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mental health programs, the contract providers. The cost for service is, let's just just say, \$100, but the state, HHS, will only provide \$65 for that. You do it for \$65 or don't do it at But there is a commitment that the service needs to be provided. So that's what I've seen happen way too many times, that organizations, health departments, or contract services, contract for services get starved out in the process. want to keep going with this, which is a real need, where are they going to get the money? From some other type of a grant program? Some other type of assistance? But this is what is happening out there in the real world, in my opinion. someone has a better answer for it, unless we put additional money into it and have other providers doing it, it's going to hurt the providers that we have already doing it right now, and that's what I'm really concerned about. I've got providers my area, the East Central Health Department and the Good Neighbor Community Health Department. They are providers and we're happy for that, and we're happy to provide services for those poor individuals. But if it comes down to where there's going to be a lot more participating in it and we have to do the service for less amount of dollars that is contracted to us by the state HHS, then that's going to put our departments in real jeopardy of continuing the programs. And I've seen this time and time and time again. If you don't put a little extra money into it, if you're going to start or open up another office, then we should stay right where we're at. But I want to provide this service for the people, so we either have to supply more money to it and continue the way we have been, or try to figure out some way that we can help these needy people. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Byars. This will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. You know, the more we talk about this, the more I am thinking of other questions, because Senator Foley said he talked to the department. Well, I'll just ask Senator Foley, because maybe we both agree on this particular point. Senator Foley, may I ask you a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Foley, respond?