

WEST REGION  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2023

MINUTES

**Participants:**

Arlene Steinfeld, Gil Kellersman, Lori Chiappiniello, Karen Simon, Marina Derman, Shannon O'Brien

Guests: Christina Augliera, Emily Teixeira

1. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETINGS MINUTES –

***Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2023.***

3. CO-CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE–

No Chair report given.

4. REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S UPDATE –

New Membership to RAC: Shannon explained that she has been reaching out to staff to inquire if there is any interest in participating on the RAC. Lori Chiappiniello invited Emily Teixeira to join the meeting. She was expressing interest in joining the Council.

Day Program with Clinical Supports: At the last meeting, there was discussion about Allie's Dream and similar services provided to individuals in different day programs across the region. There are some individuals receiving clinical supports during their day program. Shannon investigated this and it was determined that this is not a state funded program. Individual families are privately paying for these services for their family members.

Caregiver Initiative: (Formerly known as the Elderly Caregiver Initiative). The region is still funding individuals that are elderly. We're monitoring the funding that's been that's been granted and hoping that people will get supports in place or if they're looking for a group home that will happen before the end of the fiscal year. There's been a lot of pressure for case managers and resource management to follow up with the families to make sure that they can get the services in place or at least have the money held in a budget, so they don't lose that funding. One of the concerns is that anyone that wants a group home placement right now is we have the funding, but there's not the staffing to support the individual and the group home, so we're struggling a little bit.

There was a brief discussion about staffing concerns. Some providers are reporting that they're seeing a little bit of an improvement and other providers are saying they're not. It depends on the location of where their agency is.

Positions: An update was given on the current state of West Region positions: Last summer, we had 12 vacancies due to retirement. Currently there are 7 vacancies. There are also several staff out on medical leave right now. Some of the case managers in our region are moving to other positions in other regions.

Shannon explained that she meets with the supervisors every month to discuss cases and moving them off of the Helpline. Her biggest concern is the group of individuals who are graduating and are going to need a day program. She has been trying to get a case manager as soon as possible; however, it has been a struggle due to capacity and case management caseload. We are anticipating a 4<sup>th</sup> case manager to be hired for the Helpline which will be a huge help. Currently, the case manager has over 2000 families supported by the Helpline with only 3 case managers; so, a fourth will help tremendously.

STEPS: An email was sent out to the RAC concerning the STEP forums that Commissioner Scheff and Deputy Commissioner Velardo are leading.

One Voice Conference: Conference will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> in Haddam, CT and is sponsored by the Family Support Network conference. The region is planning on setting up a table. More information will be share with the RAC and families as it becomes available.

ARPA: DDS continues to work on our transformation with ARPA. DDS has four providers in the West region that have submitted proposals for projects. There are two agencies that are looking to do day support projects. The goal is to move individuals into less restrictive settings. More information will be shared as we find out. Members of the RAC expressed excitement over this initiative and the funding available to be creative and initiate new programs.

## 5. PRESENTATION FROM TORRINGTON AREA FAMILIES OF AUTISM, Christina Augliera

Christina Augliera is the founder and Director of the Torrington Area Families for Autism (TAFA, Inc.). She met with Shannon O'Brien to ask for the opportunity to meet with DDS staff, case managers and other stakeholders to share information about her program.

This organization was put together because Ms. Augliera was finding that there were no recreational opportunities available for individuals with autism in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut.

She shared information on the types of activities, parties, and other ways TAFA gets families of autistic families together. She mentioned that the community has been very supportive of TAFA's mission and they

have been sponsored by many organizations. Most of the opportunities that were offered were free of charge. Her hope is to maintain that for future events; however, now that they have a leased space they might have to charge nominal fees for events.

Christina explained that many people have donated items to TAFA and she hopes that using these donated items will help this program evolve into learning opportunities (i.e. cooking, recreation, etc.)

The program is open to children as young as 2 years old and there is no age limit. It is also open to families from other towns and not restricted to the Torrington area. More information on the program can be found on TAFA, Inc. at [TAFAINC.ORG](http://TAFAINC.ORG) or send an email to: [tafaincorporated@gmail.com](mailto:tafaincorporated@gmail.com). They can also be found on Facebook.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

None

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

Karen mentioned that she would like it to be recorded in the minutes that there is still a question about whether families can be paid guardians. Her hope is that this request remains part of the Minutes so the plea can be heard. Marina mentioned that this is with the legislature right now and we must wait for the outcome of that process.

Karen also shared that families are having difficulty finding psychiatrists that will take Husky. Shannon said she has a list of psychiatrists and will share it with the RAC.

There was also a concern brought up concerning the lack of medical specialists that serve individuals with developmental disabilities. Families find it difficult to find professional care especially once their children have aged out of a pediatrician's care.

There was a brief discussion concerning insurance and families paying upfront for medical care and being reimbursed afterward. Shannon stated that families that have requested reimbursement through DDS need the situation reviewed and only under extreme circumstances has reimbursement been approved.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emily Teixeira (St. Vincent's Special Needs) shared that there is a problem with landlords raising the rents to amounts that families cannot afford. Some families are on the brink of eviction. Her concern is that these families will be evicted, and it is very difficult for families with special needs to find alternative housing.

9. NEXT MEETING –

- May 18, 2023 at 4pm via teleconference; invitations will be sent out via Outlook.

ADJOURNMENT

***Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council adjourned the meeting at 5:06 pm.***

Respectfully submitted by:

Eunice B. Rivera  
Executive Secretary, DDS West Region

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00:51:13.997 --> 00:51:15.440  
could get reimbursed so that,  
but.

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00:51:17.320 --> 00:51:21.808  
I think each case would need to  
be looked at. I know in general

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8169-1  
00:51:21.808 --> 00:51:26.015  
when we've gotten requests for  
that, we've always wanna see

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00:51:22.720 --> 00:51:22.980  
Yes.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8143-0  
00:51:23.820 --> 00:51:24.160  
Mm-hmm.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8169-2  
00:51:26.015 --> 00:51:30.432  
that it was denied through Title  
19, Husky before we're paying

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8169-3  
00:51:30.432 --> 00:51:34.149  
that. So I think it would have  
to be unique, special

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8169-4  
00:51:34.149 --> 00:51:35.060  
circumstance.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8174-0  
00:51:37.050 --> 00:51:37.550  
I don't think.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8199-0  
00:51:37.080 --> 00:51:40.474  
Yeah, I'm just if I'm here in  
correct though, they couldn't

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8199-1  
00:51:40.474 --> 00:51:43.754  
even get into the appointment  
until they're pain. Is that

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8199-2  
00:51:43.754 --> 00:51:45.960  
correct? And or am I  
misunderstanding?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-0  
00:51:44.950 --> 00:51:48.303  
Yeah. Well, the they want their  
money up front. You know most

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8207-0  
00:51:48.190 --> 00:51:48.410

Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-1  
00:51:48.303 --> 00:51:51.439  
most of the clinicians want  
their money up front and then

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-2  
00:51:51.439 --> 00:51:54.846  
they'll say to you, well, we'll  
send you the bill and then you

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-3  
00:51:54.846 --> 00:51:58.307  
could submit it to Husky and see  
if they'll pay some of it now,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-4  
00:51:58.307 --> 00:52:01.714  
like, for instance, for my son,  
he needs to see a dentist more

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-5  
00:52:01.714 --> 00:52:05.012  
than what Husky will pay. So,  
you know, we had it, you know,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-6  
00:52:05.012 --> 00:52:08.257  
we were paying that out of  
pocket and whatever. And then we

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-7  
00:52:08.257 --> 00:52:11.556  
kept submitting it, submitting  
it. It's not a huge amount of

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8277-8  
00:52:11.556 --> 00:52:11.880  
money.

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00:52:12.000 --> 00:52:13.570  
But they did eventually pay it.

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00:52:14.330 --> 00:52:17.831  
Because he has to. I mean, it's  
his teeth would rot if he

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8318-1  
00:52:17.831 --> 00:52:21.211  
doesn't go, you know, four  
times, because as far as you

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8318-2  
00:52:21.211 --> 00:52:25.014  
know, he's so sensitive in that  
area and with diabetes he, you

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8318-3  
00:52:25.014 --> 00:52:27.730  
know, it can become a real bad  
health issue.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8320-0  
00:52:28.480 --> 00:52:29.030  
Umm.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8356-0  
00:52:29.740 --> 00:52:33.875  
But the paperwork is just  
behind, you know, and my son's

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8356-1  
00:52:33.875 --> 00:52:38.227  
diabetic, epileptic and has a  
lot of, you know, these other

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8356-2  
00:52:38.227 --> 00:52:42.289  
issues. So it it's it. It could  
be a full time job just

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8356-3  
00:52:42.289 --> 00:52:45.480  
submitting for these things  
after the fact.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8405-0  
00:52:47.640 --> 00:52:51.843  
I just know from past experience  
sitting on our review committee

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8363-0  
00:52:47.850 --> 00:52:48.360  
See my.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8405-1  
00:52:51.843 --> 00:52:55.917  
for funding that it would really  
need to be a unique situation

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8380-0  
00:52:55.010 --> 00:52:55.270  
It's.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8405-2

00:52:55.917 --> 00:52:59.668  
because generally they're  
looking for, you know, Title 19

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8405-3  
00:52:59.668 --> 00:53:03.547  
to pay for it, looking for  
denials before DDS would step in

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8405-4  
00:53:03.547 --> 00:53:04.970  
and pay for something.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8485-0  
00:53:06.530 --> 00:53:09.920  
I'm even surprised at Husky will  
take that on cause years back

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8485-1  
00:53:09.920 --> 00:53:13.149  
and I'm aging myself here,  
working in offices and stuff. If

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8485-2  
00:53:13.149 --> 00:53:16.485  
it was somebody with Husky, it  
wasn't even allowed. It had to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8485-3  
00:53:16.485 --> 00:53:20.036  
be Husky. And that's who it went  
to. And that said they could not

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8485-4  
00:53:20.036 --> 00:53:23.211  
ask the family for money up  
front private pay because they

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8462-0  
00:53:22.470 --> 00:53:22.780  
Right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8485-5  
00:53:23.211 --> 00:53:26.601  
could legally get into trouble.  
So, but that again, I might be

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8467-0  
00:53:23.500 --> 00:53:23.860  
Right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8491-0  
00:53:25.380 --> 00:53:28.586  
Right. Well, that those days are

over. Everybody wants their

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8485-6  
00:53:26.601 --> 00:53:27.300  
aging myself.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8491-1  
00:53:28.586 --> 00:53:29.690  
money up front first.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8512-0  
00:53:30.520 --> 00:53:33.967  
Wow. We have a seat. Before they  
couldn't have even done that.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8513-0  
00:53:31.370 --> 00:53:34.380  
And you're not. You're never  
gonna get worse for all of that.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8512-1  
00:53:33.967 --> 00:53:34.240  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8524-0  
00:53:35.340 --> 00:53:38.020  
You'll get reimbursed for  
whatever they think it's worth.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8527-0  
00:53:39.720 --> 00:53:40.220  
Yeah, boy.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8543-0  
00:53:41.250 --> 00:53:43.899  
And when and when they get old  
enough to need hearing aids,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8543-1  
00:53:43.899 --> 00:53:45.620  
that's going to be really  
interesting.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8573-0  
00:53:51.050 --> 00:53:55.077  
All right, so wow. Other new  
business. So this is a good one.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8573-1  
00:53:55.077 --> 00:53:58.714  
It'd be interesting. Yeah.  
Shannon will look forward to

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00:53:58.714 --> 00:54:02.611  
hearing whatever you might learn  
about this other other new

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8573-3  
00:54:02.611 --> 00:54:03.520  
business that.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8578-0  
00:54:04.160 --> 00:54:05.670  
The group would like to raise.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8592-0  
00:54:07.350 --> 00:54:10.417  
I think Shannon also addressed  
old business already. So we

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8592-1  
00:54:10.417 --> 00:54:11.300  
covered that one.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8658-0  
00:54:13.400 --> 00:54:17.833  
I'm not sure if this fits in the  
category of new business, but I

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8658-1  
00:54:17.833 --> 00:54:22.197  
worked directly with the parents  
at Saint Vincent special needs

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8658-2  
00:54:22.197 --> 00:54:26.561  
and a lot of the issues that are  
coming up now is the rents are

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8627-0  
00:54:25.630 --> 00:54:26.090  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8658-3  
00:54:26.561 --> 00:54:30.721  
being raised so high and they  
can't afford basically to stay

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8658-4  
00:54:30.721 --> 00:54:34.608  
in their own apartment and to  
get on a list for even low

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8658-5  
00:54:34.608 --> 00:54:38.291  
income housing. It is almost  
impossible and they need

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8658-6  
00:54:38.291 --> 00:54:40.950  
accessible apartments and most  
of the.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8727-0  
00:54:41.160 --> 00:54:45.628  
Elderly apartments have only one  
bedroom. They need more than one

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8727-1  
00:54:45.628 --> 00:54:49.352  
bedroom, so it's quite the  
challenge for them and even

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8727-2  
00:54:49.352 --> 00:54:53.752  
calling 211, they won't help you  
until you're about 14 days into

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8727-3  
00:54:53.752 --> 00:54:57.679  
eviction and no one wants to get  
to that point would have

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8727-4  
00:54:57.679 --> 00:55:01.944  
disabled child, so that is quite  
the challenge and that's what

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8727-5  
00:55:01.944 --> 00:55:05.871  
I'm getting because the rents  
landlords are raising their

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8727-6  
00:55:05.871 --> 00:55:09.120  
rents so high in these parents  
can't afford it.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8735-0  
00:55:10.110 --> 00:55:13.480  
Is that a particular area, Emily  
or everywhere?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8744-0  
00:55:14.140 --> 00:55:17.700  
So where we serve as.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8777-0  
00:55:19.220 --> 00:55:24.309  
How many? About 50 districts in  
the fertile county area and some

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8754-0  
00:55:22.740 --> 00:55:23.060  
Let's see.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8777-1  
00:55:24.309 --> 00:55:29.320  
of West region and a little bit  
into S region saying that since

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8761-0  
00:55:25.880 --> 00:55:26.230  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8777-2  
00:55:29.320 --> 00:55:31.590  
special needs. So it's a mix.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8780-0  
00:55:32.230 --> 00:55:32.650  
OK.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8783-0  
00:55:32.380 --> 00:55:33.630  
Uh areas.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8790-0  
00:55:34.270 --> 00:55:34.940  
With doing.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8798-0  
00:55:34.550 --> 00:55:36.840  
But it's mainly Fairfield  
County. It's kind of.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8817-0  
00:55:36.370 --> 00:55:40.757  
This family, Fairfield County,  
there is a mix going into like

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8805-0  
00:55:37.560 --> 00:55:37.820  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8817-1  
00:55:40.757 --> 00:55:41.960  
South Region too.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8828-0  
00:55:43.330 --> 00:55:47.100  
Emily, these are families. Not  
an individual's renting.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8854-0

00:55:46.600 --> 00:55:50.668  
These are families that have  
children with special needs and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8854-1  
00:55:50.668 --> 00:55:54.403  
the majority of our kids at  
special needs are kids with

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8854-2  
00:55:54.403 --> 00:55:56.070  
medically complex issues.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8882-0  
00:55:57.230 --> 00:56:00.931  
And in our school, majority of  
them are also in wheelchair, so

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8882-1  
00:56:00.931 --> 00:56:04.339  
they have to be accessible  
apartments, which is extremely

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8882-2  
00:56:04.339 --> 00:56:06.630  
hard for them to just get up and  
move.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8888-0  
00:56:07.440 --> 00:56:09.420  
Umm, so that is a big challenge.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8895-0  
00:56:09.880 --> 00:56:12.160  
And they have a lot of  
equipment, so.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8908-0  
00:56:12.330 --> 00:56:14.850  
Stop a lot of equipment,  
everything.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8907-0  
00:56:13.280 --> 00:56:14.510  
Yeah, you need a room.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8982-0  
00:56:16.870 --> 00:56:21.193  
I can speak to, UM, individuals  
that were funding their rent

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8982-1  
00:56:21.193 --> 00:56:25.162  
subsidy, but it's not a family

situation, so it'd be an

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8982-2  
00:56:25.162 --> 00:56:29.697  
individual rent an apartment. We  
are struggling as well through

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8982-3  
00:56:29.697 --> 00:56:34.091  
the entire region, no matter  
where you live Greenwich all the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8982-4  
00:56:34.091 --> 00:56:38.343  
way up to the New York border  
that we do have a process for

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8982-5  
00:56:38.343 --> 00:56:42.525  
the individuals. If the rent is  
above what our CAP is that

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8982-6  
00:56:42.525 --> 00:56:47.060  
there's a process that we can go  
through. But there again it's.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9003-0  
00:56:47.160 --> 00:56:50.853  
It's not the families, it's the  
individual that we're funding

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9003-1  
00:56:50.853 --> 00:56:54.605  
their rent. So it's a bit of a  
different scenario than you are

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/8998-0  
00:56:51.350 --> 00:56:51.770  
That's.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9003-2  
00:56:54.605 --> 00:56:55.260  
expressing.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9046-0  
00:56:57.790 --> 00:57:02.052  
Yeah, and that's that's I think  
that's the issue like even like

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9012-0  
00:56:58.100 --> 00:56:58.570  
Are you?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9046-1  
00:57:02.052 --> 00:57:06.381  
with elderly housing or your or  
your or it's always eligible and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9035-0  
00:57:06.120 --> 00:57:06.680  
To save it.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9046-2  
00:57:06.381 --> 00:57:10.710  
disabled housing and they don't  
meet that criteria is the issue.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9063-0  
00:57:15.920 --> 00:57:19.453  
And then the regular housing,  
the accessible apartments,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9063-1  
00:57:19.453 --> 00:57:21.870  
there's only a limited amount of  
them.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9075-0  
00:57:22.760 --> 00:57:25.565  
Right. And sometimes you hear  
the only advice you get is to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9075-1  
00:57:25.565 --> 00:57:26.780  
sign up for the Section 8.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9084-0  
00:57:27.530 --> 00:57:28.540  
Which way?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9097-0  
00:57:27.690 --> 00:57:31.434  
You know, vouchers and then you  
just wait until and see what see

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9089-0  
00:57:29.990 --> 00:57:30.410  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9092-0  
00:57:30.480 --> 00:57:30.840  
Right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9097-1  
00:57:31.434 --> 00:57:32.240  
what shows up.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9104-0  
00:57:31.810 --> 00:57:34.400  
Wait is very long is the issue.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9103-0  
00:57:34.650 --> 00:57:35.020  
Yep.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9115-0  
00:57:35.870 --> 00:57:38.140  
There's a lot of luck involved  
there, yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9165-0  
00:57:38.700 --> 00:57:43.541  
And you're competing again with  
those people that you know used,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9165-1  
00:57:43.541 --> 00:57:47.860  
like a reverse mortgage, you  
know, to try to pay for home

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9165-2  
00:57:47.860 --> 00:57:52.477  
services for the elderly. And  
then they ran out of money, and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9165-3  
00:57:52.477 --> 00:57:57.169  
they need to move somewhere. And  
I don't know. I'm always just

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9165-4  
00:57:57.169 --> 00:57:57.690  
such a.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9230-0  
00:57:59.600 --> 00:58:03.324  
Positive. You know, let's talk  
about something positive, but

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9176-0  
00:58:02.620 --> 00:58:03.050  
Ah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9230-1  
00:58:03.324 --> 00:58:06.742  
you know in Stratford. Anyway,  
there's a there's a real

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9230-2  
00:58:06.742 --> 00:58:10.710  
competition for that now because

there's a lot of people looking

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9195-0  
00:58:08.620 --> 00:58:09.220  
Expert.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9230-3  
00:58:10.710 --> 00:58:14.189  
for senior housing that, you  
know, either they they sold

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9230-4  
00:58:14.189 --> 00:58:17.851  
their house for money. I don't  
know how it works, you know,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9230-5  
00:58:17.851 --> 00:58:21.758  
with the reverse mortgage, they,  
I don't know. They have to get

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9230-6  
00:58:21.758 --> 00:58:25.298  
out and they have to move  
somewhere. And so they're vying

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9230-7  
00:58:25.298 --> 00:58:26.580  
for the same type of.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9239-0  
00:58:27.270 --> 00:58:30.800  
Uh residences that our people,  
our kids are buying for.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9247-0  
00:58:32.180 --> 00:58:35.100  
And again with wheelchairs and  
everything, so.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9266-0  
00:58:35.740 --> 00:58:40.593  
The the population you know is  
getting older and you know

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9266-1  
00:58:40.593 --> 00:58:43.020  
autism rates are growing and.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9291-0  
00:58:43.860 --> 00:58:48.359  
Wow. And yet Elon Musk went to  
the moon or tried to go to the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9291-1  
00:58:48.359 --> 00:58:52.713  
moon and crashed his space  
shuttle, which probably cost him

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9291-2  
00:58:52.713 --> 00:58:54.890  
a few billion. So aggravating.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9327-0  
00:58:59.960 --> 00:59:03.465  
Yeah, this is hard. I don't know  
of any other resource. If

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9327-1  
00:59:03.465 --> 00:59:06.851  
anybody else can think of  
anything. And then fortunately

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9327-2  
00:59:06.851 --> 00:59:10.178  
rents are so much higher  
sometimes than what a mortgage

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9327-3  
00:59:10.178 --> 00:59:13.385  
would be. But again, families  
not in that position to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9327-4  
00:59:13.385 --> 00:59:13.920  
purchase.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9331-0  
00:59:14.940 --> 00:59:15.380  
Right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9361-0  
00:59:15.100 --> 00:59:18.438  
So that this could, this could  
become really crucial, because

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9361-1  
00:59:18.438 --> 00:59:21.776  
if they could displaced where  
they going, if there's no place

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9361-2  
00:59:21.776 --> 00:59:23.930  
to for them to go, and that's  
gonna be.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9360-0  
00:59:23.480 --> 00:59:23.950

Right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9374-0  
00:59:24.630 --> 00:59:26.350  
That's the bigger worry in all  
of it.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9416-0  
00:59:24.730 --> 00:59:28.828  
And that if they cause, you know  
if they get evicted and cause

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9416-1  
00:59:28.828 --> 00:59:32.730  
I've had some families on that  
urge of, you know, lose, you

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9416-2  
00:59:32.730 --> 00:59:36.632  
know, being homeless, you know,  
where they have a medically

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9416-3  
00:59:36.632 --> 00:59:40.860  
fragile child, they're afraid to  
go into homeless shelter is the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9416-4  
00:59:40.860 --> 00:59:41.640  
other issue.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9437-0  
00:59:41.940 --> 00:59:45.849  
Of course. And then they become  
a DDS emergency, which is not

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9437-1  
00:59:45.849 --> 00:59:47.740  
where anybody wants to go. So.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9439-0  
00:59:47.180 --> 00:59:48.180  
Right, right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9443-0  
00:59:49.680 --> 00:59:50.820  
Yeah, fairpoint.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9454-0  
00:59:53.760 --> 00:59:57.390  
Other new business to raise for  
anyone to put on the.

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01:00:00.550 --> 01:00:05.952  
The only thing I guess I feel  
compelled to bring up as we're

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9508-1  
01:00:05.952 --> 01:00:11.442  
talking about medical issues is  
that as my daughter has aged,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9508-2  
01:00:11.442 --> 01:00:16.223  
she has had needs for  
gallbladder survey and so she's

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9508-3  
01:00:16.223 --> 01:00:21.713  
needed gastroenterologist. And  
as you alluded to earlier, you

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9508-4  
01:00:21.713 --> 01:00:23.750  
know when their Piatra.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9527-0  
01:00:23.950 --> 01:00:28.930  
Neither. They're mentor doctors,  
but they're really aren't

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9527-1  
01:00:28.930 --> 01:00:33.150  
doctors who are sensitive or  
knowledgeable about.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9535-0  
01:00:34.000 --> 01:00:36.840  
Special needs individuals as we  
get into.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9562-0  
01:00:37.560 --> 01:00:41.847  
Specialties. If you wish, like  
gastroenterology. And yes, she

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9562-1  
01:00:41.847 --> 01:00:46.411  
needs hearing aids. And yes, she  
has cat acts and you know it's a

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9562-2  
01:00:46.411 --> 01:00:47.310  
whole nother.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9572-0  
01:00:49.100 --> 01:00:53.190

Realm to try to find doctors who  
have experience.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9574-0  
01:00:54.210 --> 01:00:54.550  
With.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9583-0  
01:00:55.560 --> 01:00:58.730  
Those issues, as our individuals  
age.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9587-0  
01:00:59.590 --> 01:01:00.600  
So that's my.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9592-0  
01:01:01.240 --> 01:01:01.870  
Thing.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9665-0  
01:01:01.800 --> 01:01:05.421  
Arlene, Emily and I were on a  
meeting with our Strafford or

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9665-1  
01:01:05.421 --> 01:01:09.042  
Saint Vincent's adult parents,  
and that was the exact thing

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9665-2  
01:01:09.042 --> 01:01:12.361  
they raised talking about,  
especially going to an in a

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9665-3  
01:01:12.361 --> 01:01:16.223  
hospital setting emergency room  
if they're not familiar or it's

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9665-4  
01:01:16.223 --> 01:01:19.783  
just they're don't even most  
won't even ask. You know, how

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9665-5  
01:01:19.783 --> 01:01:23.585  
can I approach what would be the  
best way? And it's, you know,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9665-6  
01:01:23.585 --> 01:01:27.387  
it's it's such a shame. So they  
want to kind of elevate it and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9665-7  
01:01:27.387 --> 01:01:27.930  
see what.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9678-0  
01:01:28.110 --> 01:01:30.937  
And they can go with it and  
hopefully Emily's gonna try to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9678-1  
01:01:30.937 --> 01:01:32.470  
guide them through that process.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9736-0  
01:01:33.190 --> 01:01:36.376  
Umm, you know? But that's a  
whole other thing and and maybe

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9736-1  
01:01:36.376 --> 01:01:39.402  
just even a thought. I know  
Shannon before previously if

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9736-2  
01:01:39.402 --> 01:01:42.641  
somebody was in a group home  
setting and they had to go into

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9736-3  
01:01:42.641 --> 01:01:45.933  
the hospital, staff was always  
with them. That was especially

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9736-4  
01:01:45.933 --> 01:01:49.278  
during I don't know about COVID  
but prior to that time anyway,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9726-0  
01:01:48.620 --> 01:01:48.810  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9736-5  
01:01:49.278 --> 01:01:52.145  
is that still the case if  
somebody isn't a group home

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9731-0  
01:01:49.660 --> 01:01:49.930  
Yes.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9736-6  
01:01:52.145 --> 01:01:52.570

setting?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9820-0  
01:01:53.190 --> 01:01:58.003  
For what? The group calling the  
group homes are required to send

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9747-0  
01:01:53.490 --> 01:01:54.710  
And if there's no family.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9820-1  
01:01:58.003 --> 01:02:02.815  
their staff into the ER up until  
the point they're admitted, and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9777-0  
01:02:02.580 --> 01:02:04.190  
And then what happens after  
that?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9820-2  
01:02:02.815 --> 01:02:07.405  
then at that point the hospital  
assumes responsibility and is

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9820-3  
01:02:07.405 --> 01:02:11.848  
supposed to be the person needs  
a sitter. If they can get a

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9820-4  
01:02:11.848 --> 01:02:16.068  
sitter in. Now, if sometimes  
families will go in and sit

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9820-5  
01:02:16.068 --> 01:02:20.880  
themselves, sometimes groupings  
will have somebody just stop by.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9811-0  
01:02:17.140 --> 01:02:17.440  
Mm-hmm.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9884-0  
01:02:21.340 --> 01:02:25.394  
Umm, it's a rare occasion now  
that we're funding somebody to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9884-1  
01:02:25.394 --> 01:02:29.382  
to stay in a hospital, one  
there's not. They don't have the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9832-0  
01:02:25.700 --> 01:02:26.100  
Hmm.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9840-0  
01:02:28.290 --> 01:02:28.940  
Wasn't if you.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9884-2  
01:02:29.382 --> 01:02:33.370  
manpower to do it. And then  
there's been some issues around

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9852-0  
01:02:32.200 --> 01:02:32.530  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9884-3  
01:02:33.370 --> 01:02:37.557  
liability of what they can do  
versus what a hospital staff can

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9884-4  
01:02:37.557 --> 01:02:41.279  
do. So that the minimum  
requirement is they're supposed

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9884-5  
01:02:41.279 --> 01:02:45.200  
to see them through until  
they're admitted through the ER.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9907-0  
01:02:46.480 --> 01:02:49.898  
But previously they used to have  
staff available. If you like.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9899-0  
01:02:49.730 --> 01:02:50.610  
Umm it?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9907-1  
01:02:49.898 --> 01:02:52.230  
Family couldn't come in correct.  
I'm just.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9928-0  
01:02:51.540 --> 01:02:55.045  
Often they did. Often they did,  
but there were some providers

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9914-0  
01:02:53.390 --> 01:02:53.830

OK.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9928-1  
01:02:55.045 --> 01:02:57.420  
that they couldn't do it or  
didn't do it.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9930-0  
01:02:57.970 --> 01:02:58.480  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9952-0  
01:02:59.100 --> 01:03:03.305  
So you know, it was more  
frequent in the past. Now it's a

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9952-1  
01:03:03.305 --> 01:03:06.640  
rarity, and it's usually a  
special situation.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9948-0  
01:03:04.430 --> 01:03:05.010  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9970-0  
01:03:07.630 --> 01:03:10.402  
Yeah, that's that's a little  
scary. I mean, I understand, but

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9970-1  
01:03:10.402 --> 01:03:12.860  
it's it's a little scary if  
there's nobody around and.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9991-0  
01:03:13.770 --> 01:03:17.638  
Because sometimes if you again  
if if the hospital staff isn't

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9979-0  
01:03:14.260 --> 01:03:15.050  
Absolutely.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9991-1  
01:03:17.638 --> 01:03:19.510  
aware or have some background.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9998-0  
01:03:20.420 --> 01:03:22.410  
Ohh that's terrible wow.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/9996-0  
01:03:20.550 --> 01:03:21.270

Absolutely.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10008-0  
01:03:25.970 --> 01:03:29.230  
I've got to work with the  
hospitals next next.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10009-0  
01:03:28.650 --> 01:03:29.590  
I have a yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-0  
01:03:32.010 --> 01:03:35.710  
In Connecticut, that offer like  
specialized like I know when my

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-1  
01:03:35.710 --> 01:03:38.890  
son was having GI issues, I  
think it was Massachusetts

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-2  
01:03:38.890 --> 01:03:42.590  
General or Boston General, Mass  
general. Whatever is in Boston,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-3  
01:03:42.590 --> 01:03:46.289  
they have a GI for like kids on  
the autism stuff like they have

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-4  
01:03:46.289 --> 01:03:49.411  
a whole autism center with  
specialists in it. I think

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-5  
01:03:49.411 --> 01:03:53.111  
hospital for special care might  
have some specialist like that,

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-6  
01:03:53.111 --> 01:03:56.695  
but is there anything that does  
that for adults? Like we have

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-7  
01:03:56.695 --> 01:04:00.106  
children's hospitals with all  
different specialists and we

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10092-8  
01:04:00.106 --> 01:04:00.800  
have autism.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10106-0  
01:04:01.150 --> 01:04:03.349  
Children's places and like  
Center for kids with special

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10106-1  
01:04:03.349 --> 01:04:05.470  
needs. But there's nothing that  
does that for adults.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10111-0  
01:04:06.320 --> 01:04:06.810  
Because that.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10122-0  
01:04:06.440 --> 01:04:10.234  
When my daughter was going  
through it, I called all over

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10122-1  
01:04:10.234 --> 01:04:10.900  
the state.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10125-0  
01:04:11.230 --> 01:04:11.560  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10150-0  
01:04:11.620 --> 01:04:16.038  
That her gastroenterology  
issues, I mean her gastro issues

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10150-1  
01:04:16.038 --> 01:04:20.680  
and. Nope, nothing. And it was  
a, you know, terrifying to me.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10145-0  
01:04:18.410 --> 01:04:18.650  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10149-0  
01:04:20.270 --> 01:04:20.520  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10152-0  
01:04:21.760 --> 01:04:22.520  
Because it would be.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10156-0  
01:04:23.680 --> 01:04:24.490  
Hospital have.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10160-0  
01:04:25.430 --> 01:04:26.420  
Bring in like.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10187-0  
01:04:27.720 --> 01:04:32.754  
I kind of have this centralized  
in one day. Even parents drive

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10185-0  
01:04:31.490 --> 01:04:34.480  
And and and.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10187-1  
01:04:32.754 --> 01:04:36.030  
Connecticut policy. Even if  
parents had.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10196-0  
01:04:37.720 --> 01:04:38.770  
I'm sure they would do the.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10203-0  
01:04:38.390 --> 01:04:40.060  
You're cutting. I don't why.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10205-0  
01:04:39.630 --> 01:04:41.040  
You're breaking up? Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10209-0  
01:04:41.250 --> 01:04:41.760  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10208-0  
01:04:41.420 --> 01:04:41.670  
Sorry.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10237-0  
01:04:42.400 --> 01:04:45.530  
No, I was just saying, I'm sure  
that if at least one hospital

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10216-0  
01:04:42.870 --> 01:04:43.330  
I don't know.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10228-0  
01:04:45.340 --> 01:04:45.920  
OK.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10237-1  
01:04:45.530 --> 01:04:48.610  
picked up on specializing adults

with special needs, parents

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10237-2  
01:04:48.610 --> 01:04:49.620  
would drive to that.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10321-0  
01:04:50.540 --> 01:04:54.377  
So so that inner meeting today,  
that's what the parents discuss.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10244-0  
01:04:50.670 --> 01:04:52.420  
Absolutely, absolutely.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10321-1  
01:04:54.377 --> 01:04:57.623  
Our adult parents discussed  
because technically saying

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10321-2  
01:04:57.623 --> 01:05:01.342  
that's a special needs is owned  
by Hartford Healthcare. So our

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10321-3  
01:05:01.342 --> 01:05:04.706  
parents want to start there to  
bring the awareness on to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10321-4  
01:05:04.706 --> 01:05:08.012  
hopefully Hartford Healthcare.  
So that hopefully as the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10321-5  
01:05:08.012 --> 01:05:11.435  
hospitals can spread it. So  
we're going to start with the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10321-6  
01:05:11.435 --> 01:05:15.095  
CEO of Saint Vincent Special  
needs. So hopefully work our way

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10321-7  
01:05:15.095 --> 01:05:15.980  
up to Hartford.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-0  
01:05:16.070 --> 01:05:19.730  
Healthcare. So bring the  
awareness that these you know we

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-1  
01:05:19.730 --> 01:05:23.642  
are here. We and people need to  
cater to us really and and be

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-2  
01:05:23.642 --> 01:05:27.428  
aware of that of our population  
because what's happening is

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-3  
01:05:27.428 --> 01:05:30.899  
somewhere we're going into the  
hospitals. You know our

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-4  
01:05:30.899 --> 01:05:34.748  
individuals can't wait 8 to 9  
hours in an emergency room and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-5  
01:05:34.748 --> 01:05:38.661  
that's what is happening and and  
there's doctors that are not

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-6  
01:05:38.661 --> 01:05:42.257  
sensitive and they don't  
understand how to work with our

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-7  
01:05:42.257 --> 01:05:46.233  
population. So they really want  
to go up and try to teach some

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10399-8  
01:05:46.233 --> 01:05:46.990  
kind of way.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10420-0  
01:05:47.170 --> 01:05:50.600  
Umm to make the awareness that  
it's definitely needed. So we're

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10420-1  
01:05:50.600 --> 01:05:53.441  
gonna start with Hartford  
Healthcare. Let's see what

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10420-2  
01:05:53.441 --> 01:05:53.870  
happens.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10428-0

01:05:54.610 --> 01:05:55.520  
We'll let you know.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10477-0  
01:05:54.640 --> 01:05:58.485  
Our Director of health services  
in the West region, Judy

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10425-0  
01:05:54.910 --> 01:05:55.280  
Good.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10427-0  
01:05:55.010 --> 01:05:55.500  
That's right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10435-0  
01:05:56.670 --> 01:05:57.080  
I.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10477-1  
01:05:58.485 --> 01:06:02.599  
Blanchett, has done a lot of  
hospital reach reach, reach out

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10477-2  
01:06:02.599 --> 01:06:06.646  
to, but it seems once she starts  
making headway, it's a new

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10458-0  
01:06:03.450 --> 01:06:04.200  
Yeah, that's great.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10477-3  
01:06:06.646 --> 01:06:10.693  
administration, new physician.  
So it's it's she's always in

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10477-4  
01:06:10.693 --> 01:06:11.030  
this.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10503-0  
01:06:12.330 --> 01:06:16.756  
Mode of reaching out and you  
know, around DNR's, around our

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10503-1  
01:06:16.756 --> 01:06:21.402  
folks in general, it it's, it's  
a job in itself given the size

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10503-2

01:06:21.402 --> 01:06:24.500  
of the region and the multiple  
hospitals.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10516-0  
01:06:26.420 --> 01:06:28.420  
And just trying to increase  
awareness.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10543-0  
01:06:26.490 --> 01:06:29.837  
Is that someone we can connect  
with? Just the kind of talk to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10523-0  
01:06:29.380 --> 01:06:29.820  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10543-1  
01:06:29.837 --> 01:06:32.645  
her and kind of or see, you  
know, cause why start a

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10543-2  
01:06:32.645 --> 01:06:35.560  
conversation that maybe we can  
join her conversation?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10546-0  
01:06:36.340 --> 01:06:36.810  
You know.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10648-0  
01:06:37.290 --> 01:06:41.584  
I actually I can, UM, Marina, as  
the Co chair, I can ask her to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10555-0  
01:06:37.580 --> 01:06:38.620  
And be helpful with that.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10564-0  
01:06:41.300 --> 01:06:41.520  
Yes.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10648-1  
01:06:41.584 --> 01:06:45.878  
attend our next meeting to just  
to have some further discussion

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10577-0  
01:06:45.250 --> 01:06:46.180  
That's a great idea.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10648-2  
01:06:45.878 --> 01:06:49.702  
with the group. She can hear  
what you have to say. She's

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10583-0  
01:06:46.380 --> 01:06:47.100  
That'd be great.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10648-3  
01:06:49.702 --> 01:06:53.660  
really a hands on person. She  
has no problem going out and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10648-4  
01:06:53.660 --> 01:06:57.618  
meeting people when we're  
struggling. Like I said, she has

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10648-5  
01:06:57.618 --> 01:07:01.241  
spent a lot of time with the  
area hospitals trying to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10648-6  
01:07:01.241 --> 01:07:05.401  
whatever the issue is. I mean,  
whether it's staff or DNR's or

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10633-0  
01:07:02.590 --> 01:07:03.770  
And maybe it's from.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10648-7  
01:07:05.401 --> 01:07:06.340  
just increase.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10690-0  
01:07:05.610 --> 01:07:09.121  
That's a great idea, and maybe  
we can bring that to this region

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10644-0  
01:07:05.700 --> 01:07:06.140  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10690-1  
01:07:09.121 --> 01:07:12.632  
as well. I mean, it's the same  
sort of thing that airlines have

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10659-0  
01:07:09.140 --> 01:07:09.570  
Mm-hmm.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10690-2  
01:07:12.632 --> 01:07:16.142  
started doing to sensitize their  
flight crew to passengers with

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10670-0  
01:07:12.700 --> 01:07:13.090  
Right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10690-3  
01:07:16.142 --> 01:07:19.434  
special needs and it's sorely  
needed in the hospital or and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10682-0  
01:07:17.110 --> 01:07:17.410  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10690-4  
01:07:19.434 --> 01:07:20.750  
medical system. So yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10745-0  
01:07:20.710 --> 01:07:24.046  
Yeah. And I think Pediatrics  
tends to be a little better. I

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10745-1  
01:07:24.046 --> 01:07:27.271  
know like even like Buffalo  
medical emergency room has to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10706-0  
01:07:24.460 --> 01:07:24.760  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10710-0  
01:07:25.990 --> 01:07:26.300  
Ohio.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10745-2  
01:07:27.271 --> 01:07:30.662  
their Children's Hospital has a  
whole area like a whole wing

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10745-3  
01:07:30.662 --> 01:07:34.054  
setup for kids with special  
needs, whether it's sensory, the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10745-4  
01:07:34.054 --> 01:07:37.390  
lighting, whatever. So if you're

coming in with that child.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10775-0  
01:07:38.490 --> 01:07:41.078  
That's an area you're going to  
go to, and those staff have

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10775-1  
01:07:41.078 --> 01:07:43.665  
received extra training for that  
and it, you know, all the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10775-2  
01:07:43.665 --> 01:07:46.340  
physicians go there, they get  
all the care they need to get.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10818-0  
01:07:46.870 --> 01:07:50.135  
Umm, but it's not. Doesn't carry  
over into the adult world and I

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10818-1  
01:07:50.135 --> 01:07:53.300  
think that's so hard because of  
course, you know, all of us as

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01:07:53.300 --> 01:07:56.365  
parents are aging and someday  
we're not gonna be able to sit

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01:07:56.365 --> 01:07:59.529  
with our child. So if if we can  
find out this, that that would

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10818-4  
01:07:59.529 --> 01:08:01.790  
be something good and something  
if we could.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10824-0  
01:08:02.600 --> 01:08:04.880  
Maybe join her efforts in some  
way you know.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10826-0  
01:08:05.420 --> 01:08:05.730  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10848-0  
01:08:10.040 --> 01:08:13.538  
All right, so do we, Eunice, do

we have anyone else from the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10848-1  
01:08:13.538 --> 01:08:16.807  
public on where we're moving to  
opportunities for public

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01:08:16.807 --> 01:08:17.610  
participation?

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10856-0  
01:08:18.100 --> 01:08:20.110  
No, no one else in the public  
doesn't.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10862-0  
01:08:19.780 --> 01:08:21.730  
Yeah, we have. You had Emily.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10868-0  
01:08:22.260 --> 01:08:23.010  
Right, right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10870-0  
01:08:22.690 --> 01:08:23.230  
Yes.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10877-0  
01:08:23.100 --> 01:08:25.830  
And I and I'm trying to convince  
Emily to join the rack.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10943-0  
01:08:26.970 --> 01:08:30.294  
Because she's she's been  
fantastic. She took over the

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10882-0  
01:08:27.540 --> 01:08:27.800  
Hope.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10943-1  
01:08:30.294 --> 01:08:34.296  
family center right at the start  
of COVID one month before COVID

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10943-2  
01:08:34.296 --> 01:08:38.051  
started, and she was on her own  
flying. And Shannon, I could

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01:08:38.051 --> 01:08:41.683

tell you, I think she had so many applications for DDS and

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10943-4  
01:08:41.683 --> 01:08:45.499  
she'd be out passing them with a stick to the families to get

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10943-5  
01:08:45.499 --> 01:08:47.900  
things done so she'd be excellent. So.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10950-0  
01:08:46.230 --> 01:08:49.066  
All right, hopefully we haven't. Hopefully we haven't scared her

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10950-1  
01:08:49.066 --> 01:08:49.240  
off.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10953-0  
01:08:49.620 --> 01:08:50.650  
I don't think so.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10955-0  
01:08:50.180 --> 01:08:51.240  
I'm OK so.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10974-0  
01:08:53.460 --> 01:08:57.555  
All right. Any. So any other things to raise by for anybody

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10974-1  
01:08:57.555 --> 01:09:00.490  
before we umm I think move to adjournment.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10980-0  
01:09:03.830 --> 01:09:04.540  
Last call.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11005-0  
01:09:03.910 --> 01:09:06.901  
Can I just ask that Lori stay on the call after I've the touch

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/10987-0  
01:09:05.370 --> 01:09:05.700  
Less.

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01:09:06.901 --> 01:09:09.370  
base with her about something  
else? That that's OK.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11006-0  
01:09:07.800 --> 01:09:10.040  
Ohh sure. Sure, absolutely.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11010-0  
01:09:10.290 --> 01:09:10.720  
OK.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11051-0  
01:09:10.480 --> 01:09:14.158  
All right. All right. Good. Then  
seeing none seeing none, I will

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11051-1  
01:09:14.158 --> 01:09:17.723  
take a motion to adjourn. Say  
we've had a lot of good stuff to

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11051-2  
01:09:17.723 --> 01:09:19.420  
talk about today. This is fun.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11035-0  
01:09:18.070 --> 01:09:18.290  
OK.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11058-0  
01:09:21.320 --> 01:09:23.800  
Motion to adjourn. Anybody I  
motion.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11061-0  
01:09:24.330 --> 01:09:25.400  
Thank you. Second.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11066-0  
01:09:26.320 --> 01:09:27.170  
I'll second.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11069-0  
01:09:26.810 --> 01:09:27.190  
OK.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11072-0  
01:09:27.500 --> 01:09:28.950  
Great. All in favor.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11075-0  
01:09:29.670 --> 01:09:30.130  
Alright.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11079-0  
01:09:29.850 --> 01:09:30.600  
I.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11078-0  
01:09:30.200 --> 01:09:30.520  
Aye.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11085-0  
01:09:30.930 --> 01:09:32.480  
Awesome. OK. Thanks everybody.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11088-0  
01:09:32.980 --> 01:09:33.740  
Thank you.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11098-0  
01:09:33.880 --> 01:09:34.440  
Ohh.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11096-0  
01:09:34.060 --> 01:09:34.870  
Hi, thank you.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11102-0  
01:09:34.610 --> 01:09:34.810  
Yeah.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11106-0  
01:09:35.210 --> 01:09:35.580  
Right.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11112-0  
01:09:36.090 --> 01:09:36.880  
Thank you.

af84a290-f36d-412d-ba41-a4b6ba97d786/11108-0  
01:09:36.140 --> 01:09:36.350  
But.