

suggesting to you is that the Legislature ought to be a little more cautious with its oversight and retain a little bit more oversight, retain the opportunity to look at this after the plan comes in, in December. And if there are changes in course, or items that we're not happy with, we ought to have the opportunity to make those changes before we're caught and trapped in an institutional structure that's already in place. An institutional structure that if we do nothing will be created and in place by January 1, 1997, before we meet again in legislative session. That plan that comes into us in December, I think you all would agree, is critical to us in terms of whether we really do believe and confirm in this change and want to go forward with this change that's being promoted. That plan, in case you wanted to look at it again, is on page 4 and 5 of the green copy. You know here are the elements that it contains. It contains a transition plan describing the actions, methods, steps, and timeliness necessary to implement the redesign. What have we heard about all of that up to this point in time? What can you tell me about how this is going to happen? Which programs are going into which agency, and which people where, and will there be any changes in funding or changes in designs of programs necessary. How much can you tell me about all of that right now? You can't tell me hardly anything. And the reason that you can't is not necessarily a criticism of all, at all of the people who are designing it's because you need to do first things first, and I think they do need to get a go ahead from the Legislature on the, on the basic kind of concept or structure that they're looking at. But still in all success is in the details. And when this plan comes in, in December, we will have a lot more details and our judgements will be a lot sharper with respect to what we think about this particular proposition. Another thing that the plan requires is a set of outcomes designed to form the basis for accountability. Will we want to look at that. What is it they're trying to get out of the system? Is it to save money? Is it to improve service in this or that area? Do we agree with that? A plan to support, for support of local service networks. Well, obviously some kind of local service network is going to be developed. Are we going to like what we see? Will it require legislation? What kind of decisions will be required there in order to form that local network? A long-term plan for developing effective preventive strategies to produce...to reduce the need for more intensive intervention services. That's a whole new concept of dealing with certain kinds of health care matters, involves