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Okay, it's been a few weeks since we've all had the chance to get together. So I'm so glad that folks have joined us on this. Friday. Feels like we should have a much longer weekend than what we do.

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There should be a state holiday tossed in here somewhere anyway for those of you that did have the opportunity to take some time off, but hopped on with us. Anyway. We appreciate you being here. 1, quick reminder.

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If you have questions or comments, please put them in the chat box and send that to all panelists so that we can make sure that the right person gets that question. And with that, I am going to turn it over to Dr.

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Good morning everybody just want to give a little bit of an update to the team.

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As we know the covert numbers have gone down a raise a low right now in, um, in the Missouri area.

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And the numbers from have been rising up in the East Coast, especially, uh, in New York.

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And other states, and they are.

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Looking at about a 5 jump week 2 week.

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So, um, we are just waiting to see how it would impact us in Missouri.

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The other thing is also looking at what that impact would be with regards to hospitalizations and, uh, having serious outcomes from the virus.

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It's considered at this point that it is even there is more infectious.

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It is going to be milder than the other variance, but we still need, uh, data.

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To show that, so we're waiting for that kind of data.

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And, uh, and until then, until goes up, we will keep you posted. Um, and as we learn more about it, we will keep you posted as well.

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The other thing, uh, that's in the news now is about the 4th booster shot.

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So, the CDC has recommended that, um, individuals who had there who are 50 years and over and who have had, they are.

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Previous booster for years, like, 4 months ago.

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4 months ago or 4 months ago, then you, you are eligible to take your, uh.

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Yeah, 4th booster and you could do the Mariana or or, um.

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Uh, Pfizer, whichever you can get it done, you can take it from your local pharmacy. Um, it's, it's pretty easy to get the booster. So that's the recommendation for CDC.

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And the reason for that is that they do see a decline in in antibodies Titus after.

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Time as fast. So every time you you do a booster, the antibody tighter goes up and the protection is better.

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The other, um, other individuals will benefit from the full booster of those who have immunocompromised conditions will have 1 at a high risk for having negative outcome. And typically.

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That also includes individuals, intellectual disability, they are considered high risk for a negative outcome and also they're immunocompromised conditions and you could give the booster, uh, over the age of 12.

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People who have had the J vaccine.

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They are recommending that, uh, if they've just had the vaccine to go ahead and get another.

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To get it boosted with the Madonna or Pfizer as well. So, these are the.

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Recommendations from the CDC with regards to vaccination 1 thing to remember. I know. Uh, 1 thing to remember the vaccination is, if you have vaccinated, you can still.

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Test positive for the virus, which is.

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Happening quite a bit. So you're having breakthrough in factions, but what the data shows is that the, um, the.

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The, the risk of having a serious illness or ending up in the hospital, or ending up in the ventilator, or having a negative outcome is significantly less when having the vaccination and being boosted.

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So, that's all I have, and I'll be willing to take any questions. Anybody else have, you can put it in the chat and be glad to answer.

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That's all I have, I don't see anything in the chat at the moment.

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Thank you. Thanks. Dr Sam appreciate the update this morning. Everyone happy.

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Good Friday and I'm happy.

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Autism awareness month so, um, this is.

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I have a few to update for you, but you'll be hearing a lot from the team on different things that are going on.

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And so 1 of the things I wanted to make sure everybody remembered, is that to be.

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Um, registration is now open for the real choices, real voices conference and that will be in August.

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And it is August 28th through the 30th.

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And it's going to be at margarita, though, so.

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Opportunity for families and individuals to connect and so.

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If you will help us spread the word about that.

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The other thing is and I guess my screen is not allowing me to share so maybe you can pull up the division homepage because I wanted to let everyone know about a.

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New kind of easy way to connect with the division for information. I know most everyone on these calls is signed up for.

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The, the emails emails that come out and.

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Also, you know, attending the calls that are announced through those emails, but he may or may not be connected with us through the social media platforms.

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And so we wanted to make sure that we are sharing contents that way and.

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That we are able to connect with our individuals and families.

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And so I could just click through there on the main division page. There's a purple button now that says connect with.

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We've got a button for that and so you'll see there there, we are on 3 different social media platforms and you can click on each of those 2.

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These are all to join us and connect with us on that platform and make sure you share that with those in your network. There's also a monthly dashboard right? Above there that features.

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Just a quick glance at the prior month.

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Um, so this is the view of March and the communication.

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From the division through each of the platform.

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That we, we use see, they're on.

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Facebook, the reach was over 8,000.

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And then on our Instagram.

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We are just getting that up and running and.

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We're also on Twitter and so yeah, just.

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When did you get the word out there so that we are making sure that we're being easily accessible to all.

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To Dwayne for some information about our.

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Are you apprenticeship program?

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Jess, um, good morning. Everybody.

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We're very excited to announce the kick off of our certified direct support, professional registered apprenticeship program known as Missouri.

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Talent pathways or for short.

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Uh, is the 1st of his kind of programming the nation.

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Which we truly believe will help us with narrowing the workforce shortage.

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Developing a career pathway for direct support professionals.

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And also increasing outcomes for individuals, it was our honor to have the assistance, the governor Carson, um, and announcing the launch.

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Of through his social media, and also his official.

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News release on April 4, and I'll put a hyperlink to that news release.

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In the chat box when I get done talking, but most half is a 1 year program, which blends on the job mentoring.

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In technical instruction, uh, individuals that go through this apprenticeship program.

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We'll start their program with a minimum base wage of 15 dollars an hour.

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Which will then increase to a 10% wage increase.

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Upon successful completion of the program um, this is a program that would be available for new and.

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Uh, current direct support professionals we do have our initial recruitment on boarding webinar for this next Friday. Uh, April 22nd.

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At 1230 PM that information was sent out through our division, let's serve this morning.

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Uh, so we have not seen it. You can definitely visit our website.

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And look for updated, uh, email, um, emails that have been sent out.

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But, again, we're very excited about it. Uh, we do think this is going to be a great opportunity.

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And it's something that we've been working closely with our stakeholders throughout Missouri.

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As well, as federally and launching, and with that, I will pass it off to June.

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Thank you thank you. Join.

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This is April in April is autism awareness month.

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Hi, can you hear me.

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Yes, ma'am. Okay. Great.

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So yeah,

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april's autism awareness month and we've been promoting autism awareness through email blast and the different social media platforms that just just highlighted 1 of those blasts in particular was a call for more volunteers for the parent advisory

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And if you're not familiar already with the packs, or the parent advisory councils, the Department of mental health funds, 5, regional autism projects.

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And they provide autism services statewide each project has a parent advisory council known as the pack and these are made up of parents or adults with autism,

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the pack members advocate and they give advice.

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They, um, offer consultation to the damage on policy and budget and services. And service providers, um, and they are always looking for new volunteers at the 5 different regions across the state. There is.

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Particular information about how to do that, and just information about the projects, and the packs in general on the web page, and we'll get those put in the chat here in just a SEC for a link. If you want.

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If you want information on how to either share that with others or volunteer yourself.

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In addition to the projects in the packs, another thing to know for April is the Missouri commission on autism recently revamped.

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They had their 1st meeting back in January and they are working to identify needs and gaps as well as best practices.

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In particular this 1st year, they're going to be working on identifying needs in relation to transition to adulthood.

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The next meeting for the commission on autism is going to be April 28th in Jefferson City, and there's also information on the autism commission on the web page that you can find. We'll put in that in the chat too.

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So, next, I think twice gonna update on connection.

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Guys, yes, I'm going to do a quick connection update.

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3rd, I'm going to if you can pass me the ball and it looks like you have.

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Share my screen is having a good Friday.

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Okay, so doing a quick connection implementation project, update with this group. So just wanted to update on Timeline and make sure folks are, um.

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Aware our current timeline has us having a system go live of May 17th 2023 we are still on track for that we are currently what's considered in phase 2, which is the design and build and configuration piece.

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We are actively working to finish out our requirements gathering activities by the end of this month for the original contract.

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And then for the contract amendments that we executed in January, we plan to close out requirements on those in May of.

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This year, and then we'll move into finishing the building configuration activities over the summer, and then move into testing this fall. We are planning some testing activities. Some training some training planning has begun.

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So we do kind of.

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Work on items and all of these different phases, but currently, right now we're in phase 2 looking to move into phase 3 by this fall.

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As far as health indicators, for our project, we are within budget on the project, our 2023 budget has been approved by CMS for the fiscal, the fiscal match. We are at 70 74%, completion rate for this project.

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And, like I said, our updated project go live was May this is May 15. I'm sorry, I should update that. It's may 17th of 2023. and that shift was do a little bit.

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We were actually slated to go live in September of 2022, but with all of those additional programs and adding in our contract amendments.

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It pushed that out by about 6 months as far as scope. We like I said, we are within scope and just executing all the requirements and Bill for what we have in the project. And as far as resource we are, um.

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Working on new resources in the project epi's deputy project manager has resigned.

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So, FBI is working on a replacement and we're working on some additional resources to keep the contract either on schedule or ahead on FBI side.

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So, as far as our different phases of the project, this just tracks where we're expected to be completed per our project schedule, versus where we're actually at with our work percentage complete.

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So right now everything we are on track with besides testing. We're a little bit behind on our test scheduling and our uat checklist, but we have mitigations and in place to bring that up to speed. The division did just submit.

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So we have to go through CMS certification on this case management system and we're excited to announce that we have submitted and CMS accepted our outcomes based metrics and evidence that we will put through that

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certification process.

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So, we are, we're working through that new certification.

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Next slide, this just kind of goes through the details of things that we're working on. These, those are functional requirement documents.

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We are in the last stages of working on the assessment claims and billings, intakes, and we have 10 interfaces in this project and we're actively working with all of our vendors and other vendors and interface work.

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And then we have 11 migrations and more actively working on several of those, including service authorization. And then the beginning of our migration work, as far as scope.

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Like I said, we are executing all of our.

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Contract requirements,

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and now we are starting the process of doing what's called a reliability tracing metrics to make sure that every single requirement we have in the contract and through our contract amendments has been executed the way the division expected it to be

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So, that work has begun as well.

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So, what's coming next for us is we'll continue to have these blocked requirement meetings through the May, with our subject matter experts in the project to finish out the requirements gathering.

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And then over the summer we'll work on training materials and policy updates with those folks and then this fall will be moving into what's called user acceptance, testing, formal user, acceptance testing.

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We also have more walkthroughs and demonstrations coming for the larger group. So, we just had 1 of those, I guess that was on April 6 when we went through several modules.

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So, we'll be posting that out onto reliance and sending that out through a division blast email for folks to be able to access and go to rely us to access that walkthrough.

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And we'll have several more of those walkthrough scheduled for the rest of the summer.

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Um, let me see, uh, as far as we're planning our user acceptance testing, and then we're creating our planning and starting to plan the pilot billing and claims updates as well.

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And then we're completing our training strategy and working on basically context and how we'll subject out those training materials.

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So, for any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out, and then don't forget about our Web page as well. And I'll put that in a chat.

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Troy, we did have 1 question that came in it is connection will replace Seymour is that correct?

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Most parts of Seymour, so it's not a full. So connection is not technically a full, see more replacements.

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So I wanted to clarify that, but for most functions, for the division of developmental disabilities, it will see more is not technically considered a case management system.

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It's more of a billing, a billing system, and all honesty and a place where we house our service authorizations and contracts.

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So for, for relevant folks that use the and do empty work, that's still phase and s'more and there will be some.

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Billing processes that still staying so we're working on mapping documents that will really outline what functionality stays in Seymour versus what functionality is in connection,

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but for most most items connection will cover that,

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but it won't be completely all inclusive.

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All right, thank you. And I don't think well, let's see.

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There is another question that came in will there be some samples of what will be migrated from the into connection and.

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Well, the templates and connection meet all of damage standard.

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Flash requirements for all the components needed in the isb.

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Sorry to say the 1st part, I'm going to have to break that out. That's a good question. So the migration migration, we will not be sharing our migration files that's being done between the division and FBI.

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If we can share details about how we're migrating that's open to doing that, but we wouldn't actually be sharing files.

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Okay, and I went ahead and just sent that message to you directly so that it's easier to pull apart.

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Okay, the next 1, let's see.

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So technically, the word, when you use isb template, it's, it's not technically a template. It's a form that's that's the terminology we'll use with connection is it's a, it's an form and connection and yes.

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It will mean all of DMA standards and requirements for all components needed in the ISV the interesting thing. And let me know if this doesn't explain it.

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Well, but the isb and the way that you think about it today is quote unquote, I guess 1, large paper form, there's going to be multiple modules and connection that will.

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Pull data over to then the form itself. It's an, it's an advanced form and connection, but yes, it is the subject matter. Experts that are working in the project to together requirements for to build out the plan.

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They used, uh, the rsp guide to help base that as well. I don't know if jill's on the call Joe if, if you maybe have anything else Jill, she may has been 1 of our.

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Key but I would say, yes, to that that question, we are meeting all standards.

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And I don't see Jill on the call this morning. No worries. We can spend more on on that. If that doesn't answer just reach out to me.

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Okay, and 1 more it says, will there be any training geared specifically to service providers?

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And will we be, will we still be putting budgets in to see more.

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What budget? There's lots of budgets specific. When are we talking about?

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So, while we're waiting on that, let me see if there's anything else.

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Okay, we need to move to next presenter. I'd be happy. I can answer any of the others. I'll send to you directly. Awesome. Thanks guys.

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Okay, this is the Angie Thank you for.

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For having me this morning, I apologize. I'm not on screen, but I am having Internet troubles so hopefully, I don't pause on you.

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Hi, can you hear me? Okay? Yes, ma'am. Okay. Great. Great.

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Okay, so 2 quick updates for the team, um, budget, we have our value based payment initiatives and race standardization and data.

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Interoperability that finding is still progressing House committee substitute did move some of the race standardization funding and the.

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What would have been like, kind of the 2nd, year funding for an enhanced spin plan to general revenue all in fiscal year, 23 from general revenue own fiscal year 23 to enhance f map.

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That includes moving some of our initiatives and data interoperability that has been been spent in fiscal year 24. they moved it up to fiscal year. 23. instead the department had conversations about how that move.

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For both the rate standardization and the data interoperability will just require a general revenue pickup in fiscal year, 24.

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so those conversations happened and they went well, we anticipate next week being a busy week, and send it again with Mark ups. So, again, funding is still staying intact and so that's good. News. Just kind of moving moving some of it around.

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Preliminary discussions for our rate study refresh, we want to go ahead and talk about that with everyone we will soon roll those, those rates that he refresh for waiver services. We'll be rolling those out.

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Our anticipated timeline is that you will receive initial communication in May to kick off the project and then we will gather some data from stakeholders. Marcia will spend a couple of months to analyze and prepare the data for us.

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And then we anticipate that midpoint touch with stakeholders, probably to be mid to late summer, and then a full wrap up in November.

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But as we flush out the timeline, we will continue to share that with you here as well as different stakeholder meetings and association meetings.

So, stay tuned for that. We're excited to get that process started again, right on the heels of wrapping up sessions.

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Um, with that, I'm going to hand it off to Emily.

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Hi, good morning. Just a quick update. I think a lot of people already heard that the federal, um.

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Was extended, and that is now set to expire July 15th this year. That'll take our 6 month. Appendix. K flexibilities through through approximately January of 2023.

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we have a couple waiver comment periods coming up that you'll see blast on the. 1st. 1 is the health assessment and coordination and right.

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Methodology amendment that we have with Mo,

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health net currently right now and that amendment proposes adding the health assessment and coordination or a station and D service to all of our waivers,

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which is currently in appendix.

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Uh, permanent service, so we're putting it in our waivers.

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Proposals to change the IAE, 18 crisis intervention from waiver year to year.

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Increase in waivers last week there's a lot of acronyms there. Could you.

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Sure change so I'm just to kind of back up to changing IAE,

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which is environmental accessibility,

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adaptation,

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medical equipment,

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which is assistive technology and crisis intervention from waiver year to year.

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And then increased waiver slots for the comp, the community support, and the partnership for hope waivers.

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And increase the community support cap.

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Increase that cap that 1, we'll see planning for public comment on for 22 through 522. so that 1.

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Shortly that starts next week, the other 1 that you'll see in the summer this.

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June July will be the value based payment amendment that.

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Angie was kind of speaking about about before it before this before I started and that is to add the incentive payments.

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To our waivers and that plan comment period will probably be no, no definite time period yet, but June or July for that common period on that amendment.

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Um, that's all I have from my updates. Do I have some questions after.

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That information on our amendments, though, I thought I might get some.

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I don't see any Emily. Okay and they pop ups.

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To me, and I'll answer through chat, so I'm next I'm going to.

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To hand off to Wendy.

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Good morning everybody happy. Good Friday. And if you are from the Kansas City region, then you probably already know we celebrated Tim wolfe's retirement a couple weeks ago.

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He's the regional office director out of.

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And, um, while we are sad to see him leave and are so appreciative of the leadership that he brought to the region, we are very excited to announce.

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Lisa Tracy is now the regional office director for the Kansas City regional office. And she has been with the regional office for.

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Many years, um, I don't know the exact number, but I'm thinking 27 or 25+for. Sure. So she brings a wealth of experience and has a dynamic team behind her.

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So we are excited for her in that role and what she will bring to the regional office. So, congratulations, Lisa.

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Um,

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the other thing that I wanted to just talk with you about is to give you a little bit of an update,

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you may have heard us talk before that we are working on kind of a policy and procedure overhaul right now we communicate through directives and guidelines and then we have multiple manuals,

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depending upon the subject matter at hand that people kind of have to know,

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and figure out where to go and find the answer to.

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So we are working on bringing all of that together through an online manual. That will be, um, public facing so it will be accessible to.

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Um, our staff internally with all the procedures that they need, um, specific to their job roles.

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As well, as information for individuals, families, service providers, and to know and understand what we will be doing and looking at.

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So you will have and no expectations for yourselves and how to work with with that and just know how to, um.

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You know, where to direct your questions and attention and and we're real excited about this effort. It is a huge and massive undertaking as we roll it out. We will do it a chapter at a time.

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So, um, we will have amber walk you through the 1st, chapter as we roll it out on 1 of these calls. So that you can see it but know that it will it will be phased in and evolve over time.

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And when as those chapters roll in, then the other resources, and the manuals, and and other guidelines will, um, will go away. So we're excited about that effort.

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We've had a lot of requests for work around this, both internally and from our stakeholder networks. So look more for that to come.

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Um, the last thing I just wanted to touch on was a question that went to toy and why you can build on this around the budgets that you were asking about in connection. I think the 1 exciting thing to share.

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Is that the budgets won't look like what you're used to? Because.

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Connection is, we'll automate many of those processes as you're selecting services and building the plan. It will build authorizations.

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And budgets pulling that information in so it won't be.

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A form, like you're used to seeing and where you go in and plug in numbers. So.

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I think that is the biggest, um.

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Saying, that's difficult for me to wrap my head around sometimes and thinking about moving to connection is just the automation that will come from this system. Um.

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Will be just life changing for so many people.

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So, and with that, that's all I have on my agenda and I'm going to pass it off to Jess. Unless Troy, you wanted to add something to.

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My comment around the budgets, I think that was that that covers it.

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Wendy yeah, thanks for pointing that out when it's very exciting and it's kind of hard to.

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Think about, um, we haven't seen it yet all, but a lot of the things that we do today, um, will.

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Become not a part of what we do all the calculating.

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Um, will be a part of the system requirements, so it's pretty exciting.

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Very excited for everyone to see it and and be able to.

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And as witness what we're going to be working with in the future, which will free up time to spend on, um.

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A much more important thing. So I do see another question in the chat regarding the apprenticeship program. I don't know if the way it's still on.

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I am so, um, generally, speaking, what I would say is we'll be reviewing all of that content, uh, and next Friday's webinar uh, again, that's 1230 until 2 o'clock.

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There's many different details, and it's really kind of hard to answer it in just a few minutes without providing this information.

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Also, anybody who has questions about that.

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Uh, are invited to email me individually.

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And I will put my, um, email in the chat box all. So.

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Great. Thanks. Twain. Yeah, it's it is kind of.

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A question that seems simple yet there's kind of a long answer about, um.

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The program in general and how it works the 1st.

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Department of labor apprenticeship program that we had a partnership with and so.

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And we're all learning this together, even though it's Wayne is very familiar. So.

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Of course, that webinar next week will be recorded like all of the webinars, if they're not able to make it during the time. And I think the only other thing I wanted to mention is that next week we received.

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Notification that next week is the Senate market process.

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For our, our budget, and so we're really moving into the final stages with basics being the last day that.

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We, the general assembly has the pass the budget so when we talk to you next time, we will have a much better understanding what our final budget looks like. Um.

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But the fact that we come out of the house, and with the governor's recommendations.

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Still in task to have a historic investment.

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In the program coming over.

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700Million dollars is is pretty amazing and.

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Um, really just wanted to call special attention to.

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Especially since this autism awareness month see how.

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A budget committee providing funding for beyond what was included in the governor's recommendation for 2, new autism centers in Missouri 1 in Springfield and 1. Jacqueline and so that's very exciting.

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Um, we're looking forward to coordinating with everyone to roll out.

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More access for individuals, and with that, I will.

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Um, let you go and everyone has a wonderful weekend. Look forward to talking to you soon.