded. Discussion?

00:57:17.173 --> 00:57:21.173

Neil Sharma: I mean, this is, they were definitely stretching it. I mean, we were able to verify

00:57:21.319 --> 00:57:24.319

That they were doing some activities, and so that's why...

00:57:24.891 --> 00:57:26.891

But it wasn't in our proper...

00:57:26.760 --> 00:57:28.760

way of reporting.

00:57:36.106 --> 00:57:38.106

Anne Robin: Are we ready for a vote?

00:57:38.708 --> 00:57:43.708

Kim Fisher: Just a clarifying question. So this is saying that we're not going to ask for

00:57:43.709 --> 00:57:47.993

The money that was disbursed for the community outreach program to be returned.

00:57:48.507 --> 00:57:51.507

Anne Robin: We are not going to ask for the money for the

00:57:51.833 --> 00:57:54.833

Outreach program to be returned, because

00:57:54.832 --> 00:57:57.244

They were able to provide

00:57:56.987 --> 00:57:58.987

internal information

00:58:00.210 --> 00:58:05.210

that they did programs, and that expenses were incurred, and it seemed reasonable

00:58:05.952 --> 00:58:07.952

For the amount of money that was given to them.

00:58:13.351 --> 00:58:15.351

Are we ready to vote?

00:58:16.278 --> 00:58:18.278

All in favor of the motion.

00:58:23.922 --> 00:58:25.922

Shall we do it by roll call because it's money?

00:58:27.032 --> 00:58:29.032

Shandra Summerville: Yes. Anne Robin: Okay.

00:58:31.234 --> 00:58:33.234

Shandra Summerville: Dianne Husby Gordon.

00:58:33.611 --> 00:58:35.611

Dianne Husby Gordon: I'm abstaining. Thank you. Shandra Summerville: Okay.

00:58:36.521 --> 00:58:38.521

Neil Sharma? Neil Sharma: Approved.

00:58:40.844 --> 00:58:42.844

Shandra Summerville: Kim Fisher. Kim Fisher: Yes.

00:58:46.816 --> 00:58:48.816

Anne Robin: The motion passes.

00:58:49.424 --> 00:58:51.424

This is complicated.

00:58:51.637 --> 00:58:53.637

The fourth motion...

00:58:54.632 --> 00:58:56.632

is to waive...

00:58:59.320 --> 00:59:03.320

the portion of the other contract.

00:59:05.085 --> 00:59:08.085

The seed grant, planning seed grant,

00:59:08.072 --> 00:59:10.072

Which...

00:59:10.199 --> 00:59:12.199

Um...

00:59:13.470 --> 00:59:18.470

We don't really have internal evidence that they were able to proceed on that

00:59:18.969 --> 00:59:21.969

contract. So we can...

00:59:24.390 --> 00:59:26.390

Um...

00:59:26.104 --> 00:59:28.104

They did...

00:59:29.185 --> 00:59:31.185

Use some of the money

00:59:32.592 --> 00:59:36.592
for outreach activities. They gave us information that they used

00:59:36.910 --> 00:59:38.910
Some money...

00:59:39.905 --> 00:59:41.905
beyond what was given for...

00:59:41.906 --> 00:59:43.827
Outreach activities,

00:59:44.522 --> 00:59:47.522
probably came from the seed grant contract,

00:59:47.760 --> 00:59:50.760
and they used it for community outreach. Is that...

00:59:51.308 --> 00:59:53.308
What... what we understand.

00:59:55.082 --> 00:59:58.082
So, this motion is to...

00:59:58.943 --> 01:00:00.943
approve the use of payments

01:00:02.048 --> 01:00:05.048
Which were issued for one grant contract, the CU,

01:00:05.643 --> 01:00:09.643
Planning, CUAN, planning seed grant contract,

01:00:11.067 --> 01:00:13.067
for which planned activities did not occur.

01:00:13.761 --> 01:00:17.761
To support the community outreach program contract,

01:00:17.762 --> 01:00:21.512
For which planned activities appear to have taken place.

01:00:21.710 --> 01:00:23.710
And expenses were incurred.

01:00:28.466 --> 01:00:30.466
Kim Fisher: Second.

01:00:30.865 --> 01:00:33.865
So, just to clarify,

01:00:34.336 --> 01:00:36.336

Um...

01:00:37.063 --> 01:00:39.063

This is allowing them...

01:00:40.400 --> 01:00:43.400

Based on their internal financial report to us,

01:00:43.673 --> 01:00:47.673

To not repay the money that they spent

01:00:48.198 --> 01:00:53.198

on community outreach activities. Lynn, do you want to clarify again?

01:00:54.023 --> 01:00:58.023

Lynn Canfield: Well, I mean, we're going to the same point. So what you said is...

01:00:58.396 --> 01:01:03.396

True. The way I've seen this is this is a change in the scope of services.

01:01:03.915 --> 01:01:08.915

This is saying, you know, because the seed grant did not include

01:01:09.639 --> 01:01:12.639

Community Outreach services in this way.

01:01:13.249 --> 01:01:17.249

So this is just like, if this happened during the contract year,

01:01:17.713 --> 01:01:20.713

This would require a contract amendment and board discussion,

01:01:20.712 --> 01:01:27.082

to say, yeah, you can use the money that we originally awarded you to do this thing, you can use it for this thing instead.

01:01:27.959 --> 01:01:31.959

So, you know, it's the same thing that you're saying, basically, but...

01:01:32.927 --> 01:01:36.927

It's about the scope of the services. Anne Robin: Okay, the next one is about the money.

01:01:36.927 --> 01:01:43.044

You actually answered the question I was going to ask. Under the normal course of events, if there was good communication,

01:01:43.028 --> 01:01:45.028

Between an organization

01:01:45.075 --> 01:01:47.075

And the DDB,

01:01:47.065 --> 01:01:49.065
Board staff,

01:01:49.292 --> 01:01:51.292
If an organization found that

01:01:51.974 --> 01:01:56.974
The thing that they had asked for, a seed grant, is like, well, we're not really gonna do the seed grant.

01:01:57.784 --> 01:02:05.784
Can we possibly use some of the money from the seed grant to support these community outreach activities, which we know we can do?

01:02:06.584 --> 01:02:16.584
Lynn Canfield: That process would still require board approval, but it is a... it's a well-described, well-defined process. Anne Robin: And I actually remember doing that.

01:02:16.971 --> 01:02:20.971
So, I know that that's a process that we can do.

01:02:21.554 --> 01:02:23.554
And that did not happen. Neil Sharma: Right.

01:02:25.892 --> 01:02:30.892
Anne Robin: We're catching up. Neil Sharma: Denying the motion would basically hold it accountable that...

01:02:30.892 --> 01:02:33.065
They were supposed to use that money for...

01:02:33.080 --> 01:02:38.080
the intended purpose is, unless they asked us our approval to change it.

01:02:38.647 --> 01:02:43.647
Anne Robin: Denying this motion will essentially send us back to scenario number 3.

01:02:44.047 --> 01:02:48.047
Scenario number 3 is asking for return of all the CU

01:02:48.329 --> 01:02:50.329
AN seed grant money.

01:02:52.916 --> 01:02:57.916
Kim Fisher: This grant is saying, like, okay, they had \$32,000, but... and they spent...

01:02:58.141 --> 01:03:00.141
you know, less than...

01:03:01.257 --> 01:03:03.257

Whatever the difference is between the 13,000

01:03:03.432 --> 01:03:08.432

On this other grant, and we're okay with that. Neil Sharma: Yeah. Kim Fisher: Retroactively.

01:03:08.964 --> 01:03:12.964

When we would normally have the... have to be asked first.

01:03:12.964 --> 01:03:14.864

Neil Sharma: Yeah. Kim Fisher: Yeah.

01:03:17.253 --> 01:03:24.253

Neil Sharma: Yeah. Anne Robin: I am sorry. I have been suffering leg cramps recently, and I just got 2 hamstring cramps sitting in this chair, so...

01:03:24.465 --> 01:03:26.465

I'm standing up

01:03:27.568 --> 01:03:29.568

And grimacing.

01:03:30.572 --> 01:03:32.572

Neil Sharma: Sorry. Yeah, I mean.

01:03:33.645 --> 01:03:39.645

Yeah, I think just to kind of put an end to this, the saga of this drama, like,

01:03:40.555 --> 01:03:51.555

making this exception, but I think it does, you know, raise a bad precedent in the future, um, because, like, one thing is all the other agencies do a fantastic job, I mean,

01:03:51.770 --> 01:03:56.770

Really commendable job putting in all this information, like,

01:03:57.163 --> 01:04:01.163

It's truly impressive. So...

01:04:01.632 --> 01:04:03.632

You know, I think in some ways that we're...

01:04:03.989 --> 01:04:05.989

Rewarding bad behavior, but...

01:04:09.600 --> 01:04:11.600

Yeah.

01:04:24.962 --> 01:04:26.962

I'm not.

01:04:39.677 --> 01:04:43.677

Anne Robin: I just want to respond to your comment, Neil.

01:04:44.476 --> 01:04:46.476
agree with you that I think it's important that we

01:04:47.272 --> 01:04:49.272
In general, stick to our...

01:04:49.712 --> 01:04:52.712
requirements. And...

01:04:53.890 --> 01:04:56.890
Again, this is a sad day, because

01:04:57.124 --> 01:05:00.124
We do respect the work that the...

01:05:00.186 --> 01:05:03.186
Autism Network has done

01:05:03.423 --> 01:05:05.423
to advocate for...

01:05:06.373 --> 01:05:08.373
Families and individuals with autism,

01:05:09.121 --> 01:05:13.121
And we have our fiduciary requirement,

01:05:13.732 --> 01:05:16.732
And we need to respect the other agencies that

01:05:16.769 --> 01:05:19.769
Um, that follow those requirements, so...

01:05:19.990 --> 01:05:22.990
This is very irregular.

01:05:23.659 --> 01:05:25.659
I guess...

01:05:25.979 --> 01:05:31.979
I don't see it setting a precedent, because I don't think that we're
going to, in the future,

01:05:31.979 --> 01:05:35.921
I don't know who's going to be on this board and who's going to be on the
staff, but...

01:05:35.920 --> 01:05:41.567
Hopefully, they'll have a little bit of memory that we won't kick the can
down the road quite as long

01:05:41.949 --> 01:05:43.949

As we did, I feel like, you know, we...

01:05:44.434 --> 01:05:47.434
Because we do respect the work

01:05:48.353 --> 01:05:50.353
Of people who are advocating for autism,

01:05:51.202 --> 01:05:53.202
Uh, we let this go for a long time. Neil Sharma: Yeah.

01:06:00.142 --> 01:06:05.142
Anne Robin: Any other comments? Are we still? Are we clear on what we're voting on?

01:06:08.835 --> 01:06:10.835
Shandra?

01:06:13.983 --> 01:06:15.983
Shandra Summerville: You are clear on what you're voting on.

01:06:20.923 --> 01:06:25.923
Anne Robin: We're voting on letting the money that was already spent

01:06:25.924 --> 01:06:28.324
On outreach activities.

01:06:28.315 --> 01:06:30.315
Shandra Summerville: Okay.

01:06:30.784 --> 01:06:33.784
All right. Anne Robin: Lay. Shandra Summerville: Yes. Neil Sharma.

01:06:33.668 --> 01:06:35.668
Neil Sharma: Approved.

01:06:36.270 --> 01:06:39.270
Shandra Summerville: Kim Fisher. Kim Fisher: Yes.

01:06:40.499 --> 01:06:42.499
Shandra Summerville: Dianne Husby Gordon.

01:06:42.534 --> 01:06:44.534
Dianne Gordon: I'm abstaining still.

01:06:46.288 --> 01:06:48.288
Shandra Summerville: Anne Robin. Anne Robin: Yes. Okay.

01:06:52.516 --> 01:06:57.516
Well, we have arrived at the final portion, final motion.

01:06:58.613 --> 01:07:01.613
And this is the motion to affirm...

01:07:01.885 --> 01:07:05.885

that a portion of payments issued to CUAN Autism Net...

01:07:06.791 --> 01:07:09.791

Network for program year 2024

01:07:10.432 --> 01:07:12.432

Contracts. Specifically,

01:07:12.920 --> 01:07:17.920

The best number we can come up with, 13,139 dollars,

01:07:18.573 --> 01:07:23.573

Was not reported as expended for either contract, and should therefore be returned.

01:07:24.597 --> 01:07:26.597

Kim Fisher: Second.

01:07:29.632 --> 01:07:31.632

Anne Robin: Discussion.

01:07:36.091 --> 01:07:44.091

Neil Sharma: No, I mean, yeah, let's... I mean, I think as a board, we need to, like, going forward, create safeguards against this

01:07:44.560 --> 01:07:47.560

Ever happening again. I don't have any suggestions there.

01:07:48.745 --> 01:07:50.745

In terms of this, that's fine.

01:07:51.146 --> 01:07:53.146

Anne Robin: So there will be more discussion about

01:07:53.839 --> 01:07:55.839

how to support smaller...

01:07:56.966 --> 01:08:01.966

community-led organizations. Um, I think we've had some of those discussions.

01:08:01.922 --> 01:08:04.922

In the past and will need to continue to have

01:08:04.949 --> 01:08:06.949

Have those discussions.

01:08:15.517 --> 01:08:17.517

Are we ready for roll call?

01:08:19.299 --> 01:08:22.299

Shandra Summerville: Was there a second? Neil Sharma: second. Shandra Summerville: Okay.

01:08:25.713 --> 01:08:27.713
Kim Fisher. Kim Fisher: Yes.

01:08:29.243 --> 01:08:31.243
Shandra Summerville: Dianne Husby Gordon.

01:08:31.492 --> 01:08:33.492
Dianne Gordon: Abstain.

01:08:34.634 --> 01:08:36.634
Shandra Summerville: Neil Sharma. Neil Sharma: Approved.

01:08:39.081 --> 01:08:41.081
Shandra Summerville: Anne Robin? Anne Robin: approved.

01:08:42.955 --> 01:08:44.955
Okay.

01:08:48.126 --> 01:08:53.126
Well, I want to thank the representatives of CU Autism Network for your time, and

01:08:53.027 --> 01:08:57.027
hard work and community advocacy.

01:09:02.079 --> 01:09:05.079
Steve Beckett: I didn't introduce myself on the record. I should have before. Steve Beckett.

01:09:05.247 --> 01:09:08.247
Anne Robin: I didn't ask you to either. That was my failure.

01:09:09.232 --> 01:09:13.232
Steve Beckett: Thank you for your consideration of the issue. I'm going to take the board's

01:09:13.726 --> 01:09:19.726
ruling to the board and will respond with Ms. Canfield about how the money's going to be paid.

01:09:19.664 --> 01:09:21.664
Anne Robin: All right. Thank you.

01:09:29.824 --> 01:09:31.824
Can Lynn make a comment? Yes, she can.

01:09:33.116 --> 01:09:37.116
Lynn Canfield: I just... I know that this has been difficult for people, but I just want to...

01:09:37.535 --> 01:09:42.535
tell you that the first couple pages of this memo are, like, more of the most boring stuff from me,

01:09:42.966 --> 01:09:44.966
Where I'm trying to tell you that

01:09:46.003 --> 01:09:50.003
I have confidence that you have the legal, statutory authority

01:09:50.003 --> 01:09:53.806
to make exceptions like this for reasons like this.

01:09:54.507 --> 01:10:00.507
And that we actually have, in our own rules, and even in the priorities documents for the year of

01:10:01.159 --> 01:10:06.159
Program year 202, provisions that were specific to family support networks

01:10:06.159 --> 01:10:08.767
That Dr. Fox didn't think were necessary,

01:10:09.656 --> 01:10:11.656
And all of those vulnerabilities came up.

01:10:12.128 --> 01:10:17.128
So, I think maybe the future is rely on the guidance that's already

01:10:17.683 --> 01:10:19.683
You already have the structures.

01:10:20.426 --> 01:10:27.426
And that maybe we... maybe I should have argued with Dr. Fox more about that. You know, he said, no, no, we're confident we can do this, but...

01:10:27.324 --> 01:10:29.324
He was confident he could do this.

01:10:29.800 --> 01:10:32.800
So, I'm just... I'm just saying, I think you all have, like,

01:10:32.979 --> 01:10:34.979
not done anything...

01:10:35.655 --> 01:10:40.655
Anything inappropriate or outside of your authority at all,

01:10:41.622 --> 01:10:45.622
And that for the future, we just... we just need to remember, like, we kind of know, we do know

01:10:46.759 --> 01:10:48.759
That Family support networks are a little bit different. Neil Sharma:
Yeah.

01:10:52.960 --> 01:10:55.960

Anne Robin: Lynn, thank you for that, and I do appreciate all of the...

01:10:55.961 --> 01:10:58.960

what you call boring stuff, I think it's really important.

01:11:00.006 --> 01:11:02.006

Kim Fisher: Just, this came, I just want to clarify.

01:11:02.902 --> 01:11:10.902

In no way should you claim any culpability with your conversation with Dr. Fox, or Mr. Fox. Yeah, yeah, no, so...

01:11:12.932 --> 01:11:16.932

Lynn Canfield: And that actually... this happens in the world we're working in, where, like,

01:11:16.932 --> 01:11:19.409

The loss of an executive director,

01:11:19.421 --> 01:11:21.421

Is actually, you know, like...

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That transition is a really vulnerable time for organizations, no matter how big or small. It's a very vulnerable time.

01:11:28.816 --> 01:11:30.945

Some of them, you know,

01:11:31.204 --> 01:11:36.204

get through it just fine. But it really does require us to pay more attention, so...

01:11:36.205 --> 01:11:40.410

No, I just want you all to know, like, take comfort. You have not...

01:11:41.858 --> 01:11:43.858

broken any laws or anything, you're like...

01:11:44.771 --> 01:11:47.771

Thank you for managing it so carefully, too.

01:11:48.903 --> 01:11:54.903

Anne Robin: or set any bad precedent, because we really bent over backwards to...

01:11:55.578 --> 01:11:59.578

Support the CU Autism Network because we do respect the work that they...

01:11:59.877 --> 01:12:02.877

have done, and hopefully will do in the future.

01:12:07.426 --> 01:12:13.426

Well, that's a sad thing, and I want to thank everybody for hanging in there

01:12:14.381 --> 01:12:16.381
Um, and completing the process.

01:12:16.879 --> 01:12:22.879
Now we have a much nicer thing. We've got the evaluation capacity report, which are always fun.

01:12:22.878 --> 01:12:24.570
So, we'll bring it on.

01:12:31.838 --> 01:12:33.838
Jacinda Dariotis: Happy hump day, everybody!

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Humpty hump.

01:12:38.374 --> 01:12:44.374
So Jacinda Dariotis, Director of the Family Resiliency Center, PI of the project, I have an amazing team.

01:12:44.782 --> 01:12:52.782
And I'm excited to have a new team member be introduced today, so I'll have Virnaliz introduce herself.

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Hello, everyone. My name is Virnaliz Jimenez, and I'm the new research scientist at the Family Resiliency Center.

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Excited to work with you all and help support the...

01:13:03.819 --> 01:13:05.819
Many agencies that you fund. So yeah.

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Jacinda Dariotis: So Virnaliz has a background in evaluation, and she's going to be helping to spearhead some of the technical assistance.

01:13:14.342 --> 01:13:20.342
And other components of the evaluation capacity building project, and we're excited to have her. So, yay!

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So, to that point, giving you a few updates will be short.

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Um, number one is, someone has accessed office hours, which has been amazing.

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But I'm not disclosing who it is. They have to self-disclose that. Um, but we have helped with that, so...

01:13:39.291 --> 01:13:48.291

That's just to give a word out that we are here to help with your small questions. It's not the deep dive that we do with technical assistance, but if people are having small evaluation questions, need some help,

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Please reach out. It's at your convenience.

01:13:51.047 --> 01:13:59.221

Probably not at midnight, but at other times, and they can sign up for it, and we're happy to assist in these other areas if you are not part of the

01:13:59.732 --> 01:14:03.732

in-depth technical assistance component of the evaluation capacity building project.

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We are also serving 3 new agencies this, or 3 new programs with technical assistance this year.

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And continuing with one that we have worked with in the past to move them towards data analysis.

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Um, where they've started collecting data with their survey.

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Or we'll soon be doing that, so we're excited to have 3 new programs.

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And then continuing along with the fourth program.

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We are also in the process of thinking about and planning our next set of trainings and micro-learnings, because I know how much you love the microlearnings.

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Yay! And, um, our hope is to do this on data visualization, because who does not love data viz, right?

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When data are presented pictorially,

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Versus all of the text, right? And also making sure it's very compliant and ADA compliant.

01:14:55.528 --> 01:14:57.528

All the great things with data visualization.

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And that leads me to our working group.

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Some members are on Zoom and in the room. We're accepting new

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And additional working group members too. So if anyone wants to be part of our working group and get the sneak peek, and also the

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ability to give input in advance into our trainings, our microlearnings,

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And to just be a litmus test to making sure that they're relevant and they're pitched correctly and that they're addressing everyone's issues.

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Please join our working group. Meets only once a month, so it's not a huge time commitment, but it gets you a front seat to the preview, and who doesn't want to have that?

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And also giving the input.

01:15:35.480 --> 01:15:37.480

So I think those are all of our updates.

01:15:37.948 --> 01:15:41.948

I'm happy to take any questions and to provide any answers that I can.

01:15:49.569 --> 01:15:53.569

Anne Robin: I was hoping for an amusing video.

01:15:54.273 --> 01:16:00.273

Jacinda Dariotis: I'm sorry to disappoint. Apparently, I did not. Anne Robin: I'll look forward to it at the next one.

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Now, I want to thank you for you and all the team's

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work. And I'm... I...

01:16:07.934 --> 01:16:15.934

I'm just thinking that the kind of work that you do, you know, if we can get it to help these smaller community

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Organizations that have a lot of challenges in how to see

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How to organize this...

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You know, because doing the work is the most important thing for most people,

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But showing to the outside world

01:16:31.612 --> 01:16:33.612

What you do...

01:16:34.472 --> 01:16:39.472

Um, is also important. And I know in my career, I've always struggled with that. I have to do

01:16:40.151 --> 01:16:45.151

quality improvement project searches, like, just another add-on, right?

01:16:46.476 --> 01:16:48.476

Except sometimes it actually

01:16:49.021 --> 01:16:51.021

Can get to the heart of what you're doing.

01:16:54.789 --> 01:16:56.789

Jacinda Dariotis: Great. Well, thank you for your support.

01:17:08.083 --> 01:17:11.083

Anne Robin: Okay, that was positive. Now we've got...

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going back down, emerging threats. Kim?

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Kim Fisher: So I don't have any updates, but like we please come to the joint session next week.

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Uh, with the joint study session.

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With the Mental Health Board,

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There's amazing advocates and staff from Community Choices and DSC who've just all have worked tremendously

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on how we can take our resolution,

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Um, and put it into action.

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And, um...

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on your spot here, the staff has printed up these beautiful color copies of the slides.

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The team has... we've met a couple times, uh, to plan this event, and

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I don't think you will be disappointed. It is going to be really awesome, so...

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please and it's directly addressing

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Emerging threats. So, it's kind of nice how it's been...

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braided together.

01:18:13.790 --> 01:18:16.790

Anne Robin: That was amazingly positive, thank you.

01:18:19.275 --> 01:18:21.275

Okay, do we have input from...

01:18:21.039 --> 01:18:23.039

People with, uh,

01:18:23.613 --> 01:18:30.613

Yeah. Oh, Dianne. Dianne Gordon: I just had a quick question on the study session. Is it going to be recorded so that people can watch afterwards and so forth? Okay, thank you.

01:18:44.609 --> 01:18:48.609

Lynn Canfield: We'll be recording the Zoom for sure next week. It's just...

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It's gonna be real different for us,

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But we have... we believe.

01:18:59.058 --> 01:19:02.058

Dianne Gordon: I won't be able to be there because I have an orchestra concert, so...

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Anne Robin: Okay, everybody here, remind...

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Kim, to push the record button.

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Remind Kim and Kim.

01:19:21.089 --> 01:19:27.089

Kim Fisher: Just real quick. I just want to thank, I mean, did I say that? Thank the staff, and I thank the advocates.

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for just this hard work. It's just gonna be awesome, so...

01:19:33.403 --> 01:19:38.403

Anne Robin: I'm looking forward to it. So do we have input from people with, uh,

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IDD.

01:19:43.956 --> 01:19:45.956

Okay, we'll have to wait till next week.

01:19:46.635 --> 01:19:49.635

Um, Engage Illinois is...

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Susan, and she is away on a trip.

01:19:54.043 --> 01:19:57.043

So, um, we will postpone that.

01:19:57.361 --> 01:19:59.361

Anti-Sigma activities?

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Lynn Canfield: Well, there's a memo here, and I dropped a bunch of names, and so I wonder if those folks

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If Kim and Shandra especially,

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Have been doing a lot of this work if they would want to talk about this and then I even dropped names of people out in the audience.

01:20:19.098 --> 01:20:24.098

Kim Bowdry: I can briefly just share what I remember of what I did. I did do the Bennett,

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Scott Bennett Family Resource.

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fair at the end of August.

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We are continuing to do as many tabling events with the expo book.

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Other organizations have been helping us with that throughout the summer.

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Angela Yost from RPC,

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Has an upcoming event at, uh, Mahomet

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Seymour, it's... I think it's a district-wide, but it's at one of the schools.

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Um, where they have, like, a...

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family night with resources, and she has offered to take

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Um, the expo books there.

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Um, as Lynn mentioned earlier,

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I reached out to all

01:21:03.342 --> 01:21:05.342

of the resources that were listed in

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The 2025 and 2024

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disability resource. Well, they may not have been listed. We missed a few. There was a little glitch in some.

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But they were, um...

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attendees, or were in the Disability Resource Expo book,

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I reached out to all of those as resources to be listed in our 2027 book.

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And we added a lot. Um, Lynn went to every table at the Scott Bennett Family Resource Fair,

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And, um, encourage them strongly

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To join our resource book. Some of them were very willing, and others had to confer with their boards, but I think most every

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Um, agency that was there is going to be listed in the 2027,

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Um, book, and then, um, we have the movie coming up that was also mentioned, and that has been put in the newsletter.

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Shandra, you've been doing a bunch.

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Let you go now.

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Shandra Summerville: I am working with the School of Social Work.

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And, um, there is, uh...

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very small evaluation

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project that's happening with them.

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to actually see what type of events

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People like to attend.

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To get resources.

01:22:31.223 --> 01:22:37.223

Do they prefer not to go to big events? Do they prefer to go to small things? Do they like the fellowship?

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So they're gonna ask some specific questions.

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Um, this is for their social work...

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What is it, 5-5...

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It's a social work class. It's an advanced...

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social work class, and um...

01:22:53.806 --> 01:22:56.806
I am working with them to...

01:22:58.047 --> 01:23:03.047
get a small sample of people, and when I say small, we're trying to... the goal is about 50.

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Responses. So, um, when that survey comes out,

01:23:08.073 --> 01:23:11.073
Agencies, send it to your people.

01:23:12.045 --> 01:23:18.045
Send it to, um, actual clients so that we can kind of learn, what do people really want to go to?

01:23:18.621 --> 01:23:20.621
Resource fairs are great.

01:23:20.671 --> 01:23:22.671
They were great.

01:23:23.756 --> 01:23:25.756
They were great, but when the people...

01:23:26.335 --> 01:23:29.335
Who had the vision are no longer here, and...

01:23:30.187 --> 01:23:32.187
The people who were there have kind of, kind of...

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waned. We gotta ask some hard questions, and so...

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We're asking hard questions. And then, um...

01:23:40.182 --> 01:23:42.182
There is a...

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program happening with, um...

01:23:46.810 --> 01:23:53.810
The Illinois Public Media, they're doing a teen summit where they were talking about critical needs and issues.

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of youth in Champaign County.

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And so this is... we're gonna look at and have a meeting with them,

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to see what kind of topics that youth are talking about.

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And the hope is to also be inclusive of the disability community,

01:24:11.718 --> 01:24:13.718
In addition, um, Joybubbles...

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Which is a disability not just positive, it's

01:24:19.393 --> 01:24:22.393
Actually showing people living with disabilities and...

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thriving, so that's going to be connected to our...

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film and anti-stigma work, and so...

01:24:29.915 --> 01:24:32.915
There is work that is actually happening,

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And also, um...

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This was in my staff report. I attended

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A program called Mapping for the Future,

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That looked at actually getting, um, younger people and future generations

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into the field of this work.

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And what does that really look like? How do you begin to orient them

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into this work? Very, very powerful.

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piece, but, um, I also sit on

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The Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation that looks at

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This holistically, from not just...

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physical health, but oral health and mental health, behavioral health as well.

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And so, it was a really powerful thing, and it's also connected to a strategic plan, so...

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I think I gave it all to you.

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Lynn Canfield: Beyond borders. Shandra Summerville: Oh!

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more. I also am on the committee for a global mental health conference called Beyond Borders.

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It is virtual on October 8th and 9th.

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and that will be, um...

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Okay, I'll say that one, too.

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And, um, that will be on October 8th and 9th. Virtually. It's \$30.

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And so, if you'd like to go, the link is in there for you to come to that.

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And that was also a part of connecting again with campus and community to get more

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information out, and then also on Saturday, there's a Black mental health conference at Parkland College.

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I think I got it all.

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Lynn Canfield: There's a the memo has some

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Under next steps and suggestions, some...

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That initial Expo Advisory Committee and members of AIR have

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have put some ideas on the table that we haven't

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completed yet. So those are...

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That's mostly a list here, along with things that we have in progress.

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And then the...

01:26:41.071 --> 01:26:43.071

And...

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Hopefully, we can...

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act on some of those, or at least explore them to...

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Before we ask people for more suggestions, like follow through on what they've already said,

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And then there's a special request at the end, which is...

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Some links to... to follow, um...

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AIR and help promote some of this stuff.

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If you're on social media. That is not everybody's thing, but if you are,

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These are the links. We have somebody...

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doing new, um, social media stuff for us. She's lovely, she's really into it, she's...

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into the cause, so I want to make sure that we're

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Supporting her work, too, but also they're support... they're in support of these events. That's it.

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Shandra Summerville: Forgot one thing, and we're also looking at how to pay recognition to

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Barb Bresner at the December meeting,

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Because that will be her birthday.

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So, we're just gonna...

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Hopefully celebrate her, have some cake or something.

01:27:48.293 --> 01:27:51.293

Anne Robin: Thank you, Shandra. That was very impressive.

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I actually signed up for the Black Mental Health Conference, and it didn't say where at Parkland it is. Do you know?

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Shandra Summerville: It is in the student union area, so that front part, and then it breaks out into sessions. Anne Robin: Thank you for that information. Shandra Summerville: You're welcome. Anne Robin: Yeah, they just kind of left that out. Parkland's... they said which parking lot to go to, and I was like, okay, go to the parking lot and look, see where people are going, you know. Shandra Summerville: Okay.

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Anne Robin: Okay, thank you.

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Yeah.

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Well, that was wonderful. That was uplifting.

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Um, we've got program year, fourth quarter service activity reports

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Which are also uplifting.

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Lynn Canfield: And ADA compliant.

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Anne Robin: Comments.

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Kim Fisher: Thank you to the staff, and thank you to the agencies. We just...it's great to see supporting all different kinds of people.

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Doing lots of different things, so thank you.

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Anne Robin: Much appreciated.

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And program year 2026 and service

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claims data.

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It's a lot of pages.

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Pages 117 to 131.

01:29:42.622 --> 01:29:44.622

Any comments?

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Okay, I guess we're ready for the successes and other agency information.

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Who wants to come forward?

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Becca Obuchowski: I just wanted to share. I'm Becca with Community Choices.

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I just wanted to share some basically some comments that one of my staff

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sort of made in a meeting after attending the Speak Up, Speak Out event earlier this month in Springfield, so they were able to take a group of advocates

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To both days of the conference, and this was the staff person's first time ever attending an event like this.

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And he just shared that being in a room with so many advocates, like, I think for some of us who've been to those type of events before, like,

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It's like, oh, yeah, of course, that's what it is.

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He was just like, it was really powerful to just see people, that many people with disabilities in one space supporting each other and kind of standing up for each other, and so...

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I just want to share that I just... that was a good reminder for me, so I thought I would...

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Kinda... send that your way.

01:31:01.086 --> 01:31:03.086

Anne Robin: Thank you. That was a very good comment.

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AJ Zwettler: Hi there. I'm Aj from DSC.

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And I just wanted to share that the Crow's holiday open house

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Uh, will be Sunday, December 6th.

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So please join us for that.

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Also, um...

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Earlier in the month, we were able to take some people from the Crow,

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That have been working very hard on products that they have designed and made.

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Um, to the entrepreneur...

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Um, uh, fair inside the IARF conference.

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So that was exciting, and then...

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I would like to invite Becca back up so we can share with you LEAP.

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presented at the annual IARF conference this year.

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And it was a lot of fun. We had a lot of really great feedback from that.

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And, um, we enjoyed attending

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that event. Anything else?

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Becca Obuchowski: I'll admit, I was not there, so I cannot say anything particularly specific about it, but Ashley, our LEAP coordinator who was there, she said it was a great experience and lots of good feedback.

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AJ Zwettler: Thank you.

01:32:25.800 --> 01:32:30.800

Eric Ingram: Hi, I'm Eric Ingram with Pace. Paul is up there on Zoom, so...

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I'm speaking today

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Um, we just kind of wanted to, A, just, uh,

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You know, also comment on how much fun we had at Speak Up, Speak Out.

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And it was good to see you. I know we saw some of y'all there.

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Um, and PACE is having our open house on Thursday, October 8th from 3 30 to 6.30.

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We're in Lincoln Square Mall.

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We are actually on the second floor,

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By the... if you take the southeast elevator near your common ground, Suite 211, but we're gonna be starting on the first floor for the open house.

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So we'll have, like, cornhole, silent auction,

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And a couple other, like, organizations involved. And really, it's just, it'd be great to see some folks and maybe get a chance to chat outside of

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board meetings and whatnot, so, um, yeah, we'd love to see you there.
Thank you.

01:33:29.718 --> 01:33:32.718

Anne Robin: Thank you for that. Lots of good things coming up.

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Anybody else?

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Do we have county board input?

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Do we have mental health board input?

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Lynn Canfield: They're meeting this evening. They have pretty much mostly the same business, but they have a very exciting longitudinal data study.

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Like, this was so much fun to put together. It's 4 years of data,

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From all of the Mental Health Board-funded programs from 2022

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To this last year, it's very exciting. And the good news is that

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One of the most...

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I think important uses of Mental Health Board funding and DD Board funding

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Is to compensate for...

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The gaps in the larger funder systems, which don't provide enough funding for transportation,

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Or collaboration across agencies.

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So those are 2 things that the Mental Health Board and DD Board has been focused on for years and years and years.

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Getting to people who can't get to you,

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And even though it's a small county,

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There are rural residents who can't get to the agency headquarters, and so I'm very happy to tell you that

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Rural Reach is looking pretty good.

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And one of the most important projects in there is

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It's Early Childhood Services.

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So, that's just, like, really nice news that they get to look at or not, whatever. It's just, it was a fun data project.

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That Shandra and I have worked on for a long time.

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Um, but otherwise, their business is similar to yours today.

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and they meet. They meet this evening, and then you get to see them again next week.

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Anne Robin: Thank you for that. Board announcements.

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Well, I just want to once again thank the board for your

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Hard work, thoughtfulness...

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mental anguish,

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over the CU Autism Network,

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I just felt

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and I think Lynn and staff had felt that we had kicked this can down the road for so long,

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And I don't want to ever do that again.

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But there were reasons, there were reasons why we did that.

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And, um, it's sad to have to...

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do what we did, but I think it's important that we... we get it resolved.
So that was my only comment.

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We are adjourned. See you next week on Wednesday, if you can be here.