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3 PERSONS RETURNING TO SOCIETY FROM INCARCERATION
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APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Steve Shannon, Chair
- James A. Daley (not present)
- Shawn A. Ryan, MD (not present)
- Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens (not present)
- Brandon Harley
- Adrienne Bush
- Van Ingram
- Casey Michalovic
- Evan Smith
- Kristin Porter
- Kevin Sharkey
- Angela Darcy
- Brandon Thomas (not present)

1 MS. BICKERS: We are clearing out
2 the waiting room. So as people are joining,
3 we have been giving a friendly reminder to
4 all the TACs. Just any voting members must
5 be on camera while voting. And we are also
6 encouraging everybody to try not to talk over
7 each other. Raise your hand if you have
8 questions. In some of the meetings, the
9 reporters are having a hard time capturing
10 everything when questions are going back and
11 forth. So just a couple friendly reminders.

12 We have cleared the waiting room, Steve.
13 I have yourself, Brandon, Adrienne, Van,
14 Casey, and Kristin logged in. Did I miss
15 anyone?

16 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: That is who I
17 have. Because Casey now is replacing Evan;
18 right?

19 MS. MICHALOVIC: Yes. He should be
20 on the call, too, I think.

21 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Okay. So that
22 gets us to six, which not is a quorum.

23 MS. BICKERS: Nope. You need one
24 more.

25 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.

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Maybe we'll get there.

All right. You have the agenda in front of you. We'll hold off action. But just so -- again, this is the Persons Returning to Society From Incarceration TAC, the TAC with the longest name. I just call it the Reentry TAC.

But anyway, so that's what we're -- you know, so that's today's topics. I sent the agenda out. I don't know if I sent the minutes till this morning. I apologize for that.

We do not have a quorum yet. Hopefully that does happen, and we get to that point. So we can't do the minutes as of yet, but what about a DMS update?

MS. FITZPATRICK: Hi. Good morning. This is Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick.

MS. BICKERS: Oh, sorry, Leigh Ann. I was just going to say, it looks like Kevin is joining. If you want to establish your quorum in just a moment, he's joining now. Sorry, Leigh Ann. I didn't mean to cut you off.

MS. FITZPATRICK: No. That's okay.

1 Do you want to go and do the quorum first,
2 Steve?

3 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yes, I do, in
4 case I --

5 MS. BICKERS: It looks like he's
6 joining. So if you give it just a second, he
7 should be logging in.

8 MR. INGRAM: Also, I have -- Angie
9 is going to log in as well.

10 MS. BICKERS: Okay. It looks like
11 he's logged in, Steve. So just, again,
12 friendly reminder, all voting members, have
13 your camera on. And I will turn it back over
14 to you, Steve. Sorry about that.

15 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right. Very
16 good. All right. So minutes -- and the
17 minutes I present are always what I report to
18 the MAC. We get the transcript. That's a
19 much longer document, obviously, and so I
20 just summarize what we did and put that in
21 the minutes. So I will entertain a motion to
22 adopt the minutes.

23 MR. INGRAM: So moved.

24 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Van Ingram. Do
25 we have a second?

1 MS. PORTER: I'll second. Kristin.

2 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Thank you,
3 Kristin. Make sure I get all those right.
4 All in favor, signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Opposed and
7 abstentions?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.
10 Those were adopted. There we go.

11 MR. SMITH: Hey, Steve, before we
12 go much further, I wanted to clarify one
13 thing about the membership for this. As I
14 mentioned following our last meeting, I'm
15 shifting roles somewhat here within AppalReD
16 Legal Aid. And my -- I'm now -- our director
17 swapped -- went over to legal aid at the
18 Bluegrass, and I'm serving as the interim
19 director while we hire our permanent person,
20 which I'll be quick to add will not be me.

21 And after I've had a taste of the
22 interim duties, I'm very glad I did not apply
23 for the permanent job. It is just -- it's a
24 special person who can do that, and it's not
25 me. I look forward to going back to doing

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more courtroom stuff.

But what I had mentioned to Steve, and I think Kelli as well, is that I thought that a good replacement for me to fill the legal aid seat that the legislature put on this TAC would be my coworker, Casey, who's been able to join a lot of these meetings. Her work is really more directly related to many of these topics even than mine is.

And so I'm not sure if we need any type of motion or formal process to basically switch her for me, but I think it makes sense for her to be the voting member rather than me going forward.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Erin, help me with this. But my recommendation is for, Evan, you to submit something to Erin in writing.

MS. BICKERS: Yes. So if she is appointed by the association, which I believe she would be -- I'd have to pull the statute, but I'm fairly certain that is -- the association would just send something. You can just send something over to me in writing just stating that she would be the new member

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moving forward.

I have her listed as a new member, so I just assumed all that happened in March while I was out, but if you don't mind to just put that in writing.

MR. SMITH: Yeah. I'll pass along the emails from March. Again, I wasn't sure if those emails were sufficient or we needed to really do something on the record here. But I will pass those along, and we will -- but I'm -- is there anything else that -- again, I just want to make sure that we've got quorum and voting members for today's business.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah.

MR. SMITH: Should I hang on for a little bit longer today, or is Casey already good?

MS. BICKERS: Well, if there were emails sent to Kelli while I was out, I'm sure she copied me on that. And I have them in your all's file folder tucked away, so that's fine. We counted her as a voting member. So you're welcome to stay, of course, but if you have other things you need

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to do, that's, you know, completely understandable.

MR. SMITH: Well, thank you very much. I really enjoyed getting to meet many of you through this process, and this is important work. And I look forward to CMS making the progress so that we can really implement this in the state --

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yes.

MR. SMITH: And, again, I'll hope to be back eventually.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.

MS. BICKERS: Thanks, Evan.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Thanks, Evan. Take care.

(Brief interruption.)

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: There you go. All right. All right, Leigh Ann. Now can we get --

MS. FITZPATRICK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Thanks for the update. I mean, thanks for the minutes and approval, and welcome, Casey.

MS. FITZPATRICK: Leslie is out today for attending a Mental Health Awareness

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Month activity. I'm going to just present to you our numbers, and there's a couple more updates.

Currently, as of Monday, this past Monday, there's 1,728,605 enrolled. Incarcerated members has gone down. It's 19,525 that's incarcerated. And through the reentry program with the two facilities of KSR and KICW, we are looking at continuing at less than five -- less than four days, excuse me, with benefits being reinstated once the individual is released.

With those two facilities, the meetings with DOC, MCOs, our connectors, DCBS, all those partners with reentry, those meetings have been reinstated again. We met this month, and I believe they're going to meet quarterly to continue this process and hopefully add more facilities.

So please -- I think Kristin Porter I saw on here, so please correct me if I'm not stating everything correctly. But those meetings will continue. I am not the lead person for the program. I think we're just kind of -- actually, Marty Johnson with the

1 DOC has taken that lead role. So those
2 meetings have been reinstated quarterly. And
3 then we're discussing processes, and there
4 might be some sub-meetings from that
5 committee as well.

6 We have been in discussions -- in
7 continued discussions with CMS around the
8 incarceration amendment that we submitted
9 almost three years ago. As you know,
10 California has received permission from CMS
11 to go ahead with theirs, and there is -- I
12 see you have the guidance letter from CMS.

13 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah.

14 MS. FITZPATRICK: We are -- we've
15 met with DOC. We've met with the Department
16 of Behavioral Health in discussions about
17 what that means, that we do have to update
18 our amendment that we sent in.

19 So I have one of my team members,
20 Kristin Sawyer, on if she would like to add
21 anything. And if -- I'll open up the floor
22 for questions now.

23 MR. INGRAM: I'll just add on to
24 what Leigh Ann said there. We're going to
25 have to make significant changes to our

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original 1115 for incarceration amendment.
And so this is going to take some time, and
it's going to take a lot of work from
Medicaid and DOC, but we're going to get
there. But it is significantly much
different than what we had originally
proposed.

Am I saying that fairly, Leigh Ann?

MS. FITZPATRICK: Yes. That was
it. You hit it. And we're working -- hoping
to getting that done by the end of the year.
But our overarching 1115 SUD that has to be
renewed this fall has not been approved yet
either. So we're -- we're just keeping our
fingers crossed.

MR. INGRAM: Yeah. What we had
envisioned and what California did is
completely two different things.

MS. FITZPATRICK: Completely
different. Correct. The issue with things
that have not been approved yet, CMS said
that they have been inundated with 1115
applications and SPA updates. So they are
working fearlessly to get all those taken
care of. So no, we've never heard a no, so

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we're just going to keep on trucking.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: One -- and I don't think you can answer this question, Leigh Ann, so I probably shouldn't ask it. Does this drop us down in the hopper a lot? I mean, that's my concern, that -- you know, I read the guidance letter and, you know, there's a lot of stuff in there. You know, I didn't know how it lined up.

But it sounds like what we submitted isn't what the guidance letter was; and, therefore, you all have a lot of work to do. And I'm sure we'd love to partner with you someday but a lot of work to do to get that resubmitted.

But is that going to move us down the list for approval because wasn't ours one of the first ones in?

MS. FITZPATRICK: It was the first one.

MR. INGRAM: It was, yeah.

MS. FITZPATRICK: It was the first one. I don't think that's the case. I think that they are trying -- since we do have that overarching SUD one that's due this fall, I

1 think they're trying to work together to get
2 all of our applications done at once. But we
3 are meeting with them, I think, biweekly,
4 doing some TA sessions with them, with CMS.

5 We have questions for them to answer for
6 us to keep working on, and I do -- and Angela
7 Sparrow is going to be heading that. And
8 definitely we will be reaching out for any
9 type of assistance that we feel like we need,
10 and I know that we have your support and
11 willingness to help us along the way.

12 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah. Okay. I
13 was wondering. Have TAC members seen that
14 letter?

15 MR. HARLEY: I have not.

16 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: I guess I can
17 find -- could you -- Leigh Ann, do you have
18 an accessible copy that you could send? Or
19 I'll try to dig it out.

20 MS. FITZPATRICK: Yes. I do have
21 it, and I'll send that.

22 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah. Mine's
23 all marked up. I mean, it was -- so -- and a
24 lot of stuff in there, presumptive
25 eligibility and all sorts of things that, you

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know --

MS. FITZPATRICK: Right. It's just not behavioral health, the Department of -- with DMS.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: No, it's not. It's physical health as well.

MS. FITZPATRICK: It's IT and eligibility and -- yes.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Now, this is a kind of down-in-the-weeds question. Oh, the incarcerated numbers.

MS. FITZPATRICK: Yes, I will. I'll put that when I send it.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Okay. Thank you, Leigh Ann.

MS. FITZPATRICK: I sure will.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: The 1115 amendment that was submitted that did the IMD to 30 days -- at least to 30 days and created the -- oh, I just -- the respite, the medical respite, would folks coming out of a DOC facility be eligible for medical respite, if appropriate?

MS. FITZPATRICK: That is a good question.

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MS. PORTER: I'm not sure honestly.

MS. FITZPATRICK: So if they're coming out of a DOC facility, do they have a residence, or are they --

MS. PORTER: They do. I'm sorry. I'm trying to work this off my phone, so I --

MS. FITZPATRICK: No. I know. You're fine.

MS. PORTER: It's hard today.

They do. So they've got an established placement, but I wonder, you know, is there any definition of residence, like, on there? Does a -- like, does a halfway house count, too?

Like, we -- you know, of course, we release some people. They go straight to a home, you know, an actual home. But then we do release people that go to a halfway house as well or a temporary living site, too. So I would be curious as to if that would be sufficient as well.

Because, like, on the DOC side, we say, you know, of course, we've investigated this, and we have approved this home placement because that's where they're going to live

1 for now. But I just wonder how permanent it
2 has to be for it to count.

3 MS. FITZPATRICK: Okay. I have to
4 take that back because I'm not sure of that
5 answer. And we -- our team meets tomorrow,
6 so I'll bring this up and then I'll send the
7 answer on through tomorrow. I just -- I
8 don't want to answer it and give you an
9 incorrect answer.

10 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah. I mean,
11 as I was reading it, I was wondering if those
12 two things would ever interface. And there
13 is -- also, it's kind of interesting that if
14 someone is incarcerated and goes to the
15 hospital, Medicaid can now pay for that. Is
16 that brand new?

17 MS. FITZPATRICK: So if someone is
18 incarcerated and they go to the hospital,
19 Medicaid will kick in after 24 hours.

20 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Okay.

21 MS. FITZPATRICK: That's always
22 been in place, yes.

23 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Okay.

24 MS. FITZPATRICK: So they just go
25 to the hospital. If they're not there for 24

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hours, then the DOC medical covers.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Okay.

All right. So we still -- so, really, our 1115 that we've all been talking about since we first met is now kind of a start over.

MR. INGRAM: That's fair, yeah.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: That's all right. That's all right, you know. Someone had to be out there upfront to get people's attention, and I guess Kentucky played that role; right?

MR. INGRAM: Yep.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Followed Daniel Boone in this area, so that's okay. I reference Daniel Boone as much as I can because I worked for Daniel Boone Howard.

All right. Anything else about the SUD waiver? I guess we'll hear more as you all continue working on it, maybe get some kind of update. I don't know when. September, maybe. We'll give you plenty of time to do that instead of July, and we'll send that --

MS. FITZPATRICK: We'll give you updates as much as we can.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah.

1 All right. And we'll get that, that guidance
2 sent out to everybody to take a look at it.
3 It's a lot of Medicaid language; right,
4 Leigh Ann?

5 MS. FITZPATRICK: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: It should count
7 as a foreign language.

8 All right. MCO updates? Oh, my bad.
9 Let's start with Anthem -- no, Aetna,
10 alphabetically.

11 MS. HAM: Hey, everyone. This is
12 Courtney from Aetna. I'm sorry I'm not on
13 camera today. You know, technological
14 difficulties this morning don't apply.

15 So we have rejoined the group that
16 Leigh Ann was discussing before that has
17 gotten back together. And it's really --
18 it's just really cool to see sort of like the
19 growth and, like, how far we've come and just
20 looking to, you know, expand that program.

21 Aetna has -- the Start Strong Reentry
22 coordinator is back in place, and she's now
23 going out to reentry resource fairs. And
24 she's going to be out and about at, you know,
25 like, expungement places, you know, just

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anywhere she can be where, you know, she can let people know about our program and things like that.

So if there are, you know, reentry fairs and things going on in people's communities and you want, you know, people to come -- an MCO to join, please let us know. We are getting back out and about, which is really great.

We have not had a lot of referrals -- but that's pretty normal -- from the prison project with Leigh Ann's group, but we're hopeful that they'll continue to kick up.

And there was one more thing. No. I think that's it, actually. No. I think that's it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Thanks, Courtney. Appreciate it.

Anthem?

MR. CROWLEY: Yeah. Hello, Steve. Good morning. This is David Crowley with Anthem.

Much to Courtney's points, very glad to be joining those meetings with everybody, and we do have our case manager that's designated

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for the reentry population engaged and ready to manage those referrals. Really low volume of referrals, again, to Courtney's point, within the past three months or so.

And we also have our community health workers or community engagement navigators with our empowerment team that are ready to help for the social determinants of health needs, rental arrears, utility arrears, things like that. So those are the Anthem updates thus far.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right. Appreciate it.

User data and the membership stuff. Appreciate that, Leigh Ann, in the chat.

Who's next on my big list? Humana.

MS. BENDORF: Good morning, everyone. This is Kelly Bendorf with Humana.

Just some quick updates just like Courtney and David gave. We also have had pretty low numbers regarding the reentry program. Actually, in the first quarter, we only had one release member. But so far in Q2, we've had seven. So we're really excited that we've been able to help some more

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members starting this quarter.

I also wanted to give some great shout-outs to the reentry coordinators. We have had a lot of amazing collaboration with these seven members that were released in quarter two. The reentry coordinators have been really responsive to us with our reentry liaison.

And I also actually wanted to give a special thank you to reentry coordinator Carson Payne. As soon as we reached out to him, he helped us connect with that member right away. So it's been really helpful to have that collaboration, so thank you guys so much.

One thing we have been seeing is we've kind of seen some enrollment movement with a couple of our members. Some of our members -- I know I talked before, I think, a couple of TACs ago, about we had a member who was released to us but within a month changed her eligibility, and enrollment changed to a different MCO. But we were able to keep her with Humana, I think. Jadena Todd really helped us get that done.

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But we've seen a couple of our other members with this same kind of issue, and it's kind of worked both ways, where we've seen -- we've had a member that was released to a different MCO but then came to us after a month. And then we've also had a member who was released to us and then, after a month, went to a different MCO.

So just not quite sure what's going on there, so I just wanted to bring it forward. But that's all we have for updates.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Thank you. Next on my PowerPoint list, Passport Molina.

MS. HEUGLIN: Hi. This is Michele Heuglin --

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Hi, Michele.

MS. HEUGLIN: -- with Passport by Molina Healthcare. We've had several meetings with the DOC as far as the superintendents across the state. It's been wonderful. It's resulted in scheduled expungement reentry clinics that are going to be hosted. We actually have one next week where we will have the DOC there on site. We'll have 29 vendors as well that will

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provide resources as far as second chance employment and local resources that will help this population and with the public defenders, with attorneys for those who are -- may have expungement and to explore that.

So we have those already on the books and scheduled and promoted, and attendance will be great. So we can give an update on how those went, and that is all in addition to being on site at different resource fairs and reentry clinics and events across the state.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.
Thank you, Michele. Any questions?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.
Where are we at? United?

MS. KOENIG: Hey. Good morning, Steve. This is Stephanie Koenig with United. I'm not on camera either. For some reason, Zoom required an update, so I can't get on. So I apologize, but I am here and able to speak.

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reported out by Aetna and Anthem, our numbers have been low as well. I know that the auto assignment kind of ended for us in April, so we were able to see two were released this quarter. One was unable to contact, and two we were able to close.

Really great news to hear from Passport, and I would also kind of piggyback off the fact that we were able to meet with DOC and DMS on Friday, so really looking forward to that.

My question maybe to DOC is: From those individual MCO meetings, is the expectation of the kind of follow-ups going to be reported out in those quarterly meetings? I know that UnitedHealthcare did have some outstanding questions. It was really great to collaborate as well with the reentry coordinators and looking forward to that continued partnership.

I would say that with our catalyst program as well as addressing social determinants of need -- you know, that's continuously how we're doing our collaboration and participating in that

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pilot. So no additional updates since last quarter.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.

MS. PORTER: That's wonderful.

I'll just say from the DOC side, too, the answer is yes. You know, we will definitely continue with those updates at either the quarterly meetings or even here, too, and probably both.

And I know that there is still -- I think we still have a list of three or four different questions that we have received from MCOs that Christy is working on, trying to figure out what the answers are. And there are some modifications we had to do on our side. So I know that she is still working on some answers, too, for some of the outstanding questions so...

MS. KOENIG: Perfect. I didn't know if -- to send another follow-up. I was kind of just waiting on that quarterly meeting so...

MS. PORTER: No. Absolutely. And, you know, it -- and it never hurts to send a follow-up, too, just to make sure it doesn't

1 fall off of, you know, her radar or anything
2 like that, too. We are 100 percent okay with
3 that so -- but yeah, we do plan giving on
4 those updates so thank you all so much.

5 MS. KOENIG: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Kristin Porter,
7 we appreciate DOC's partnership. That's good
8 stuff.

9 All right. WellCare?

10 MS. MCFALL: Hi. Good morning.
11 This is Paula McFall with WellCare. We have
12 not had a lot of people reentering. We do
13 have quite a few in the jails. However, one
14 thing we would like to do -- we haven't
15 really done this yet -- is make sure that
16 when we do connect with that member, that we
17 have some SUD and behavioral health services
18 to support them.

19 I think these folks are such a high
20 risk, that that's one of the areas I'd like
21 to maybe focus on, is maybe assign a case
22 manager specific to this population, which we
23 have not done. We are regionally-based, and
24 that's how we've managed these cases.

25 So really that's kind of the plan, is to

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kind of try to get in front of them in terms of referrals for services.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.

That's pretty significant progress we've made in the last six months, you know, so -- and it's the Medicaid TAC, but getting those groups together is a good thing. Good to see.

All right. Round robin member updates including any legislative updates.

MR. INGRAM: Steve, from the Office of Drug Control Policy, our biggest priority in this last session was the removal of fentanyl test strips under the definition of drug paraphernalia. On the very last day of the session, we were able to get that accomplished, and that was important to our work.

Also a recovery housing bill, House Bill 248, was passed. A lot of compromise went into that. You know, I think we'll have to see over a period of 18 months to 2 years if it was -- if that bill needs to be tweaked, if it went too far or didn't go far enough. Since we have never really

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regulated recovery housing in the past, this is a new thing for us. A lot of work for the Cabinet to make this happen.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah. And it's an industry that needs some --

MR. INGRAM: It does, Steve.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Either fed or regulatory oversight. But I think it does need some guardrails.

MR. INGRAM: Yeah. I was resistant for a while because I didn't want good people to get out of it because we made it too complicated. And I think this bill strikes a pretty good balance of that, and we'll see how that work is going on.

Opioid Abatement Committee -- Commission still continues to meet. We pushed out about eight million dollars in our first round of awards last week. And we're -- we've got budget grants in the queue to review, and so that work will continue.

A little over a week ago, I went through a reentry simulation with DOC. Really -- I mean, I've been doing this a long time, but it was really a wake-up call for me just how

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difficult it is for our folks leaving incarceration.

I know Rob Perez at DV8 Kitchen is planning one at his place there in Lexington. I think it's the 18th. Is that right, Kristin?

MS. PORTER: Yes.

MR. INGRAM: If you've not participated in a reentry simulation, I would really encourage you to contact Rob at rob@dv8kitchen.com and try to get involved with that. It's really, really worth your time if you've never sat through a reentry simulation to do that.

Our recovery ready communities, we're going to meet tomorrow -- or Friday -- yeah, tomorrow -- and approve our first committee, Community and Recovery Ready hopefully.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Really?

MR. INGRAM: And we've got a lot of applications in the queue to review, but our first one is going to be tomorrow. So we're excited about that.

And I'll leave it at that, Steve.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Thank you.

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MS. PORTER: Steve, if it's okay, I'll go next to kind of couple with a couple of things Van was saying.

I was so happy to be able to host the reentry simulation for some of our cabinet members, and I'm so happy Van was there. And also just to say this. This is the first time we at DOC have ever been able to get this to happen. But we have, you know, members, of course, of the Kentucky Parole Board and parole board chair as well, and they all also participated in the reentry simulation, which was, you know, great, for them to be able to do that eye opening experience, too.

So we do have the upcoming one. We've got several kind of scheduled across the state, but we do have the one next week at DV8 Kitchen. We would also be open, if there was enough people that, you know, is in this TAC group, to find some sort of a centralized location as well to host one just for the members of this TAC if we think that that would be helpful and beneficial as well. So that's something I'll say and throw out

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CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Can you tell us a little bit about it, what happens and how long or things like that?

MS. PORTER: Yes, yes. Absolutely. The whole session from start to end is about a two-hour session, of course, in person. It looks very similar to what you would picture, like, a college career fair, to where we have booths set up around the room.

And, you know, participants are given a scenario at the beginning of the simulation to say, you know, your name is this person. You've just spent this amount of time in prison. Here's what you're being released with. Here's what your conditions that the parole board or the courts have put on you. Go forth and see how successful you are.

And so we do four different week intervals within that two-hour period to where -- you know, the first week, you've got to go and see what you can get done and then you come back and check in with your parole officer. Sometimes you're doing good. In a lot of cases, you get sent to jail.

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There's -- we actually have a jail there.

But it is very eye-opening to kind of see it all. The other aspect of it that I'll say is the people that we use to work the booths are all justice-involved individuals.

So at the end, we open it up for, like, you know, kind of some back-and-forth conversation from the participants on just how they felt with going through this but also to hear from the justice-involved population, too, as to -- yes, this is a simulation. Of course, we -- you know, it's the best we can really do to kind of paint the picture of what it's really like to be incarcerated and released from incarceration. But it's real life every day for them and some of the hurdles they go through.

So it's definitely -- like Van was saying, even if you worked with this population for a long time or in this field, it's an eye-opening experience for sure so...

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah. Yeah. A person I know who has a history of substance abuse and been involved in corrections and such got pulled over driving home from work.

1 And he's -- you know, has had a good job.
2 He's doing well, all those right things. But
3 he had an outstanding warrant from Boyle
4 County, I think, or Mercer County.

5 MS. PORTER: Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: And he was
7 afraid he was going to end up back in --

8 MS. PORTER: Absolutely.

9 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: -- incarcerated
10 for up to three years.

11 MS. PORTER: Absolutely.

12 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: And since he's
13 done well and he got good letters, the
14 authorities said -- you know, he's all right.
15 But it was just kind of interesting that --

16 (Brief interruption.)

17 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: There you go.
18 And it really was -- I mean, it's almost a
19 taillight maybe, a headlight, or something
20 insignificant coming home. And it was just
21 ended up being really kind of -- you know, a
22 really tense time for both he and his wife
23 for three or four, five months as it went
24 through the process.

25 MS. PORTER: Absolutely.

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Absolutely. It is -- there's so many things that we just don't think about, so I just wanted to throw that option out there as well. If we had enough people and people wanted to do that, we could do that.

The other thing I'll say, too, Van, I plan to get with you -- I'll probably shoot you an email today or tomorrow -- on the new House Bill 248. Because I have been asked to do a presentation at the upcoming Mental Health Summit in Louisville. And I am partnered with Jonathan Philpot from behavioral health who has been tasked with the implementation of House Bill 248 from their side as well.

So I definitely wanted to kind of have a conversation with you and get some feedback on that from, you know, of course, our side of the fence and everything, too, before I go into that.

But I do think looking at the agenda for that conference, it will be a great conference with a lot of good sessions. So it's the upcoming mental -- Kentucky Mental Health Summit, I think, is what it's called,

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in Louisville.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah. It's part of the judicial commission on mental health.

MS. PORTER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: It's really been expanded to substance use and intellectual development disabilities, and it's pretty good --

MS. PORTER: Absolutely. But that's all I have.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: I think it's May 30th or whatever. It's the end of May, beginning of June, both days, in Louisville.

MS. PORTER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: And people can still sign up. It seems like a pretty good deal.

MS. PORTER: Thank you all.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Well, thank you, Kristin. Good report.

Anybody else? Members?

MS. MICHALOVIC: So to report on the legal aids, as Van was talking about, the opioid abatement money, all the legal aids in the state received money in the first round

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of funding. Each of the four legal aids will receive \$250,000 to implement my program.

So my program is called Project Renew, and the focus is to help people who are either in reentry or at risk of going to jail or in recovery address their civil legal needs and any resources they need to be successful.

So our program was the first in the state, but now each of the legal aids will have a program of some sort like that. And we plan to expand ours even further. I think that gets started in around October, is what Evan told me.

So sometime around there, each legal aid should have some program in place to help people in reentry and recovery; whereas, before, that really wasn't a focus of any of the legal aids because of limitations from LSC funding. So we're all really excited about that.

MR. INGRAM: I can tell you, Casey, the commission was unanimous on wanting to fund your project.

MS. MICHALOVIC: That's great to

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hear.

MR. INGRAM: You know, we didn't have as much money as a lot of folks thought we did. I mean, yeah. There's 440 million dollars, but it's over an 18-year period, you know, so we only get so much to spend each year. But you all wrote a great application --

MS. MICHALOVIC: Well, thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Congratulations, Casey. And, again, how much funding was that, Casey, that you got?

MS. MICHALOVIC: We each got 250,000.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.

MS. MICHALOVIC: So I think it'll run for one year, you know, the funding cycle project, you know, to see how it goes. I'm not quite sure how ours is going to be implemented because I'm funded differently than that. But it's going -- it'll expand ours, so there will be another attorney in a different than what I cover for our AppalReD program.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.

1 Congrats. Good stuff.

2 Any other TAC members? Updates?

3 MS. KOENIG: Steve, I was going to
4 ask Van. Is there any updates on Senate Bill
5 90?

6 MR. INGRAM: Yeah. We're going to
7 meet next -- I think not next week but the
8 week after. We hope to be adding some
9 counties, Stephanie, at that time. We're
10 getting our care navigators in place. I know
11 it looks like we've been dragging our feet,
12 but we really didn't have any funding until
13 January when the -- some of the monies were
14 delivered. And so we've been trying to get
15 moving from that to get some people hired and
16 get some things done there.

17 But I think it's May the 24th. Let me
18 check my calendar real quick. I think it's
19 May the 24th, we meet again at AOC.

20 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yes, it is.

21 MR. INGRAM: Yeah. Angie is on the
22 call as well.

23 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: At 1:30.

24 MR. INGRAM: And she might have a
25 little more to share than I have.

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CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Adrienne, did your ID bill pass?

MS. BUSH: Steve, you know the answer to that. Yes. The HB 21, which was a bill to streamline and reform the way people experiencing homelessness obtain a state-issued ID did pass.

The bill does a couple of things that might intersect with the work that some of these folks do. One is that it reduces the cost from \$10 to \$5. The ID still is valid for one year. It does allow 16- and 17-year-olds meeting the definition of homelessness to obtain a state-issued ID without parental consent.

It allows service providers working with people experiencing homelessness to enter into billing arrangements with the transportation cabinet instead of having to cut a check here, there, everywhere.

And then lastly -- and this will go into effect later, in '24-'25. It will allow people who had a driver's or operator's license prior to their episode of homelessness to be able to renew using the

1 service provider's address. So they will
2 still have the ability to legally drive,
3 which I think we can all agree that is a good
4 thing so...

5 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: That is a good
6 thing.

7 MS. BUSH: It is a good thing. If
8 we want people to legally work and legally do
9 all sorts of things, that is a good thing.

10 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah. Driving
11 is a good solve to the transportation
12 problem.

13 MS. BUSH: Right. So, anyway, we
14 are excited about this. We will be -- we're
15 set up to meet with the transportation
16 cabinet folks in early July. And we'll
17 probably be doing some, like, flowcharts and
18 probably a recorded webinar and stuff like
19 that just as McKinney-Vento liaisons in
20 schools and, like, college TRIO workers and
21 then, of course, homeless service providers
22 as new staff come on. Like, we need to make
23 sure that people are taking advantage of this
24 new legislation.

25 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah. How many

1 years was that filed? Was it the second time
2 it was filed?

3 MS. BUSH: It was initially
4 filed in -- what year is -- we're in '23. It
5 was initially filed in '21, but that was the
6 first -- it was kind of like we just wanted a
7 bill to talk about and, like, get people used
8 to the idea. And then we started working the
9 bill hard in the '22 session, and it almost
10 passed then. It got through the house and
11 had two readings in the senate and ran out of
12 time.

13 And then this year, they made me a
14 little bit nervous because they didn't -- it
15 got through the house, got through the
16 senate, but then they didn't actually finally
17 pass it until the last day of the session.
18 Not that I was worried. It was fine. It
19 passed unanimously in both chambers, but I
20 was like, good grief.

21 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Good. Good for
22 you. Congratulations.

23 MS. BUSH: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: And good for
25 folks.

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MS. BUSH: Yes, definitely.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: That's important.

All right. Anyone else want to share anything?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right. Future agenda items. Someday someone may give me one. It'll be a dream come true for me. All right.

MS. HAM: Steve, this is Courtney.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah.

MS. HAM: Are we allowed to give agenda items, the MCOs, the nonvoting members?

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah.

MS. HAM: Oh, okay. Just checking. Maybe I'll have one for next time.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right. I'm counting on you, Courtney.

MS. HEUGLIN: Steve, this is Michelle Heuglin from Passport again.

CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yeah.

MS. HEUGLIN: You know, I mentioned as far as working with DOC on these reentry

1 and expungement clinics. If anyone from the
2 TAC would like to attend at any of our
3 one-stop health centers, our first one next
4 week is going to be May 16th in Covington.
5 And I can send you, or someone that I should
6 send it to on this committee, as far as the
7 flyer.

8 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: You can send it
9 to me if you have my email. If not, Erin,
10 but me. It's sshannon.karp@gmail.com.

11 MS. BICKERS: And if you don't mind
12 to copy me -- this is Erin Bickers.

13 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: Yes.

14 MS. BICKERS: I'll send it out to
15 the rest of the TAC.

16 MS. HEUGLIN: Copy you, Erin?
17 Okay.

18 MS. BICKERS: Yes, please. And
19 I'll drop my email in the chat just in case
20 you don't have it.

21 MS. HEUGLIN: Okay. Fantastic.

22 CHAIRMAN SHANNON: All right.
23 Anybody else have anything they want to
24 share?

25 (No response.)

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CHAIRMAN SHANNON: There's Erin's
email address.

All right, folks. Thank you all.
Appreciate it. Y'all have a good day.

MS. BUSH: Thanks, Steve.
(Meeting concluded at 9:44 a.m.)

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