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SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: And I...thank you. I did kind of answered what Senator...the question Senator Wehrbein had, but this is really just a work in progress right now and there's nothing that says that you've decided to close down any regional centers or even eliminate part of the services there, anything like that. Is that correct, just to clarify it?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct. There is nothing that says that. Probably the most urgent need, and that's in Omaha with the closing of the Richard Young, in that we have a very extreme shortage of beds. However, there are a group of people in Region VI that are working together. I attended a meeting, and, by the way, I've been attending several meetings as this has been going along, a meeting with about 50 individuals that are working together trying to come up with a plan to take care of that need on a short-term basis and then also on a long-term basis. This bill would be that long-term basis.

SENATOR KREMER: And is it kind of a goal to try to do more community-based treatment then, or is that just an option that if that looks like it would work better, or do you kind of have a goal to try to bring it closer to the communities?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, it is a goal to look at community-based services, number one, to get that 60 percent match, not number one. Number one is to provide a better care for the consumer so that they don't have to drive 80, 90 miles away to obtain services, so those services will be nearby their home and their family where they can get support, and then also get those services and have the expertise there rather than just three in the state.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. So this amendment would just take away your option to close. I mean really that's just an option to reduce or close one or the other, whatever combination fits the best, so.

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.