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We will be starting momentarily slight technical delay.

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Well, we will now go ahead and call this evening's meeting of the Champaign County Mental Health Board to order.

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It is Wednesday, February 18th, 2026, at 5.45 p.m.,

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In the Shields Carter Room of the Bennett Administrative Center, Urbana, Illinois. May I have a roll call?

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Alejandro Gomez?

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Here.

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Tony Nichols.

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Here.

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Kyle Patterson.

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Here.

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Elaine Palencia.

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Here.

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Emily Rodriguez.

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Jane Sprandel.

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Here.

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Jon Paul Youakim.

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Here.

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Molly McLay.

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Here. All right, we do have a quorum, so we can move on to our next item, which is the agenda.

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Um, this is on page 1 of your packet.

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Is there any discussion about the agenda, or would anyone like to make a motion?

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I move we accept the agenda.

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I'll second that. All right, Palencia motions, Sprandel seconds. Any final discussion?

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

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Aye. All those opposed, same sign.

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The ayes have it, the agenda is approved.

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Next, we will move to the 2026 meeting schedules.

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And the PY27 allocation timeline.

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These are on pages 3 through 8 of your packet. No action is needed, but

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Um, Lynn, if there's any updates on these that you would like to share, there are no updates.

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Any, uh, questions, discussion from the board on this?

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pretty straightforward, since we recently approved it.

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Um, so seeing none, we will next move to CCMHB acronyms and glossary. These are on pages 9 through 20 of the packet.

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No action is needed, but Lynn, any updates?

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The whole document, I... we kind of redid it to make it accessible.

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Yay!

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Which will be a theme for other materials, um, so I just want to give a...

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applause to the staff for working so diligently on the accessibility of the materials.

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Especially Leon, since Lynn's pointing at Leon.

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Um, any, um, discussion from the board about the acronyms and glossary?

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All right, seeing none, we will next move on to public participation and agency input.

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As always, members of the public are welcome to speak to the Mental Health Board and share their thoughts with us.

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We cannot respond directly to public input,

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Where we may use it to inform future actions. Um...

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So there will be two points of time in the meeting when public input can be given.

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right now, and then closer to the end.

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And if you would like to make public comment, you can either approach the podium,

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There are also comment cards you can fill out.

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And if you're on Zoom, then you can...

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Put something in the chat box, or you can raise your hand.

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For anybody who is making public comment, especially agency representatives, um, please be aware of the Illinois Lobbyist Registration Act and take

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appropriate steps to be in compliance with the Act.

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

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For each portion of public input.

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Given all of that, is there anyone who would like to make public comment right now?

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Hello, um, I'm Haley Wright. I'm with CLA, the contractual CFO for Courage Connection.

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And we are requesting a consideration for late funding submission for the FY27 funding application.

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This, um...

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submission was completed prior to the deadline, but still was being entered upon the... into the portal.

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during the cutoff time.

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But everything was completed.

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And it was just getting it into the portal, um,

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by the deadline, so we were unable to

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have everything entered and submitted in the portal by the 4.30 p.m. cutoff.

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And I think we have more from Courage Connection.

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Thank you.

00:17:14.546 --> 00:17:21.546
Good evening, distinguished board members. My name is Matthew Fletcher. I am the Interim Executive Director at Courage Connection.

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I've had the great honor of holding this position for the last 7 months.

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And I call it an honor.

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Because Courage Connection is a very important agency in this community.

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Not only are we the oldest domestic violence shelter in the state of Illinois,

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But as it stands, we are the only comprehensive domestic violence prevention agency that serves Champaign County.

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With domestic violence being one of the top public health issues that is affecting our community.

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It is absolutely essential for our agency.

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To be able to provide free trauma-informed domestic violence counseling services

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to survivors in our community.

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Now, Courage Connection is incredibly fortunate

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to have the expertise of Clifton, Larson, Allen as our consulting CFO.

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We are very grateful to have and be able to afford a CPA like Haley Wright.

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So that we can instill accounting best practices

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and ensure fiscal responsibility.

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As the Interim Executive Director,

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I am responsible for the management of all operations at Courage Connection.

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Our failure to submit the financial portion of the fiscal year 27

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grant application falls solely upon me.

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I intend on taking full ownership and responsibility of that failure.

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And to ensure that this never happens again,

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I am implementing the following mandatory structure moving forward immediately.

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At 2 weeks until any grant deadline, we will be having a mandatory meeting between the Interim Executive Director

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Our consulting CFO and our director of grants.

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We will be having another meeting between the three of us at one week.

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And then another one with 3 days to go before the submission deadline.

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We will ensure that all applications are submitted at least 24 hours ahead of every deadline.

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This structure, this interim structure,

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It is only gonna last until March 24th.

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When Courage Connection welcomes

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Our new executive director.

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And it gives me immense pleasure to introduce Courage Connections Next Executive Director.

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Ms. Katie Harmon.

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Thank you.

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Good evening, everybody. Um, I just wanted to briefly introduce myself. I'm thrilled to be starting as Courage Connections' next, um, Executive Director on March 23rd.

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For those who aren't familiar with my background, um, I've worked here in Champaign County in the areas of homeless services and domestic violence services for the last 16 years.

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Um, I've worked closely managing local, state, and federal grants, including grants from the Mental Health Board and the Developmental Disabilities Board.

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Um, and I'm very confident in the plan that Courage Connection, under Matthew's leadership as the interim, is putting in place, and I really just want to reiterate the essential services that they offer, in particular, DV counseling services offered by trained domestic violence staff.

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Free and accessible and confidential is essential, um, in Champaign County. Um, and again, just want to reiterate

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Um, I'm really confident about the plans that they're putting in place. Um, I'm looking forward to working with the staff there. They have an incredible team.

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dedicated team providing really good services and needed services in our community, so I will be stepping into that role, um, on March 23rd, and I sincerely appreciate the board's,

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I'm hearing our comment, um, and offering, hopefully, grace in this leadership transition. As many of you know, um, going through a leadership position, particularly the executive director position, and being without a permanent executive director for an extended period of time is difficult for any organization, so...

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I'm just sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request. Thank you so much.

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Thank you very much. Um, as noted earlier, we cannot just respond directly during public input, but there is going to be

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night among the agenda to discuss this later.

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Um, is there anyone else, um, in person or online who would like to make public comment?

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All right, um, seeing none, we will move on next to Chairperson's comments.

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Um, so hi, I'm Molly McLay. I am the current chair of the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

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And I welcome you all here this evening.

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Um, we have, you know, a variety of items to discuss tonight, including the item that was just, um, mentioned in public comment.

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Um, we will also be taking our first preview at the applications that we did receive for PY2027 funding.

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Um, we will not be reviewing them tonight, um, but we can talk a little bit about what our typical processes have been for that.

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And this is just an opportunity to take a peek at

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you know, what we have received.

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Um, and I know that there is, um...

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an addendum, um, with, um, some updated information about this specific item.

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Um, which, um, you may have received.

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Um, in materials here, or via email, um, to board members. It's also posted online.

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Um, one thing I wanted to note, um, going into this coming funding cycle,

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Um, you know, we will be...

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Um, reviewing applications potentially beginning next month, but typically within April, the board conducts a formal review during our...

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meeting and study session, and then we do make, um, allocation decisions in May.

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Um, this year, I think many of us knew going into this funding cycle that it was going to be...

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Um, a bit different, given the federal landscape for, um,

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mental health and substance use services.

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And, um, while we were extremely happy to see many, many applications, including from returning,

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programs and some new programs as well. Um, one thing to note is that we do have a very large difference in the amount requested of us for funding and the amount we are likely to have available, and that amount

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is close to about \$2 million difference.

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Um, which is a bigger amount of difference than, um...

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I have seen in my entire tenure on the board for the last

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four years, so I think it is going to be, you know, a very difficult...

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Um, and very competitive.

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funding process this year.

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Um, but it is also very exciting to see so many programs, um, come to us.

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Um, you know, wanting to grow, wanting to, um, get funding for the first time.

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And I am looking forward to...

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Um, the next several months where we will be discussing that.

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I think, um...

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That is all of my comments for now.

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Um, but there will be other points in time when I'll make comments, too.

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So, that concludes my comments, and we will next move to Executive Director Lynn Canfield's comments.

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Hi. So, you have very few actions

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Requested tonight, but...

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One of them is possibly going to take some time to figure out, so I don't want to spend too much time...

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Um, making comments on comments I've already made in the board packet, but...

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Um, we will... I will talk more as we get to some of those items.

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Um, this is...

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I think there are 8 new applications to the Mental Health Board, and then some expansions.

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on those, so that we wouldn't consider those new applications, but they might be... they might...

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there's... there are 9 new ones, and then there's... on the DD side, there's only...

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one new one, but some also expansions. So we... we...

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look at expansions as new applications, you know, with a similar level of detail, and so

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We kind of jumped right in to reviewing applications. There's a lot going on on the staff team since we put this board packet together, so...

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Um, I'm confident that we're going to be able to...

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Bring you those reviews in the timeline that we promised,

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I don't... it could be a lot for y'all to look at, but we'll get there when we get there.

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We're trying to get background documents this week, so that we understand if...

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Agencies are fully eligible, or if there are any problems with the newer organizations who've applied,

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Um, the other thing that complicated it is at the beginning of every legislative season, like, we're really involved

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And paying attention to state and federal legislative and policy

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changes, and in an election year, not a lot happens. It kind of...

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You know, there might be bills about local government consolidation, and we are absolutely going to be paying attention

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to things like that, but not a lot of, really, substantive

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Legislation is introduced, and so I count on having a slow time. Well, that's not even true this year.

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So here we are, I'm, like, really grateful that we got a good head start on looking at these funding requests.

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But now I'm going to shift my attention for the next couple weeks to what's going on at the state and federal

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legislative and policy levels, and...

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try to represent Champaign County

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as well as I can.

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So if you have suggestions for me, please feel free to reach out. Anyway, I think that's enough. I'm ready to... oh, and yes,

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Much applause to Leon and other staff members for really...

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accelerating our efforts to make our documents ADA compliant. Like, it is not easy.

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And some of what we've learned is that we're going to have to go all the way back to the beginning with some documents that we've counted on for a long time.

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Some of the templates have to be redone, but we're doing it, and everybody's, like,

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you know, being very successful with it so far, so I'm... I'm really happy about us.

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And... right? Okay, that's enough.

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Thank you very, very much.

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All right, we will next move on to approval of CCMHB board meeting minutes.

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Um, these are on pages 21 through 28 of the packet.

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Action is requested to approve minutes of the CCMHB January 21st, 2026 meeting.

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and January 28th, 2026 study session.

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Um, but for... I do want to note that there has been, um, one edit that needs to be made, um, that was noted in advance of the meeting.

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Um, which is that, um, Alejandro Gomez was absent from January 21st meeting, um, and was excused.

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Um, so we do need to make that edit.

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for the board, any other discussion of other edits to make?

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Alright, seeing none, I will move to approve the minutes of the CCMHB January 2020... January 21st, 2026 meeting.

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In January 28th, 2026 study session as amended.

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Second. All right, McLay moves, Youakim seconds.

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Any final discussion?

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Seeing none, the motion has been clearly stated. All those in favor, say aye.

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All those opposed, same sign.

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The ayes have it, the minutes are approved as amended.

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Next, we will move to the vendor invoice lists. These are on pages 29 through 32 of the packet.

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Action is requested to accept the vendor invoice list and place them on file. Any discussion?

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Or would anyone like to make a motion?

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The very first item, I just didn't know what it was. On page 29, Community Life Short-Term Assistance.

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What is that? This is the... the only contract that's supported through the IDD Special Initiatives Fund.

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was a two-year contract that you and the DD Board both approved a long time ago.

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Um, and so you'll see it... you'll see it through June, and then we don't have a particular...

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plan yet for what to do with special... the Special Initiatives Fund?

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But, yeah, it's... it...

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It's difficult to know that because the vendor is the Champaign County Treasurer, which is always a little confusing, but... Yeah, that did confuse me. Okay, thanks.

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Any other discussion?

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I just wanted to refresh my memory. This formatting is slightly different

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than before, yes. I understand this is one of the items that had to be...

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a lot of effort was put into for accessibility purposes, so just, uh...

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Wanted to note that.

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This is connected to a really big issue, that... it's an issue the county is also dealing with, like,

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So many software platforms that we all use in local government are... create, um, not only create

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Documents that you can't post, because they're not accessible, and they can't even be made accessible, but they also aren't internally ADA compliant.

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So the county's going to have to re-bid this whole thing,

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Unless this agen... unless this organization can start providing

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Documents like this that are fully compliant. So, Chris Wilson and I basically are doing these by hand

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For a while, which...

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He's really good about making zero errors

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So I'm glad he's helping me.

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So, in regards to making these ADA compliant, is that something that, um, the county has chosen to do? Is this a state level or a federal level, like,

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rule. This is a federal law that goes into effect in April, and everything that's posted online, even if it's

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Even if it's needed as a background

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As background information from a prior...

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meeting or report, has to be fully ADA compliant. So, it's a... it's a very big challenge. We've figured it out this far. I know it's not very attractive,

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But it's... it... a screen reader will be able to understand it, so that's part of what you have to do.

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Um, so we're ready to help others in the county if they need help with this, but...

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Basically, they're going to need to work with the vendor. Everybody in the country

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is having to work with vendors. This is all government - state, local, and federal - all have to be in compliance with this law, and it's...

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It's kind of big, so... Well, and it really puts, um, some of the burden now on the vendors.

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Because if you can't supply us what we legally have to do, we can no longer do business with you.

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Now, as far as anything prior to April 1,

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Yeah, you know, we probably do have to fix ourselves. There are some... yeah, there's a lot to it.

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We've got some trainings, one last month and one actually next week,

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that are going to be available to everyone.

00:32:54.429 --> 00:32:58.429

Um, about what the new rules mean and how to get there, so...

00:32:58.431 --> 00:33:06.023

Well, sorry to sidetrack us, but I thought it was important, since we're all about, you know, advocacy and making things, you know, accessible, that...

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I kind of wanted to know a little more about it, so thank you.

00:33:10.983 --> 00:33:12.983

Any other discussion?

00:33:18.033 --> 00:33:20.033

Or would anyone like to make a motion?

00:33:22.201 --> 00:33:24.201

Uh, I move to approve the vendor list.

00:33:25.395 --> 00:33:27.395

Can I have a second?

00:33:28.433 --> 00:33:34.433

I will second that. All right, Patterson motions, Sprandel seconds. Any final discussion?

00:33:37.192 --> 00:33:42.192

All right, all those in favor of accepting the vendor invoice list and placing them on file, say aye.

00:33:43.808 --> 00:33:45.808

Aye. All those opposed, same sign.

00:33:45.808 --> 00:33:48.515

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

00:33:49.642 --> 00:33:54.642

So next, we will move to Old Business. Um, the first item is agency updates.

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Oral updates will be provided on GCAP's and Uniting Pride's progress with PY25 financial reviews.

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No action is needed, but I will, um, turn it over to Lynn, who may designate representatives from agencies to give updates as well, if she's not giving them.

00:34:11.707 --> 00:34:17.707

The Director of Uniting Pride is here, so if it's okay for us to go in reverse alphabetical order,

00:34:18.160 --> 00:34:23.160

It might be good to let Josh speak. Is that okay? And then I'll represent the other one.

00:34:26.292 --> 00:34:32.292

Cool. Um, well, thank you all so much. Um, I'm Joshua Gavel, I'm the Interim Executive Director at Uniting Pride.

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Um, we have some great news. Um, the financial review is done. We have voted on it.

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Um, and we are just waiting on the final draft to be sent from Aprio. We expect that to come in the next couple days, and as soon as we have it, you will have it. Um, thank you so much for extending us this time and this grace. Um, this was obviously a very unexpected road bump.

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But we are happy to be on the other side of it, and we should have the, um, required documents to you within the next couple days. So, thank you again, and, um, we are all good to go.

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Thank you so much for that update, and my understanding is, you know, once we receive it, then...

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The staff will work with, uh, Uniting Pride to, you know, work out any issues, and then

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Um, you know, the payment suspension had been waived for January and February, but I assume that everything will be good to go to, you know, resume this, uh, payments for March.

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So, that is great to hear.

00:35:36.502 --> 00:35:42.953

Um, board, any, any board members want to make - comment on, um, this before we hear the next update?

00:35:48.698 --> 00:35:56.698

I'll just add, very, very grateful for your diligence and staying on top of this, because it was definitely a really unexpected situation.

00:35:58.283 --> 00:36:02.283

Um, and, you know, thank you for working so diligently and quickly to get it resolved.

00:36:03.446 --> 00:36:06.446

So we can next, um, have Lynn, um, share other updates.

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The executive director of GCAP shared news that's quite similar.

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They have also a financial review coming. It's pending.

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Um, there are some documents which require their board members' signatures,

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And their board members have been on vacation. So, as... so the thought is,

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End of this week, which is, like...

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Fantastic. And we are all caught up.

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Um, the staff and consultant reviews of every submitted audit and financial review are finished.

00:36:39.387 --> 00:36:47.387

So, when... so we're ready to take these on whenever they come, it shouldn't take us very long, and... but at any rate, the payments can be released for March. Yay!

00:36:49.475 --> 00:36:51.475
Any discussion from board on this?

00:36:57.890 --> 00:37:03.890
I can just add, I'm equally glad to hear that a similar progress has been made, and I think

00:37:04.355 --> 00:37:07.355
You know, we had a lot of deliberation at the last meeting about

00:37:08.576 --> 00:37:14.576
you know, do we waive payment suspension through March? Do we waive it, you know, month to month?

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Do we not waive it at all? And I think that our decision to, um,

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Wave it for January and February, and hear from the agencies this month has really worked out

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In everyone's favor, because, um...

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things, you know, moved very quickly, and we don't even have to have this discussion again in March to determine if we should...

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If we need to waive anything after that, so...

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Um, kudos to all of us for making a good decision, I think.

00:37:43.491 --> 00:37:48.723
Um, anyone else want to share comments on this?

00:37:58.226 --> 00:38:00.226
Lynn, anything else from you?

00:38:01.593 --> 00:38:06.593
All right. All right, well, we can next move to the next item of old business.

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Which is Agency Request for Special Consideration.

00:38:10.671 --> 00:38:13.913
So, um, this... this item, uh, is on pages

00:38:14.981 --> 00:38:19.981
33 through 38 of the packet. It is pertaining to the comments that Courage Connection made earlier.

00:38:19.933 --> 00:38:24.933

A decision memorandum presents context for a request to reopen the application system.

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Courage Connections request is attached, and our action is requested.

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And for the point in time at which we will vote, the possible, um, motions are on page 36 of the packet.

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So, um, I'm going to... you know, we have heard a lot from the agency.

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about what happened and why this happened, and what steps may happen in the future.

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to prevent it. Um, we definitely will have the opportunity to ask the agency questions if we would like to. Um, I would like to start by

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having Lynn give some, um, background on the situation, and...

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Um, the perspective of, you know, kind of what happened on the staff side of things.

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Um, when this occurred.

00:39:10.352 --> 00:39:14.352

As well as, like, why we have to... if we are going to take any action,

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Um, why we have to take it in the way that we are with reopening the application.

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Well, that's my... that's my strong suggestion, that if you... that...

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Because all of the documents.. all of the documents that we make public,

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And that the Board approves, say, there's no consideration of late applications.

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I think you don't frame it as consideration of a late application.

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If you want to create the opportunity,

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The other way to create the opportunity is to have a full, like,

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a fully open, public...

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um, application opportunity. That's... you've done that before.

00:39:51.583 --> 00:39:56.224

Um, I think we'd... there was one year that we had it open for a week,

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And there was one year that we had it open for one day.

00:40:00.566 --> 00:40:03.566

And so that would be... I would think if they were...

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The agency says that they were done and just needed to upload

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from Excel, what we can see on our side is

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All four of the financial documents need to be filled in, and one of them has text, so I'm not sure it's as easy as...

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Simply uploading from Excel,

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Um, because it's... it's more of a copy-paste into every section, but maybe they can do it very quickly.

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But then there's a final form that the director needs to

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submit which authorizes the whole application. So all of those remain to be done.

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I can't guess how long it would take.

00:40:39.751 --> 00:40:44.751

it just... it looked like 5 incomplete forms from our end, so...

00:40:45.759 --> 00:40:48.759

This was... the agency contacted Leon after

00:40:48.927 --> 00:40:50.927

4:30, um...

00:40:50.944 --> 00:40:57.944

So maybe I should ask Leon, but this memo gives you as much background. There's, like, there's also...

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Chair McLay is encouraging me to put little outlines at the top of the memos, so that...

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Those of you who've done this for a long time can skip to...

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sections with news, because a lot of it is just... is just giving you...

00:41:12.234 --> 00:41:15.234

as much background as possible, and the other audience is the public.

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So, to create that background for the public is also important to me.

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Um, so, you know, you can see what we've done before, what we've done in response to...

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Having the problem at all, like how we've changed our practices, and then what the board has chosen to do

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Each time an exception was requested, and why

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The exception was requested, so that...

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is all in there, and then it goes...

00:41:42.046 --> 00:41:51.046

I think the most useful part for y'all is possible actions, just so you're not crafting a motion out of the blue, but would you want to hear from Leon, since he was the contact?

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On it? If Leon would like to speak, he can. If he does not wish to, that is okay.

00:41:57.893 --> 00:42:04.893

I mean, I think everything has been, uh, is in the packet. Um, I received an email from Haley,

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I think approximately at 4:34, and I felt awful about it, because

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The deadline was 4:30, uh, so, um, you know, and it's a hard deadline.

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Uh, we were unable to open up the system at that point in time, and so...

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Um, I just had that conversation with Lynn, and uh...

00:42:24.800 --> 00:42:27.124
Here we are. Uh, and so...

00:42:28.082 --> 00:42:32.082
Uh, the special consideration is included in the board packet for you to...

00:42:32.518 --> 00:42:36.518
take a look at, and it identifies what the situation was, so...

00:42:38.965 --> 00:42:43.965
All right, thank... thank you both very, very much, and just, yeah, to
clarify, like, we...

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The rules are that, you know, um...

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late applications cannot be accepted, so in order to make any kind of
special consideration request, it has to come to the board directly.

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And, um, it seems that the, you know, if we were to make any kind of
consideration, it would need to be...

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Um, essentially creating another notice of funding availability for a
specific designated point in time, and to reopen,

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essentially reopen the system for, um, a certain amount of time, which
would permit

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anyone to apply, including Courage Connection, but, um...

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that is what has been done in the past, when we have

00:43:22.458 --> 00:43:24.458
Given special consideration.

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Um, and it's what is, you know...

00:43:26.768 --> 00:43:29.648

We could take other options, but this seems to be the most

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fair if we were going to do that.

00:43:32.186 --> 00:43:42.186

Um, I... I just... I wanted to start with a couple comments, and then I want to open it up to board members to discuss, and of course, if there are questions for the agency, we can make that.

00:43:42.523 --> 00:43:45.523

Um, this is incredibly difficult, um...

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I have worked in domestic violence services myself in this community for a long time, a gender-based violence services more broadly.

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So I have a lot, um... I have prior interactions with Courage Connection, and I know the great work that they do.

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Um, I have serious reservations about approving this request.

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Um, we have had times when there has been a very extenuating circumstances,

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Um, such as a gas leak in the building, um...

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COVID, things like that, where we have made consideration and reopened the application system.

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Um, but for me, um,

00:44:23.549 --> 00:44:25.549

not having all the forms filled out.

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Uh, in advance of the deadline is not...

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an excuse that I feel is extenuating enough to...

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um, grant a special consideration.

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Um, that concerns me because these services are incredibly important. All the services we fund are incredibly important.

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Um, I do know that, um, our funding makes up a small percentage of Courage Connections overall budget. It's about 4% per the reports we received at the last

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Last meeting, or the meeting before that,

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Um, which makes me feel less nervous, um, about the possibility that survivors would go without services.

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Um, and yeah, as somebody who cares deeply about this issue,

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It pains me greatly to, um, to say that I would not recommend that we make this consideration.

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Um, however, I... this is...

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not, um, just one person. This is...

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All eight of us, um, so I would like to open it up to board members to make comments.

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Um, and move toward making a decision.

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Well, if you read the other, um...

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scenarios that have happened in the past.

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Um, one of the decisions had to do with...

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putting... if we opened it up again, would be putting that late application

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at the end of the decision-making, and we don't...

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have enough money to fund everything so that puts it in another kind of jeopardy, but it's still in the mix, so that's a...

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kind of middle place.

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Um, not a yes and not a no, but... but some consequence for...

00:46:18.722 --> 00:46:21.733

having not made the deadline.

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So...

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Thank you.

00:46:26.181 --> 00:46:29.181

I guess I will respond by saying I...

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am concerned about the large, uh, amount of difference between what we've already received from agencies that did turn in applications on time, and how much we are likely to have.

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available even if we...

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are sort of project... possible projections are off,

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the idea that they could be off by \$2 million, um, is just not really feasible, so we are going to have to make some incredibly tough decisions this year.

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And it feels very difficult to me to, um...

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sort of include

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those who, um...

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did not get it in on time.

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in competition with the same money for people who did... agencies who did get it in on time.

00:47:15.318 --> 00:47:22.318

14 agencies are asking for an increase, you know, on what they've already gotten, so that's huge, too.

00:47:23.143 --> 00:47:25.143

Any other comments?

00:47:28.244 --> 00:47:32.244
Well, I do have, um, a couple of...

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questions. Um, a couple of these have kind of been, um, answered already this evening.

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Um, so one of my questions is,

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Did courage connection reach out

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prior in the week to anyone on our staff saying, hey, we potentially may not have this in, we haven't heard from our CFO,

00:47:51.643 --> 00:47:53.643
Um, okay.

00:47:53.643 --> 00:47:57.012
And so with that said, um,

00:47:58.499 --> 00:48:11.499
I kind of hate these meetings because I feel like I'm somewhat wishy-washy, because on one hand, I'm the person who is like, why have deadlines if we're not gonna follow them, and why do we print it on every form, and blah blah blah blah?

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Why do we discuss this at every meeting?

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But, um...

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Matthew...

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did something to tonight that made me...

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I guess become putty, maybe.

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The fact that he has a plan.

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that this won't happen again.

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And I am so impressed by that. Um, but with that said...

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See here, I go back on the wishy-wash.

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Um, we had...

00:48:42.966 --> 00:48:49.966

so many other applications already get it in on time, we're gonna probably be at a... not probably, we are at a deficit,

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Um, there is cost involved if we repost this.

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there's time involved with this if we repost it and open it up.

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And there is opportunity if we open it even one day, that some other agency might be like, let's go for it.

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And then what happens if we have

00:49:09.135 --> 00:49:14.135

Courage connection, which we have funded in the past, we believe in them, da-da-da.

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And someone else who...

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We believe in, and we like, and there's a great need.

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then are we gonna, like, pit those two together? I mean, it's just...

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You know, and Molly and I had emailed a tad bit over the weekend, and again, you know, she...

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has been, you know,

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In the trenches with domestic violence, so it's not like, oh, we don't believe in it.

00:49:39.263 --> 00:49:45.263

It's just, where... where do you draw the line on some of this? And I'm really struggling, so...

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Um, I guess I really am asking, you know, my fellow board members, give me some other thoughts.

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Give me some avenues that I'm maybe not looking at, because I don't want to be like,

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Here's the line in the sand. When I do see there's a plan in action.

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And things happen. Um, and like Lynn pointed out, she doesn't know how long it will take

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to upload this information, and da-da-da, you know,

00:50:10.601 --> 00:50:12.601

is one day enough to get it done?

00:50:13.546 --> 00:50:21.546

I did want to respond directly to something you said, which is that, um, and I'll just clarify with Lynn that I have this correct, but we have had

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at times when we reopen the application system in the past, we have had other agencies apply besides the ones that asked us for the special consideration.

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Just once. That was when we had it open for a week.

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We had one other applicant.

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And I think, yeah, we can't really see this as...

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extending a deadline, rather as we are...

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creating another application.

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We're creating another notice of funding availability in...

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And having the system available for more applications is how I think...

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is a fair way to look at it.

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Other comments?

00:51:02.701 --> 00:51:07.701

So, I guess a few things, um, just kind of going through different thoughts.

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we have a lot of new applications this year, and, like, if you... if you total it, it's just under \$1.5 million.

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Um, three agencies have asked for considerable increases in their applications and funding, and that's another 320-some.

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So it's about 1.8 million in big increases in three programs and new funding.

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So, that \$2 million is because of

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those main issues, more than anything. Um...

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The other thing is, in the past, we have had an abundance of funding.

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And we...

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you know, wanted to make the biggest impact with that... with those resources. And so...

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agencies had the luck

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that we wanted to make sure that they got funded, because we had the resources. If we didn't fund them, that money, a lot of times, would not be...

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used. Um, and we go back to taxpayers, or go back to the general fund, or however that works, but...

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Uh, we're not in that situation anymore.

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Um, earlier in the past,

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In 2021, 2022, 2023,

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There were heavy turnover, and...

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difficulties in people having enough staff for agencies, hiring people.

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Um, so there was more leniency. Another one was a 2022 with Promise Healthcare having

00:52:29.411 --> 00:52:34.087
big changes in their leadership, and trying to right their ship.

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And that was a large amount of funding, and we had funding for those, and we really wanted to make sure we funded

00:52:39.686 --> 00:52:43.239
Um, you know, uh, a non-profit,

00:52:44.575 --> 00:52:49.575
medical clinic and dental clinic in this area that provides essential services to low-income

00:52:49.576 --> 00:52:51.922
Um, you know, residents, um...

00:52:54.360 --> 00:52:56.360
This year is gonna be...

00:52:56.073 --> 00:53:00.073
different. You know, we have a lot of agencies asking for funding.

00:53:00.907 --> 00:53:03.907
We do not have enough resources to fund everybody. We have...

00:53:04.009 --> 00:53:07.009
a vastly, you know, shortfall of...

00:53:07.630 --> 00:53:12.630
funding compared to the amount of applications. I don't know how we're going to end up funding, because I know in the past we just kind of...

00:53:13.243 --> 00:53:21.243
funding things that we've already funded in the previous years, and I don't know if that's the right answer anymore, because we have so many new applications, it's...

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going to be more of, we might not fund...

00:53:23.778 --> 00:53:26.778
things we've funded for many years, and might fund new programs.

00:53:27.268 --> 00:53:29.268
If we allow them to...

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open the application process and have them apply, and maybe someone else applies.

00:53:36.492 --> 00:53:38.492
we won't have a summary of...

00:53:38.733 --> 00:53:41.733
their application by the time we're looking at

00:53:42.250 --> 00:53:44.250
We could do it with all these new applications.

00:53:45.885 --> 00:53:49.885
That's gonna burn out staff, I feel like. Yeah, it's not easy. I know it's not easy.

00:53:50.968 --> 00:53:56.968
Because my hope, if you do choose to do this, would be to do it as soon as possible, which would be March 16th.

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And then... and then if that happens, we can do it.

00:54:02.319 --> 00:54:06.319
I mean, if we end up doing that,

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That's a big if.

00:54:08.843 --> 00:54:12.843
I, like Jane said, you know, I would be considering them

00:54:12.982 --> 00:54:14.982
farther down on the list of...

00:54:15.983 --> 00:54:20.983
agencies to approve application... the application of the funding application for because of

00:54:21.804 --> 00:54:24.804
it... them being late, and...

00:54:25.081 --> 00:54:27.081
you know, other agencies...

00:54:27.300 --> 00:54:32.300
doing the due diligence, getting things done on time, showing that they have that track record of getting things done.

00:54:32.992 --> 00:54:36.992
Um, in a timely manner, I would probably fund other agencies first, and...

00:54:37.445 --> 00:54:43.445
you know, I know it's only 4%, but it is, you know, domestic violence, so I...

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I feel very conflicted about what to do in this situation, but I would probably...

00:54:49.828 --> 00:54:54.828
not approve to reopen the application at this time. I hate saying that.

00:54:55.377 --> 00:54:57.377
But yeah, that's... those are my thoughts.

00:54:57.735 --> 00:54:59.735
Thank you.

00:55:00.134 --> 00:55:05.134
You have a few thoughts about it. Um, I think if we opened up the system and allowed them to,

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Um, complete the application and turn it in, then, you know, I would want it to go probably to the bottom... bottom of the

00:55:12.452 --> 00:55:15.974
Um, because everyone else got it in, um, before then.

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before them, and um...

00:55:18.785 --> 00:55:21.785
I think it's inevitable they would probably deny them

00:55:21.942 --> 00:55:25.942
In that case, because of so many applications that we've turned in,

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And I think that giving them the heads up right now could help them to go ahead and organize and

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I have a plan for, um, what they're going to do financially.

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rather than wait until May to deny them, and then they may not have a plan, so...

00:55:42.018 --> 00:55:45.018
I think it maybe... may work out best to...

00:55:45.546 --> 00:55:50.546
um, denying now, instead of in the future, which I think would be inevitable anyway.

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Um, but I definitely think that domestic violence is a priority, and

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would want to... I'd want to approve all of them, um, but we have to be selective.

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Um, given the funds that are there.

00:56:06.872 --> 00:56:09.872

Thank you very much. I think that's a really important point about...

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You know, if we're going to have to make a difficult decision now versus later, is it better to make it now, not only for us, but also for

00:56:17.922 --> 00:56:19.922

Um, the agency to be able to

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apply for other funding.

00:56:23.176 --> 00:56:32.176

Any other comments? Um, so, I know that... I think, Molly, you had mentioned that we in the past, have done, like, about 4% of their funding.

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Do we know about how much, potentially, you know, you guys are requesting, or anything like that, potentially?

00:56:44.690 --> 00:56:49.690

Can we hold that question? Because I saw Emily wanted to speak as well.

00:56:51.820 --> 00:56:55.820

Thanks. Um, I don't have an argument one way or another, but I just want to highlight that

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we don't make decisions in this body on a first-come, first-served basis.

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You might be given a list, but just because one is at the bottom of the list doesn't mean that's how staff analyzes it.

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Right? It's the uniqueness of the population served, and where they fit in our overall goals. So, I just wanted to...

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highlight that. I mean, I don't think that we're skipping... I don't think that the order is so important. It's who are we passing over, and what needs are we not meeting.

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Is this a unique part of our portfolio?

00:57:25.830 --> 00:57:27.830
Thank you.

00:57:28.341 --> 00:57:30.341
Yeah, go ahead, Kyle.

00:57:31.059 --> 00:57:33.059
Um, looking at the memo, I think...

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to me, what it simply comes down to is it looks like in the past 5 years, we've...

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done this for 6 different agencies, and...

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In my mind, the precedent's been set.

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Um, that we do allow for this, especially, I mean, I've been serving on the Mental Health Board

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There was a little gap in there, but basically since 2017, and I think that we funded Courage Connection every year.

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So, this is... I mean, they're the only agency in town that's...

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specifically focused on domestic violence.

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And I think that, uh...

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you know, I think we should move forward with allowing, uh...

00:58:11.358 --> 00:58:13.358
to reopen the application process.

00:58:15.718 --> 00:58:17.718
All right, thank you.

00:58:19.867 --> 00:58:21.867
Yeah, do you have a comment?

00:58:21.914 --> 00:58:23.914

Okay, go... Lynn, go ahead.

00:58:25.759 --> 00:58:27.759

I just want to apologize to you, Jon, if... if...

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a lot of agencies submitted applications, we might have a hard time...

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getting it caught up. But even if we can do all of the things that we do on the schedule we've promised,

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I don't know that that's going to be very easy for the board, so...

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I apologize, your point is well taken, that it...

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It might just take longer to finish some of these processes. We've been lucky in the last few years to...

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keep on schedule, but...

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Anyway, that's up to you.

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just, I guess, remind me, did we...

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Last year with funding.

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Were we able to know...

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If we would be able to...

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We were able to look at the other...

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applications that had been submitted late at the time of making decisions for funding, right? You didn't have any late applications last year. It was a different situation because it was a new rule,

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About an audit being requested.

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And so there were two...

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Agencies, we reviewed them a little bit different schedule

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from the others, but then you all reviewed them only after the audits came?

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So there was... but everything was fully funded in the end.

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I mean, not everything was fully funded, but...

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But the requests that you opted to fund were fully funded.

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So...

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Um, I guess regarding the issue of precedent, um, I guess my take on the precedent is that in extenuating circumstances, we have made

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Um, we have granted special consideration and reopened the application system.

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I don't consider this to be an extenuating circumstances for them to have

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not completed it in time.

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Um, I think that if we are considering it a precedent to grant

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Um, especially...

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exceptions in all cases, then we should change our bylaws to simply allow it so that we not... do not have to belabor this point

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at meetings every year, I do think, um, the past two years, we did not have anyone ask

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to be, um...

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to have their late application.

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considered, um, we did, in 2023, we had several,

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Um, I think that if we continue to grant exceptions, we will continue to be asked for them.

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I think we will always be asked for exceptions, but I think we'll be asked for fewer if we...

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Um, if we don't, and I... but I think it does come down to, like,

01:01:00.114 --> 01:01:06.114
is the precedent that we do this, or is the precedent that we do this in extenuating circumstances, and how do we define that?

01:01:08.779 --> 01:01:11.779
Um, Jane, do you still want to ask your question?

01:01:12.835 --> 01:01:14.835
Um...

01:01:15.536 --> 01:01:22.536
I guess, out of curiosity, um, do you know about how much you are planning to request from the Mental Health Board?

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If you can come forward to the podium and turn on the mic, then, um, those online can hear and the recording can.

01:01:29.740 --> 01:01:32.740
Yes, it's, um, \$176,000.

01:01:38.178 --> 01:01:43.178
Thank you. I mean, I guess, in some ways, it might be a mute point, but I just, out of curiosity, I was wondering,

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Um, especially when, you know, it's been pointed out we're 4% of your funding, you know, but...

01:01:49.088 --> 01:01:57.088
Alright, thank you. Can I ask a follow-up? Um, what percentage of the overall budget is that \$176,000?

01:01:57.367 --> 01:01:59.367
It's approximately 5% now.

01:02:00.535 --> 01:02:07.535
Okay, thank you. While we have a representative up, is there any other questions from board members?

01:02:19.523 --> 01:02:24.523

All right, thank you very much, and if we do have other questions, we will definitely call a representative forward.

01:02:25.035 --> 01:02:28.035

Um, I do not...

01:02:28.075 --> 01:02:33.075

I'm not detecting a consensus. I know there are some board members who have said they would probably not.

01:02:33.771 --> 01:02:37.771

I approve this request, and other board members who said that we should.

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Um, is there anybody who hasn't shared their thoughts who would like to, or anybody who's...

01:02:43.475 --> 01:02:46.475

has a different perspective, um, maybe has changed their mind.

01:02:48.867 --> 01:02:54.867

I just have a question I need to consider this comprehensively. So, um, when we do decide...

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Uh, approvals, when we have a finalized list.

01:02:58.889 --> 01:03:04.889

can we... are we able to know the percentage of that amount for that, uh, agency's budget?

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Okay. So you have access to all of the applications. You might not yet.

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But the rest of the board doesn't.

01:03:15.026 --> 01:03:22.026

Um, and if you don't want to look at them online, we can print them for you, or send you electronic copies, and all that information is in there.

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In the staff reviews, we're going to tell you the percentage

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of the total program revenue that this request is, not the total agency revenue,

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But I think in... for this agency, total program and total agency are the same.

01:03:38.881 --> 01:03:43.806

But it is so... it is a detail that we can provide, um, upon request, or that you can see.

01:03:45.105 --> 01:03:52.105

Gotcha. Okay. Does that help? Yeah, that does help. I just need to think things through comprehensively. I think, you know, in terms of, like, the...

01:03:53.341 --> 01:04:01.341

the type of services that you pointed out, I think that's very crucial and important. Uh, the percentage of the agency's budget requests

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coming forward, and I think everything is contextual, right? I think...

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If we were to have late submissions, no contact, no nothing, then obviously, you know, um...

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I would probably lean on the side of not approving that.

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But since they did contact Leon, you know,

01:04:20.711 --> 01:04:28.711

You know, at the midnight hour, so to speak, I think that adds a little bit of context for me in the sense that it was just

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you know, barely late, and they were trying, essentially, to submit that through, so... I just wanted to note that as well, so...

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Add? Just, I appreciate that. I do... I want to make a comment that is not necessary until you're making decisions about funding, but just a reminder that...

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Um, just because you don't fund it doesn't mean it doesn't exist in the community, because the state is actually responsible for

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Some of the more intensive services that we all really count on, especially crisis services,

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And when the state is failing

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To fully fund crisis services, this is where the Mental Health Board money is very helpful. Like, you really can fill in gaps like that.

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I would say domestic violence and, um, sexual violence

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are areas where the state has let us down before, so it's kind of...

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That's one of the reasons we write about over... the overarching... not the overarching, but the...

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the context in which your funding sits, and it won't be so relevant until April or May.

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But it's... we just really need to pay attention to that. Like, domestic violence funding

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You know, we would think would be stable, and it is not, unfortunately, so...

01:05:48.390 --> 01:05:51.390

Yeah, go ahead. I'll be voting to reopen, um,

01:05:52.061 --> 01:05:57.061

I think... while I agree it would certainly simplify the decisions that we have, or that, I'm sorry,

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I'm gonna vote to reopen very selfishly, because it'll be you guys that have to make those decisions.

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But I understand that, um, imposing the deadline

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does simplify that decision. Um, but I think...

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looking at, holistically everything that has been

01:06:15.574 --> 01:06:20.574

suggested in the merits of what is being requested of this Mental Health Board.

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should be at the front of mind. Um, it seems...

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Like, the deadline would... I don't want to say... I want to say asinine. I think that there are better arguments for and against when we look at the needs of our community, and I know that

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You all will meet that challenge when it comes. So, again, I'll be voting to...

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Um, reopen.

01:06:39.756 --> 01:06:41.756

Thank you.

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I think, you know, Emily's point kind of just...

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Makes me think a little bit more about it.

01:06:50.716 --> 01:06:52.716

the decisions we're making, right? Like...

01:06:53.518 --> 01:06:58.518

making sure, do we... what services do we want to make sure we're providing or have in this community?

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Um...

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like you said, it's not a first-come, first-serve.

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For me, it's more of...

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how is this a sign of...

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Is the agency going to continue to...

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thrive, or are they going to continue to struggle, right?

01:07:16.660 --> 01:07:27.660

I don't... since I've been on... since December of 2019, I don't ever think we've had any issues with Courage Connection before, correct me if I'm wrong. Like, with late applications or audits or anything, we haven't had any, correct?

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Yeah. Oh, we have had issues with?

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We don't right now. We don't right now? Okay. We're having a...

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Great relationship these days, but it has been rocky.

01:07:38.482 --> 01:07:40.482

Yeah.

01:07:42.347 --> 01:07:46.347

And I guess I'm just looking at all the applications and trying to see what other...

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services are similar, and other than races, which isn't, like, an overlap, obviously.

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Not sure how much more we're funding.

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In this area.

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Even with the new applications, I don't see...

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things that are covering these...

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these things, so...

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at the end of the day, I don't know if I'm going to vote to approve the funding.

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I do worry about burnout for our staff.

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Um, because we have great staff, and I don't want to lose any of our great staff.

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For all the work that they've done over the years, so...

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I still don't know how I'm going to decide or to vote. I know I can kind of guess who's probably

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for reopening in and who's more of a hard no, and I think there's some undecided as well, but I'm not sure.

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I, um, did want to, uh, share...

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Um, a little bit of information that I know, which is... I, um...

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RACES provides...

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similar, but not the same services, because

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Um, there's...

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relationship with, uh, state coalitions around sexual assault and domestic violence.

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And certain agencies are contracted to provide those specific services, and

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Um, while there's occasionally overlap, it's, like, a very clear delineation, um...

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Between those two coalitions, and thus between races and Courage Connection on who provides domestic violence.

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Who provides sexual assault.

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Um, even right down to the forms of orders of protection, um,

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and no-contact orders in the courthouse are delineated by this type of order is done by this type of order is done by Courage Connection.

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Um, so it... they are...

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while other services in the community may...

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Um, have some overlap with domestic violence, they are the dedicated domestic violence service provider.

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I think I'm still planning to vote to not approve, um...

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If the... if we comprised a much larger portion of their budget, I would be much more concerned, but since we are only 5%,

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I, um, do think that...

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the, um... I suspect the funding will remain stable.

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Um, maybe that is a risk for me, too.

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to suspect, but that's... that's a big consideration for me, is...

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you know, what percentage of their budget overall are we? And as, um, Tony said,

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If we decide to, you know, not...

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move forward with this now.

01:10:17.472 --> 01:10:21.671

Does that give them the opportunity to fill that gap through another funding source?

01:10:28.046 --> 01:10:34.046

I think it's a good point, Emily, that you make. It's a very difficult decision to make.

01:10:34.553 --> 01:10:36.553

Uh, so we don't know as far as...

01:10:36.556 --> 01:10:39.556

Um, what other organizations offer.

01:10:40.773 --> 01:10:42.773

Um, domestic violence programming.

01:10:43.316 --> 01:10:47.316

Um, it sounds like not too many other programs that we fund.

01:10:48.526 --> 01:10:51.526

Um, so, I mean, I think that's an important point to make, um...

01:10:52.244 --> 01:10:57.244

So, if we chose to let them, um...

01:10:57.801 --> 01:11:02.801

you know, put in the application, it would still come down to, you know, funding in May and...

01:11:03.934 --> 01:11:06.934

could still possibly decide to deny them at that point.

01:11:07.476 --> 01:11:09.476

Because of that, um...

01:11:14.412 --> 01:11:18.412

So, uh, I think it's a challenging decision for sure, either way.

01:11:20.610 --> 01:11:23.610

Well, when I came in here tonight, I had a...

01:11:23.866 --> 01:11:25.866

plan.

01:11:26.676 --> 01:11:33.676

And, um, you know, I haven't been touched by domestic violence, but, you know, I'm really emotional right now about this.

01:11:34.864 --> 01:11:36.864

And I'm leaning more towards

01:11:36.863 --> 01:11:39.012

approving us opening it up again.

01:11:39.374 --> 01:11:42.374

yes, there's the chance that we're going to have more applicants.

01:11:42.729 --> 01:11:47.729

Um, yes, there's a little bit more work for our staff, there's some cost to repost it, I mean,

01:11:47.927 --> 01:11:53.927

Things like that. And I like what John said. Just because we open it up is not a promise.

01:11:55.027 --> 01:11:57.027

that we will grant any funding.

01:11:56.874 --> 01:11:58.874

Um, but I think...

01:12:00.166 --> 01:12:10.166

Yeah, there's other organizations that touch on domestic violence, but this is the main one. When people are in a domestic violence situation, this is where we refer them.

01:12:10.257 --> 01:12:12.257

This is the name they know.

01:12:12.759 --> 01:12:16.759

Um, we are not their main provider, so again,

01:12:17.650 --> 01:12:21.650

Yes, they would like our estimated \$176,000, but if in the end,

01:12:21.753 --> 01:12:23.753
we say no.

01:12:24.405 --> 01:12:30.405
they're not gonna close down, and I feel like it gives them an opportunity to maybe get a piece of that, if possible.

01:12:31.605 --> 01:12:33.605
Um, but also kind of gives them an opportunity

01:12:33.604 --> 01:12:39.787
Okay, hey, we need to find a fundraiser, or we need to find something to maybe make up some ground, because we may get

01:12:40.256 --> 01:12:42.256
All of that, none of it,

01:12:43.048 --> 01:12:45.048
are a little bit in the middle. So, um...

01:12:47.054 --> 01:12:51.054
I would be willing to make a motion unless someone else has, um, any other comments.

01:12:57.377 --> 01:13:03.377
Um, I, as chair, I'm detecting a consensus to approve the request, so, um...

01:13:04.869 --> 01:13:06.869
I will go ahead and make that motion.

01:13:06.869 --> 01:13:09.376
Um, so I do move...

01:13:09.769 --> 01:13:14.769
to approve the request from Courage Connection for additional time... well, okay, let me back up.

01:13:16.155 --> 01:13:21.155
We... if we do this motion to approve and we vote yes, then we do need to make a second motion.

01:13:21.155 --> 01:13:22.085
Um...

01:13:23.673 --> 01:13:31.673
So, um, I can... we can... the second motion is to allow CCMHB staff additional time to review.

01:13:31.673 --> 01:13:34.525
Um, which I think that we should do. So actually, um...

01:13:34.525 --> 01:13:42.546

I do not plan to vote yes on this, though, so it probably doesn't make sense for me to make the motion, so I can make the second motion if we... if it, um,

01:13:43.012 --> 01:13:48.012
we vote yes. If the consensus is yes, though. So, Jane, do you want to go ahead and...

01:13:47.778 --> 01:13:49.778
make it.

01:13:53.618 --> 01:14:00.618
All right, I will make a motion to approve the request from Courage Connection for additional time to complete a

01:14:01.024 --> 01:14:14.024
PY2027 funding request by authorizing CCMHB staff to publish a second PY2027 notification of funding availability at least 21 days in advance

01:14:14.720 --> 01:14:17.720
of other... of another open application period.

01:14:18.555 --> 01:14:24.555
Second, Rodriguez. All right, Sprandel moves. Rodriguez seconds. Any final discussion?

01:14:31.451 --> 01:14:34.451
Alright, the motion has been clearly stated. May we have a roll call?

01:14:36.013 --> 01:14:38.013
Jon Paul Youakim.

01:14:42.364 --> 01:14:44.364
Yes.

01:14:46.065 --> 01:14:48.065
Alejandro Gomez.

01:14:48.811 --> 01:14:50.811
Yes.

01:14:51.051 --> 01:14:53.051
Tony Nichols.

01:14:53.146 --> 01:14:55.146
Yes.

01:14:55.082 --> 01:14:57.082
Kyle Patterson.

01:14:57.233 --> 01:14:59.233
Yes.

01:14:58.939 --> 01:15:00.939

Elaine Palencia.

01:15:00.679 --> 01:15:02.679
Yes.

01:15:02.984 --> 01:15:04.984
Jane Sprandel.

01:15:04.944 --> 01:15:06.944
Yes.

01:15:06.093 --> 01:15:08.093
Molly McLay.

01:15:08.911 --> 01:15:11.911
No. We still need Emily Rodriguez.

01:15:12.086 --> 01:15:14.086
Oh, sorry. Emily Rodriguez.

01:15:14.877 --> 01:15:19.877
Yes. All right, the ayes have it, the motion passes.

01:15:19.932 --> 01:15:25.932
Um, so, um, I will make that second motion to allow CCMHB staff

01:15:26.321 --> 01:15:31.321
additional time to review any PYI 2027 funding requests submitted during
this second

01:15:32.150 --> 01:15:41.150
open period and to develop related summaries and allocation scenarios
with both activities along a timeline different from that posted in
allocation process documents.

01:15:42.006 --> 01:15:47.006
Second. All right, McLay moves, Palencia seconds. Any final discussion on
this?

01:15:49.352 --> 01:15:52.352
Including, does anyone need further explanation about this motion?

01:15:57.004 --> 01:16:00.004
Seeing none, the motion has been clearly stated. May we have a roll call?

01:16:02.874 --> 01:16:04.874
Jane Sprandel.

01:16:04.873 --> 01:16:06.470
Yes.

01:16:06.470 --> 01:16:07.385
Jon Paul Youakim.

01:16:07.250 --> 01:16:09.250

Yes.

01:16:09.250 --> 01:16:10.202

Alejandro Gomez.

01:16:10.466 --> 01:16:12.466

Yes.

01:16:12.466 --> 01:16:13.240

Nichols.

01:16:13.252 --> 01:16:15.252

Yes.

01:16:15.252 --> 01:16:15.897

Kyle Patterson.

01:16:15.896 --> 01:16:17.199

Yes.

01:16:17.200 --> 01:16:18.012

Elaine Palencia.

01:16:18.011 --> 01:16:19.358

Yes.

01:16:18.735 --> 01:16:20.735

Emily Rodriguez.

01:16:20.735 --> 01:16:22.346

Yes.

01:16:21.116 --> 01:16:23.116

Molly McLay.

01:16:22.755 --> 01:16:24.755

On this one, I vote yes.

01:16:26.728 --> 01:16:29.728

Because I want the staff to have more time.

01:16:30.995 --> 01:16:35.995

Alright, with that, the motion passes. Um, so we can now move on.

01:16:37.021 --> 01:16:42.021

After this very laborious discussion, to new business, where we do not have anything to vote on.

01:16:43.232 --> 01:16:49.232

So, the next item, um, for new business is review of applications for PY2027 funding.

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These are on pages 39 through 44.

01:16:52.915 --> 01:17:03.915

For information only, the packet includes a briefing memorandum on the process for reviewing funding requests with a checklist for optional use by board members, a list of applications is also attached, and there is an addendum

01:17:04.377 --> 01:17:07.377

with some corrections to the list that was originally in the packet.

01:17:08.126 --> 01:17:10.126

So, Lynn, would you please take it away?

01:17:11.931 --> 01:17:19.931

Um, oh, thank you for the last motion. I appreciate y'all giving us extra time. We will do our best not to take extra time, but it is...

01:17:20.790 --> 01:17:22.790

Right? It's great to have that. Okay.

01:17:23.279 --> 01:17:28.279

Um, so thank you for the consideration and the comments. Um, this is about how...

01:17:28.536 --> 01:17:36.536

How you all will approach these applications. Um, it's based on what we've done in the last few years,

01:17:36.537 --> 01:17:41.155

Really, no big changes to the process that you all have used,

01:17:41.533 --> 01:17:49.533

Except for maybe one thing, and I don't know if I even made it very clear, but I think, given the very real considerations of

01:17:49.541 --> 01:17:51.541

Um...

01:17:52.362 --> 01:17:58.362

infectious diseases, and just, like, the hospital is full, right? You guys...

01:17:58.678 --> 01:18:03.678

are full. People are sick. I don't think we should require agencies to be here in person

01:18:03.677 --> 01:18:06.073

When we're reviewing their applications, I think

01:18:06.426 --> 01:18:08.426

just making sure that they come

01:18:08.426 --> 01:18:15.398

at least online should be enough. I think they've proven to be good communicators in that forum, so...

01:18:15.413 --> 01:18:17.413
That's the one thing I'd like to just...

01:18:17.412 --> 01:18:19.830
Just turn it down a little bit.

01:18:19.830 --> 01:18:25.625
Is that... if that's alright with y'all. And I think our staff also do very well participating online when needed, so...

01:18:26.404 --> 01:18:32.404
Just... a lot of people are sick these days, and I just keep thinking that it's so unfair to make everyone come here in April.

01:18:32.404 --> 01:18:34.940
So, anyway... It also makes the...

01:18:34.970 --> 01:18:36.970
the meeting more accessible, too.

01:18:39.316 --> 01:18:48.316
So that was... that was really the only change I made. Obviously, like, I updated the dates, because we have, you know, a different set of Wednesdays every year.

01:18:48.685 --> 01:18:53.685
Some of the dates are study sessions, so for those, it's even nice if board members

01:18:54.910 --> 01:19:03.910
need to participate virtually, but, um, the really important dates are when we promise to deliver you the products, and then the other important information is

01:19:03.910 --> 01:19:07.959
How do you want to... if you want to look at applications, what's the best way for you

01:19:08.691 --> 01:19:12.691
To look in. You want to see everything? Do you want to look online? Do you want paper copies?

01:19:12.691 --> 01:19:19.631
you know, of what we've printed already? Do you want electronic copies of what we've got, or do you want everything? Or do you want to wait?

01:19:19.631 --> 01:19:25.391
And just decide later, um, do you want to rely heavily on the staff summaries? All of that is fine.

01:19:25.606 --> 01:19:29.606

The big thing then next is for the board chair

01:19:29.606 --> 01:19:37.720

to look at the assignments of reviewers, if you all like that approach. But otherwise, that's all, really, that I have to say. We updated

01:19:38.671 --> 01:19:41.671

The checklist, too, and then this was the original

01:19:42.460 --> 01:19:49.460

Um, in your... in the first version of the packet, I had missed a couple things. They were pretty consequential, so...

01:19:49.460 --> 01:19:51.656

That addendum, um,

01:19:51.997 --> 01:19:56.997

I'll stop sharing. That's also posted online, and you have it. That's accurate, I think?

01:19:57.494 --> 01:20:00.494

So, if we find any more errors, we'll, you know, keep

01:20:00.496 --> 01:20:06.114

We'll keep updating it, but this'll appear in subsequent packets as well, so that's it.

01:20:07.910 --> 01:20:12.910

Thank you. Lynn, where are the addenda? Um, where... I did not get one.

01:20:13.949 --> 01:20:15.949

I got an email, but, um, thank you.

01:20:18.195 --> 01:20:23.195

I have it on my computer, but I would like to see it in front of me. Yes, yes.

01:20:24.304 --> 01:20:26.304

Um, any discussion from board?

01:20:28.407 --> 01:20:31.407

Um, one thought that I have, um...

01:20:31.407 --> 01:20:36.656

You know, I don't... I don't have a lot of time to read, and I'm not a big reader. Elaine, she's our...

01:20:36.657 --> 01:20:42.385

extraordinaire and reads every word, thank God. Um, I really appreciate the staff.

01:20:42.552 --> 01:20:45.552

reports, um, because to me,

01:20:45.552 --> 01:20:51.129

the biggest things are right there, and if I read those and I have a question,

01:20:51.129 --> 01:20:57.696

I've never had a problem saying, hey, Lynn, Leon, you know, can you explain this better? So, for me,

01:20:57.784 --> 01:21:03.784

That's been beneficial, and I'd be more than willing to explain to you a little more, because I know you're like, what is she talking about?

01:21:05.495 --> 01:21:12.495

Um, so personally, I like the things, but I think some of us, you know, Elaine might be one, she's like, I want the darn applica...

01:21:12.494 --> 01:21:15.666

Exactly, and I have done both before, but then I realize sometimes...

01:21:16.405 --> 01:21:18.405

I have a lot of paper, and I don't read

01:21:18.405 --> 01:21:23.375

all of it. And so I hate to waste resources, to be honest. I'd rather say, hey,

01:21:24.115 --> 01:21:28.115

And there have been times where I'll be like, hey, Lynn, can you print the whole application of this one?

01:21:29.350 --> 01:21:32.350

Um, so that's just kind of my personal opinion, um...

01:21:32.915 --> 01:21:37.915

And we could do it a member-by-member basis, and we could just let Lynn know, hey, I want

01:21:38.450 --> 01:21:41.450

These are just... give me the abridged versions.

01:21:44.648 --> 01:21:49.648

like, way more than y'all need to know, but if you want me to print stuff,

01:21:50.875 --> 01:21:53.875

If you want us to Print stuff, it might be good to wait until

01:21:53.875 --> 01:21:55.902

the first week of March. Just...

01:21:56.940 --> 01:22:00.940

Everything is ready to go. I can send you electronic copies of anything,

01:22:00.972 --> 01:22:03.972

I can give you access to the online system, but for...

01:22:05.113 --> 01:22:12.113

making paper copies. We just... we have a lot of demands on our time for the next... for the rest of February.

01:22:12.614 --> 01:22:14.614

So, just to... if it's okay, if we...

01:22:14.790 --> 01:22:16.790

Is that okay? All right.

01:22:17.670 --> 01:22:19.670

That seems totally fine. And I mean,

01:22:20.735 --> 01:22:25.735

Um, we will definitely have time to discuss process, you know, as we get closer to...

01:22:25.736 --> 01:22:30.639

Um, when we do reviews, but I know, you know, last year we did make some changes.

01:22:30.639 --> 01:22:36.377

Um, to the way we did the board reviews, where we had, um, the staff

01:22:37.211 --> 01:22:40.211

Leon and Chandra both, uh, alternating, give...

01:22:40.475 --> 01:22:45.475

high-level summaries so that the board discussion could be more concentrated on

01:22:46.170 --> 01:22:49.170

our questions, and less of a pull toward...

01:22:49.914 --> 01:22:52.914

The board summarizing what is in the program summaries.

01:22:52.941 --> 01:22:54.941

And I think that worked well, um...

01:22:55.267 --> 01:23:02.267

And then, you know, having different board members assigned to different applications, but giving everybody the opportunity to ask questions.

01:23:02.456 --> 01:23:07.456

Um, worked well, but of course, if anybody has suggestions on

01:23:07.455 --> 01:23:09.571

ways to improve the process.

01:23:09.572 --> 01:23:14.702

Um, I know we went through, like, we talked to each board member, uh,

01:23:14.701 --> 01:23:16.821
fall 2024 to...

01:23:17.333 --> 01:23:20.333
come up with ideas to change the process for...

01:23:20.950 --> 01:23:22.950
Spring 2025, so we could definitely...

01:23:23.132 --> 01:23:26.132
We're past fall 2025, so we won't be doing the...

01:23:26.334 --> 01:23:29.334
asking each board member, but if anybody does have

01:23:30.260 --> 01:23:35.260
feedback or things that they want to change about the way the board
discussion went can definitely

01:23:35.801 --> 01:23:39.801
talk about it, and you can also let Lynn and I know, um, as well.

01:23:40.831 --> 01:23:43.831
Any other comments or questions from the board?

01:23:44.422 --> 01:23:49.422
Um, this might be overstepping, since I'm just the vice chair.

01:23:50.871 --> 01:24:06.871
I know that we've went back and forth as far as sometimes we can say,
hey, these are some agencies that I'm really passionate about, or
whatever, and maybe if it's acceptable to Molly, maybe we could say, hey,
these are agencies I want to dig in deeper with, whether it is we have a...

01:24:07.677 --> 01:24:13.677
Um... I don't want to say a personal interest, because I'm not saying we're
advocating for some agencies more than others.

01:24:13.860 --> 01:24:19.860
Um, but there are some agencies that I know of better, and so I'm gonna
maybe have more

01:24:19.791 --> 01:24:21.791
deeper questions.

01:24:21.875 --> 01:24:27.875
than just being like, well, I don't even know what they do. So, um, so
that would be, I guess, one of my things.

01:24:28.178 --> 01:24:34.178
If Molly and Lynn were okay, maybe if we were to give some suggestions,
these are the types of agencies

01:24:34.933 --> 01:24:36.933
that I do feel more, you know, um...

01:24:37.398 --> 01:24:51.398
Maybe even educated to talk about, or things like that. In terms of being, like... like, you would maybe be like, hey, Lynn and Molly, these are some agencies I would feel comfortable with, like, taking the lead on the review in the meeting. Yes, yes. I see what you mean, yeah.

01:24:52.260 --> 01:24:59.260
I think, like, that, um... last year when we made the slight adjustment, part of it was to pair together

01:24:59.254 --> 01:25:05.254
um, board members, um, like, those who had been on the board longer and those who had been on the board less long.

01:25:05.345 --> 01:25:12.345
to work together on various applications, um, and we tried to consider what kinds of agencies board members would,

01:25:12.791 --> 01:25:20.791
want to talk about, but I think, you know, we're definitely open to hearing, like, if there's specific ones that you feel most comfortable with.

01:25:20.791 --> 01:25:23.759
And I think in prior years, that was the case, too, so...

01:25:23.990 --> 01:25:25.990
I'm definitely okay with that.

01:25:27.899 --> 01:25:29.899
Any other comments?

01:25:39.551 --> 01:25:43.551
All right, well, seeing none, we will move on next to reports.

01:25:44.882 --> 01:25:47.882
Um, so we will start with staff reports. These are on pages

01:25:47.703 --> 01:25:52.703
45 through 50, from information only, staff reports are included in the packet.

01:25:54.110 --> 01:25:58.110
Any, um, comments or questions from the board about the staff reports?

01:26:05.320 --> 01:26:10.320
Um, so I would like to ask a question and make a comment, um, and this is...

01:26:11.406 --> 01:26:15.406

Uh, for any staff, but I know, um, one in particular who worked a lot on this, so...

01:26:15.405 --> 01:26:24.072

Um, I believe Kim Bowdry mentioned in her staff report about working on a newsletter for the CCMHB and CCDB.

01:26:24.353 --> 01:26:28.353

There may have been others who worked on it as well, and if so, please, uh...

01:26:28.617 --> 01:26:30.617

tell me. Um...

01:26:31.724 --> 01:26:40.724

But I... I know that at the time of the staff report, I do not think that the newsletter had gone out, but after the staff report was, um, provided to the packet,

01:26:40.724 --> 01:26:43.938

Um, I... the first version of the newsletter did come out.

01:26:44.035 --> 01:26:49.035

So I was wondering if any staff members would be willing to talk about the newsletter,

01:26:50.313 --> 01:26:53.313

Um, and we can have an opportunity to just learn about it a little.

01:26:56.234 --> 01:26:59.234

Well, Kim Bowdry's online, I don't know if she wants to talk about it.

01:26:59.073 --> 01:27:01.073

It was... it was...

01:27:01.703 --> 01:27:06.703

really, like, everybody helped with selecting a product, and then... and we were, like,

01:27:07.764 --> 01:27:10.764

So happy to have consensus around a great product, and then

01:27:11.496 --> 01:27:13.496

It all fell apart, and Kim saved the day.

01:27:15.253 --> 01:27:21.253

Yeah, I can... I'd be happy to answer any questions. It was a very challenging ordeal to find a...

01:27:21.916 --> 01:27:27.916

product that was able to go from just a newsletter to be a newsletter that was emailed out to the public.

01:27:28.269 --> 01:27:35.269

Um, so I am currently gathering information for a newsletter for March,

01:27:35.757 --> 01:27:41.757

Um, if you guys have anything that you would like to be included, please send that to me so that I can

01:27:42.623 --> 01:27:44.623

Um, get that put into the March newsletter. I...

01:27:44.963 --> 01:27:48.963

I don't really have anything else to say about it, unless anyone has specific questions.

01:27:51.772 --> 01:27:53.772

Thank you. Um...

01:27:53.682 --> 01:27:55.682

It looks awesome.

01:27:56.545 --> 01:28:01.545

Um, I know that, at least from my perspective, I have been talking with Lynn for a long time about

01:28:02.516 --> 01:28:06.516

How are there ways that we can do more dissemination of, um,

01:28:06.516 --> 01:28:14.623

what the boards do for the community, because I've heard from community members who are like, I don't know, how do I find out information about the boards?

01:28:14.622 --> 01:28:16.945

Um, and, you know, like...

01:28:17.268 --> 01:28:27.268

people want to know more. Um, and so we... but I know trying to figure out a way to disseminate information that also meets all of the, um,

01:28:27.319 --> 01:28:30.319

requirements for, like, record keeping and...

01:28:30.545 --> 01:28:40.545

um, Open Meetings Act and all of that stuff is very challenging, not to mention designing a newsletter, um, selecting a product, all of those different things, but...

01:28:40.545 --> 01:28:45.339

Um, I did not know that it was ready to come out, and when I got the email the other day, I...

01:28:45.831 --> 01:28:47.831

probably squealed in my...

01:28:48.380 --> 01:28:51.380

on my couch, because I was just like, this is so cool.

01:28:51.849 --> 01:29:04.849

Um, it looks beautiful, and it's a great way for the community, um, to be more informed about all the things that are happening in, um, in the mental health, substance use, and developmental disabilities here, so...

01:29:05.174 --> 01:29:08.174

Uh, bravo to all who worked on it, um, and...

01:29:08.844 --> 01:29:12.844

please other, uh, board members, please share any comments or questions you have.

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Well, my apologies, um, Kim. I'm... I think as I was reading it, I immediately texted Lynn and was like, oh my gosh, I love this, it's amazing, blah blah blah.

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And she's like, that's mainly Kim, and I don't think that I sent you a thank you email, but it was amazing. Thank you so much for all your work.

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And your peers, who I'm sure did a little bit of work.

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Any other comments?

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You actually did send a thank you email, so you're welcome.

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Any other comments or questions?

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Yes, Lynn? So, there won't be staff reports, at least not from these folks, for the next couple months, because they need to really focus on the review of applications. There are...

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you know, we'll be doing all our committee meetings and stuff, but...

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not... not summarizing them.

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You will get a staff report from me that will be one of the more tiresome

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documents you'll ever see. 40 pages of conference notes, or something like that.

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Um, and then once Chris and I figure out an accessible format for his year-to-date

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statements of account for each of the funds,

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That'll come back, too. That could happen in March or April, but...

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Um, would take a break from these staff reports, so I'm glad you enjoyed them. I thought they were lovely. They are all ADA compliant, by the way.

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whoops, I guess I had that mic on.

01:30:52.545 --> 01:30:56.545
Um, wonderful to hear. I did have a question about the newsletter.

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Um, how would people go about signing up for it?

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If they want to receive the emails.

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Um, they could email me. Oh.

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They're gonna mail Kim? Okay.

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All right, Lynn. They can email me, or there's also a link, um, that...

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I can send you to share out with people that they can, um...

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click on and put in their information to subscribe.

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Is that something that could be added to the website?

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to the board website, like, if you want to get our newsletter,

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Click here. We could, just know that there's a lot on the website already, and one of the things about accessibility is to

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keep it simple. But we can certainly... we can...

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Which website are you talking about?

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Um, I guess any of the board websites?

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Okay, we can just... Just, it's a thought.

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No, it's fine, we could do... maybe we'll do all of them.

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That's... so, Kim, that'll be a fun project for you and me in the next couple of days.

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We can do it. Okay.

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Well, and I had even jotted down the, um...

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the expo web page and the social media pages of Expo, but I... I know that we kind of a little bit in limbo with that, so it's not like I expected, oh, are you our... No, those... all that stuff is gonna continue, we just don't know what it's gonna say, but we'll...

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But we need to make sure it's all ADA compliant.

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But there's nothing wrong with us adding this message to each one of those.

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We just... it just might take a little bit to get it all done.

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Any other comments on the staff reports?

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

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We will have an oral update provided.

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And, of course, as always, um, links to the resources developed by the team is included in the packet as well.

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Oh, take it away!

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Well, good evening, everyone. Happy hump day!

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It's almost over, woohoo! Um...

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I'm gonna keep this short, um, wanna thank Kim for giving a shout-out for all the evaluation stuff in the newsletter. We do newsletters every month, I know how much they take to do.

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But our hope is that giving out the information, especially about our office hours, is gonna have agencies and programs lining up to just get some

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Quick evaluation assistance through our office hours, so they're on demand, and people can sign up at any time.

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Um, we are providing technical assistance, so in-depth technical assistance, to three different programs. That is going really well.

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working on, uh, different needs that they have in terms of survey development, as well as thinking about logic models and other components of evaluation.

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Uh, so whatever it is that they need, we're providing that to them.

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We are also, um, working on the microlearning that I had talked about last time, which is

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Helping agencies and programs learn how to create their own surveys into Microsoft

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forms, or Google Forms, and we have a one-pager that's going along with that, so that... and it will be ADA compliant.

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Um, so that agencies and programs can utilize both the video as well as the written text and follow along with it.

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We've been working with our working group, and so we thought we would do an in-person training on

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how to actually implement the Microsoft Forms or Google Forms for creating a survey.

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And then we decided, based on the needs of our working group members, is that they also need help with creating an evaluation plan.

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plan. And so that will help to create institutional knowledge within different agencies and programs as to what they're evaluating, how they're going to evaluate it, and so forth, and actually write it down as a plan.

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So that it's not just one person in a program knowing what they're doing, and then if they were to

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be promoted, or move somewhere else, that... that information is lost. So we're actually gonna put the two together.

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into an in-person training, uh, that's gonna be a little bit longer, but putting the, uh, survey component of data collection into the evaluation plan

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So that they can learn how to create the plan, as well as learn how to

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use these other resources for collecting the data that they need to for their programs.

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And, uh, we also are working on our report, which will come to the board April 30th, as per the due date.

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And then we'll present that probably in May, so...

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I know it's riveting and exciting for that. You're like, May and February already, it's gonna be here, like, tomorrow, but it's okay.

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So those are our updates. I welcome any questions, comments, concerns.

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I also didn't introduce myself, I'm Jacinda Dariotis in case you didn't know that.

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Thank you so much, and agree, May will be here before we know it, and the weather today definitely, uh...

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previewed that, um, any...

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Um, questions or comments from the board on this?

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Alright, well, thank you very much for the update. We really appreciate all of your work.

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Well, thank you. Have a great night. Thanks.

01:36:23.905 --> 01:36:31.905
And we will next move on to the Community Behavioral Health Needs Assessment activities, um, an oral update will be provided by Lynn Canfield.

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I think I... maybe... hopefully I shared that there's... there are work groups, maybe I shared that a few weeks ago. Work groups, if you're interested, there's a meeting of the steering committee - and I'm gonna have to miss it -

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This coming Monday.

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So, hopefully I'll get some information after the meeting, and then I can...

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Put that in the next board packet.

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So... Great to hear. Any questions or comments from the board?

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All right, seeing none, we will next move to Disability Resource Expo and AIR updates. Oral update will be provided

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potentially by Lynn and or others.

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And our, um, links to these programs is also included in the packet.

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We did have one meeting of the special committee,

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to... to talk about what the expo should be next.

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Just one meeting, but I got a lot of input after the meeting, too, so I've sent a summary.

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And with - Dr. Dariotis provided notes from that meeting to send that out to all of the people

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In that core group, we are really having a hard time coming up with a date that everyone can make to the... to talk again. We also don't want to burden these people with too many committee meetings, so we're just trying to... we're trying to define some specific activities

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Other than having a Zoom meeting and talking about the same things again.

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But, um, I felt like some really great ideas came out of that first meeting, so I have some hope

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for it. Um, I don't have a lot of hope for a huge in-person event within 2026.

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thinking if we're gonna do it again, it won't be this year.

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So, that's what we...

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I do know, right?

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Um, yeah, I mean, I think that it was a good first meeting, um...

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And I think we all know we have to make changes.

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And it's hard to pinpoint exactly what changes, and so, um...

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Yeah, I know that some feedback was sent to you, so I'm kind of eager to see how that all...

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comes together and stuff.

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So we probably... the next meeting of that group will probably be March 23rd.

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That's... we could be missing two people if we choose that day. Anyway, so that...

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That's in progress. I was encouraged by the input that we got during and after that meeting.

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For AIR, for the Alliance for Inclusion and Respect, um, participating in this surprise last EbertFest,

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They have selected a film for us, a couple of us have looked at it, it's quite nice, it's a little bit...

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It's a little bit gentle, shall I say?

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Um, it's about a music therapist, and kind of deals with issues of burnout and grief and substance use, like, all the good stuff that...

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We talk about and should talk about. It's the, um...

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The prime actor, the main actor, director, and writer is one person, and they're going to bring her here, so we're looking for someone good.

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Uh, Ms. Summerville has an idea for a good panelist

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to put with her, to respond about music therapy. So, that's really nice. It's called Charliebird. You're the first people, I'm saying that to, but...

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Um, I have sent out an email to the large group of AIR members and heard back only from about 6 people about what they want to do, with some enthusiasm, so I'm thinking, maybe I'll just

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reach back to those people only about, like, let's have a meeting and figure out exactly what we want to do, and just do it.

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So, but usually we don't have to do a lot, because the festival...

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does most of the work. We just have to...

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find some sandwiches for the artists and make some pretty ads

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to promote their work.

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So, anyway.

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Very good news to hear. Any questions or comments from the board?

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Alright, seeing none, we can next move to PY2025 Utilization and Outcome Results.

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These are on pages 51 through 74 of the packet for information, a summary of PY25 utilization and outcome results is included.

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So, Lynn and or whoever you designate, please share more about these. I know you all must be tired, and I'm so sorry to save the most wonderful

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for last. This is, to me, this is huge, um, both...

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Both Leon Bryson and Kim Bowdry finished something this year that

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Well, Kim did it the last couple years, too, but, like, this year they...

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They just really got it

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And included the very high-level summary of outcomes in each of these utilization reports. So now you know

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Not just whether the agencies met their targets for numbers of people served and numbers of contacts, but also whether they met their targets for the... what the outcome was for the people they served, and I just...

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Love this, I'm so appreciative, Leon. It was a lot of work, and then there's... the next thing is also...

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Lynn, so is that okay if I just give... okay.

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As long as your willingness... Understatement.

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Yeah, so a lot of work went into it. What you're looking at currently is just a...

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a set of aggregate reports, um, for the, uh, program year 20...

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25 of the outstanding work that was done by all of our agencies. And so,

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This is where your money's at. And, um...

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I'm impressed by, uh, the outcomes, and again,

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just compiling all of this took, you know, some time.

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Um, hopefully you'll take the time to comb through it, uh, when you... when you get a chance, and...

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And just appreciate the quality of work.

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and the services that are being provided to our, uh, community.

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Um, and so...

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This is just a utilization... not just, but this is the actual utilizations, um,

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results and consumer outcomes.

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Um... yeah, I'll pause right there. I don't know if you need to go to the next one or not.

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Um...

01:42:53.109 --> 01:42:57.109

Um, any questions or comments from board members on this?

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Just a... just a comment. I... I... it's too much to read all at once, you know, but I just kind of looked at some of them, and it was interesting. I was thinking...

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the difference in some of them that

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you know, there were... there was a big difference in target and what was
actually done, and you could see trends a little bit, I think, toward
what's going to need more services, maybe?

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And I think that's very useful for us when...

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When agencies end up serving a lot more than they thought they would, and
then you think about, well, how's that gonna...

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affect funding and so on, so it seems like it's very useful for planning.

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For sure. So, thank you.

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If I may, uh, make a comment, I think so as well, um, especially when I'm
doing side visits, I get a chance to talk with the agencies about

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Um, where they are with their current targets versus their annuals, and
so this, um, gives a great,

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Um, picture of...

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you know, how close or how far they are off.

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Um, just, you know...

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just a good conversation.

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Um, and, uh, agencies are very receptive to,

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discussing that, um, so...

01:44:15.674 --> 01:44:20.674
It's... it's a nice report. Again, it's, uh...

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I would say ADA compliant? It is. Yeah, um, that took some time to just
getting the format and, uh...

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alt texts and all that together, but...

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We did it, and uh... this is just the outs... again, outstanding work that, you know, our agencies are doing.

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Uh, for the second quarter. No, that's another... Oh, I'm sorry, I hadn't jumped. I jumped. Well, yeah, I'm... I'm blending the two, but they're, you know, one is for the year, and the other one is for...

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The second quarter of PY26, and so...

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Uh, I'm just trying to speed up the meeting, apparently.

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Um... But you... you've...

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I'm sorry? I'm not just jump in, because the source documents that you... that you got, the outcome, this is year-end PY25,

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The source documents that he used include some really interesting narrative, like, optional comments from agencies

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Especially if they were dealing with a surprise result. So, if you're really... if you really want to deep dive into what they've found,

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It's all there, and we've looked at it, and I think

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You know, there's all kinds of things to read, but I like that stuff the most, because that's what you're paying for.

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Anyway, but yes, Leon has a whole second triumph over

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ADA compliance barriers.

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Again, you just get a good picture, a good image of what's going on.

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Uh, within the, uh, agency in terms of, um,

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their services that they're providing.

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Uh, again...

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I'm very, you know, impressed by what's happening. Uh, they're getting their reports in on time, uh, which makes my job a lot easier.

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Um, and...

01:46:03.685 --> 01:46:05.685

Keep up the good work.

01:46:07.621 --> 01:46:16.621

Thank you very much. So, I guess we're sort of taking these two items together, the utilization outcome results, which are pages 51 to 74, and then also the second quarter.

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program activity reports on pages 75 through 128.

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Um, I... does... do any board members have any comments or questions about either of those?

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I do have a comment on the first item. Unfortunately, I did not get to read the quarterly reports beforehand, but I stayed up.

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Wait, reading the utilization and outcome summaries, uh, or results, and...

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I really, especially in... appreciated the outcome, like, having the outcome target and the result right under it, and I was very... well, one, I think just the way that you laid all of this out was really, really effective, and I know it was a tremendous amount of work, so I thank you for doing that.

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Um, I think it was really striking to me how, in so many instances, the outcome

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results exceeded the targets, and, like, I just constantly was seeing, like,

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We expect a 90%, and they got 100%, or things were, like, it was, like, wildly higher than it was expected, and I think, you know, that speaks to

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the great work that the agencies are doing. I also saw a lot of variation in the... it was a...

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seeing all of it in one place, I think, was really helpful, because it did...

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help me see, like, okay, you know, there are some agencies that, um, programs that really, really shine in the way that they develop their art outcome targets.

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Um, and the way they report on the results, and some where I think, you know, there could be growth areas.

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In terms of, like, how, uh...

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how specific the outcomes are.

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Um, and you know, what, you know, what could be changed there, how numeric they're able to...

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be reported as. So, um, it was seeing all of it together helped me do kind of a comparison and just be very impressed with everything that

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The community is doing.

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Any other comments or questions from the board?

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All right, seeing none, we will move to the second portion of public participation and Agency Input.

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So, as always, members of the public can speak with the board and make comment. We cannot respond directly, but we may use it to inform future decisions, as we did this evening.

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Um, so, uh, I set all the rules earlier, um, but if you want to come forward to make a comment,

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Or, um, if you're on Zoom, you can raise your hand or, um, put something in the chat.

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

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Is there anyone who'd like to make comments?

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There was a comment.

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Yes, please. Oh.

01:49:00.429 --> 01:49:03.461
Um, Kerrie, did you want to go ahead and say yours?

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It was when you guys were discussing the, uh, Courage Connections,

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And I don't know if they're still here, but I...

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It might be interesting to find out what services might be impacted

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without the funding was the first...

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question that I had, and then the other question or comment that I wanted
to make to the board...

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I believe this is the only DV

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shelter in Champaign County.

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And the women that have the courage

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to flee that environment.

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need mental health support.

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And they need... they need the service in Champaign County.

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So, please keep that in mind.

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as you're making your decision,

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to fund this organization.

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Thank you very much for your comment, um, and I know we have somebody in person who, um, who wanted to come forward and make a comment.

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And I would say after that, if the agency does want to respond, um, to the comment made before, um, they can do so, but...

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Hi, everyone! Jessie Heckenmueller, assistant director of community services at Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. Thank you all for the funding that you support us with in a couple of different areas.

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Today, I just wanted to introduce you to our new colleague,

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This is Elisa Ransom. She is the Youth Assessment Center Program Manager. You all fund

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the Youth Assessment Center, we have been looking for the right candidate for some time, and are that Elisa has joined us. Um, and so I just wanted to give a chance for her to introduce herself, and that you all knew, kind of, who...

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You're seeing sometimes in these meetings and speaking to as, um, we... as you continue to fund our services. You, Elisa, do you want to share a little bit about yourself?

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As Jesse said that I'm Elisa Ransom, um...

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I've worked on the Child Welfare side of things, and I'm eager to be a part of these different platforms and working with you guys.

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Elisa's being very humble. She has, um, not only worked on the child welfare side of things, but on multiple different levels. She has a master's degree and over 20 years of experience, so we're just really, really excited to have her on the team. So, that's all I wanted to share. Thank you. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comments.

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Is there anyone else who would like to make a public comment now?

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Yes, please come forward.

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So, I'll sit down, but I'll keep this very brief.

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Kerrie, I'll begin by addressing your questions. So, the vast majority of the funding that we get from CCMHB, it goes to fund our counseling services.

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Which it also includes our two licensed clinical social workers that lead that service.

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And to keep it brief, I just want to thank you all for your consideration tonight to open...

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an additional application period for Courage Connection.

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Equally as important, thank you for holding us accountable.

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Thank you for clearly articulating the burden that is going to go on to CCMHB staff and on the board because of our mistake.

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I promised you, we are going to learn from this, and we're gonna continue to grow and do better. So thank you.

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Thank you very much for your comment.

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Is there anyone else who would like to make public comment now?

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Hi everybody, I'm Katie Harmon. I'm actually speaking in a different capacity, so, um, I currently work with Regional Planning Commission. I'm in the... and...

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And the continuum of care coordinator, so I work with a lot of community partners to address homelessness here in Champaign County, and I just wanted the board to be aware of that. We're currently undergoing a pretty intensive strategic planning process, um, to really look at our community's needs, gaps in services, and planning long-term for the next 3 to 5 years.

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Um, so we are consulting with an organization, a non-profit organization called Homebase, um, who specifically works nationwide with many communities across, um,

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across the country, and also they previously worked with Springfield and a lot of their homeless services prevention, um, funding, so we're thrilled to be working with them.

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Um, so we're gonna be planning a kickoff event, um, that's gonna be taking place, um, on March 9th from 4.30 to 6.30 at the iHotel, which will be open to anybody, so communications about that will be going out soon.

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Um, and then we're putting together a steering committee of key community stakeholders,

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agency representatives, um, local leaders, folks from our local municipalities to participate on the steering committee to kind of guide the work. Um, and then we're also going to be facilitating some focus groups, and one of the focus groups identified, um, that would be really helpful to, um,

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host was specifically on behavioral health.

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Um, and homelessness, so that will be coming up as well, and then in addition to a focus group for people with lived experience of homelessness, um, a focus group focused on local funding, um, and what's needed there, um, and then as well as a focus group on our overall homeless services system that we have in Champaign County. So all of that work is

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Um, continuing to be happening underway, um, a lot happening in March, so I just wanted to share that with the board as you currently, um, support the homeless services system coordination program at Regional Planning Commission.

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Thank you. Thank you very much for your comment.

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And help in public comment tonight. I love it.

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Um, anyone else in person or online who would like to make comment?

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Alright, it appears none, so we will move on to board-to-board reports. As always, board members can serve as liaisons to

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community or agency boards, and if you'd like to, uh, get involved with that, the list of, kind of, some of the options are on page 129, and you can talk to Stephanie Howard Gallo if you'd like to be involved.

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Are there any board members who want to share a board-to-board report?

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All right, seeing none, we will next move to County Board input.

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This is my last meeting. Um, you will have the thrill of working with county board member, uh, Dennise Arres, and she'll be joining.. will be appointing... I'll be resigning, she'll be appointed...

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Next, er, tomorrow. So, no gaps in representation, happy about that.

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Um, I know that you will love DIN, so...

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Don't be a stranger if you need anything.

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Um, thank you for your service on our board.

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I will take care's discretion to allow any board members to share, um, any comments they want to make. Um, knowing that we...

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um, are losing a board member, and we are gaining a board member.

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Is there anyone who wants to comment?

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I will also comment, Emily, I have appreciated so much of your

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Um, what you have brought to the board, I've learned a lot, um, including, uh, brushing up on a little more Robert's rules things from you.

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Um, and, uh, your attentiveness and, um, you know, good questions have been, you know, very much welcomed.

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Um, and I... I'm sorry I had not responded to your email yet, but I will miss you.

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Um, but we're also really excited to have Den on board.

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Any other comments?

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Alright, seeing none, we will move to Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board input.

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None. They did not meet today. Our meetings are off from each other for once.

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Alright, next we will move to board announcements and input. Um, I will start by saying we do have another

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um, board change, so, um, as of yesterday, Chris Miner has resigned from the board.

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Um, I believe citing, um, a new job and increased responsibilities, um, but I understand he...

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you know, said some very kind words.

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Um, I just want to thank him for his services as well, and, um, hoping that we will get a new

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member appointed into his vacancy soon.

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And so if anybody would like to make any comment about that, um, please feel free.

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And, of course, if there's any other board announcements or input, too.

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Um, a small, um, comment. So, right before the meeting, I was scrolling Facebook

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That's what I should give up for Lent. But, um, I noticed that, um,

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uh, the Illini newspaper. Illini Media? Daily Illini had reported that the U of I had experienced a suicide death in one of their dorms.

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Today. Um....

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And again, one is too many, and that's why we're here tonight.

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And so I... my thoughts, encouragement goes out to all that...

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you know, are affected by that, and especially the person who felt that was their only alternative.

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Thank you for sharing that. I know this, um, very, very sad to hear, for sure.

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Um, any other board announcements or input?

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All right, seeing none, um, with that, we can adjourn. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th at 545 PM in the Shields-Carter Room of the Bennett Administrative Center.

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I hope you all have a good night.

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We are adjourned.