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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. YEVICH: Good morning. This is Elizabeth  
3 Yevich with Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless.

4 And starting right off, I wanted to let you know  
5 that this meeting, as all of ours are, is being recorded.  
6 And in about a week or so, the transcripts will be posted  
7 on the website.

8 With that, I am going to turn it over to our  
9 Chair, Mike Doyle, who is going to do roll call. We have  
10 some people attending in person, and some on the phone. So  
11 bear with us as we determine if we have made quorum.

12 Mike.

13 MR. DOYLE: Thank you, Elizabeth. I will call  
14 the meeting to order at this time. And I would like to  
15 have everybody in the room introduce themselves and  
16 everybody on the phone introduce themselves so we can take  
17 roll and determine if we do have a quorum present and  
18 voting.

19 So I am Mike Doyle, and I am chairing the  
20 meeting. And Beau, why don't you start next.

21 MR. ECCLES: I am Beau Eccles. I am General  
22 Counsel for TDHCA.

23 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

24 MS. VERSYP: I am Abigail Versyp. I am Director  
25 of Single Family and Homeless Programs at TDHCA.

1 MR. DOYLE: Let's go back over.

2 MS. MORRISON: I am Amber Morrison. I am one of  
3 the Homeless Veteran Coordinators with the Texas Veterans  
4 Commission, Mental Health Department.

5 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Welcome.

6 MS. MORRISON: Good to be here.

7 MR. DURAN: Spencer Duran, Director of Section  
8 811 at TDHCA.

9 MR. WARD: Jim Ward, Director of Planning, Texas  
10 Homeless Network.

11 MS. YEVICH: Elizabeth Yevich, TDHCA Director of  
12 the Housing Resource Center. And we oversee the  
13 administrative support for the quarterly TICH meetings.

14 MR. HARRIS: Blake Harris, Director of the  
15 Veterans Mental Health Department, Texas Veterans  
16 Commission.

17 MR. LONERGAN: Sean Lonergan, TDHCA Homeless  
18 Policy Advisor and TICH administrative support.

19 MR. DOYLE: Naomi.

20 MS. CANTU: Naomi Cantu, HOME American Rescue  
21 Plan Director.

22 MR. WILT: Michael Wilt, Texas State Affordable  
23 Housing Corporation.

24 MS. YEVICH: And I also forgot to add, I am  
25 serving as proxy for Brooke Boston, who is one of TDHCA's

1 members for the TICH.

2 MR. DOYLE: Okay. And now, I will move to those  
3 that are online. Would you all introduce yourselves?

4 MS. DAVIS: Hello. This is --

5 MS. EISERT: Hi. Helen Eisert. Go ahead.

6 MS. DAVIS: Okay. This is Kelly Davis from TWC.

7

8 MS. YEVICH: Hi, Kelly. And I think I also  
9 heard Helen Eisert. Is that correct?

10 MS. EISERT: Yes. Helen Eisert with HHSC. Hi,  
11 everybody.

12 MS. YEVICH: Wonderful. Thank you.

13 MR. DOYLE: Who was that one?

14 MS. YEVICH: Helen Eisert.

15 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

16 MS. BOLTON: Hi. This is Valinda Bolton with  
17 DFPS.

18 MS. YEVICH: Hey Valinda. Thank you.

19 MS. BOLTON: Hello.

20 MS. IRWIN: This is Claire Irwin with Texas  
21 Health and Human Services.

22 MS. YEVICH: Wonderful. Thank you, Claire.

23 MS. TAYLOR: Hello, everyone. This is Anja  
24 Taylor from Texas Homeless Network.

25 MS. YEVICH: Great, Anya. And I know we will be

1 hearing from you a little bit later in the program.

2 MS. MCCOY: Hi. This is Peg McCoy from TDHCA.

3 MS. YEVICH: Thank you, Peg.

4 MS. BROWN: Hi. I am Jordan Brown. I am from  
5 the Texas Education Agency.

6 MS. YEVICH: From TEA. Thank you.

7 MS. ROSE: Hi. This is Lauren Rose from Texas  
8 Network of Youth Services.

9 MS. YEVICH: Thank you, Lauren, with TNOYS.

10 MS. ROSE: Yes.

11 MS. YEVICH: Do we have anyone else?

12 MR. STREMLER: Jeremy Stremmer. TDHCA.

13 MS. YEVICH: Thank you, Jeremy Stremmer with  
14 TDHCA Housing Resource Center.

15 Do we have a quorum yet, Mike?

16 MR. DOYLE: We do have a quorum. Just checking  
17 to see if anyone else is present. So, okay.

18 I will call the meeting, the quarterly meeting  
19 of the Texas Interagency Council for Homelessness to order,  
20 announce that we do have a quorum present. And this is our  
21 annual meeting. And so, with that announcement, I will ask  
22 for a motion to approve the minutes that Sean sent out to  
23 us.

24 MS. CANTU: I so move.

25 MR. DOYLE: There is a motion by Naomi. Is

1 there a second?

2 MR. HARRIS: Second.

3 MR. DOYLE: Second by Blake. All in favor, say  
4 aye.

5 (A chorus of ayes.)

6 MR. DOYLE: All opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. DOYLE: And those do pass, unanimously. All  
9 right. And I think Naomi has a --

10 MS. CANTU: I will take this next one. This is  
11 the election of a TICH Chairperson. We had talked about it  
12 earlier this year and put it to discussion. And we are  
13 going to now bring up for voting.

14 Now, Mike Doyle has been the Chairperson for  
15 many years. He has done an excellent job keeping us on  
16 track, and I do propose that he will be the Chairperson for  
17 the upcoming year.

18 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Are there any other  
19 nominations?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Well, that being said, I  
22 guess we will vote. And all in favor of Mike Doyle being  
23 the Chairperson, reelected to Chairperson, say aye.

24 (A chorus of ayes.)

25 MR. DOYLE: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. DOYLE: Okay. That passed. Thank you. I  
3 am honored. I will be glad to do that. I have got a few  
4 more years left in me.

5 So, we'll keep going. Okay. Reports from  
6 member agencies. We are going with TDHCA first. And I  
7 guess, who is going to go first?

8 MS. VERSYP: That will be me, I think.

9 MR. DOYLE: Rosy.

10 MS. VERSYP: Yes. Rosy is -- yes. I am  
11 standing in for Rosy today.

12 MR. DOYLE: Okay. You are doing for that. You  
13 are here for Rosy. Okay.

14 MS. VERSYP: She had a family emergency, so she  
15 wasn't able to attend today.

16 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

17 MR. LONERGAN: Abby, before you start, I just  
18 want to give a general announcement. Since we don't have  
19 On The Record recording here today, we are recording with  
20 our own devices. And so just for their transcription after  
21 the fact, we will just ask that anybody speaking would give  
22 their name and their position, so to make it easier on the  
23 transcription process.

24 MS. VERSYP: Absolutely. I am Abigail Versyp.  
25 I am the Director of Single Family and Homeless programs at

1 TDHCA, filling in Rosy Falcon.

2 This morning, I am giving an update on our ESG  
3 and ESG-CARES funds. Something we wanted to make sure to  
4 mention to the membership is that the winter storm  
5 waivers -- remember two years ago, when we had the winter  
6 storm? Before we were lumberjacks, we were snow melters.

7 And the winter storm waivers that we had from  
8 HUD are set to expire on February 25th. So what this means  
9 is that anybody that is enrolled in any of the ESG annual  
10 programs before February 25th could still take advantage of  
11 those waivers, which allow for a longer period of time for  
12 rental assistance, in addition to some other waivers.

13 They can still have those waivers, as long as  
14 they are enrolled before February 25th. So it doesn't mean  
15 that nobody is going to get to use the waivers after this  
16 date, just that no new people will be able to take  
17 advantage of the waivers.

18 So with that, we can move along to the ESG-CARES  
19 program. So, our subrecipients right now, they are doing a  
20 really, really good job. And we are so pleased to report  
21 that we are 88 percent expended, and that includes our  
22 reallocated funds.

23 So we fully anticipate that ESG-CARES I and II,  
24 which is the vast majority -- about \$97 million of the ESG-  
25 CARES funds are going to be expended far before their

1 deadline, which is December 31st next year.

2 Then we have about \$5.8 million in reallocated  
3 ESG-CARES funds. So these funds came from other areas of  
4 Texas that were not able to expend their ESG-CARES funds  
5 timely, so they rolled up to the state. Those funds we'll  
6 be taking to award at our March Board meeting so that we  
7 can meet our obligation deadline.

8 Those funds have to be expended by June 30 of  
9 2024. So we have a little bit longer term on those. But  
10 we will be requesting that our agencies that receive awards  
11 expend prior to that so that we can have time to close out  
12 the grant.

13 That is pretty much it. Those are our notes  
14 about ESG and ESG-CARES. Does anybody have any questions  
15 about the reallocation or what is going on with the annual  
16 funds?

17 MR. DOYLE: I do. But I would like to hear from  
18 the people on the first.

19 MS. VERSYP: Okay.

20 MS. YEVICH: And I am going to jump right in  
21 here. For everybody actually on the phone, if you possibly  
22 could, if you could mute your phone until you are ready to  
23 speak, that would be great so that we don't get any  
24 feedback. Thank you for that.

25 MR. DOYLE: Thanks, Elizabeth. Okay.

1           Now, I will ask my question. And I know just  
2 about enough about this to show that I am stupid. But we  
3 had a lot of those funds, and there was talk about a year  
4 ago about, if some of -- I don't remember if it was CARES,  
5 or if it was Emergency Risk Rental Assistance Program,  
6 ERRAP funds. If in fact there were 75 percent expended,  
7 there was going to be some money allocated to help people  
8 get back on their feet for a longer period of time.

9           They were going to be able to do almost like,  
10 you know, temporary housing, continuum of Care stuff, where  
11 you could work with them for a year or so, and make sure  
12 they got back on their feet. I forget what it was called.

13

14           But did that just go away? Or --

15           MS. VERSYP: I don't know what -- I don't  
16 believe that that would have been ESG-CARES money, unless  
17 they had a local initiative like that.

18           MR. DOYLE: It could have had --

19           MS. VERSYP: It could have been a way that they  
20 program their funds locally.

21           MR. DOYLE: We have been out of CARE funds, I  
22 mean, ESG funds for a long time. The Treasury funds, it  
23 may have been a part of the Treasury funds.

24           MS. VERSYP: It might have been.

25           MR. DOYLE: Because it was a very recent

1 discussion.

2 MS. VERSYP: Yes. Because they could pull down  
3 10 percent of their ERA funds for services, and so they may  
4 have elected to do that with some of their rental  
5 assistance funds. TDHCA did, but that is a different  
6 division.

7 MR. DOYLE: Okay. I have got you. Okay. Thank  
8 you.

9 Any other questions for Abby?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Naomi.

12 MS. CANTU: All right.

13 MR. DOYLE: ARP.

14 MS. CANTU: Yes. HOME-ARP. So, we have our  
15 first award. I'm very pleased to say we funded one metro  
16 development for \$6.3 million in Austin.

17 It is called Burnet Place Apartments and it is  
18 31 HOME-ARP units. That was part of our HOME-ARP National  
19 Housing Trust Fund set-aside so that it supported, awarded  
20 developments for the National Housing Trust Fund that were  
21 in danger of returning funds.

22 And we have also released our NOFA, our Notice  
23 of Funding Availability, for rental assistance. We have  
24 about \$51 million in that NOFA. And we got requests for  
25 more than double that.

1 MR. DOYLE: Wow.

2 MS. CANTU: So we were unsure how competitive  
3 this program would be, and it is very competitive. So our  
4 scoring criteria is in effect, as well as our tiebreaker  
5 criteria. So the scoring criteria has to do with previous  
6 experience running housing that is geared towards qualified  
7 populations, including people experiencing homelessness,  
8 and then future project commitments.

9 And then, our tiebreaker is the amount of money  
10 requested versus the total funds -- or total units, I am  
11 sorry. The amount of funds versus total units.

12 And so, we are working through those. We have  
13 many layered deals with the existing funding sources, which  
14 is very helpful, actually, for hopefully all parties  
15 involved. And we are hoping to award between May and July  
16 and possibly if -- there might be some lingering after  
17 that, but the majority of those, May through July.

18 And then the other arm of our program is the  
19 non-profit capacity building operating for shelter and the  
20 non-congregate shelter funds. And we are working to  
21 reformulate our NOFA for that to see how we can maybe get  
22 it to fit within the political and homeless landscape for a  
23 possible non-congregate shelter.

24 MR. DOYLE: So, when you say non-congregate, you  
25 are talking about -- not a bunch of people in a house

1 together, individual units.

2 MS. CANTU: They would have to have individual  
3 units with sanitary facilities in each unit, which means a  
4 bathroom.

5 MR. DOYLE: Okay. And how many is -- do you  
6 think would be appropriate?

7 MS. CANTU: Well, that is what we are trying to  
8 figure out. You hit the key on that, the nail on the head  
9 with that one. We are trying to figure out how many units  
10 should be our minimum.

11 And also how many we would want to fund in  
12 Texas. These will look a lot like single resident  
13 occupancy. Many of them will look like that.

14 MR. DOYLE: But they have a bathroom.

15 MS. CANTU: And they have a bathroom. But they  
16 don't have leases. Right. It really is temporary.

17 So we were trying to figure out how that will  
18 work, and what the threshold criteria would be for that for  
19 us to fund.

20 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Cool.

21 MS. CANTU: Any questions?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Next, Spencer.

24 Are you going to talk about EHV?

25 MR. DURAN: Yes. Thank you, Michael. Spencer

1 Duran, Director 811. I am also joined here today by Jim  
2 Ward, who is with the Texas Homeless Network.

3 I am going to kind of start off with my report.  
4 And then we will kind of tag team the rest of it together.  
5 Yes.

6 So, the emergency housing voucher program, it is  
7 a Section 8 voucher that targets people who meet certain  
8 target populations, but it is operated under our Section 8  
9 area. Just a quick run down of our progress so far.

10 First, we are only leasing right now with Texas  
11 Homeless Network, but we have secured contracts with other  
12 COCs to allocate 100 percent of our vouchers. The last  
13 time we checked in with you all, we had not allocated all  
14 of the vouchers to COC partnerships.

15 So let me just kind of give you a quick rundown  
16 of those partnerships. So it is Texas Homeless Network at  
17 380 vouchers; Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, that is a  
18 368 voucher allocation. And then, Heart of Texas Homeless  
19 Coalition in the Waco area, and that is a 50 voucher  
20 allocation. So, that is 798.

21 So, all of our vouchers have been allocated.  
22 But like I said, only THN is where we have referrals and  
23 actual housing activity. So all of this progress of  
24 activity that I am going to talk about is only under Texas  
25 Homeless Network. So, okay --

1 MR. DOYLE: How many vouchers does THN have?

2 MR. DURAN: THN was 380.

3 MR. DOYLE: 380, okay. Heart of Texas was 50?

4 MR. DURAN: So, Heart of Texas, which is the  
5 Waco area, was 50. And then Tarrant County is 368.

6 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

7 MR. DURAN: So under our THN partnership, the  
8 380, we have housed 167 so far. And then -- but I also  
9 want to mention that, you know, we think that we are about  
10 halfway there, basically. So we think that for the next  
11 few months, we will have 100 percent occupied. We will see  
12 how it goes.

13 So I want to also mention, and this is full  
14 credit to THN. Of the 167, 86 of those households have  
15 been survivors of domestic violence that fit that category.

16 There is a few more categories. Fleeing -- there is a few  
17 different, you know, victim of trafficking, things like  
18 that.

19 So 68 have been of that population, which I  
20 think is a great percentage. And then ten of the 168 have  
21 been identified as veterans.

22 MALE VOICE: How many? I am sorry.

23 MR. DURAN: It's okay. Ten.

24 MALE VOICE: Okay. Thank you.

25 MR. DURAN: And so that just kind of speaks to

1 the inclusive nature of THN's programs. They did an  
2 amazing job.

3 I also want to mention that -- so this, the  
4 voucher also requires housing search assistance. So you  
5 get \$350 to help with, you know, move-in expenses. And  
6 then also, the COCs have to provide housing search  
7 assistance.

8 So right now, 104 families are out there  
9 receiving housing search assistance. So we are really  
10 optimistic that that 104 will translate into successfully  
11 housed.

12 So, of the 104 that are receiving housing search  
13 assistance, 86 are survivors and then ten are veterans.  
14 And then to kind of cap off the THN stuff, the total number  
15 of referrals that we've received from THN is 436.

16 So it is not a 1:1 ratio of referred to housed.

17 I wish that it worked that way. But you know, we have 436  
18 referrals. And we are well on our way to housing 380.

19 Okay. I also wanted to mention that we just had  
20 the HUD [inaudible] visit, where we think we did a really  
21 good job, and had a lot of really good things to say about  
22 the Texas Homeless Network. So a huge thanks to the TDHCA  
23 Finance Division, our Legal Division, and then all of THN's  
24 program design.

25 HUD was here all week. We had six auditors on

1 site. It was a big deal. So, but they did a great job; I  
2 think our team also did a great job.

3 Yes. So we are kind of really excited as well  
4 about our pivot towards Tarrant County, our next big  
5 partnership with the 368. So we think they'll be doing a  
6 great job with us.

7 And then lastly, I want to talk about stability  
8 vouchers. Did you want to jump in at this point?

9 MR. WARD: Yes. I can talk about this part.

10 MS. YEVICH: One quick second. Excuse me. Just  
11 an administrative reminder. For everybody on the phone.  
12 Thank you so much for joining.

13 But if you could kindly put yourself on mute  
14 until such time as you speak, that way we won't get any  
15 feedback. Thank you for putting yourselves on mute,  
16 everyone on the phone.

17 MR. WARD: Thank you. Jim Ward, Texas Homeless  
18 Network. So the stability vouchers that Spencer referenced  
19 are a non-competitive component of competitive funding  
20 application that HUD released in 2022.

21 That funding competition went through local  
22 COCs, so there were, by my last count, eleven or so local  
23 competitions happening around the state, in addition to the  
24 annual Continuum of Care program funding competition. So  
25 the stability vouchers were actually a non-competitive

1 component of that competitive application, right.

2 So PHA in a given COC could register their  
3 interest to administer these stability vouchers. And the  
4 balance of state, which folks may know -- a 215 county  
5 area, we had eleven such PHAs register their interest.

6 So in order to register your interest, you  
7 needed to, one, get a letter of support from the Continuum  
8 of Care in your jurisdiction. So, we are pleased to offer  
9 a letter of support to TDHCA for stability vouchers that  
10 would -- and Spencer can talk more about that.

11 But just in terms of like what is going on with  
12 those stability vouchers, HUD has released the results of  
13 the competitive application process. So in the balance of  
14 state, we received about \$4 million for housing and  
15 services in a very rural part of the state.

16 In fact, the entire Texas Panhandle will be  
17 covered by a group called Panhandle Community Services,  
18 with a rapid rehousing project for the next three years.  
19 And then, hopefully, it will renew kind of on an ongoing  
20 basis after that.

21 MR. WILT: Jim. I have a question.

22 MR. WARD: Yes, sir.

23 MR. WILT: Michael Wilt, Texas State Affordable  
24 Housing Corporation. Is the Amarillo COC part of balance  
25 of state now?

1 MR. WARD: It is not.

2 MR. WILT: Okay.

3 MR. WARD: I know that Eric has had some  
4 conversation with the folks at the City of Amarillo, but  
5 they are still their own Continuum of Care.

6 So when I am talking about -- I should have --  
7 thank you for that point of clarification. We are talking  
8 about the areas of Potter and Randall county that are  
9 outside the city limits of Amarillo. So thank you for that  
10 clarification, Michael.

11 Yes. So that \$4 million -- you know, we are  
12 really grateful to HUD for that allocation. It is actually  
13 about 13 percent of what we requested. So there are a lot  
14 of disappointed communities around the state, including  
15 Denton, San Angelo, Abilene. I could go on.

16 But we are really pleased about that award. We  
17 don't know what that means for the stability vouchers. HUD  
18 had said that they would prioritize COCs and PHAs where  
19 there was -- an award of the competitive allocation was  
20 awarded.

21 I don't think they really had a balance of state  
22 in mind whenever they put that in their NOFA. So, we will  
23 see how that plays out, but we are really excited about it  
24 and think that they are -- definitely have a greater chance  
25 than many other parts of the United States.

1 MS. CANTU: I have a question. This is Naomi  
2 Cantu, HOME-ARP. Are these the stability vouchers that can  
3 be project based?

4 MR. DURAN: Yes. So, exactly. So we are  
5 excited about that component.

6 So one of the things that we think is really  
7 appealing, and why HUD should give us all the money, is,  
8 you know, as a PHA and a housing finance agency, you know,  
9 we are a PHA that can leverage the power of our housing, of  
10 our multifamily programs. So we think there's a really  
11 cool, you know, potential benefit to have us project-base  
12 those vouchers, leveraging our multifamily programs.

13 So that would be stability vouchers, perhaps you  
14 know, incentivized through the multifamily programs, or  
15 extend a loan NOFA. I am not sure, exactly.

16 MS. CANTU: So it is \$4 million worth of  
17 vouchers, but only in the --

18 MR. WARD: To clarify, so those are distinct,  
19 right.

20 MS. CANTU: Okay.

21 MR. WARD: The stability vouchers could be  
22 paired with Continuum of Care funded services that in this  
23 instance, for the state's purposes, that is not how this  
24 would play out. But there is a lot left to understand.

25 And I think the really confusing part about the

1 whole thing is, HUD hasn't even said how many vouchers a  
2 PHA is eligible for. You had to register your interest  
3 before they would even tell you whether, you know -- if it  
4 is ten, 40, 100. So there is a lot left to play out there.

5 MS. CANTU: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. DURAN: And on the voucher side, it, you  
7 know, it's -- the target population is very similar to EHV.  
8 So we hope that we can kind of prove our concepts with EHV  
9 and be ready to receive the stability vouchers, plus that  
10 multifamily program leverage.

11 So we think that -- we are really excited. We  
12 will see what happens the next couple of years. Yes.

13 We have no idea how many vouchers. We have no  
14 idea.

15 MR. DOYLE: So Spencer, this is Mike Doyle with  
16 the Governor's Office. Explain why they are called  
17 stability vouchers. What makes them stability vouchers?

18 MR. DURAN: I think the nature -- I mean, that  
19 is a good question. I think the nature of the population  
20 it is -- you know, people -- it is not necessarily those  
21 who are literally exiting homelessness.

22 It can be those who are you know, exiting other  
23 homeless services and supports. So I would imagine that  
24 the name would come from just trying to, you know, prevent  
25 homelessness or move people on who are at risk of

1 homelessness.

2 MR. DOYLE: So it could be at risk before they  
3 become homeless, or is it only after they exit a program  
4 and need stability going forward?

5 MR. DURAN: If they are engaged in some kind of  
6 program, like if they are in like a temporary or a  
7 transitional housing, then they would be eligible. Yes.

8 MR. DOYLE: So if they are in a shelter and they  
9 move through a program, they would be eligible to go into  
10 another program that provides educational opportunities for  
11 homeless people.

12 MR. DURAN: Yes, they could. And the voucher  
13 component is there to build everything else. You know,  
14 housing is the most fundamental, you know, component of  
15 this.

16 And so, if you provide non-temporary housing,  
17 then you can -- like with my experience on working with,  
18 you know, Medicaid participants in 811, you start to build  
19 everything around the housing component. And so you can  
20 really stabilize families by getting them on to either  
21 Medicaid, or is it access to those programs you are talking  
22 about.

23 You know, once we get the housing question  
24 figured out, everything else becomes a lot easier. And so,  
25 I think that that is kind of like a housing-forward

1 approach to homelessness services.

2 MR. DOYLE: So let me give you a more specific  
3 example. A program that starts at a shelter, Presbyterian  
4 Night Shelter, or you got rain shelters around [inaudible].

5  
6 And they are engaged by a junior college to try  
7 to put people back into school, to get either an entry  
8 civic certification or they try to get them a job, a career  
9 type job. And they are in that program for a couple of  
10 years. And then they graduate that program with a degree,  
11 but they still haven't accumulated any money.

12 Would this voucher fit on the end of that, to  
13 help them find stable housing at the end of that successful  
14 program that ended up with a degree and a job? Or would  
15 that disqualify them if they already had a job?

16 MR. DURAN: So, that is a great -- I think the  
17 target populations would be broad enough to account for a  
18 family in that scenario. The limiting factor in the  
19 scenario you laid out could potentially be the income limit  
20 on the Section 8 voucher.

21 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

22 MR. DURAN: So, that could be a potential there.  
23 Yes. What do you think of that?

24 MR. WARD: Yes. I would need to review the  
25 stability voucher notice again, but I believe that the

1 intent with HUD is to prioritize families that would, you  
2 know, otherwise be eligible for like the Continuum of Care  
3 or ESG program.

4 So in that situation you described where this  
5 household has made a lot of progress, if there is some  
6 documentable housing instability, then certainly they could  
7 be eligible. But you know, I would -- it is hard to make  
8 that kind of call.

9 MR. DOYLE: Okay. I was just curious. I am  
10 trying to get clear in my mind who qualifies for the  
11 vouchers --

12 MR. WARD: Yes --

13 MR. DOYLE: -- county college is really working  
14 on a huge housing program for single mothers with children.  
15 And it is going to end up in degrees. It is going to end  
16 up through our Workforce Board, end up with a high paying  
17 job.

18 But they still don't have any money when you get  
19 out. They have still been in school and have not been  
20 allowed to work in the meantime. And they will just need  
21 help once they start to try to find -- you said something  
22 about trying to find housing.

23 What did you call that? When you are having to  
24 look for housing --

25 MR. WARD: Yes. Housing Services.

1 MR. DOYLE: Yes. And just kind of jog my  
2 memory. But the Mayor at Fort Worth and the new County  
3 Judge, they were talking about this now with me, but other  
4 non-profits are going to be involved.

5 But the question is, what do you do when you get  
6 done with it? Right. But if their incomes are high  
7 enough, then maybe if we do credit qualification in the  
8 meantime, maybe they could have access to conventional  
9 financing. But anyway.

10 MR. DURAN: Yes. I hope that Section 8 would be  
11 part of that discussion. And then if they are over income  
12 for Section 8, I would look down the housing continuum,  
13 and say, okay.

14 So Section 8 is for people who are not -- maybe  
15 not at extremely low income, you know, but 50, around 50 to  
16 60. Or kind of moving along the housing rental continuum  
17 to tax credit may be the next stop for them. And then, you  
18 know, maybe they might have an intro to -- you know, for  
19 market rate rental. And then, down the housing continuum,  
20 you know, maybe -- down payment assisted home ownership.

21 You know. So, I would hope that they would be  
22 moving families along the continuum as is appropriate to  
23 their income level.

24 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

25 FEMALE VOICE: So I have a kind of clarifying

1 question. Maybe I just didn't get it. But does the  
2 stability vouchers have the same qualified population as  
3 the emergency housing vouchers?

4 MR. DURAN: Very similar. But I think that  
5 veterans are -- veterans are specifically identified under  
6 stability vouchers.

7 FEMALE VOICE: Okay.

8 MR. DURAN: Whereas, EHV was silent on the  
9 veteran population. THN has done an awesome job of  
10 including veterans, kind of on their own program design.  
11 But I think the only difference in target population is the  
12 veteran component.

13 FEMALE VOICE: Okay. Thank you.

14 MR. DOYLE: Interesting. Strange that HUD would  
15 ever leave out the veteran component.

16 FEMALE VOICE: It is strange that, like we have  
17 our own qualifying populations that we try to compare to  
18 the emergency housing vouchers. And now, I am hearing  
19 there is even another. There is another one.

20 MR. DURAN: I will make a little matrix for it.

21 FEMALE VOICE: I am trying to figure out who  
22 qualifies for what, and it is hard for us.

23 MR. DURAN: Yes.

24 MR. DOYLE: You can imagine how hard it is for  
25 the community.

1 MR. DURAN: Yes.

2 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Sorry to get us off on this  
3 trail.

4 Jim, are you still up?

5 MR. WARD: I think as far as the other THN  
6 updates, that is going to be Anja Taylor.

7 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Well, let's move to number  
8 four, under number five. And that is the TDHCA Partner  
9 Policy, and Public Affairs staff.

10 MS. YEVICH: And you are going to hear from  
11 Elizabeth Yevich again, who is going to take off her proxy  
12 hat for Brooke Boston and put on her hat, and apologize  
13 that Michael Lyttle or his staff from Legislative Affairs  
14 could not join us today. So I am going to fill in for  
15 them.

16 But obviously with the Session really kicking  
17 into high gear, they are extraordinarily busy. As well as  
18 Bobby Wilkinson had wanted to be here, our Executive  
19 Director, and also was unable to make it, again, due to a  
20 very busy session.

21 With that, there are also a number of bills that  
22 have already been filed that relate to homelessness. As  
23 some of you might know, the filing of bills began on  
24 November 10th and it runs through, I believe, mid-March.  
25 And there have been eight bills so far that mention

1 homelessness, five of those are refiled from last session.

2 And four of those -- the name, Representative  
3 Campos. She was a freshman representative last time, might  
4 sound familiar. Refiled four of those bills.

5 And all of those last time made it through a  
6 process called fiscal notes, where the Legislative Budget  
7 Board asks TDHCA to compile the fiscal properties that  
8 relate to it. Two of those -- and correct me if I am  
9 wrong -- I believe it's two, Sean. Because Sean is doing  
10 our compilation on that -- have already been filed. It  
11 doesn't mean that they are going to get any further than  
12 this, but I wanted to let people know.

13 There is a handout on this for those who are on  
14 the phone. And I think Sean will be sending out materials  
15 from this meeting afterwards, that explains all the bills  
16 that have so far been filed relating to homelessness.

17 And again, the ones that are being filed by  
18 Representative Campos may or may not be the ones that get  
19 some traction. And those are HB 834 and HB 913, and HB  
20 1426. So those are the ones already that we have been  
21 asked to perform fiscal notes on.

22 There is three new ones that relate to  
23 homelessness. And actually, two of them relate to a  
24 program that is under Abigail Versyp, who is here. That is  
25 the housing, HHSP, as we know it -- Homeless Housing and

1 Services.

2 One of them was a refile. One of them is a new  
3 bill. And again, we just have to wait and see what is  
4 going to happen with those.

5 There is also a bill -- I know that we have  
6 Lauren Rose on the phone. And there is a bill about youth  
7 and young adult homeless housing and services. That is HB  
8 2181.

9 And then there is just another miscellaneous  
10 housing bill out there by Representative, I believe the  
11 last name is pronounced Walle. And that is HB 1917.

12 So again, some more details on these will be  
13 sent out, but there are a number of bills. And rest  
14 assured that TDHCA, Michael Lyttle's division, along with  
15 Sean Lonergan, who is our homeless policy advisor and  
16 really working with Michael and his staff on these, will be  
17 on top of it and will apprise the TICH membership if  
18 anything starts to move forward.

19 MR. DOYLE: Great. Great.

20 MS. EISERT: Hey, Elizabeth.

21 MS. YEVICH: Yes.

22 MS. EISERT: This is Helen with HHSC. Hi.

23 There was one that came out -- looking at the bill list  
24 yesterday, House Bill 2244 -- that is basically directing  
25 HHSC to create a Texas Pathways Pilot Project for people

1 that are chronically homeless.

2 And it adds Medicaid support services for them,  
3 in addition to housing them. So, that came out and it just  
4 mentions chronic homelessness. So I thought I would throw  
5 that one out there.

6 MS. YEVICH: Thank you very much.

7 MS. EISERT: It is a refile from the 87th.

8 MS. YEVICH: I have got it. And you said it is  
9 2244. Okay.

10 MS. EISERT: Yes.

11 MS. YEVICH: Thank you, Helen.

12 MS. EISERT: Yes.

13 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Any other agency updates?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. DOYLE: All right.

16 Sean, you are going to talk to us about the  
17 Homeless update, the Homeless Plan update.

18 MR. LONERGAN: Yes. Thank you, Mike. This is  
19 Sean Lonergan with TDHCA.

20 I want to provide a brief update this morning  
21 regarding the Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness. Just  
22 to reiterate things that have been mentioned in the past,  
23 at the past quarterly meetings.

24 So the plan at the moment, going into round six  
25 core categories, affordable housing, supportive services,

1 homelessness prevention, data research and analysis,  
2 addressing disparities, emergency response planning and  
3 cross county approaches to guide the strategic framework  
4 for the plan. The entirety of the draft was submitted for  
5 an internal review a couple of months ago and it is still  
6 running its course through that process.

7 So at the moment, there are no additional  
8 updates to provide regarding that. But as soon as anything  
9 concrete arises, of course, Chairman Doyle will be  
10 notified, as well as the Council members. So, other than  
11 that, that is the extent of the update that I have for the  
12 Strategic Plan.

13 I want to again thank everybody who has  
14 contributed to the feedback that has informed this first  
15 draft of the plan. It has been very robust. Especially  
16 wanted to shout out TICH collaborators, the workgroups led  
17 by Naomi Cantu, Kelly Davis, and Eric Samuels. Those  
18 contribute to the broader wave of feedback that has been  
19 really helpful.

20 But other than that, that is about the extent of  
21 the update that I have. I can take any questions if anyone  
22 has them.

23 MR. DOYLE: That is a very general question.  
24 Have you named this baby?

25 MS. YEVICH: Okay. Sean, tell them what you

1 have done.

2 MR. LONERGAN: Yes. So we ran a very informal  
3 poll, a number of administrators within the agency, and  
4 there is a couple of options at the moment. I don't know  
5 if we want to go into any detail.

6 MS. YEVICH: I don't know. Should we send it  
7 out to the membership as well, do the poll?

8 MR. LONERGAN: Sure.

9 MS. YEVICH: Yes? We will send it out to the  
10 membership.

11 MR. LONERGAN: It is just a very informal like,  
12 Microsoft forums. We have a few free developed titles that  
13 we came up with, as well as an option to provide your own.

14

15 MS. YEVICH: Yes. We are open.

16 MR. DOYLE: I am leaving here to go to the  
17 Governor's Office -- the appointment office. And if they  
18 come up with a name and they say, what about that Pathways  
19 Home II and III plan? I want to make sure that I know what  
20 I am talking about.

21 MR. LONERGAN: Yes. I believe at the moment,  
22 the leading contender is a Home for Everyone.

23 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

24 MR. LONERGAN: So, if you want to throw that one  
25 out there.

1 MR. DOYLE: I am just saying, we are tossing  
2 around.

3 MR. LONERGAN: We are tossing around.

4 MS. YEVICH: Right. A Home For Everyone, and  
5 then Seeking Solutions. Although Seeking Stability  
6 Solutions -- I don't know if we want to throw stability.  
7 It sounds like it is a definition still.

8 Not quite sure. So, I don't know. Seeking  
9 Solutions, or you know -- Sean's Plan. No.

10 (General laughter.)

11 MR. DOYLE: Okay. That is good enough. I just  
12 didn't want to get embarrassed.

13 MR. LONERGAN: Yes. So, there are several  
14 options out there. I will circulate the survey after the  
15 meeting. So if anyone wants to give their own input, you  
16 are more than welcome to do so.

17 But yes, there will be a new name. We are still  
18 in the process of determining it.

19 MS. YEVICH: Yes. But those are the two top  
20 names.

21 MR. LONERGAN: Trying to.

22 MR. DOYLE: It is not going to be the old plan  
23 just with a new comma here and there. It is going to be a  
24 brand new plan.

25 MR. LONERGAN: Yes. That is the idea.

1 MR. DOYLE: Okay. I have got you. Then it  
2 needs a new name.

3 MS. YEVICH: Unless, of course, the Governor's  
4 Office wants to give it a name --

5 MR. DOYLE: Which I doubt they have an opinion.  
6 There are other things going on. Okay.

7 Thank you, Sean. Appreciate that.

8 And I think, who is talking? Is Anja talking  
9 for Eric?

10 MS. TAYLOR: Yes. That is me.

11 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

12 MS. TAYLOR: Thanks so much. Hi, everyone.  
13 Anja Taylor from Texas Homeless Network.

14 Today, I am going to be giving a report on our  
15 Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network. And specifically,  
16 what we thought would be most beneficial for this update  
17 would be sharing our newly updated data dashboard. I am  
18 not there in person, so is that up on the screen, or can  
19 everyone see that report?

20 MR. DOYLE: No. No, we will --

21 MR. LONERGAN: This is Sean Lonergan, TDHCA.  
22 Anja, we will share the link to that dashboard after the  
23 fact. We weren't able to get a projector for this meeting,  
24 but everyone will be sent that link after the meeting.

25 MS. TAYLOR: Okay. That is no problem. I can

1 just walk through it today. If anyone has any questions  
2 about the data that is shared on the report, please feel  
3 free to reach out.

4 So this data dashboard is actually derived from  
5 a state level homelessness report that is generated through  
6 our open path system, our data warehouse. So that is where  
7 our COCs are uploading HMIS data into.

8 If you recall, as of right now, we have nine of  
9 the eleven COCs throughout the state who are participating  
10 in this project. And we are currently working, of course,  
11 with San Antonio and Wichita Falls to get them onboarded as  
12 well. But for right now, nine COCs are participating.

13 And I think as of last month, we have the most  
14 updated data in our data warehouse as we have in over a  
15 year, which is a huge success. And that means that we are  
16 increasing engagement across our COCs, and therefore able  
17 to have more real-time updated data for advocacy purposes,  
18 research, data analysis, et cetera.

19 So on our data dashboard, you will see that what  
20 is displayed is the total number of people experiencing  
21 homelessness in 2022. So, previously, I think before last  
22 month, our numbers were current as of 2021. So this is  
23 updated now for 2022.

24 I know you can't see this, but the number that  
25 is displayed for the total number of people experiencing

1 homelessness last year is 92,995 individuals. And we have  
2 gotten a lot of questions on that. That number, I know,  
3 seems really high.

4 But remember, this is an annualized count across  
5 those nine participating COCs. And so it is not reflective  
6 of what you may like know for PIT count numbers.

7 MR. DOYLE: Hey, Anja. This is Mike Doyle.  
8 Could you give me a comparative? What was it in 2021?

9 MS. TAYLOR: I believe it was around 69-ish.  
10 67-, if I am remembering properly.

11 MR. DOYLE: It is considerably up.

12 MS. TAYLOR: Well, it really just depends.  
13 Because for the majority of 2021, we did not have  
14 Austin/Travis County or Brazos Valley participating in our  
15 warehouse. So as we are getting more COCs onboarded, that  
16 number is going up because we have access to more data, if  
17 that makes sense.

18 MR. DOYLE: Well, I was told in Tarrant County  
19 that it went up from 2021, since we didn't do a count in  
20 2022 -- or maybe it was 2020. But anyway, that it went up  
21 from about 1,200 to 2,400, that it doubled in that period.

22 That's pretty close, except for the Brazos  
23 Valley and the Austin/Travis County thing. It is going up  
24 in population centers, it sounds like to me. Okay.

25 MS. TAYLOR: Yes. I think if you dig deep into

1 the data, it does reflect an increase because our data  
2 fluctuates in our data warehouse, meaning as we onboard  
3 COCs.

4 And another thing that impacts our data, just so  
5 everyone knows, is right now there are only two COCs,  
6 Tarrant County and Dallas, who have automated data uploads  
7 to our data warehouse. Meaning that we get their data in  
8 real time, pretty much every 24 hours. All of the other  
9 COCs are on manual upload.

10 We request those uploads on a quarterly basis.  
11 Meaning that there is a representative from that COC that  
12 has to download a HUD CSV file from HMIS, upload it to our  
13 data warehouse. Sometimes, due to capacity issues and a  
14 variety of reasons, that upload process could be delayed.

15 And so that is also impacting our numbers, and  
16 why I said, you know, at the beginning of this call, we  
17 have the most updated data in our warehouse in more than a  
18 year. And that really speaks to the work that our COCs are  
19 doing in contributing this project.

20 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

21 MS. TAYLOR: But that is a really good question.

22 And I encourage everyone to really visit this site and  
23 continue to ask questions, because it pushes us to dig  
24 deeper into the data.

25 We work closely with our partners at Green

1 River. Eric -- as you all know, Eric Samuels, our  
2 President and CEO of THN, he does a lot of data analysis  
3 through legislative efforts and advocacy. And so he is  
4 always asking these types of questions.

5 Part of this, too, is around data cleanup. And  
6 so if we notice an error in the system, we work with our  
7 partners, our data warehouse vendor Green River, as well as  
8 COCs, to complete that process.

9 So on the data dashboard, as you go through it,  
10 you will see a variety of different graphs and charts that  
11 are interactive. So you will notice that we have graphs  
12 that show the total number of people entering and exiting  
13 homelessness. That is a five-year chart, going back to  
14 2017 to last year. So you can see the fluctuations in  
15 that.

16 We also have a statewide map that is  
17 interactive, that you can cover over each county within the  
18 State of Texas to see population groups and data around  
19 individuals who are experiencing homelessness. We also  
20 have some charts to break out the subpopulations, including  
21 veterans, different household types, racial composition  
22 makeup, and households with and without children. So that  
23 is a couple of the data points that you will find on our  
24 dashboard.

25 Again though, if you look at it, you have

1 questions, feel free to reach out to Eric or myself. We  
2 are happy to kind of answer those.

3 MR. DOYLE: Great. I look forward to getting  
4 those charts, or those things. That would be good.

5 Thank you, Anja.

6 MS. TAYLOR: Yes. Thank you.

7 MR. DOYLE: Okay. I have not heard of any  
8 public comments, so we'll pass on that.

9 And I have no closing comments, other than this.

10 I don't know that I have ever gotten as many calls about  
11 the homeless population as I have in the last year, for 30  
12 years. They are in the news, trashing everything, violent.

13

14 I don't know what all is going on, but I think  
15 we need to be unified in our description of it. I know I  
16 am going to be asked about the count here in about 30  
17 minutes. And I think that I am going to say something to  
18 the effect of we are still digesting the numbers, since it  
19 wasn't done in 2022. We don't really have a real  
20 comparative.

21 I think I remember Eric telling me in 2021 that  
22 it looked like it was up about 10 percent, which was  
23 somewhat acceptable, with the move-ins that we are having.

24 But as I did the math here, between what Anja just said,  
25 around 69,000 in 2021, and around 90,000 this year, that is

1 a 23 percent increase in the population.

2 I don't know whether that points to we need a  
3 lot more resources for housing, or what it does. But I  
4 mean, do those numbers sounds like something we can defend?

5

6 MALE VOICE: If I recall, I think she said the  
7 first numbers excluded Travis County and San Antonio.

8 MR. DOYLE: Right.

9 MALE VOICE: So folks were there before but not  
10 counted.

11 (Simultaneous discussion.)

12 MR. DOYLE: So you are saying those -- so it  
13 could be 80,000.

14 MALE VOICE: Well, it seems that we could  
15 probably infer that those folks in Travis County and San  
16 Antonio were there. They just weren't being counted. So,  
17 now we have the more accurate numbers.

18 MR. DOYLE: So, we are still massaging the  
19 numbers.

20 FEMALE VOICE: Well, I think we have -- we might  
21 be comfortable with these numbers, how I understood it.  
22 But it is not comparable to last years.

23 MR. DOYLE: Good point. Because of Travis  
24 County and Brazos Valley.

25 MALE VOICE: It doesn't seem a percentage

1 increase. It seems now we have a better picture of the  
2 actual --

3 MR. DOYLE: Actually, the 69,000 may be low --  
4 is low.

5 MR. WILT: Even the 90,000 is low, because not  
6 every COC participates in this.

7 MR. DOYLE: That is right. But didn't we get  
8 the numbers from San Antonio and Wichita Falls, when we get  
9 our final numbers?

10 MS. TAYLOR: Are you asking me?

11 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

12 MS. TAYLOR: I can jump in here. So right now,  
13 yes. So, both Travis County and Brazos Valley joined us, I  
14 want to say, towards the later part of the summer of last  
15 year.

16 We worked with those COCs, again, to get their  
17 data updated in our data warehouse. And then subsequently,  
18 published on our data dashboard.

19 So, right now, as I think I heard someone just  
20 mention, we still don't even have data from Wichita Falls  
21 and the San Antonio area because those two COCs are not  
22 currently participating in this project. And additionally,  
23 as I mentioned, we have COCs -- the majority of our COCs  
24 are on a manual upload basis. We are working with, right  
25 now, Waco and McLennan County. We haven't received an

1 updated upload since August of 2021.

2 So that kind of shows, you know, the efforts  
3 that we go through to get the data updated in our system  
4 and reflected accurately on our data dashboard. But it is  
5 still ever, ever changing.

6 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Well, that makes sense.

7 FEMALE VOICE: So, some questions that I would  
8 ask for context, and I don't know -- I would keep these in  
9 mind when thinking about that number is that we don't know  
10 the length of the time of homelessness for each person.  
11 And again, it is throughout the whole year.

12 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

13 FEMALE VOICE: So, it is not a point in time  
14 count.

15 MR. DOYLE: Right.

16 FEMALE VOICE: I heard preliminary numbers. And  
17 I could just be imagining this. I am just looking around  
18 the room. Did our point in time count numbers actually go  
19 down?

20 MALE VOICE: It is going to depend on the COC.

21 FEMALE VOICE: We don't know. Okay.

22 MALE VOICE: Because I think in Fort Worth, they  
23 did go up. But in other COCs, they definitely went down.  
24 It may end up kind of being a wash.

25 FEMALE VOICE: I don't think it is even. I

1 don't think it is even.

2 MR. DOYLE: For the point in time. But there is  
3 a magic formula for the annualized.

4 FEMALE VOICE: Well, that is what I am hearing.  
5 But again, this is throughout the whole year. So, some  
6 people could be homeless for --

7 MR. DOYLE: A couple of days.

8 FEMALE VOICE: Right. And hopefully that is the  
9 case. A limited period of time. That is our whole purpose  
10 of, you know, ending homelessness, is that it is rare and  
11 brief.

12 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

13 FEMALE VOICE: The brief part.

14 MR. DOYLE: Good point. Thanks for saying that.

15  
16 MS. TAYLOR: I will just add really quick, I  
17 don't know if this is helpful or not. That is absolutely  
18 right in that this is an annualized count. I looked at a  
19 recent report that shows that 51 percent approximately of  
20 that 92,000 were first-time homeless.

21 MR. DOYLE: Wow.

22 MS. TAYLOR: And so, it could be that they --  
23 you know, only going through homelessness for a brief  
24 period of time, before they were able to exit the system.  
25 So, that is, you know, just something to note.

1 MR. DOYLE: That is interesting.

2 FEMALE VOICE: And I think that with that -- not  
3 to go on, if we're ready to move on. But I am wondering if  
4 those reports of, you know, vandalism and -- it sounds  
5 like there is going to be some underlying issues there,  
6 right. And so, I don't know if that brings in the mental  
7 health.

8 MR. DOYLE: Oh, absolutely. I mean, I just was  
9 driving -- Kay and I were driving in. There was a lady  
10 leaving the Arc, who pulled her dress up in the middle of  
11 the street, to adjust her underwear.

12 I mean -- obviously. You know, we used to say  
13 something to the effect of ten to 15 percent of the people  
14 were chronic. And the people that are homeless that are  
15 being counted the most are the ones that are doing better  
16 and trying to get back on their feet, living in assisted  
17 living or voucher apartments and those kind of things.

18  
19 But I don't know that that is the case anymore.  
20 I mean, there is probably 30 percent, 40 percent that are  
21 either chronic or mentally ill. It is just crazy out  
22 there.

23 FEMALE VOICE: I don't know if -- chronic is a  
24 very hard definition to meet.

25 MR. DOYLE: Yes. Well, the one that they use,

1 you know. Homeless for a year or three episodes --  
2 whatever that thing is.

3 FEMALE VOICE: But I agree that it is more  
4 visible.

5 MR. DOYLE: Yes, it is.

6 FEMALE VOICE: More visible.

7 MR. DOYLE: We just had a sweep of all of the  
8 homeless tents and encampments down by the shelters in Fort  
9 Worth, and it just pushed them up to our building, not even  
10 a mile away. And then I am even getting calls from  
11 churches in the northeast that are 15 miles away, and  
12 saying what do we do about all these homeless people that  
13 are on the street corners.

14 They are just pushing them someplace else. That  
15 is not the final answer. You know, how far do you push  
16 them? All the way up to Pennsylvania, or I don't know, you  
17 know.

18 So, anyway, good discussion. If there are not  
19 any other major business, then I am going to adjourn this  
20 meeting.

21 Thank you all for being here. And thank you for  
22 showing in person or on the phone. Appreciate it.

23 MS. YEVICH: Thank you, everyone.

24 (Whereupon, the meeting was concluded.)

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