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center. It was a real hassle to get them there. There was a waiting list of three to four weeks to get somebody into the center, and it became a real problem. So what we did on the local level in our community health district is we did and were fortunate to hire a psychiatrist and that gave us a little bit of a leg on developing a program for the mental crisis that we have in the area. Since that time, we have cut the EPCs by 50 percent and we have a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week crisis line where someone personally does answer the phone, and a lot of times it's 2:00 in the morning when someone does call and has a real crisis of a possible endangerment to their own body. This program is not funded by anything of the taxpayers in our local area, in our health department. It is totally funded with grants. The major portion of that is from a federal fund and also there is a...we've got a fee basis set with this program that charges the individuals a certain amount for the service that is given, and that is received very well. There's several other grants that our health department director does apply for that helps with the funding of this. So it...we're...what we are doing, you know, in our community, is probably what the intent of this bill is to be done. Would you agree with that, Senator Jensen?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Jensen, I...

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...made the statement that what we're trying to do or what we are doing in Platte County with the East Central Health Department and our community-based center, is this kind of the intent of what this bill would be made for?

SENATOR JENSEN: Absolutely, to help and to expand those even further. Certainly in the Panhandle, out in Scottsbluff,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...Region (sic) West has done a wonderful job out there in taking care of the acute care, and then everyone