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need services. And that's why I'm going to support Senator Jensen and I'm going to support the committee and I'm going to support this amendment. And I'm going to hope that it actually does what we have said we've been doing for the last 25 years and maybe not done as significantly as we need to. I had the opportunity to tour the Hastings facility a few years ago. And the part that I was the most impressed with is the community-based program that they had. It was very, very impressive. Twenty-three years ago, we passed a bill and provided a small amount of funding for community...for the establishment of community-based programs, and that has been very, very effective. The only thing that has been a challenge has been to have enough money to fund services for all the people that need them. And we can see, with what's happened in the Scottsbluff area, that they have...that region has reduced their admissions for institutional care by 90 percent, by having the appropriate kind of services. We've talked a lot about whether there is a plan. Well, I've seen the plan and the plan is the plan that the regions have put together. And I've read the plan for our region, for my...for the region that I represent, and it's quite impressive. I believe that we can trust the regions. I believe that we can trust that when you have the services for the people that need them, that it's much better if it's community-based than if it's institutional. I believe that because when you have individuals who can, in some instances, continue to be employed, and I know someone continued to be employed part-time and was able to do things like attend his son's baseball games while dealing with his mental illness. And had he had to resort to institutional care far away from the community that he lived in, I don't think he would have been nearly so successful. For those...for programs like Hastings, I know that this kind of change is going to be difficult, but they've already been successful in community-based. We just need to be able to afford to do more of it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: And so I listened to all the wonderful things that we said about the Health and Human Services Committee in the first...in our first round of debate, and I honestly cannot thank the committee enough for what they've done, because I