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you know, next year?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Jensen?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes I will. Thank you. And thank you for the question, Senator Hartnett. Sarpy County is part of Region 6, and that will not change. They will remain part of Region 6. There is no question that here are two of the largest counties in the state. However, all of their patients have gone up to Norfolk in the past, some 80 miles. And by the way, they've received very good treatment up there, and that's been a very good facility. However, we need to build some community-based services within the community of Omaha, Bellevue, in the Douglas-Sarpy County area. And when we do that, like I said, we can get a greater match. We can get much more for the dollar. Along with that, we have some holes in our system. Between the acute care and hospital to the lesser care, still probably in a residential type setting, but the type of thing where an individual can visit with a psychiatrist once a day, later on maybe once a week, but...and many times then go to an outpatient type of care. And we don't have those. And so we have a system that is kind of jerky. Yes, we can take care of the very acute, which is, by the way, very, very expensive. And then we don't have the step-down. We don't have those wraparound services that we should have. And I think that we can develop them. Certainly in the Omaha area, and in Sarpy County, we went from...remember, we used to have the NPI, Nebraska Psychiatric Institute, on the campus of the Med Center. We closed that down. Then we closed St. Joe facility, which was down on 10th Street. Certainly, Paxton Manor, which was not a mental health facility, but it had 50 percent of the patients with mental health problems. And now, there goes Richard Young. And why? Because they were losing \$3 million a year. I don't blame them for leaving. I met with them last December, urged them, pleaded with them, if you can hang on, please do it. But they just couldn't see fit to do that, and I understand that. But I think if we can develop community-based services closer to the home of the individual where they can get that support and get the proper treatment and get it quickly also. You know, the only way you can get in the regional center is through a commitment process. But you should be able to get in a