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DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID  
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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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APPEARANCES

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Wayne Harvey, TAC Chair  
Brad Schneider  
Johnny Callebs  
Frankie Huffman (not present)  
Ann Pierce  
Cheri Ellis-Reeves  
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1 MS. WASH: Good morning. It is 9:58,  
2 and this is Barbara from the Department of  
3 Medicaid Services, and I'm still clearing  
4 the waiting room.

5 So it is 10 a.m. Again, this is  
6 Barbara from DMS, and I still have a lot  
7 more people in the waiting room. Do you  
8 want me to give it a minute or two?

9 MR. HARVEY: Yes, Barbara, go ahead  
10 and give it another minute or two to--

11 MS. WASH: Okay.

12 MR. HARVEY: -- try to clear the room  
13 completely out.

14 MS. WASH: Okay, I will do that.

15 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Good morning.

16 MR. CALLEBS: Hey, Melanie.

17 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Hey, Johnny.

18 MR. HARVEY: We're still clearing the  
19 waiting room out right now, so we'll get  
20 started here in just a minute or two.

21 MS. WASH: Okay, this is Barbara  
22 again from DMS. It is 10:02, and the  
23 waiting room is clear.

24 MR. HARVEY: Thank you, Barbara. Can  
25 you go ahead and confirm that we have a

1 quorum?

2 MS. WASH: Yes, you do.

3 MR. HARVEY: Thank you.

4 Okay, first thing up on the minutes  
5 -- or the agenda I should say, is the  
6 approval of the minutes from the previous  
7 meeting. Does anyone on the committee want  
8 to make that motion?

9 MS. ELLIS-REEVES: I make a motion.

10 MR. HARVEY: Thank you, Cheri. Does  
11 anybody want to second it?

12 MR. CALLEBS: I'll second. Johnny.

13 MR. HARVEY: Thank you, Johnny. Is  
14 there any discussion?

15 (no response)

16 MR. HARVEY: Okay, all in favor, just  
17 give me a thumbs up instead of everybody  
18 saying "aye."

19 (Thumbs up)

20 MR. HARVEY: Okay. All right, motion  
21 carries. Minutes are approved, Barbara.

22 The next thing on the agenda is old  
23 business. Do we have somebody here from the  
24 Cabinet, Barbara, that is going to report on  
25 the general updates, and then the update of

1 the impact of recent federal legislation,  
2 the first two bullet items?

3 MS. CLARK: Wayne, it's Alisha. I'm  
4 here this morning for Carmen. So I can kind  
5 of go through the updates. I know that  
6 Carmen gave those last meeting.

7 And so I know that she had previously  
8 talked about Model II and HCB being approved  
9 in July. HCB did take effect on 8/1, and  
10 Model II, the new application approval is  
11 set to take effect on 10/1. And then she  
12 had mentioned the HCBS Welcome Packet  
13 previously, just wanted to let you all know,  
14 we had planned hopefully to have that out  
15 the end of September/October-ish. It is in  
16 the final review stages, so I'm hopeful that  
17 it'll be coming out, you know, in the next  
18 month or so. So fingers crossed as we kind  
19 of, you know, finish up that review and get  
20 that out to you all.

21 As far as the 1915(c) Child Waiver  
22 that we're working on, the team is currently  
23 working with CMS to try to get that  
24 application approved, working through  
25 provider education and training that should

1           come out late October, early November.

2           And then I don't know if we have  
3           anybody on here from behavioral health that  
4           could speak to the 1915(i) RISE. I can tell  
5           you, you know, the little bit that I know on  
6           that, and they are working through the  
7           provider enrollment at this time. So if  
8           anybody is on here from behavioral health,  
9           just jump in at any point.

10           MR. HARVEY: I don't think you have  
11           any takers, Alisha.

12           MS. WASH: Yeah.

13           MS. CLARK: Okay. Well, then we'll  
14           just go into the next one. And Wayne, as  
15           far as the update on the impact of the  
16           recent federal legislation, you know, I  
17           don't have anything further at this time.  
18           You know, we'll continue to wait on  
19           guidance. You know, I am covering for  
20           Carmen this morning. There's kind of a  
21           standing meeting that all of our executive  
22           staff have every so often. So sometimes it  
23           does conflict with this meeting, but nobody  
24           has provided me anything. So I know Steve,  
25           you know, with our budget, everybody is

1 watching everything closely, so as  
2 additional information comes out, we will  
3 definitely share that with you all.

4 MR. HARVEY: Do you have any update  
5 on the government shutdown, Alisha? Has  
6 that done anything to Kentucky Medicaid or  
7 impacted you guys any? I know it has to be  
8 difficult to deal with that.

9 MS. CLARK: I mean, I think there's  
10 always the fear from even us that maybe  
11 things could be a little bit slower on  
12 getting responses from CMS, but, you know,  
13 to date, I have not personally had any  
14 slowness. I mean, we're still trucking  
15 right along with all of our projects, and,  
16 you know, I think I even saw an email maybe  
17 from CMS, you know, that was questions back  
18 to our team on the child waiver. So not  
19 experienced any slowdown at this point, but  
20 I don't want to say that it hasn't affected  
21 Medicaid somehow.

22 MR. HARVEY: Okay. Does any  
23 committee members have any questions for  
24 Alisha on those updates?

25 (no response)

1 MR. HARVEY: Do you see any hands  
2 that I'm not seeing, Barbara?

3 MS. CLARK: Oh, Amy's got one. Amy?

4 MR. HARVEY: Yeah.

5 MS. WASH: Amy does.

6 MS. CLARK: Now, Amy, I knew Amy  
7 would ask me a question.

8 MS. STAED: Well, actually, one, just  
9 wanted to add something --

10 MS. CLARK: Okay.

11 MS. STAED: -- on top of what Alisha  
12 just said about the shutdown. CMS also  
13 issued a letter, maybe a week or two ago,  
14 just noting that they have sufficient funds  
15 to fund Medicare and Medicaid payments  
16 through the first quarter of the government  
17 fiscal year, which began October 1st, so  
18 through the end of calendar year 2025. So  
19 all the experts out there aren't really  
20 expecting the government shutdown to even  
21 last that long. There's sufficient money to  
22 fund Medicare and Medicaid.

23 And then, Alisha, I don't -- I don't  
24 want to put you on the spot, so if you don't  
25 know any details, totally understand. There



1 was a letter that came out yesterday about  
2 EVV, if you -- I wondered if you could touch  
3 on that a little bit, and if you can't,  
4 again, totally understand. It wasn't on the  
5 agenda, so I get it.

6 MS. CLARK: No, that's okay. So I'll  
7 start, and I might have April on here that  
8 can kind of chime in, but, you know, EVV has  
9 been a federal requirement, right? And they  
10 have expected us to be capturing and making  
11 sure that all of the six elements are in  
12 place, being captured, and going through  
13 that process. So my understanding is  
14 recently, we have just now started -- like  
15 the pay and list, I don't know, you all --  
16 some providers are probably very familiar  
17 with that through other, you know -- it  
18 seemed like it used to be a lot back in my  
19 other area of where I worked. But pay and  
20 list, so it kind of lets you know errors  
21 that right now, this is the way that you can  
22 monitor that, but come, I believe, January  
23 the 1st, that those errors -- you know, if  
24 it's not going through the system, then you  
25 aren't going to get paid for those claims.

1           So there has to be, you know, a PA for that  
2           visit for them to match up and to get that  
3           reimbursement.

4           So right now, it's kind of like, you  
5           know, we've talked about this for a long  
6           time. Like, "Hey, this is coming, this is  
7           coming." And what we thought would be  
8           helpful is to allow providers to see, "Hey,  
9           these are my errors," and so, you know,  
10          because we have to have KPI reporting to the  
11          federal government, and we need to get that  
12          where it needs to be.

13          And I don't know, I will say if  
14          April's on here and she wants to add  
15          anything or if I got anything wrong,  
16          definitely please correct me on that.

17          MS. LOWERY: So yeah, I'll just add  
18          to that, so today, currently, the only real  
19          difference is for that visit to be paid,  
20          there has to be a visit with the claim. So  
21          if you submit a claim today without the EV  
22          visit, it's going to pay and list. Moving  
23          forward after January 1st of 2026, if that  
24          visit is not in the system, that claim is  
25          not going to pay.

1           This also -- this is one of our KPI  
2           reporting measures that goes to CMS, and we  
3           have already implemented this for the home  
4           health care services, which included home  
5           health through the MCOs, private duty  
6           nursing, and also Model II Waiver providers  
7           as of January 1st of 2025, and we've had  
8           very little issues with that. So it's just  
9           ensuring that for every claim paid that  
10          requires an EV visit, that that visit is  
11          there in the Therap aggregator.

12           So there is additional town halls  
13          upcoming for providers to attend where they  
14          can ask Q&A with Therap. The next one is  
15          Thursday at 2:30, this Thursday, October the  
16          9th, and then there is a monthly series up  
17          through January for any questions that  
18          providers may need to ask, and those  
19          trainings will also be recorded. And then  
20          DALE is also going to host Therap on the  
21          November PDS town -- or it's going to be  
22          similar to the town hall deck, so -- on the  
23          PDS monthly call.

24           So is there any additional questions  
25          that we can answer related to the upcoming

1 additions to EVV?

2 MS. STAED: If people have questions  
3 just kind of as we go through this process,  
4 not today, what would the best way to submit  
5 them be? That HCBS email address? I forget  
6 what it is, I'm sorry.

7 MS. LOWERY: Our 1915(c) Waiver --

8 MS. STAED: Yeah.

9 MS. LOWERY: -- Help Desk. Yes, you  
10 can submit any questions. Always happy to  
11 assist providers along the way with  
12 questions, technical assistance, etc. If  
13 you get in -- if an agency gets into their  
14 pay and list and they've got questions when  
15 they receive that, there is a team ready to  
16 assist.

17 MS. STAED: Thank you.

18 MS. TYNER-WILSON: And --

19 MR. HARVEY: Okay, does anybody else  
20 have any other questions on that?

21 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Wayne, this is  
22 Melanie, can I ask a question?

23 MR. HARVEY: Sure. Yes, absolutely,  
24 go ahead, Melanie.

25 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah, and thank

1           you, April, for that information. Where  
2           would caregivers or self-advocates go to get  
3           -- to ask those same kind of questions?

4           MS. LOWERY: Melanie, you can submit  
5           those also to the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk  
6           box --

7           MS. TYNER-WILSON: Okay.

8           MS. LOWERY: -- and we will respond  
9           to those caregiver questions as well there.

10          MS. TYNER-WILSON: Okay, thank you.

11          MS. LOWERY: Mm-hmm.

12          MR. HARVEY: Anyone else have any  
13          other questions for April?

14                   (no response)

15          MR. HARVEY: Do you see anybody else,  
16          Barbara?

17          MS. WASH: I see one question -- let  
18          me -- no, there isn't anything else in  
19          there, no more questions.

20          MR. HARVEY: Okay.

21                 All right, moving on then, the next  
22          thing is update regarding the 1915(c) Waiver  
23          waitlist. Alisha, are you doing that?

24          MS. CLARK: I was going to say,  
25          Wayne, that'll be me again. So this is hot

1 off the press it looks like. So as of 10/7,  
2 and for ABI Acute, ABI Long-Term Care, and  
3 Model II, we do not have anybody on the  
4 waiting list. For the HCB Waiver, there is  
5 5,284. For Michelle P., there is 9,670.  
6 For SCL, there's 3,765. And so the total  
7 unduplicated is 16,266.

8 MR. HARVEY: Okay, does anybody have  
9 any questions over the waiting list numbers?

10 (no response)

11 MR. HARVEY: Do you see any hands  
12 raised, Barbara?

13 MS. WASH: I see no hands raised.

14 MR. HARVEY: Okay, thank you.

15 MS. WASH: Mm-hmm.

16 MR. HARVEY: Okay, PDS services, are  
17 you doing that also?

18 MS. CLARK: Actually, I have Marnie  
19 Mountjoy with the Department for Aging and  
20 Independent Living that I believe will be  
21 providing the updates for this one.

22 MR. HARVEY: Okay, great.

23 MS. MOUNTJOY: Yes, thank you. So we  
24 have 71 case management agencies to provide  
25 PDS services across the Commonwealth.

1           That's four additional new ones since I  
2           reported this last -- to the last meeting.  
3           There is 8 agencies that are in queue to be  
4           reviewed, and we have 803 individuals who  
5           are on the PDS interest list.

6           MR. HARVEY:   Okay, does anybody have  
7           any questions for Marnie while we have her  
8           on here?

9           MS. STAED:    Can you repeat the  
10          interest list number?

11          MS. MOUNTJOY:   Sure, 803.

12          MS. STAED:    Thank you.

13          MR. HARVEY:    Any other questions?

14          MS. TYNER-WILSON:   Wayne, this is  
15          Melanie again.   Can I --

16          MR. HARVEY:    Sure, absolutely.   Go  
17          ahead, Melanie.

18          MS. TYNER-WILSON:   Ms. Marnie, thank  
19          you for that information.   Can you, for the  
20          record, just describe the difference between  
21          an independent case management and I guess a  
22          dependent case management?

23          MS. MOUNTJOY:   Well, the original  
24          traditional PDS case management agencies  
25          were the community mental health centers and

1 the area development districts --

2 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Okay.

3 MS. MOUNTJOY: -- so that was -- I  
4 believe that totals up to 29 agencies, but  
5 we have 71 total, so they could be  
6 standalone case management agencies that are  
7 certified to provide PDS services.

8 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Okay, thank you.

9 MS. LOWERY: Mm-hmm.

10 MR. HARVEY: Any other questions?

11 MS. WASH: And there are no questions  
12 in the chat box.

13 MR. HARVEY: Thank you.

14 Involuntary Termination Summary  
15 Report, is Elizabeth doing that?

16 MS. MARKLE: I am.

17 MS. CLARK: Yes.

18 MS. MARKLE: Good morning, everyone.

19 MR. HARVEY: Hey.

20 MS. MARKLE: So as of yesterday, we  
21 had a total number of involun-terms in the  
22 last year for all services was 57.  
23 Residential services only was 40. Of the  
24 total involuntary terminations in the last 6  
25 months for all services, there were 32. And



1 of that number was -- for residential only,  
2 was 24. And then of the total number of  
3 involuntary terminations in the last month,  
4 there were five, and of those residential  
5 services only were three. Of the total  
6 involuntary terminations not transitioned in  
7 the last year for all services is 21, 18 of  
8 those are residential only, and our number  
9 of active involuntary terminations over 1  
10 year has dropped to 10.

11 I was pleased over the last week as  
12 we were collecting information from our  
13 field staff to see that there were a handful  
14 that actually agencies had rescinded, which  
15 tells me that they felt like they were  
16 getting different support or had figured  
17 some different things out, maybe even  
18 created a different living environment or  
19 something along those lines that were better  
20 suited to the individual's needs. So I'm  
21 always excited to see that when a request is  
22 rescinded that tells me that they figured  
23 out a way to continue to support that person  
24 and that that person, most importantly,  
25 would not have to be relocated.

1 MR. HARVEY: Sure. Does anybody have  
2 any questions for Elizabeth on those  
3 numbers?

4 MS. STAED: Elizabeth, for the active  
5 over one year, those ten people, do you have  
6 any indication of how many of those ten are  
7 residential?

8 MS. MARKLE: I don't, but I certainly  
9 can get that.

10 MS. STAED: It's -- I don't -- yeah,  
11 I was just wondering for my own purposes.

12 MS. MARKLE: I would suspect -- yeah,  
13 I would suspect all of them, but I can  
14 double check that while we're on the  
15 meeting.

16 MS. STAED: Thank you. That would be  
17 greatly appreciated.

18 MS. MARKLE: No problem.

19 MR. HARVEY: Does anybody else have  
20 any other questions? Go ahead, Ann.

21 MS. PIERCE: (speaking on mute)

22 MR. HARVEY: I think you're still  
23 muted, Ann.

24 MS. PIERCE: I said thank you to  
25 everybody first. I was wondering, the 18

1 residential who were not transitioned --

2 MS. MARKLE: Yes.

3 MS. PIERCE: -- can we find out -- is  
4 it possible to find out what their  
5 disability diagnosis is?

6 MS. MARKLE: I mean, I'm certain that  
7 we can gather that information. Is that  
8 something the committee would like for us to  
9 have ongoing so that we would know to  
10 collect that in advance in the future?

11 MS. PIERCE: That would be great if  
12 --

13 MR. HARVEY: What would be the  
14 purpose of gathering that information, Ann,  
15 I guess would be the question?

16 MS. PIERCE: Just to see -- well,  
17 that's a fair question. I'm just thinking  
18 that people with severe autism have very  
19 unique needs, and that if there's a pattern  
20 of involuntary evictions for that  
21 population, that we might need to address  
22 that issue somehow. Does that make sense?

23 MR. HARVEY: Did you get that,  
24 Elizabeth?

25 MS. STAED: Just to be clear, we're

1 talking about involuntary terminations.

2 MS. PIERCE: Correct.

3 MR. HARVEY: Does anybody else have  
4 any other questions?

5 MS. MARKLE: I have a quick question.  
6 So would that data be just for our folks who  
7 are still awaiting -- I just want to be  
8 clear, like --

9 MS. PIERCE: The ones that are unable  
10 to be transitioned, so can find no other  
11 provider who will accept them.

12 MS. MARKLE: Okay.

13 MS. PIERCE: Thank you.

14 MS. MARKLE: You're welcome.

15 MR. HARVEY: Any other questions for  
16 Elizabeth?

17 MS. WASH: There are no questions in  
18 the chat box.

19 MR. HARVEY: Thank you, Barbara.

20 Next up is the survey response data  
21 regarding involuntary termination. This is  
22 going to be put on by Amy Staed. Amy?

23 MS. STAED: Hi, thank you. First,  
24 thank you for giving me the opportunity to  
25 speak. Could someone grant me the ability

1 to share my screen?

2 MS. WASH: All right, Amy, just give  
3 me a minute --

4 MS. STAED: Yep.

5 MS. WASH: -- and I will -- I will  
6 make you a cohost.

7 MS. STAED: Oh, that's so much power.

8 MS. WASH: There you go, you have it.

9 MS. STAED: Thank you.

10 MS. WASH: I'm going to stop sharing  
11 my screen.

12 MS. STAED: Okay. Thank you. Hold  
13 on just a second. Okay, can everyone see  
14 that?

15 MS. WASH: Yes.

16 MS. STAED: Okay, good. Thank you so  
17 much. And thank you again for allowing me  
18 to speak. Just to remind everyone where we  
19 started because I know that not everyone  
20 gets to tune into all of these TAC meetings,  
21 and this is something that we have -- that  
22 the IDD TAC has been working on for well  
23 over five years, so some of us may have  
24 forgotten a little bit of the history.

25 But again, the IDD TAC has been

1           working on the issue of involuntary  
2           termination of a service, and I really want  
3           to be very specific of the language we use  
4           here. We're talking about involuntary  
5           termination of a service, not the  
6           termination of someone's waiver, not  
7           evictions, involuntary termination of a  
8           service. And while typically we are talking  
9           about a residential service, this process  
10          applies to every waiver service an  
11          individual receives. So if, for example,  
12          someone's receiving a nutrition service, and  
13          that nutritionist really firmly believes  
14          that that individual's needs exceed what  
15          they're able to provide, that nutritionist  
16          would be able to also utilize the  
17          involuntary termination of a service  
18          process. So it applies to all services.

19                 Again, we've been working on -- the  
20          IDD TAC, excuse me, has been working on this  
21          issue for at least five years, probably  
22          longer, but I can only talk about at least  
23          five years. Earlier this year, the IDD TAC  
24          submitted recommendations based upon that  
25          five years of work to the MAC, which then

1 submitted that information to Medicaid. And  
2 Medicaid -- Kentucky Medicaid responded with  
3 a letter, and in that letter, Kentucky  
4 Medicaid said that it supported the  
5 implementation of structured and consistent  
6 time frames, or a structured and consistent  
7 60-day time frame for involuntary  
8 terminations. In that response, Medicaid  
9 requested that the IDD TAC gather critical  
10 information to help inform -- to help inform  
11 Medicaid's policy decisions related to this.  
12 So I just want to be really clear. Medicaid  
13 asked that the IDD TAC gather information,  
14 submit ideas related to the information, but  
15 again, just so everyone knows, this IDD TAC  
16 has absolutely no ability to form policy,  
17 the MAC does not form policy. We discuss  
18 things and submit those ideas to Medicaid so  
19 that it can consider them as it considers  
20 changes to any policy, not just this policy.

21 So Medicaid asked that the IDD TAC  
22 look at a few areas as we consider this --  
23 the involuntary termination policies. They  
24 asked that we, the IDD TAC, create, talk  
25 about exceptions for critical safety

1 concerns, so to develop a proposed criteria  
2 that would allow for expedited termination  
3 in cases where continued support would  
4 present a verified and immediate threat to  
5 the individual or others; define transition  
6 requirement -- transition planning  
7 requirements, meaning that providers require  
8 that providers submit a transition plan  
9 detailing interim supports, referral  
10 efforts, and coordination with case  
11 management during the 60-day involuntary  
12 termination of a service process; implement  
13 provider support measures, so assess options  
14 for enhanced technical assistance, crisis  
15 intervention support, and temporary funding  
16 solutions to help providers manage high-risk  
17 transitions; and then conduct stakeholder  
18 engagement, which is what's happening right  
19 now. And again, these -- this all comes  
20 directly from the letter from Medicaid.  
21 These are not my words, I just kind of cut  
22 and pasted from that letter.

23 So one of the things that we  
24 discussed as we talk about stakeholder  
25 support -- or stakeholder engagement related



1 to the involuntary termination of a service  
2 process was to really do a survey of  
3 providers to see -- to get a handle and get  
4 data about what exactly we're talking about,  
5 how widespread is the issue, what is the  
6 impact, things like that. And that's kind  
7 of where I come in. Obviously, I am the CEO  
8 of the Kentucky Association of Private  
9 Providers. We are Kentucky's association  
10 for 1915(c) Waiver service providers, so in  
11 my position, I have access to a lot of  
12 providers that I can quickly get a survey  
13 out to, and so that's what we did. We  
14 surveyed residential Level 1 and Level 2  
15 providers, so staffed residences, and family  
16 home providers, residential providers, and  
17 then case managers. And we did this because  
18 while, again, we said that every service  
19 provider type, so behaviorists,  
20 nutritionists, therapists can engage with  
21 the involuntary termination process if they  
22 feel like they can no longer support an  
23 individual, and they do, that does happen,  
24 the majority of involuntary termination of a  
25 service notices we see are for residential

1 services. And so for the purposes of this  
2 survey, that's what we focused on, and  
3 again, I do not want to diminish at all the  
4 fact that other services do engage with this  
5 process when necessary. And then obviously,  
6 we also surveyed case managers because they  
7 see this from a completely different  
8 perspective, they have a different view, and  
9 they case manage lots of different types of  
10 people with lots of different diagnoses, and  
11 then they can offer a unique perspective.

12 So our response was we had 62  
13 individual provider agencies that provide  
14 residential services respond to this, which  
15 is quite a lot. And then 69 independent  
16 case managers, which is also quite a lot.  
17 So we can confidently say that well over  
18 two-thirds of our members responded to this  
19 survey and offered input. And again, so  
20 that's just a little baseline of what we're  
21 -- of who responded and what we're talking  
22 about.

23 Hold on, let me fix my screen so I  
24 can actually read what's on the page. So we  
25 asked both case managers and residential

1 providers: Do you think the current  
2 involuntary termination process works well?  
3 So for residential providers, 74 percent of  
4 them responded that it does not work well  
5 when the participant has a history of  
6 aggressive or violent behaviors, a history  
7 of law enforcement encounters, or intense  
8 support needs, including medical supports.  
9 And it is important to note that medical  
10 supports are often a reason for initiating  
11 the involuntary termination of a service  
12 process. Twenty-five percent of residential  
13 providers said it never works well, that  
14 process never works well. Case managers,  
15 85 percent said that it does not work well  
16 when that participant has that history of  
17 aggressive or violent behaviors, etc.  
18 Thirteen percent of case managers said that  
19 it never works well, and then one case  
20 manager, just one, said that it works well  
21 all the time. So I'm glad that they believe  
22 that it does work well all the time.

23 Then we decided to ask both  
24 residential providers and case managers if  
25 they'd ever -- residential providers if

1           they'd ever had to issue an involuntary  
2           termination notice, and then case managers  
3           if they'd ever case managed someone -- if  
4           they'd ever had someone on their case role  
5           that had received an involuntary termination  
6           of the service notice. So 90 percent of  
7           residential providers have issued an  
8           involuntary termination notice,  
9           10 percent -- about 10 percent -- I'll round  
10          sometimes in this conversation -- about  
11          10 percent have not. And case managers,  
12          72 percent have case managed someone who has  
13          received a notice of involuntary termination  
14          of a service from a Residential I or  
15          Residential II provider, and about  
16          28 percent have not.

17                 We asked residential providers, on a  
18                 scale of 1 to 10, how much strain does the  
19                 current involuntary termination of a service  
20                 policy place on an agency when an individual  
21                 remains after that initial 30-day period.  
22                 And 67 percent of providers said that --  
23                 rated it a 10, tremendous strain. So that's  
24                 obviously not great. No provider rated it  
25                 under a six, so that's -- you know, that's

1 not great, that's not really where we want  
2 to be.

3 We also asked both residential and  
4 case managers about their typical annual  
5 utilization of this involuntary termination  
6 of a service process. So first, residential  
7 providers, 69 percent said that they rarely  
8 have to use this process, so less than once  
9 a year, which is wonderful. And 24 percent  
10 said that they occasionally have to use it,  
11 which is 1 to 3 times per year. So about  
12 74 percent of residential providers need to  
13 use this process less than 3 times a year,  
14 which is good. We don't want people over  
15 utilizing this process, so, you know, less  
16 than 3 times a year at 74 percent is good.  
17 No residential providers said that they  
18 needed to use it more than three times per  
19 year, and several said that they had never  
20 needed to use it.

21 Case managers, 72, 73 percent said  
22 that they have a participant, 1 to 3  
23 participants per year that they case manage  
24 that receive a notice of involuntary  
25 termination from a Residential I or

1 Residential II provider, and 20 percent said  
2 0, so that's great as well. And what this  
3 shows us is that this is not happening super  
4 frequently, and that's -- we don't want it  
5 happening super frequently. And so this is  
6 kind of in line with, you know, ideas and  
7 beliefs that we had about how much it was  
8 being utilized, but it's good to see the  
9 data behind it.

10 We asked case managers what -- in  
11 their view, what they saw the most common  
12 reason for involuntary termination notices,  
13 again, when we're talking about residential  
14 services. Overwhelmingly, 57 percent said  
15 behavioral challenges; 23 percent -- and  
16 this was a "select all that apply" question,  
17 so you didn't have to just select one reason  
18 -- 23 percent said safety concerns for the  
19 participant or others, that other could be  
20 participant's roommates, staff, etc.;  
21 4 percent said lack of appropriate staffing  
22 or resources at the provider agency, and a  
23 lot of times, that can have to do with  
24 medical needs. The provider agency doesn't  
25 have, for example, someone who is able to

1 issue sliding scale insulin, things like  
2 that, G-tubes, things like that. Now,  
3 3 percent said the participant's medical  
4 needs, again, what we just talked about, and  
5 then 13 percent kind of selected everything,  
6 a mix of all of these things or the all of  
7 the above. But again, overwhelmingly, it  
8 had to do with behavioral challenges and  
9 safety concerns.

10 We asked case managers how long --  
11 the average time that it took to get a new  
12 residential placement after a notice of  
13 involuntary termination of a service was  
14 issued, and we asked them in two ways. We  
15 asked them for how long it took for  
16 participants without significant behavioral  
17 challenges or criminal history, and then we  
18 asked them how long it took for participants  
19 with significant behavioral challenges or  
20 criminal history, and the results are very  
21 interesting. So for participants without  
22 significant behavioral challenges or  
23 criminal history, 25 percent said 1 to 3  
24 months; 25 percent said 3 to 6 months; and  
25 22 percent said 6 months to 1 year; and then

1 19 percent said over a year. Now, if you  
2 compare that to participants with  
3 significant behavioral challenges or  
4 criminal history, 42 percent at 1 plus year;  
5 31 percent said 6 months to 1 year. So when  
6 you compare these, it is very clear that  
7 participants with significant behavioral  
8 challenges or criminal history on average  
9 take much longer to find a new residential  
10 placement. Again, this is something that we  
11 suspected and that we kind of anecdotally  
12 knew, but it's very interesting to see the  
13 data comparison on this issue.

14 We asked residential providers and  
15 case managers, and this one is very  
16 interesting, about their willingness to  
17 accept a referral for a participant within  
18 intense support needs if a true 60-day  
19 period of involuntary termination of a  
20 service was enforced. Overwhelmingly,  
21 nearly 100 percent, 97 percent of  
22 residential providers said, yes, they would  
23 absolutely accept someone. Now, what's  
24 interesting is that case managers are a  
25 little bit more skeptical, and they said



1           that -- only 70 percent of them said that  
2           they believe that a residential provider  
3           would be willing to do this. And this is  
4           really interesting because residential  
5           providers are saying, "Yes, we would do  
6           this, we would do this," and case managers,  
7           you know, I think just are a little bit more  
8           skeptical. But this -- I think this really  
9           demonstrates, again, something we  
10          anecdotally hear about a lot is lots of  
11          misunderstanding on person-centered teams  
12          between members of the team, and not -- just  
13          not quite understanding where each other are  
14          coming from on how these teams operate. And  
15          I think this is a data point that just  
16          really does indicate the lack of  
17          understanding sometimes on person-centered  
18          teams, just different perspectives, and how  
19          that can create tension in person-centered  
20          teams sometime. But this one was definitely  
21          some -- an interesting result.

22                 We asked residential providers what  
23                 they -- this was, again, one of those select  
24                 all that apply questions -- what challenges  
25                 they faced in finding alternative placements

1 after issuing that involuntary termination  
2 of a service notice. And so 98 percent said  
3 one of the biggest challenges was just  
4 finding another willing or available  
5 provider; 77 percent said difficulty  
6 matching the participant needs with  
7 available services; 55 percent said  
8 insufficient funding for alternative  
9 placement; and then 63 percent said  
10 participant or family resistance, which was  
11 very interesting.

12 So we asked the same question to case  
13 managers. Again, this is a select all that  
14 would apply question: 90 percent said lack  
15 of willing or available providers;  
16 64 percent said difficulty matching  
17 participant needs; 44 percent said funding  
18 for alternative placement; and then  
19 26 percent said participant or family  
20 resistance.

21 We also asked what -- both  
22 residential providers and case managers,  
23 what resources would be most beneficial to  
24 them to help manage the needs of an  
25 individual after an involuntary termination

1 of a service notice has been issued. Both  
2 residential providers and case managers  
3 overwhelmingly said active involvement from  
4 state officials, 79 percent and 81 percent.  
5 And I think that this indicates that they  
6 really would like to see individuals from  
7 the Cabinet, whether that be, you know, DDID  
8 or Medicaid -- we didn't ask specifically  
9 what department, we just kind of asked  
10 generally -- to see them be more hands-on  
11 with this process to help. They also noted,  
12 73 percent of residential providers and  
13 64 percent of case managers, financial  
14 assistance for extended support services,  
15 whether that be crisis, things like that,  
16 but definitely more funding for those  
17 things, which wouldn't we all like to get  
18 more funding for those things if we could --  
19 if we could just find the money?  
20 Residential providers said -- 71 percent  
21 said dedicated case management for  
22 transition planning, and that would be, you  
23 know, like a third party that comes in and  
24 really helps everybody involved manage the  
25 situation, whether that be someone from the

1 state, or a type of case management that's  
2 just dedicated to these kinds of unique  
3 situations with someone who has very intense  
4 support needs.

5 Case managers said -- 64 percent of  
6 case managers said increased access to  
7 crisis services; 58 percent of residential  
8 providers said increased access to crisis  
9 services; and then -- sorry -- 90 percent of  
10 case managers wanted additional professional  
11 development and training from, you know,  
12 Medicaid, from the Cabinet on identifying  
13 alternative placement resources. And they  
14 asked that this be ongoing because  
15 obviously, resources and things like that do  
16 change. You know, new things become  
17 available, but they did ask for ongoing  
18 professional development or training on  
19 those items.

20 So we asked case managers to rate the  
21 level of support they felt that they  
22 received from the state -- again, we just  
23 termed it "the state," we didn't identify  
24 any particular agency or department or  
25 anything like that -- during the involuntary

1           termination process: 40 percent of them  
2           said 0 support, and again, this is on a  
3           scale of 1 to 5, 5 being just unlimited,  
4           overwhelming support; 29 percent rated it a  
5           2; and 24 percent rated it a 3, which would  
6           be, you know, medium support.

7           Okay, so those are -- we have more  
8           survey results, but they start to go into a  
9           slightly different topic. So those are just  
10          the general survey results about the general  
11          involuntary termination process. Again,  
12          referring back to the letter, the Cabinet  
13          for Health and Family Services also asked  
14          about -- talked about creating criteria for  
15          critical safety concerns, so emergency  
16          situations, to create criteria for emergency  
17          situations in which, you know, the 60-day  
18          time period would not suffice. You know,  
19          this was a critical area, you know, a truly  
20          emergent situation, so we also did add  
21          survey questions kind of addressing that  
22          topic area where we asked -- so our task,  
23          again, was the Cabinet very specifically  
24          said, "Develop criteria that would allow for  
25          the expedited termination in cases where

1 continued support would present a verified  
2 and immediate threat to the individual or  
3 others."

4 So we asked residential providers --  
5 and case managers, but first, I'll talk  
6 about the residential providers -- what  
7 criteria that they would consider warranting  
8 expedited termination, so prior to the  
9 termination within that 60 days -- excuse  
10 me, before that 60 days expired: 95 percent  
11 said -- and again, this was a select all  
12 that apply kind of question -- 95 percent  
13 said injuries have occurred to the  
14 individual, the individual's roommate, or  
15 staff supporting the individual since the  
16 termination notice was issued; 96 percent  
17 said the individual supported has exhibited  
18 sustained criminal behavior; 90 percent said  
19 the provider is unable to maintain/hire  
20 trained staff who are willing to work in a  
21 residential setting with a participant  
22 exhibiting severe behavioral challenges;  
23 85 percent said the individual is  
24 demonstrating consistent and/or increasing  
25 aggression towards staff or others without

1 any effective behavioral modifications; and  
2 89 percent said the individual supported is  
3 destructive and causes excessive property  
4 damage; 85 percent said a report from a  
5 licensed medical mental health professional  
6 indicating that harm is imminent to the  
7 individual supported or those present in  
8 his/her current environment.

9 So then we asked case managers, "What  
10 criteria do you consider warranting this  
11 expedited termination?" 71 percent said  
12 injuries have occurred, and then 78 percent  
13 said the individual supported has  
14 sustained -- exhibited sustained criminal  
15 behavior.

16 So again, taking that and remembering  
17 sort of the charge of the letter that  
18 Medicaid issued to the TAC, we thought a lot  
19 about what these -- what this criteria would  
20 look like and sound like, and based off of  
21 the survey results we received, we developed  
22 suggested for discussion criteria. And so  
23 that criteria would be that a provider may  
24 request expedited involuntary termination of  
25 a service after it has issued the general

1 notice of involuntary termination in  
2 accordance with the SCL regulation. We said  
3 that a criteria should be that a provider  
4 may request expedited involuntary  
5 termination when the health, safety, or  
6 welfare of the individual enrolled in the  
7 waiver, other individuals in that setting,  
8 or provider staff at risk of a verified --  
9 are at risk of a verified and immediate  
10 threat.

11 And I want to be clear here that we  
12 consulted with colleagues in other states,  
13 looked at other state regulations, gathered  
14 a tremendous amount of information to  
15 suggest items that were in line with what  
16 other states are doing. Language that  
17 mirrors what other states are doing, and so  
18 these suggestions very much mirror what's  
19 happening elsewhere in the country.

20 Expedited -- we suggest that  
21 expedited termination of a service shall  
22 occur only if approved, you know, by DDID,  
23 meaning that a provider can't just stand up  
24 and say, "This is an emergent -- this is an  
25 emergency situation," you know, "they have



1           to be out tomorrow." There needs to be a  
2           process by which DDID is approving --  
3           reviewing and approving this to make sure,  
4           you know, everybody's on the same page and  
5           this truly rises to the level of emergent  
6           and critical. We suggested that the  
7           expedited and involuntary termination period  
8           -- and again, based off what is the norm and  
9           what is happening in other states -- should  
10          be implemented based upon the severity of  
11          the situation, but shall not last longer  
12          than 14 days.

13                 And so then we kind of talked about  
14          when the expedited involuntary termination,  
15          again, within that 60-day period, quicker  
16          than that 60 days, to be used in very  
17          limited circumstances would be approved --  
18          again, approved by DDID, not just Joe  
19          Schmoe, not just me or someone else. So  
20          again, borrowing language from other states,  
21          looking at what other states do, expedited  
22          involuntary termination would be approved by  
23          DDID. We suggest that they would approve it  
24          when the provider provides evidence that  
25          continuing the service to the participant

1           would: A, jeopardize the safety of the  
2           provider, an employee of the provider, or an  
3           individual receiving services from the  
4           provider in that setting; or endanger the  
5           health, safety, and welfare of the  
6           participant -- again, this is very much in  
7           line with the survey results we found --  
8           and, so both one and two must be in place,  
9           the provider documents measures that it took  
10          to address the behavior that resulted in the  
11          request for immediate termination.

12                 So then we looked at, again, what  
13          other states do for this process, and we  
14          created these suggestions that to request  
15          expedited involuntary termination, the  
16          provider should submit evidence to DDID, the  
17          case manager, the guardian, you know, others  
18          involved that: One, recent injuries have  
19          occurred to the participant, other  
20          individuals supported by the provider in  
21          that setting, or staff; or the participant  
22          has exhibited sustained aggressive and/or  
23          threatening behavior, including but not  
24          limited to, physical violence, sexual  
25          assault, significant property destruction or

1 threatening behaviors to self or others; or  
2 a licensed -- a report from a licensed  
3 medical or mental health professional  
4 indicating that the participant is at  
5 imminent risk for self-harm or those present  
6 in his or her current environment are at  
7 risk of harm from the participant. So this  
8 is a -- this is a weird thing you do when  
9 you write regulations, but this is an or,  
10 or, or situation, meaning that one of these  
11 three things -- the provider would need to  
12 submit evidence of one of these three things  
13 with the request for involuntary  
14 termination.

15 So this is more of kind of we went a  
16 little above and beyond here, but this is  
17 more about the process of requesting the  
18 involuntary -- the expedited involuntary  
19 termination. So within one business day of  
20 receiving the request -- this is, again, in  
21 line with what other states are doing -- the  
22 request for the expedited involuntary  
23 termination, we would suggest that the case  
24 manager convene a meeting to talk about that  
25 request, and that meeting should include the

1 individual; importantly, a designated DDID  
2 staff member so that they can be apprised of  
3 what's happening as they will be the one  
4 that we suggest who approves such request;  
5 the provider, obviously, who is requesting  
6 this expedited process; the guardian; and  
7 then, you know, other members of the team --  
8 other relevant members of the team. Within  
9 one business day following that team  
10 meeting, a DDID person, designated staff  
11 person, shall approve or deny the provider's  
12 request for immediate involuntary  
13 termination, and again, we're talking about  
14 -- this process moves quickly because we're  
15 talking about a process that should be used  
16 in very extreme, very limited situations.  
17 This should not be utilized often. Again,  
18 we're talking about extreme and limited  
19 situations, and given the severity under  
20 which providers should be, you know,  
21 utilizing this based upon what happens in  
22 other states, it would definitely require a  
23 quick turnaround in response time because  
24 again, it would be a truly dangerous  
25 situation. And then if denied, a provider

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1           may resubmit additional information for  
2           consideration, you know, at a later date if  
3           another situation arises or comes up. And  
4           if denied, then the typical involuntary  
5           termination process of 60 days would just  
6           continue and move forward just like normal.

7                     If a request for involuntary  
8           termination is approved, based upon what  
9           other states do and the information we  
10          gather, we suggest that then the case  
11          manager would convene another team meeting  
12          so everybody can get on the same page and  
13          discuss, you know, next steps, and that that  
14          meeting should include all the traditional  
15          people, including -- but also importantly  
16          including a DDID staff person, and again,  
17          that's based upon the fact that providers  
18          have reported that they overwhelmingly would  
19          like to see more involvement from agency  
20          officials.

21                    And so that's kind of the survey  
22          results. And Wayne, if it's okay, this kind  
23          of parlays into the conversation of creating  
24          a general policy addressing those other  
25          items, so would you like me to go into that,

1 the larger policy addressing the other items  
2 that would include this, or would you like  
3 to pause for questions?

4 MR. HARVEY: I absolutely -- I'd like  
5 you to parlay. The other thing I'd like to  
6 do before you parlay into that, Amy, is that  
7 there are some questions popping up in the  
8 chat room --

9 MS. STAED: Oh, I'm sorry, I can't  
10 see.

11 MR. HARVEY: -- and -- well, they're  
12 not questions for you really. I think  
13 they're questions that have been debated and  
14 talked about over the last several years,  
15 and what I'm going to say is what we're  
16 focusing on as a committee is what DMS asked  
17 us to assist them with. And we're not going  
18 to get sidetracked in today's meeting and go  
19 down all these other roads because we're not  
20 asked to address some of the different  
21 things that are popping up in the chat room.

22 So, you know, they're legitimate  
23 questions, I agree with that. I advise you  
24 to send those particular questions to the  
25 help desk and have the Cabinet answer you

1 directly, because ultimately, yeah, I'm just  
2 another provider. I can't speak on behalf  
3 of the Cabinet. I can't give you an  
4 official answer in regards to the different  
5 things that the state will or will not hold  
6 you accountable for. So with that, let's go  
7 ahead and proceed, Amy.

8 MS. STAED: Yeah, and I just, again,  
9 to add to what Wayne said, the letter from  
10 DMS to the TAC charging the TAC to develop  
11 very specific items, and one of those items  
12 was not figure out the solution to the  
13 problem we all know exists, which is there  
14 is not a level of -- a service, excuse me,  
15 between a staffed residence or a family home  
16 provider and an ICF that exists. That is a  
17 little bit, you know, higher level of needs  
18 support for someone who needs that. That  
19 doesn't exist in Kentucky, and that's not  
20 the problem that we've been asked to give  
21 feedback on by Medicaid from this letter.  
22 And so I think to just move the conversation  
23 forward, we are responding developed  
24 responses specifically to the items that  
25 Medicaid asked us to respond to in the

1 letter, and that's all we can do is respond  
2 to the questions that we have been asked to  
3 move the -- to continue making progress and  
4 moving the conversation forward.

5 Hey, let me switch my share screen.  
6 Hold on just a second.

7 MS. WASH: Amy, this is Barbara from  
8 DMS.

9 MS. STAED: Yeah.

10 MS. WASH: Could you please email  
11 that slideshow to me, please --

12 MS. STAED: Yes, absolutely.

13 MS. WASH: -- and I can send that out  
14 to the TAC committee.

15 MS. STAED: Yes, I will do that.

16 MS. WASH: Thank you.

17 MS. STAED: Let me find my -- sorry.  
18 Okay. Okay, can everyone see that?

19 MS. WASH: Yes.

20 MS. BICKERS: Hey, Wayne, this is  
21 Erin with the Department of Medicaid. Is  
22 this the regulation information that you had  
23 sent out earlier? Because our regulation  
24 person is not able to be with us today.

25 MS. STAED: Yeah.



1 MS. BICKERS: Also, everything you  
2 share in the public meeting, we have to post  
3 online.

4 MS. STAED: Yeah.

5 MS. BICKERS: And I'm curious about  
6 some of the confusion it may cause, so we'll  
7 just have to make sure that when this is  
8 shared, that it's noted that this is not --  
9 this is TAC-driven, this is not something  
10 official from DMS.

11 MS. STAED: Sure. Yeah, and I can  
12 talk about --

13 MR. HARVEY: Absolutely, Erin.

14 MS. STAED: Yes.

15 MR. HARVEY: Just to address that  
16 real quick, just so everybody understands  
17 that's on this call, this is not official,  
18 this is for our discussion among committee  
19 members. When I sent this out to the other  
20 committee members yesterday, I made sure to  
21 include a little note indicating, "Please do  
22 not forward this to anyone else to cause any  
23 kind of confusion or misconception." This  
24 is not a Cabinet document or anything. This  
25 is just something that was drafted that

1 includes the different elements that DMS  
2 asked us to look at and assist them with.  
3 And it's for discussion purposes during  
4 today's TAC meeting.

5 MS. BICKERS: Thank you, Wayne. Amy,  
6 what I would recommend is have your members  
7 pull that up separately so that it's not  
8 showing during the public meeting while we  
9 go through it so we can have the discussion.  
10 You know, just trying to make sure we don't  
11 cause any kind of confusion or anything.

12 MS. STAED: Sure, that's fine.

13 MS. BICKERS: Thank you. And then  
14 we'll make sure Jonathan Scott can join us  
15 next time. I do apologize, he was unable to  
16 be here, he had a conflict.

17 MS. STAED: Oh, no, that's fine. Let  
18 me find my document again, though. I  
19 accidentally exited out of it so we can talk  
20 about it. Okay. That -- are we good?  
21 That's not sharing anymore, is it?

22 MS. WASH: No. Yes, ma'am.

23 MS. STAED: So --

24 MS. BICKERS: We just want to make  
25 sure where that fine line between what we

1 have to put online and versus --

2 MS. STAED: No --

3 MS. BICKERS: -- somebody that may  
4 pull it up and not be on the meeting, so  
5 thanks, Amy.

6 MS. STAED: No, no, no, I -- believe  
7 me, I get it. And that -- again, that was a  
8 concern of mine as we developed this, which  
9 is why kind of at the top of it I did put  
10 "for discussion purposes only, consideration  
11 development of policy changes."

12 But in looking at the letter from  
13 Medicaid to the IDD TAC in the development  
14 of a policy, we kind of thought the easiest  
15 way to address all of the items that it  
16 asked us to address was to simply write a  
17 hypothetical version of the reg that  
18 included the items that Medicaid asked us to  
19 address. So some of the things that we  
20 suggested Medicaid take a look at as it  
21 develops a policy related to involuntary  
22 termination, which is, one, in the letter,  
23 Medicaid did agree that they would put --  
24 did agree that a 60-day time period -- that  
25 the involuntary termination of a service

1           should be implemented in an in-person  
2           centered manner, but shall not last longer  
3           than 60 calendar days, which was agreed to  
4           in that letter. We do believe that that  
5           should be in a policy or regulation moving  
6           forward. That the notice of involuntary  
7           termination, obviously, would just continue  
8           to be as it is in the current regulation, it  
9           stay the way it is because it's -- no issues  
10          with that. And then we really started to  
11          talk about the transition planning  
12          requirements that Medicaid asked for  
13          suggestions on in its letter, and we said  
14          that, obviously, a team meeting should be  
15          happening after -- to develop a transition  
16          plan after that notice of involuntary  
17          termination for a service is issued; and  
18          that we, again, based upon the survey  
19          results, believe that a designated DBHDID  
20          staff person should participate in that  
21          transition planning team meeting that should  
22          take place after the notice of involuntary  
23          termination of a service is issued. So  
24          again, to specifically address what was  
25          requested in the letter, which is transition

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1 planning requirements, during that meeting  
2 we suggest that the team -- this is taken  
3 directly from several -- what several other  
4 states require in their regulations for  
5 transition planning of waiver services in  
6 these specific situations when an  
7 involuntary termination has been issued,  
8 they call it different things in different  
9 states, but same process. One, consider the  
10 current system of services and supports and  
11 the effectiveness of them. Two -- and  
12 again, these are things that are already  
13 happening, but it's really just getting them  
14 on paper and creating those requirements and  
15 outlining really what's already happening.  
16 Two, consider if additional services should  
17 be added to the support plan during the  
18 60-day transition period to ensure health,  
19 safety, and welfare of the participant,  
20 other individual staff, etc. Collaborate  
21 with designated DBHDID staff to identify  
22 additional funding or resources that may be  
23 accessed during the 60-day transition period  
24 to ensure health, safety, and welfare.  
25 Four, and if complex medical conditions are

1 a concern, the person-centered team shall  
2 discuss and identify strategies or resources  
3 to ensure access to medical services and  
4 supports during that 60-day transition  
5 period.

6 We also said that because this is  
7 what Medicaid requested in its letter that  
8 the team should develop a transition plan  
9 after the notice of involuntary termination  
10 is issued, and that we suggested that that  
11 transition plan be submitted to DBHDID  
12 within 14 days after the notice of  
13 involuntary termination is received, and  
14 that kind of transition plan kind of  
15 outlines all of the discussion of the  
16 person-centered team, that transition  
17 planning discussion, and kind of what steps  
18 everyone's going to take during the 60-day  
19 period.

20 So the members of the team shall  
21 work -- we think should work collaboratively  
22 to develop the transition plan, and that the  
23 transition plan should contain the following  
24 information: It should detail the supports  
25 that will be implemented during the 60-day

1 transition period; it should detail interim  
2 funding or resources that will be requested  
3 during the 60-day transition period; it  
4 should contain a description of how the  
5 service provider will ensure the health,  
6 safety, and welfare of the participant,  
7 other individuals, staff during the 60-day  
8 transition period; and detail the case  
9 manager's referral efforts; and include a  
10 description of coordination and  
11 collaboration between case management, the  
12 service provider, and the members of the  
13 person-centered team during that 60-day  
14 transition period. And again, all of that  
15 is really suggestions intended to address  
16 the bullet point in the DMS letter to the  
17 IDD TAC specifically requesting transition  
18 planning requirements that should be  
19 implemented during the 60-day transition  
20 period.

21 Then we -- again, we talked about  
22 when we kind of get into the -- that  
23 involuntary termination of a service, the  
24 emergency, the expedited involuntary  
25 termination that we just discussed, so, you

1 know, those requirements that we just  
2 discussed, we firmly believe in. And then  
3 -- yeah. And then the bullet point related  
4 to provider support measures, again, we  
5 believe that this has been pretty thoroughly  
6 discussed ad nauseam and would point the  
7 Cabinet for Health and Family Services to  
8 the legislative -- the Exceptional Supports  
9 Legislative Task Force, which was  
10 specifically designed to talk about that  
11 very issue, additional provider support  
12 measures. And there are findings in --  
13 extensive findings and recommendations  
14 related to that that, you know, we believe  
15 Medicaid is in receipt of and did receive;  
16 however, happy -- I am happy to provide a  
17 copy of that if you all need it, point them  
18 there, because there are numerous solutions  
19 outlined in that document, and there we are.

20 So those are -- that was a lot, and  
21 those are the items and suggestions that we  
22 kind of came up with based upon feedback  
23 from the survey, etc. to address --  
24 specifically address the items in the  
25 Medicaid response to the IDD TAC.



1 MS. WASH: So Amy, this is Barbara,  
2 and Ann Jeannette Pierce would like a copy,  
3 please.

4 MS. PIERCE: Thank you, Barbara.

5 MS. STAED: Which item? Sorry.

6 MS. WASH: I think --

7 MS. STAED: Of the task force finding  
8 and recommendations?

9 MS. WASH: I believe --

10 MS. STAED: The exceptional supports?

11 MS. PIERCE: (speaking on mute)

12 MS. WASH: You're muted, Ann.

13 MS. PIERCE: Thank you, Barbara. You  
14 were just talking about it, Amy, that one.

15 MS. STAED: Oh, yeah, Barbara is  
16 it -- would it be appropriate for me to send  
17 it to you to distribute to members of the  
18 TAC?

19 MS. WASH: You could send it to me.

20 MS. STAED: Yeah, okay, I will. And  
21 it's -- you can find it on the LRC website,  
22 but that's kind of difficult to navigate.

23 MS. WASH: Yes.

24 MS. STAED: So I'll just send it.

25 MS. WASH: Send it to me and I will

1 forward it to the committee.

2 MS. STAED: Okay.

3 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Wayne, this is  
4 Melanie, can I ask a question?

5 MR. HARVEY: Sure, go ahead.

6 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Okay. Thanks for  
7 that information, Amy. One thing that I am  
8 so excited about is that the last bullet  
9 point, conduct stakeholder engagement and  
10 survey and get feedback, because I think  
11 that is -- as someone that has lived a long  
12 time lived experience with someone I care  
13 very much about, that would be very, very  
14 important. I heard what you're talking  
15 about in regards to the involuntary  
16 termination, but I also think critically  
17 what's equally more so important are these  
18 caregivers, self-advocates that have lived  
19 life with these individuals. Their concerns  
20 are -- may be similar, may be different, but  
21 I'm so pleased that that was referenced in  
22 the letter from DMS.

23 The other thing is -- and help me to  
24 understand -- is when you talk about  
25 services, do you talk about things like

1 applied behavior analysis, ABA? Because --

2 MS. STAED: Sure.

3 MS. TYNER-WILSON: -- that's  
4 something that in -- historically, we had  
5 not had as robust of providers in our state.  
6 I think we have 260 currently, people that  
7 are certified ABA therapists, as well as  
8 RBTs, so hopefully, that number will  
9 continue to grow and expand and provide  
10 insight and information to provider agencies  
11 like you represent, because it's so much --  
12 it's so important.

13 And the other thing I wanted to ask  
14 about is oftentimes when an individual has  
15 significant behaviors and they're nonverbal,  
16 sometimes there's medical concerns, like  
17 cavities, wisdom teeth, G.I. upset. Is  
18 there like a sequence in your all's world  
19 that you try to almost like be detectives to  
20 figure out what's going on with that  
21 individual?

22 MS. STAED: So let me address your  
23 first question first.

24 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Okay.

25 MS. STAED: Number one, I will say,

1           yes, so this -- the involuntary termination  
2           of a service process as it currently exists  
3           in regulation, which is 907 KAR 12:010,  
4           Section 5, it's there for everyone to see,  
5           applies to every service. So if a provider  
6           of any service feels like the needs of the  
7           individual far exceed what they can provide  
8           or if they're failing to meet those needs,  
9           they would issue a notice of involuntary  
10          termination in line with the current reg,  
11          referrals would be set out, etc. It applies  
12          to all services. And really that is  
13          important because, you know, just, for  
14          example, like a doctor, like a cancer doctor  
15          who says, "Your case has gotten much too  
16          complicated for me, I need to refer you to  
17          someone else who has more expertise." It's  
18          important that we allow providers to do  
19          this, too, to wave the white flag, and say,  
20          "This is above my ability," right?

21                 And so, yes, it would apply to  
22          behavior supports is the service within the  
23          waiver that you're referencing for, you  
24          know, ABA, etc., but yes, it would apply to  
25          that behavior support services. And I do

1 agree, it's a great service and would love  
2 to see expansion of that service and more  
3 providers out there and more providers  
4 getting into it. I think that would be  
5 wonderful.

6 To your second question, talking  
7 about kind of that investigative process or  
8 the teams, obviously, I'm not going to speak  
9 on behalf of every single provider because  
10 every team operates differently, and they do  
11 that because we have the person-centered  
12 planning process, and the needs of that  
13 individual from team to team are very  
14 different, right? And the individual drives  
15 the team, and so every team operates very  
16 differently. But I will say is that number  
17 one, teams do an amazing job of exhausting  
18 all resources, and we do, thankfully, have  
19 very specialized medical options available  
20 for people with disabilities, you know,  
21 shout out Lee Specialty Clinic, they're  
22 wonderful. But additionally, I think that  
23 some of the transition planning requirements  
24 that we have suggested be put into  
25 regulation, these things are really already

1           happening, right? But in case they're not,  
2           like obviously, we all know of situations  
3           where a team might fail to do their job,  
4           it's certainly happened before, and I'm not  
5           going to pretend like it hasn't. And so I  
6           think that putting some of these transition  
7           planning requirements, you know, in place in  
8           regulation like we've suggested, really  
9           solidifies what everyone is supposed to be  
10          doing, and really, you know, kind of outlaws  
11          -- outlines, excuse me, the minimum, you  
12          know, of what everyone should be talking  
13          about and what things we could be thinking  
14          about.

15                 And I also think that adding and  
16          requiring the participation from that DBHDID  
17          staff person in that team -- not all team  
18          meetings, but just the team meeting when  
19          we're talking about involuntary termination  
20          of the service, can really benefit the teams  
21          because oftentimes those Cabinet staff  
22          people may know of a resource that just  
23          became available, something brand new that  
24          the teams might even not be aware of yet or  
25          hadn't considered and be able to interject

1           and say, "Oh, what about this?" So that's  
2           why we really feel like that participation,  
3           when we talk about involuntary termination  
4           of a service, is so critical and important,  
5           because, you know, oftentimes people in the  
6           Cabinet can have that, you know, thing in  
7           the back of their head that they don't even  
8           realize there's necessarily there that gets  
9           triggered by that team conversation, and  
10          that's why we think that participation is so  
11          critical. Does that answer your question?

12                 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yes, and I think  
13           it's so incredibly important to have a  
14           continuum, I mean, because what happens, I  
15           think when you hear that language  
16           "involuntary termination," I think the angst  
17           that goes to my heart is that that's going  
18           to be something that's jumped on at the very  
19           beginning as opposed to really investigating  
20           a whole range of, you know, options and  
21           what's actually happening in the individual  
22           situation, as well as competency and  
23           training needs of staff, you know, because  
24           we're all kind of in this journey. I mean,  
25           you know, we -- I'm always attending

1 professional development kinds of things as  
2 a caregiver because I know there's a lot I  
3 don't know, and I need to learn more. And  
4 so -- but I think that -- I think that's --  
5 comes up oftentimes when they see that term,  
6 even though the percentage of individuals  
7 that this is considered for is small, but it  
8 is kind of a scary situation. And it's  
9 almost like we need -- I wish we had kind of  
10 an intermediary step, you know, before we  
11 got to involuntary termination, and maybe  
12 that's what you tried to outline in your  
13 presentation that all of that be put in  
14 place.

15 MS. STAED: Well, and I will  
16 interject and say that, you know,  
17 anecdotally we see, and I think by the  
18 numbers of involuntary terminations that we  
19 did in that survey that are issued per year,  
20 they're so low.

21 MS. TYNER-WILSON: I know.

22 MS. STAED: Teams try everything in  
23 our power -- I mean, teams frequently, you  
24 know, if a new behavior arises, new medical  
25 need, or, you know, whatever the situation



1 is arises, teams frequently -- they can --  
2 you can call a team meeting, you know,  
3 anytime, come to the table to address adding  
4 additional services and things like that.  
5 And so I think that, you know, it truly is,  
6 as it stands today, used as a last resort of  
7 "we just cannot do this anymore."

8 Because again, when we talk about  
9 service providers, I think sometimes people  
10 take -- happen to take a skeptical view,  
11 things like that, and that's just the nature  
12 of the world we live in. When you talk  
13 about caregivers and service providers no  
14 matter the setting, they truly -- I mean,  
15 there are some residential providers who  
16 have supported people for 25 years --

17 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah.

18 MS. STAED: -- you know, 20 years,  
19 and if it comes a day that they have to say,  
20 "We can't support this person anymore,"  
21 that's not an easy choice, and I'm sure any  
22 provider on this call would be able to talk  
23 about that with more authority than I can.  
24 But, you know, you're absolutely right that  
25 no one should be doing this frequently, and

1 I think the numbers indicate that it's not,  
2 and especially given with the Involuntary  
3 Termination Summary Report that Elizabeth  
4 was talking about earlier, you know,  
5 providers are often -- we see them rescind  
6 that because they do finally --

7 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah.

8 MS. STAED: -- find that solution and  
9 then the team works really hard, and they do  
10 find that solution and they rescind it. And  
11 I think that's wonderful, you know? That's  
12 wonderful. So we are seeing that happen.

13 I just don't -- you know, without --  
14 thankfully, we do have that Involuntary  
15 Termination Summary Report from the Cabinet  
16 now so we can actually get, you know, data  
17 about that happening because it's not  
18 something that you'd hear about frequently  
19 before then, and now we're -- you know,  
20 we're talking about it. So I think that's  
21 great shedding light that that is happening.

22 MS. TYNER-WILSON: My reason for  
23 commenting is not to villainize anybody.

24 MS. STAED: Oh, gosh, I know. I  
25 know.

1 MS. TYNER-WILSON: I think we need  
2 to -- we're in this together, and, you know,  
3 my life experience is unique to my life  
4 experience with my loved one. But I think  
5 that there's such wisdom, and I guess I  
6 would advocate for there to be a stakeholder  
7 engagement group, you know, that's pulled  
8 together because I think they do provide  
9 insight to the whole issue and challenges.  
10 You know, I think that I've learned  
11 everything -- I've learned so much from  
12 other caregivers that just happen to be a  
13 little further down the road, you know, with  
14 their loved one than me. And I think maybe  
15 that might be something to consider in the  
16 future, I don't know, but, you know, I wish  
17 there was a way that we could figure this  
18 out for what's best for the individual,  
19 because obviously, you want them to have a  
20 quality of life that's a positive quality of  
21 life, right?

22 MS. STAED: Oh, yeah.

23 MS. TYNER-WILSON: I mean, that would  
24 be my priority.

25 MS. STAED: Yes. Well, and I think

1           -- you know, I think that's what we've done  
2           here. I think all the suggestions that, you  
3           know, we've suggested today are specifically  
4           aimed at for protecting the individual --

5           MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah.

6           MS. STAED: -- and also protecting  
7           the individuals that live with that  
8           individual, too, because, you know, no one  
9           should be subjected to --

10          MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah.

11          MS. STAED: -- living with a violent  
12          roommate that attacks them. We wouldn't  
13          want that either, you know, right? But I  
14          think that we've tried to balance the  
15          interests of staff who don't want to be in  
16          dangerous situations, individuals who don't  
17          want to be in dangerous situations, etc., to  
18          create a situation that allows them to, you  
19          know, hopefully find a new provider, and is  
20          going to open up residential options who  
21          previously may have been worried to try --  
22          worried to try or scared to try, and now  
23          they won't be scared to try.

24          And oftentimes -- and again, I'm  
25          speaking anecdotally. I think case managers

1 and other types of providers would be able  
2 to give you, like, concrete examples of  
3 this, but oftentimes, when someone's in a --  
4 having extreme behaviors, etc., simply a  
5 change of scenery --

6 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah.

7 MS. STAED: -- is what's needed,  
8 right? And we have seen situations where  
9 someone, you know, moves to a new provider  
10 or a new area of the state, closer to their  
11 loved one, a different house, different  
12 roommates, etc., right? And it's --  
13 everything changes, right? And sometimes  
14 it's as simple as that. Often -- sometimes  
15 it's not. Sometimes it's a UTI or a dental  
16 problem, like you said, and obviously,  
17 these, you know, different situations arise,  
18 but I think we've really tried to as  
19 Medicaid asked this TAC to do is balance the  
20 interests of everyone involved.

21 But I think it's important to refer  
22 back is that Medicaid does believe that a  
23 60-day time period is reasonable, and  
24 creates for safety everyone involved, and of  
25 paramount importance is the safety of the

1 individual, because when an individual is  
2 having extreme behaviors and things like  
3 that or could be subjected to violence from  
4 a roommate, that's not safe and that's not  
5 ideal and no one wants that to be happening,  
6 right? Nobody -- no one wants anyone to  
7 have to live in a situation -- or in a  
8 situation where they feel unsafe.

9 And so I think that that's what we've  
10 tried to do here, hopefully, and that's  
11 where my heart's at, at least. I can't say  
12 for anyone else, but I would assume that  
13 that's where their heart is as well.

14 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah. I hope that  
15 we can go -- I'm not sure what -- what is  
16 the -- as a result of having this  
17 presentation, what is KAPP's --

18 MS. STAED: So what we would love to  
19 see is -- again, to be clear, the IDD TAC  
20 cannot make policy --

21 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Right, right.

22 MS. STAED: -- it cannot make  
23 changes, etc., but we would love the TAC to  
24 agree to just forward this information to  
25 Medicaid -- to the MAC, and then the MAC can

1 forward it to Medicaid. We have to forward  
2 it to the MAC first just procedurally. So  
3 that the MAC can submit it to Medicaid so  
4 that just simply so that it can consider it,  
5 right? That's all we want is we want the  
6 information to be sent to Medicaid through  
7 the MAC so that it can consider it. And the  
8 key with doing this procedurally is that  
9 anything sent to Medicaid from the MAC,  
10 Medicaid has to issue a response to, and  
11 that's what we want, right? We want  
12 Medicaid to consider it and respond as it  
13 moves forward with developing a process and  
14 a criteria and making changes. And that's  
15 all we want. We just want Medicaid to be  
16 able to consider the information and  
17 respond, and they may respond "this is  
18 stupid," you know, they may respond that  
19 this is silly. I don't know how they're  
20 going to respond, but I think all we want is  
21 to forward the information so that Medicaid  
22 can talk about it and respond. That's what  
23 we're looking for.

24 MR. HARVEY: Do you have any other  
25 questions, Melanie?

1 MS. TYNER-WILSON: You know me too  
2 well, Wayne. I think --

3 MR. HARVEY: I noticed you didn't  
4 mute yourself --

5 MS. TYNER-WILSON: I know.

6 MR. HARVEY: -- so I'm thinking  
7 something else is coming.

8 MS. TYNER-WILSON: No, and my first  
9 response is to, you know, is to want -- I  
10 hear what you're saying, I don't want to be  
11 dismissive of that, but I also really -- I  
12 mean, I think that the timing of all of  
13 this, we probably need to have a chance to  
14 review and look through the information, and  
15 maybe bring this up in the December meeting,  
16 because I think that's -- you know, we got  
17 the information just recently. But I also  
18 just feel it's very important to make sure  
19 that we have, like, I -- like, the conduct  
20 stakeholder engagement, how do we -- how do  
21 we get feedback, you know, from individuals  
22 that are guardians, whatever you want to  
23 call them, that have loved ones that are in  
24 the residential facilities that are -- you  
25 know, have had experience with that? I --



1 I'd love to be able to hear insights from  
2 those folks as well.

3 MS. STAED: Well, I mean, this is a  
4 public meeting, and I would say that you  
5 represent a group of people -- your seat on  
6 the TAC, you represent a group of people,  
7 right? Like, everybody who is a member of  
8 the TAC is fulfilling a role, and that role  
9 is outlined in the statute, right?

10 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah.

11 MS. STAED: And so, you know, you  
12 represent a group of people for whom's seat  
13 you sit in. Just like Wayne does and all  
14 the other members of the TAC, you know, but,  
15 you know, this is a public meeting, and this  
16 in and of itself is stakeholder feedback,  
17 just like, you know, Johnny -- I'm sorry,  
18 I'm just looking at who is on my screen  
19 right now --

20 MS. TYNER-WILSON: Yeah.

21 MS. STAED: -- represents a group of  
22 people, etc.

23 MS. WASH: Ann has raised her hand.

24 MR. HARVEY: Hold on is -- are you  
25 done, Melanie?

1 MS. WASH: You're muted.

2 MS. TYNER-WILSON: I'll mute myself.

3 MR. HARVEY: I want to make sure  
4 Melanie is done before we move on. I don't  
5 want to move on before you're done. Okay,  
6 she's done, go ahead, Ann.

7 MS. PIERCE: Thank you, Wayne. She  
8 might have more questions. I just wanted to  
9 address this issue, and I think just the  
10 same as there was a survey of providers and  
11 case managers, that it would be -- I agree  
12 with Melanie, it's a good idea to do a  
13 survey of stakeholders. I think that's what  
14 she's trying to say.

15 MS. STAED: I fully understand. I  
16 don't have the ability to survey  
17 stakeholders. That's not who I represent.  
18 I think, again, there are others on this  
19 call who fill seats that are specifically  
20 aimed at representing stakeholders, but  
21 that's -- I have no ability to do that --

22 MR. HARVEY: Well, and the Cabinet  
23 could have --

24 MS. STAED: -- in full transparency.

25 MR. HARVEY: -- that ability. You

1 know, they could do surveys and so forth.

2 MS. PIERCE: Yeah, we're not asking  
3 you to do that, Amy.

4 MS. STAED: Yeah.

5 MS. PIERCE: We realize that. You've  
6 done a good job surveying what you did, but  
7 yeah, I think we need to do that also. I  
8 agree with Melanie that we need time to look  
9 at this proposal before it gets forwarded.  
10 This is first I've seen it, so.

11 MR. HARVEY: Well, I emailed it  
12 yesterday. You should've seen it for a day,  
13 at least.

14 MS. PIERCE: I did not -- I must've  
15 mistakenly been left off that email. I have  
16 a -- two pages of questions about this so  
17 far, so --

18 MS. STAED: Well, I'm happy to answer  
19 what I can. I'm here.

20 MS. PIERCE: I'm going to ask one of  
21 them, but the others, I really need time to  
22 look this over, and so that family members  
23 with lived experience will have time to add  
24 to what you've written. But I do have a  
25 question that bothers me that I would like

1 to ask you that I think maybe you can answer  
2 as CEO of KAPP. And that is why do  
3 residential providers, and I guess case  
4 managers for that matter, not realize that  
5 their individual or participant can't be  
6 served within the trial time period?

7 MS. STAED: I'm not sure -- oh, you  
8 mean like when a residential provider goes  
9 on a visit?

10 MS. PIERCE: So there's a trial time  
11 period, isn't there?

12 MS. STAED: Well, not really. So --

13 MS. PIERCE: There's not?

14 MS. STAED: -- when a referral is  
15 sent out, a individual is -- when we're  
16 talking about a residential placement, when  
17 a referral is sent out, often an individual  
18 will go on an overnight visit or a 24-hour  
19 visit. That's kind of generally the extent  
20 of it. Sometimes a weekend, but generally,  
21 it's an overnight, and oftentimes, the  
22 significant behaviors will emerge six months  
23 later, a year later. They do not emerge in  
24 that day or that setting. Or a medical  
25 issue will emerge that was not known at the

1           time of the initial overnight visit, and,  
2           you know, that's a conversation that we can  
3           have. We can talk about trial periods, and  
4           certainly this TAC had talked about it  
5           extensively about five years ago and making  
6           changes to that, but it -- you know, I think  
7           it's impossible to anticipate a behavior or  
8           a change, and honestly, people change,  
9           people evolve. Six months into being served  
10          by someone, you know, a new situation can  
11          arise, some sort of trauma, whether that be,  
12          you know, a new situation, a behavior can  
13          emerge, a medical emergency can happen.  
14          It's impossible to predict for a provider to  
15          say in a 24-hour visit, that, "Yes, I am  
16          going to be able to serve this person  
17          forever, and nothing's ever going to change  
18          with that individual, and I'm never -- I'm  
19          always going to be able to meet their  
20          needs." I think that's just an impossible  
21          thing to ask of a provider.

22                 MS. PIERCE: Well, I misunderstood.  
23                 I've had a couple of case managers tell me  
24                 that there's like a three-month trial  
25                 period, so --

1 MS. STAED: That's not true.

2 MS. PIERCE: So I guess then -- oh,  
3 okay. Thank you, Amy.

4 MS. STAED: I'd point you to the  
5 regulation. That's not there, that's not  
6 true, that's not how it works.

7 MS. PIERCE: Okay, thank you, Amy.

8 MS. STAED: You're welcome.

9 MR. HARVEY: Any other questions?

10 MS. PIERCE: I do have just I guess a  
11 comment more than anything, but I think DMS  
12 -- or is it CMS or DMS? I get them mixed  
13 up. Which one's the state.

14 MR. HARVEY: DMS.

15 MS. PIERCE: DMS.

16 MR. HARVEY: Department of Medicaid  
17 Services.

18 MS. PIERCE: Thank you. DMS. I've  
19 got to remember that. I think when they  
20 asked for a transition plan, the word  
21 "transition" to me -- to me means from one  
22 place to another, so I think they are asking  
23 for somewhere to go. What would we  
24 recommend that to look like? And it could  
25 be several things. A temporary, maybe go

1 back, but stabilization and go back, or  
2 something more permanent.

3 MR. HARVEY: Ann, here's what I'm  
4 struggling with right now in regards to your  
5 comments and in regards to your questions:  
6 I asked all committee members to send me  
7 their feedback on the responses that we  
8 received directly from DMS. I asked for  
9 that prior to September the 15th. The only  
10 people I received feedback from were  
11 providers themselves. So, you know, I don't  
12 understand why now -- we've been discussing  
13 this for years, I mean, literally years. So  
14 I don't understand why we're saying that  
15 there's more time needed to look at things  
16 that we've been talking about for years.  
17 Not days, not weeks, not months, but years.

18 MS. PIERCE: Okay, so my -- actually,  
19 I think the point I was making is that the  
20 transition means go from somewhere to  
21 another, which you kind of changed the  
22 subject on me, so --

23 MR. HARVEY: Well, I don't understand  
24 why you didn't formulate those thoughts and  
25 put them in an email to me like I asked.

1 MS. PIERCE: I just heard Amy say it  
2 just now. I'm just now seeing what you've  
3 written here, so I couldn't get it in by the  
4 deadline. And as I understand --

5 MS. STAED: To be fair, I think what  
6 Wayne is referring to is that at the last  
7 TAC meeting we reviewed Medicaid's response  
8 in which everything I've talked about today  
9 is in direct response to the Medicaid letter  
10 and the issues they asked of the TAC. At  
11 the last TAC meeting, Wayne asked all TAC  
12 members to submit feedback based on those  
13 items that were outlined and did the DMS  
14 response, which again, we talked about at  
15 the last TAC meeting.

16 And I'm not Wayne, so I don't know,  
17 but I -- he says that he did receive, you  
18 know, feedback, obviously from me, but from  
19 several other providers. And I think maybe  
20 a member of the TAC, I'm not sure. I think  
21 that's what he's referring to.

22 MS. PIERCE: Right, and so we're  
23 still not talking about transitioning to  
24 somewhere. I --

25 MS. STAED: Well, because the



1 transition -- the transition requirements  
2 were a very specific bullet point in the DMS  
3 letter, and so that's kind of what we're  
4 talking about here. And when we're talking  
5 about the transition period, yes, it is one  
6 place to another, but until you have that  
7 second place identified, you need to create  
8 a plan to support someone while we're  
9 waiting to identify that second provider as  
10 well. I think that's a really important  
11 piece of this, but, I mean, certainly, when  
12 an individual transitions from one provider  
13 to another, there is a -- there are team  
14 meetings, there is, you know, onboarding of  
15 that new provider, there is a plan put in  
16 place to achieve that transition of moving  
17 -- in particular when we're talking about  
18 residential setting, transitioning from one  
19 residential setting to another just even  
20 from a logistical standpoint of what day are  
21 we going to do this? How are we going to  
22 get the -- you know, their personal items  
23 moved? How -- when does this person -- when  
24 does the individual want to move? Things  
25 like that.

1 MS. PIERCE: Okay. So I think that  
2 -- I just think that needs to be part of our  
3 response. I don't think this response is  
4 ready to go. But you all did a -- I can see  
5 you worked very hard on it.

6 MR. HARVEY: Okay, thank you, Ann.  
7 Johnny's had his hand up for some time. Go  
8 ahead, Johnny.

9 MR. CALLEBS: All right. Thank you,  
10 Wayne. Just a couple of comments: Thank  
11 you, Amy, for all of the great information  
12 from the provider survey. I think, you  
13 know, one good thing or piece of good news  
14 is that involuntary terminations are rare.  
15 I think we know that, and now -- and the  
16 data proves that, so that's a good thing.  
17 So I think probably close to 15,000 people  
18 in the two IDD waivers, Michelle P. and SCL  
19 combined, and out of those 15,000 people  
20 we're talking about just a very small number  
21 of people who get, you know, a notice of  
22 involuntary termination. And then of that  
23 number, only 10 are still looking for, you  
24 know, a solution, a place to transition to  
25 after more than a year. So, you know, I

1 think that's good, it is rare, and it should  
2 be rare.

3 And I think the transition  
4 requirements laid out are good, and the, you  
5 know, seeking more involvement from state  
6 officials is good. I think Amy pointed out,  
7 you know, oftentimes they're the first to  
8 know about new resources in our state and  
9 what may be coming online soon that may be  
10 able to benefit a person, so I think that's  
11 a good recommendation as well.

12 Amy, one thing you mentioned that I  
13 would like to emphasize is that we don't  
14 have that extra level of care that's needed  
15 beyond waiver, but is short of, you know,  
16 institutional care, kind of a crisis system,  
17 a crisis response that can help in some of  
18 these extreme situations. So, you know, I  
19 think we need that. We've needed it for a  
20 long time.

21 And then, you know, we won't solve  
22 that here and I don't expect it to be in the  
23 proposed regulation, but something to  
24 discuss with Medicaid is, you know, after 60  
25 days or on the 60th day, you know, after

1 involuntary termination notice has been  
2 given, and the transition plan is worked  
3 through, if there still is no willing and  
4 available provider, you know, then what? So  
5 again, that would be rare, I think, but we  
6 do have 10 -- at least 10 people that would  
7 affect right now, 10 folks who have been  
8 over a year looking for, you know, a  
9 resolution to their support situation. So  
10 rare, but it does happen. So I think we  
11 need to, you know, figure out collectively  
12 with, you know, providers, stakeholders,  
13 advocates, family members, Medicaid, you  
14 know, what could be a solution on that 60th  
15 day if there is no, you know, available  
16 apparent, you know, new provider for this  
17 person?

18 So those are my comments, and anyway,  
19 a really good presentation, and I think it  
20 is -- this is a tough issue to solve. I  
21 think every state in the country struggles  
22 with it, and I know, collectively, we just  
23 want to do, you know, what's best for  
24 everyone involved, but especially the person  
25 receiving the services. So applaud

1           everybody for, you know, their commitment to  
2           doing that, and for all the effort  
3           everyone's putting into it, so thanks.

4           MS. STAED: And Johnny, just to speak  
5           directly to those comments, which I  
6           obviously very much appreciate, I will be  
7           distributing the findings from the  
8           Legislative Task Force that spent an entire  
9           interim just talking about --

10          MR. CALLEBS: Yeah.

11          MS. STAED: -- that very, very, very  
12          issue, and I think there's some really  
13          excellent solutions in there, and I think  
14          that -- I mean, this is an issue everyone --  
15          everybody on this call was aware of.  
16          Medicaid knows it, you know, the Cabinet  
17          knows it, we all know it, and again, that's  
18          why I would love to just point back to the  
19          solutions from that interim task force where  
20          there was tremendous stakeholder feedback,  
21          parent involvement, provider involvement, I  
22          believe -- I think the DD Council  
23          participated, I can't remember, it was so  
24          many years ago. But there was so much  
25          involvement --

1 MR. CALLEBS: Yeah.

2 MS. STAED: -- from all of the  
3 parties who truly want a solution.

4 And again, so would really -- that --  
5 I will email that out and make sure  
6 everybody gets a copy of -- all the TAC  
7 members get a copy of that, but for anyone  
8 interested, you can go on the LRC website  
9 and find those task force findings and  
10 recommendations. I believe they're from the  
11 interim of 2020 or 2021. It's -- I get the  
12 years blurred, so.

13 MR. CALLEBS: Yeah.

14 MS. STAED: But it's called the  
15 Exceptional Supports Waiver Service Task  
16 Force for everybody involved.

17 MR. HARVEY: Any other questions,  
18 John -- Johnny, you done? I didn't mean to  
19 cut you off.

20 MR. CALLEBS: I'm done, thank you.

21 MS. STAED: And again --

22 MR. HARVEY: Barbara --

23 MS. STAED: -- I just want to stress  
24 that, like, the IDD TAC does not create  
25 policy. I think all -- regardless of

1           whether that happens today or at some other  
2           point in the future, all the TAC is able to  
3           do is just forward information for Medicaid  
4           to consider. That's it.

5           MR. HARVEY: Thank you for saying  
6           that, Amy. It saves me from saying it. Any  
7           other questions regarding the information  
8           Amy presented on?

9           MS. WASH: So Wayne, there are  
10          comments in the comment box and some of them  
11          are -- I don't see --

12          MR. HARVEY: Yeah, most of them are  
13          -- as I've indicated, it's really taken us  
14          off the path of what the meeting was about  
15          today. I do want to say that Elizabeth  
16          Markle did respond and say that out of the  
17          10 involuntary terminations over 1 year, 1  
18          is for day training and 9 are residential  
19          for anyone not looking at that chat box.

20          Any other questions among committee  
21          members?

22          MR. HOYT: Mr. Chairman?

23          MR. HARVEY: Yes.

24          MR. HOYT: Just a comment: I, too,  
25          appreciate, Amy, all of the work that you've

1           done. You know, I do think that this is an  
2           ongoing issue. Most significant portion of  
3           this -- of any recommended change, as I  
4           understand what you've presented, is the  
5           amount of time during which a provider would  
6           be required to continue supporting an  
7           individual from unlimited to 60 days. Now,  
8           there's some language that talks about the  
9           immediate involuntary termination, but is  
10          that correct, Amy, that the suggested  
11          change, the primary focus is from unlimited  
12          support -- unlimited period of time of  
13          support to 60 days?

14                 MS. STAED: Yes. And that is in line  
15          with the response that Medicaid sent to the  
16          IDD TAC. At the beginning of my  
17          presentation on the slides, I directly  
18          quoted from the letter, which said that  
19          Medicaid agrees that -- let me just pull it  
20          up so I don't paraphrase. I don't want to  
21          get in trouble for paraphrasing DMS noted  
22          that it "supported the implementation of a  
23          structured and consistent 60-day time frame  
24          for involuntary terminations." And then  
25          asked for additional information that it



1           should include in its policy as it works to  
2           develop and implement a structured and  
3           consistent 60-day time frame. And the  
4           things that it -- the feedback it asks for  
5           as it works to develop that 60-day time  
6           period policy was the exceptions for  
7           critical safety concerns. So that would be  
8           the expedited termination process that we  
9           discussed; the transition planning  
10          requirements that we discussed; provider  
11          support measures, which we discussed, and we  
12          feel like are outlined in the Legislature's  
13          Exceptional Supports Task Force finding and  
14          recommendations; and then stakeholder  
15          engagement, which we are currently engaging  
16          in and have done elsewhere.

17                 MR. HOYT: Well, thank you for that  
18                 confirmation, clarification perhaps.  
19                 Mr. Chair, this is, in fact, an issue that  
20                 we have dealt with and many providers across  
21                 the state have dealt with for quite some  
22                 time. I think given the fact that we are an  
23                 advisory group, not a policymaking group, it  
24                 is my opinion that this moves the ball  
25                 forward and I certainly think that the

1 Cabinet and DMS will in fact take  
2 opportunities to engage in input as the  
3 process would move forward. And so that  
4 said, I do like the document that has been  
5 put forward, and I would like to make a  
6 motion that the Intellectual and  
7 Developmental Disabilities Technical  
8 Advisory Committee formally submit to the  
9 Medicaid Advisory Committee the proposed  
10 regulatory language regarding the  
11 involuntary termination of a waiver service  
12 as presented and discussed today in this IDD  
13 TAC meeting. The purpose of that motion is  
14 to request that the MAC consider this  
15 proposal for submission to the Cabinet for  
16 Health and Family Services so that the  
17 Cabinet can review, evaluate, and implement  
18 it as part of ongoing assessment of  
19 potential changes to Kentucky's process for  
20 the involuntary termination of a waiver  
21 service.

22 MR. HARVEY: Okay, we have a motion  
23 on the floor. Do we have a second?

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'll second.

25 MR. HARVEY: Okay, Doug made the

1 motion, Brad seconded the motion. Any  
2 discussion?

3 MS. PIERCE: Yes, what is it, a point  
4 of order? No, point of information. I'm  
5 not sure what to call it, but because family  
6 members have not had time to review these  
7 proposed changes as evidenced in the chat, I  
8 move to postpone on this item until our next  
9 regular meeting to allow adequate review.

10 MR. HARVEY: I'm going to deny that,  
11 Ann, because we've been discussing this for  
12 quite some time, and you've had the  
13 information as much as any other committee  
14 member has had. Any other discussion?

15 MS. PIERCE: For the record --  
16 Barbara, for the record, please note that  
17 family representatives have not been given  
18 adequate time to review these proposed  
19 regulation changes before this vote.

20 MS. STAED: I just want to be clear  
21 that I did not propose a regulation change  
22 at all.

23 MR. HARVEY: I would add to that,  
24 Barbara -- yeah, we've not proposed any  
25 regulation change. But I would add,

1           Barbara, that they've had the same amount of  
2           time as everyone else has had on the  
3           committee.

4                   MS. WASH:   Okay.

5                   MS. PIERCE:   That's incorrect,  
6           Barbara.   That's an incorrect statement.  
7           Well, I just -- this is the first time I've  
8           seen this document is just now, just me.

9                   MR. HARVEY:   You were on the same  
10          email chain as everyone else was, Ann.

11                  MS. PIERCE:   You know, even if I did  
12          get it yesterday, which I did not, with all  
13          due respect, that's still not enough time.

14                  MR. HARVEY:   It's showing delivered  
15          from my computer.   So anything else, Ann?  
16          We need to move this motion along and see if  
17          anybody else has any other discussion on  
18          this matter.

19                  MS. PIERCE:   I just want to be sure  
20          my objection is registered.

21                  MR. HARVEY:   It's registered.  
22          Anybody else have any other things for  
23          discussion?

24                               (no response)

25                  MR. HARVEY:   Okay, Barbara, I would

1 ask that you take a roll vote, please.

2 MS. WASH: A roll vote? Hold on just  
3 a second. So we have currently Brad  
4 Schneider. I think that's the roll of who's  
5 here today, correct, Wayne?

6 MR. HARVEY: Yes.

7 MS. WASH: Okay. We have Brad  
8 Schneider, Melanie Tyner-Wilson, Wayne  
9 Harvey, Johnny Callebs, Ann Pierce, Cheri  
10 Ellis Reeves, and Doug Hoyt.

11 MR. HARVEY: Can you start with Brad  
12 and just take a vote from each one of them  
13 as we go down through? It's either yes, no,  
14 or abstain, please.

15 MS. WASH: Okay. Brad, your vote?

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yes.

17 MS. WASH: Yes. Melanie?

18 MS. TYNER-WILSON: No, I'm needing  
19 more information.

20 MS. WASH: Okay. Wayne?

21 MR. HARVEY: Yes.

22 MS. WASH: Johnny?

23 MR. CALLEBS: I will vote yes, but  
24 I'd like to explain that -- or clarify that  
25 I think maybe part of the confusion is just

1           the fact that it was -- the information was  
2           presented in the form of regulations the way  
3           regulations are typically written. To my  
4           understanding, that was just a format used  
5           to respond to the Cabinet's request for  
6           information from the TAC. So I think, you  
7           know, some people, maybe it looks a little  
8           intimidating or a little more formal than it  
9           actually is. So I'm reading it as a -- you  
10          know, some -- yeah -- information in  
11          response to the Cabinet's letter. And so  
12          I'll vote yes in order to get the -- keep  
13          the dialogue and process going to help  
14          resolve this matter. I realize it's going  
15          to take a lot more input from stakeholders  
16          and providers and advocates and family  
17          members to get this resolved, but to move it  
18          forward, I will vote yes.

19               MS. WASH: Okay. So then, Ann?

20               MS. PIERCE: (speaking on mute)

21               MS. WASH: You're muted, Ann.

22               MS. PIERCE: I vote no. I need more  
23          time to think about this.

24               MS. WASH: Okay. Cheryl Reeves --  
25          Ellis Reeves?

1 (no response)

2 MS. WASH: I don't know if she's  
3 muted. I don't see her on. The next one  
4 will be Doug Hoyt.

5 MR. HOYT: I, too, am going to vote  
6 yes with, I think as much as anything,  
7 agreement with Johnny that this initiative I  
8 don't believe is in its final form. I  
9 believe it is moving the initiative forward,  
10 and the initiative needs to move forward.  
11 It has been lingering for years, and in  
12 fact, there will be, through this process  
13 I'm confident, continued an additional  
14 conversation that takes place. So Johnny,  
15 well said, and I support that with my yes  
16 vote.

17 MS. WASH: Okay.

18 MR. HARVEY: Are --

19 MS. WASH: So we have -- yeah, so we  
20 have four yeses, two nos, and we are missing  
21 two: Frankie Hoffman and Cheryl Ellis  
22 Reeves.

23 MR. HARVEY: So the motion carries  
24 with the votes present, correct?

25 MS. WASH: I believe so.

1 MR. HARVEY: Thank you. All right  
2 any other discussion before we cover MAC  
3 meeting representation? Is Erin still on  
4 the call?

5 MS. BICKERS: I'm here.

6 MS. WASH: Yes.

7 MR. HARVEY: Do you want to give us a  
8 -- I know that you've been intricately  
9 involved with the development of the BAC and  
10 the MAC, and I know that they're very close  
11 because I got an email recently from  
12 Dr. Schuster in regards to the MAC starting  
13 their meetings back up very soon. So do you  
14 have any information on that for us?

15 MS. BICKERS: Sure, I can give you a  
16 brief update, and then also, Barbara Wash  
17 has been really super hands-on involved with  
18 that process. So to my knowledge, I believe  
19 they have set a BAC date for about mid-month  
20 this month, and they are in the process of  
21 getting the next MAC meeting --

22 MS. WASH: Yes.

23 MS. BICKERS: -- dates scheduled, and  
24 so as soon as that is out, Barbara will get  
25 that to all of the MAC members and all of



1 the TAC chairs. We'll get that posted on  
2 the website. I think they're still working  
3 on that final last date, you know, with all  
4 the providers and everything trying to make  
5 sure we accommodate everyone's schedule.  
6 But Barb, if -- did I leave anything out? I  
7 know you've been very hands-on on that.

8 MS. WASH: Yes, October 13th we have  
9 a meeting coming up, and --

10 MS. BICKERS: But that's not the MAC  
11 meeting, right?

12 MS. WASH: No, that's not the MAC  
13 meeting, it's the BAC meeting --

14 MS. BICKERS: Yes.

15 MS. WASH: -- but we will keep you  
16 posted.

17 MR. HARVEY: Okay, thank you. And as  
18 soon as I learn about the next MAC meeting,  
19 I do plan to attend, and we'll present the  
20 recommendation that came out of this  
21 particular meeting.

22 MS. BICKERS: Okay --

23 MR. HARVEY: Our next meeting --

24 MS. BICKERS: Oh, sorry, Wayne. I  
25 was just going to say, since we did have a

1 recommendation, if you want to go ahead and  
2 get that to Barbara in writing --

3 MR. HARVEY: Yes.

4 MS. BICKERS: -- she can go ahead and  
5 get that all prepped and everything and  
6 ready for the next MAC member. And it looks  
7 like Ann also has her hand raised.

8 MR. HARVEY: Oh, thank you, I didn't  
9 see her. Go ahead, Ann.

10 MS. PIERCE: Thank you, Barbara.  
11 Thank you, Wayne. I'd like to make a motion  
12 that we ask DMS to make a budget request for  
13 more crisis centers.

14 MS. WASH: I have that noted.

15 MS. PIERCE: Thank you.

16 MS. WASH: Mm-hmm.

17 MR. HARVEY: So you want to make a  
18 motion for more -- for them to make a budget  
19 request out of this particular committee?

20 MS. PIERCE: Barbara, do they need  
21 that or is that something you took care of?

22 MS. WASH: I think that is something  
23 I can bring back. Erin, I know that you're  
24 still on this call.

25 MS. BICKERS: I am, I'm here. It

1 looks like someone dropped in the chat --

2 MS. WASH: Mm-hmm.

3 MS. BICKERS: -- asking if we can  
4 make a budget request. That came from a --

5 MS. WASH: I think it was Nora.

6 MS. BICKERS: No, it's right above  
7 Nora. Last name Allison, for some reason I  
8 can't see the full name.

9 MS. WASH: Marie Allison, yeah.

10 MS. BICKERS: So who is not a member  
11 of the TAC, so the public can't make  
12 recommendations based off the TAC. Now, the  
13 TAC can take recommendations from the public  
14 to make recommendations, so if that's  
15 something you guys want to go ahead and  
16 recommend, if you want to discuss, but it  
17 was just dropped in the chat.

18 MR. HARVEY: Well, there's four  
19 minutes till noon here. Is there any way  
20 that you two ladies could just take that  
21 back as a question that was dropped in the  
22 chat and just mention it, and then maybe we  
23 could get some feedback on that during the  
24 next meeting?

25 MS. BICKERS: Absolutely. Barbara --

1 MS. STAED: Can --

2 MS. BICKERS: -- can you add that to  
3 the DMS take-back email, please?

4 MS. WASH: Yes, I am. I have it.

5 MS. BICKERS: Thank you.

6 MS. WASH: Go ahead.

7 MS. STAED: Can I offer feedback real  
8 quick, Wayne, on someone who works on budget  
9 requests frequently.

10 MR. HARVEY: Sure, go ahead. We are  
11 limited on time is all I'm saying.

12 MS. STAED: Yeah, just terming it as  
13 crisis centers, I think you just -- we need  
14 to be -- if we're going to make a motion  
15 eventually, at some point, maybe today,  
16 maybe not, we need to be hyper-specific  
17 about what kind of crisis services we're  
18 requesting funding for if to achieve a  
19 specific goal. That is just my general  
20 recommendation.

21 MR. HARVEY: Okay, thank you.

22 MS. BICKERS: And my assumption would  
23 be maybe the type of funding needed, as not  
24 a budget person.

25 MS. STAED: Yes, yes, yes, that, too.

1 MR. HARVEY: Thank you, ladies.

2 Next meeting date is December the  
3 2nd, 2025, 10 o'clock via Zoom. Or  
4 actually, December the 2nd, 2025. Anybody  
5 got anything else before we adjourn today's  
6 meeting? I know we're right on top of the  
7 adjournment time.

8 (no response)

9 MR. HARVEY: Okay, thank you very  
10 much. We'll see you in December.

11 MS. WASH: Thank you, Wayne.

12 MS. BICKERS: Have a great day.

13 MS. WASH: Have a great day.

14 MR. HARVEY: You, too.

15 (Meeting adjourns at 12:00 p.m.)

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