



Steering Committee Meeting Thursday April 25th, 2024

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Meeting Summary

Discussions in the summarized meeting focused on team collaboration, emphasizing consistent messaging and engagement. Arman highlighted research progress as well as an update of the Regional Plan Part 1 that will be do on April 23rd. Efforts are being made to streamline communication channels and address concerns about marketing materials for the Subregional Table Leads, the 90 orgs who are being onboarded. Timely submissions of reports from Affinity Hub Leads were underscored, along with the need to engage HRTC members proactively and clarify expectations for California Jobs First team support.

The meeting covered upcoming events, updates for partners meetings, and the Affinity hub lead meeting, stressing the importance of updating the convening tracker and engaging with the newly onboarded subregional partner leads. Details about the Catalyst program starting in May 2024 were shared, emphasizing planning deadlines. Participants discussed contractual updates for the Catalyst program, funding strategies, and challenges with vacant positions for sub-regional table recipients. Efforts were made to expedite decision-making processes and provide technical assistance for reapplications within strict timelines.

Discussions also included the necessity of clear instructions for submitting feedback, ensuring smooth coordination between leads, and engaging stakeholders effectively. The meeting addressed the significance of engaging Affinity Hub Leads and Sub-regional Table Partners. Challenges arose concerning scoring thresholds for funding recipients, prompting detailed conversations about technical assistance and adherence to established processes. Flexibility was emphasized in addressing outreach plan deficiencies among applicants and making immediate follow-ups with high-scoring candidates for reconsideration of the STL award.

Meeting Transcript

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Speaker 1

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Speaker 2

Morning, everyone. Morning, Oscar. Great for you to join us in yesterday's meeting. I went to this morning's meeting. Kevin Clark told me. I didn't know you were with Dakar, so. All right, looks like we're getting into the full house status. Good morning, Jennifer.

03:37

Speaker 1

Good morning. Good afternoon, Kevin. How are you?

03:40

Speaker 2
Yes, it is doing great.

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Speaker 1
Hi, Tom.

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Speaker 3
Hello there. How are you?

03:47

Speaker 1
Living the dream, my friend.

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Speaker 2
Christopher. Good morning. Or rest of good morning.

03:59

Speaker 1
Hello. Good afternoon.

04:01

Speaker 2
Morning, Kevin Clark. Morning, Sharon. Jorge, you go ahead and say good morning, Sharon. I saw you come off mute.

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Speaker 1
I just say good morning.

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Speaker 2
Good morning, Ricardo. Good morning, Crystal.

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Speaker 1
Hi. Good afternoon.

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Speaker 2
Good afternoon, everyone. Good seeing everyone here. All right. Good morning, Bobby. Cheyenne. Long time no see.

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Speaker 1
Right? I'm just following you around today, Kevin. Sorry.

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Speaker 2
And I am honored. Morning, Maria. I see Linda Kelly there. Good morning.

04:52

Speaker 4
Hi, everyone.

04:54

Speaker 1
Good afternoon.

04:58

Speaker 2

Your bright and sunny voice. Good morning, Paul Scarlett. Yeah. Good morning, everybody. Did I miss you, Charles? I saw you five minutes ago, though.

05:12

Speaker 3

Yeah, no, you didn't miss me. So good to see you. Always.

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Speaker 2

All right. Good morning, Chioma.

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Speaker 1

Good morning. Good afternoon.

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Speaker 2

Yes, the day is running together.

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Speaker 1

It is.

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Speaker 2

Good morning, Tony. Okay, we'll give it a few more minutes. One more minute, then we'll go ahead and get started, folks. So we're on a tight schedule today. A lot to cover. All right, so it's 104. We'll give it just start at 105 because we're just about full. You know what? I don't see anybody still coming on. So, Ariel, if you want to go ahead and kick it off with the welcome and housekeeping.

06:11

Speaker 5

Yeah, absolutely. So, good afternoon, everyone. Glad you were able to make it. Just as a quick reminder, the housekeeping that we have for every meeting, please remember to submit your attendance, as it is very important for us to keep track who's attending these meetings. I'll be sharing the link for the attendance, and we'll keep resharing the link in case people keep. Keeps coming in during the meeting. But, yeah, just make sure that you submit your attendance, please. Also, we have the Google Jamboard for you to submit any ideas or requests of items to discuss during these meetings. It's also very important for us to know what you guys want to want us to discuss during this meeting.

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Speaker 5

So just remember, whenever you put an idea on the jump, you have to put the name and date so we know on which meeting we have to discuss that. And then we have the California first tracker where you can all access all types of documents and resources for the same community. SaaS and, yeah, we encourage you to bookmark it for you to have ACA access for it. And as always, if you think that there's any areas of opportunities, you can always email Andreas later and just let her know, where do you think we can improve? And she will let us know and we can work on that. So that's for the housekeeping items.

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Speaker 1

For.

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Speaker 5

The next slide with Charles.

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Speaker 3

Thank you, Ariel. The Adelante partners was the vendor that was chosen to provide facilitation services for some of our key meetings. They've identified someone named Marissa Ramirez, who is on the call. Marissa, I would like, rather than me trying to introduce you, I'd like for you to come off mute and, you know, just introduce yourself and talk a little bit about anything that you like, to be honest.

08:35

Speaker 1

Thank you, Charles. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Marisa, or Marisa, I use she her pronouns. I am based in the harbor area of Los Angeles. So down over close by San Pedro area, and it's great to be with you all. I'm a part of the Adelante Partners team. We're a consulting firm that supports nonprofits throughout California and really nationally. My background is in nonprofit leadership, program development, and education, and I bring all of that into the consulting work that I do, really focusing on program design, experience, design, and facilitation in the work that I am doing, I'm doing as a consultant. And so today I'm really here as an observer to really just get to learn and know this group. I think because you all have already, you're an established group, you've been meeting for some time.

09:42

Speaker 1

It's important for me to just observe and get a sense of the flow of these sessions and everybody who's here before jumping in. But great to be here and looking forward to meeting folks.

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Speaker 3

Thank you. Marisa. Did I say it right this time? At the very americanized way of saying it? So I'll keep that in mind. A quick sidebar. Thank you, CCF, Jose Maria and Paul, for, you know, putting in that work to, you know, dig up and find a way to pay for these services. I know it was not easy for you guys, and, you know, again, just want to thank you for that. And that's all I have for that before the next slide.

10:29

Speaker 2

Okay, Charles? Thank you. Ariel. It would help me if you sent me a copy email, if you can, of the agenda. That way I can follow a little bit better. So for the timeline that will be, I believe that will be. Armand, you're up.

10:48

Speaker 5

Thank you, Kevin. And hello, everybody. Hope you're doing well, as usual. I'm going to be giving updates on the timeline. The California jobs first, phase one, tentative timeline. So, as you know, we have our regional plan. Part one is due in five days. We've been working on that along with our strategic writer and graphic designers, some other key convenings that have been going on. Of course, we have the affinity convenings, which will be going until May 31. The sub regional tables have had an orientation and also had a second training session yesterday. And so they've begun to incorporate into the Affinity hub lead meetings and continue to do so until they're over the table. Partner leave process. We have received our applications. We received 53, and we will begin the grading process in the next few days.

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Speaker 5

And apart from that, we still have, of course, the regional plan part two. That's still due August 30. And we're trying to get all the material to the strategic rider for the regional plan by July 1. So that's it for the timeline.

12:02

Speaker 2

Okay. So, any questions on either for the facilitator or for the tentative timeline hearing? None. Tony Simons.

12:16

Speaker 1

Yeah. You said you were finalizing part one of the economic plan is, so the steering committee won't be looking at it prior to it going. I realize it sounds like you're still writing it. I'm just wondering what the process is.

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Speaker 3

That's a good question, Tony. All of the feedback, there's no new additions to it. This is just a revision of what was in regional report part one. So what the issue, the main issues the state had with the plan was that there was a lot of redundancy from what Beacon submitted, what civil submitted, and obviously you guys feedback. So essentially the revision is them just taking all of your input and the data that's already been there and just putting it together in one nice clean narrative with better looking graphics. The end of the day, there is literally no new information. So once they're done, we will submit, share that with you guys, and then, of course, submit it to the state.

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Speaker 2

All right, any other questions? Tony, do you have another comment? Are you good?

13:37

Speaker 1

Yeah. I just want to say that for the American Indian Chamber of Commerce, were concerned about some of the tone that was in some of the writing. I understand you're on a tight timeline, so maybe my suggestion is maybe we could have a side meeting to go over the document once it gets submitted. It is hard to take, you know, three versions of something that's very similar and figure out which that you like. But I know that we would probably appreciate an opportunity to look at it and talk with, you know, your staff. I don't know if we need to have the researchers, but I think that probably isn't helpful. But we were concerned about elements, not that LAEDC had added, but that the researchers tone didn't necessarily align with our. How we see the world.

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Speaker 3

Sure. I think the first step is to make sure that it's completed and we can submit to the steering committee. But I can tell you it won't be 72 hours. I saw something just pop up in the chat about it. 72 hours. There's no way because they're still working on it right now.

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Speaker 1

No, no, I meant after. I meant after because there's an opportunity to revise later. I didn't mean to hold up what you're doing right now.

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Speaker 3

Oh, I see.

14:50

Speaker 2

Yeah.

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Speaker 3

So the moment that, you know, that they're done with the work, we will submit to you guys, if there is, you know, if there is extra time in order to give more feedback, you know, I doubt there will be, but, you know, we can share at the moment that they're done.

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Speaker 2

Okay, any other questions? Thank you, Charles. Thank you, Tony. Any other questions? All right, so we're going to go to the next agenda item, which is the additional criteria for regional plan part two. Avi Arman, you're going to report on that?

15:27

Speaker 5

Yeah, of course. So the state has sent us some additional criteria for the regional plan part two. It's not going back on, for example, the outputs that are being discussed in the affinity hub lead convenings. Rather, it's just

additional criteria. They've sent this in a document that we'll share with the steering committee after this call. And they've provided an outline that expands on the requirements and it touches upon similar topics, or the exact same topics as what the affinity hub lead convenings have been predicated upon. So we still have our visions and goals section, regional snapshot and swot, which is a section where they want us to kind of summarize the analyses from the first plan.

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Speaker 5

They have the regional strategies where we get the alignment with job quality and access, the environmental equity, economic diversification, state and aligning with state strategies, where they, of course, want us to identify target sectors, strategies for growth in those sectors. Economic mobility strategies and additional regional and community development strategies may be touching upon things that may not come out of this program, but could be useful down the line to improve our county. And lastly, they've had this sort of recommended section that they do want us touch upon. Which is they're calling it a path forward, where once again, they're just asking us to consolidate the research. And like I said, this is a recommended section, but the state released this criteria to us and we'll have this sent out to the steering committee.

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Speaker 5

But I just want to reiterate the fact that it doesn't change anything that's been discussed previously. It's just building upon what's in the SFP.

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Speaker 2

Any questions for Armand? Okay, thank you, Armand. Appreciate it. No questions seen. So, next up on our agenda is the fiscal agent update, whether that will be Jose or Maria.

17:42

Speaker 4

Thank you, chair. It'll be me today and Paul. So I'll provide the first update on the 25K disbursement strategy. So thank you for the steering committee for holding the vote on how on whether or not the 25k that was originally set for resident stipends to be used for translation purposes. And it's our understanding that vote was approved. And so our next step is to submit a budget amendment to the state so that we can move that 25K from the resident stipends to a consultant line item so that we can engage in a contract with a translation vendor to engage the Affinity hub leads with translation services.

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Speaker 4

So our recommendation is to move forward and basically have the steering committee instruct us to execute a contract with a translation vendor with the help of all of you, helping us to identify who that translation vendor could be and to provide the translation services to the twelve Affinity hub leads on a rate so that we can draw down those 25,000 and on an as needed basis as affinity hub lead meetings are happening.

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Speaker 2

Okay, any questions for Maria? Sharon?

19:26

Speaker 1

Hi, Maria. Thank you so much. And I am aware, then I'm a little confused on the distribution of the translation dollars you're proposing to flow down to the affinity hubs. Is that what I'm suggesting?

19:45

Speaker 4

Our recommendation is to engage one vendor that can provide translation services to all twelve Affinity hub leads on an as needed basis, drawing down the funds as they provide services.

20:02

Speaker 1

Got it. And how are these translation services going to be made available to the sub regional table leads for their

meetings? I know that some of the affinity hub leads are already more than 50% complete with their scheduled meetings.

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Speaker 4

Yeah, we actually don't know. Part of our challenge right now is identifying the translation vendor. So if there are agencies that the steering committee recommends, we're happy to look into those agencies and see if we can arrange something so that they can provide translation or interpretation services.

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Speaker 1

Thank you so much.

20:46

Speaker 2

And Sharon and Marie, if I could chime in. I guess this is the place where being proactive can help and keeping open lines of communications, because I think the sooner we know if the affinity help leads needed. Of course, that's easy to deal with. But I think, Sharon, maybe what you're concerned about is making sure that it's available to the sub regional table partners on a timely basis, getting out in front of it, getting that vendor identified so that everything lines up in a way where it's efficient, where they're already set and able to perform when those. When the sub regional table partners hold their outreach and engagement. Does that make sense to you guys.

21:32

Speaker 1

What I was going at? Thank you for being so clear about it. Thank you.

21:36

Speaker 4

I'll mark it down too, on my end to make sure to integrate the sub regional tables and the table leads on that.

21:43

Speaker 2

All right, great. Any other questions for Maria?

21:48

Speaker 1

I do have one more, if I might. And this is just something that I think you may have seen an email on yesterday. The 26, the 25,000 was reallocated, and it was originally intended for resident stipends. There was some language I'd like us to figure out. There was some language in the sub regional table lead contract stating that they were supposed to pay for resident stipends out of their funds. And I want to. Can you speak to clarify that that is or is not so.

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Speaker 4

So I think I know what you're talking about. The CBO stipends 200, is that where you're at, the 270,000? Is that what you're referring to, Sharon?

22:39

Speaker 1

Yeah, it is there, but it is listed that CBO stipend mount. The \$3,000. It is actually in the contracts that were given to the sub regional table leads. It states that they're supposed to use that for resident stipends only. And so I wanted to get that on the table.

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Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah. And that's because the \$10,000 that we're providing to the community organizations are meant to cover the expenses of having their staff participate in these meetings. That \$10,000 can be used for everything from salary, benefits, travel, expenditures, gas, childcare, meals that would otherwise not be consumed if they had been at these meetings. So our expectation is that the organizations are providing compensation to their staff

through the \$10,000. And the \$3,000 are for their stakeholders, residents or otherwise, that would be attending these meetings, and again, to cover their time to participate in them.

23:49

Speaker 1

I definitely would like the steering committee to revisit this, because that is a direct contradiction to the actual budget narrative that was approved by the state. And we have been representing all along, very clearly to our subregional tables that \$3,000 was for their purposes. And so I'm happy to share that language from not only the contract with the state eDd, but also how we presented that to our applicants for those sub regional tables.

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Speaker 4

I would just like to add that when went through our contract with the state in the allowable and not allowable expenses, it clearly delineates what community engagement funding can be used for and what participant compensation can be used for. And in no part does it allow us to provide community organizations with payment essentially for the same thing. It would be considered double dipping.

25:05

Speaker 2

Thank you, Sharon and Maria. If there's no response to Maria's last statement and no other questions, we're going to go ahead and move on the agenda. If there's any other concern, we have avenues to voice those concerns on our opportunities portal, on the website or direct email, and we'll go from there. Okay, next agenda item will be the sub regional table partner updates by Charles.

25:42

Speaker 3

Okay, thank you. So good. As you all know, there's 90 awardees of subregional tables. 88 of them are solid. Two of them decline their awards. And so there's a. We have to find replacements for those two. And the runners up there seems to be an issue because when they were evaluated, they were below their scores, were below the threshold that you guys all approved. So we're the CJF team. We're going to need some guidance on how we should move forward in replacing those two. There are other, the other candidates have been moved over to other spas, so they're, you know, already, you know, been taken off the table. So we're going to probably do some type of jamboard or, you know, put something out to get something, get some feedback.

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Speaker 3

We'd love to try to get something on this call so we can get the last two replaced. Now, if you. It's possible that you guys may want to lower the threshold in order to make those, the runners up eligible. But again, that's up to you guys to make that determination. We can revisit that a little bit towards the end of the call just so we can get through the agenda.

27:19

Speaker 2

Well, Charles? Well, we could, I think. Are any of the sub regional table committee members? I think one of the chairs is here, but. Or does anyone want to comment on that now with some ideas on how we can move forward?

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Speaker 1

We can get through the agenda and then come back to it.

27:42

Speaker 2

Okay. All right, fair enough. Well, if that's your pleasure, then that's what we'll do. All right. Okay. Table, partner leads. Yeah.

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Speaker 3

No, no, I'm sorry, mister chair, I have a few more.

28:02

Speaker 2

Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead, please.

28:05

Speaker 3

Okay, so. Yeah, so each of the affinity hub leads should have received contact information of all the subregional tables leads. So we need the affinity hub leads to start reaching out to those subregional tables. They have a lot of questions. Some. Most of them are dealing with compliance, which CCF has been doing a good job of managing that we're filling in some of the answers where we can, meaning the CJF team. But they need to hear from the affinity hub leads on reversing that a little bit. Is that some of the. Well, at least in one case, one sub regional table lead who is based in one spot, but checked the box for countywide and was assigned to another.

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Speaker 3

Another spy received an email from someone in the spot where he's based asking, who should he reach out to order to, who should he report to? And he didn't have answer. So I think it's only fair that we start sharing the affinity hub leads information with those sub regional tables so they can, you know, start. Everyone can start communicating more effectively and we keep the program on pace.

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Speaker 2

Sure. And I'm going to recognize you in a second, Charles. What I did, when I saw the list, I reached out and got the contact information of all my sub regional table partners, reached out to them immediately to introduce myself and our organization. And some of them I talked to ahead of time, and they did show up this morning for convening number three that we held. So I think it's important they have some questions. Now, those questions arose from yesterday's meeting, but getting that line of communication open is good so that there's no misunderstanding about roles, responsibilities, scope of work, resources, etcetera. So anything that we don't know, it's real easy. We just reach out, get clarification, move forward, so there's value there and what you're suggesting. Cheyenne.

30:31

Speaker 1

Hi. Good afternoon. Everyone can hear me?

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Speaker 3

Yes.

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Speaker 1

Okay, sorry. So real quick, I reached out to all of mine as well, and there was yesterday and invited them to all of my upcoming groups. I got a lot of calls and emails back. I just have a quick question. A lot of them have responded back to me that they're going to be inviting their youth. So I have a lot of questions around that. So I was just curious, is that what they've been directed to do because they're kind of reaching out to me. Like, once the youth attend the affinity hub meetings, how will they get their gift cards and how will they fill out the forms or the surveys? And I just didn't exactly know how to answer that yet, so I kind of told them, like, where I'm going to go, the steering committee today, and I'll circle back.

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Speaker 1

I just wanted, was hoping that I could get on the same page with everyone so I don't provide them any bad information.

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Speaker 3

Maria, did you want to tackle that about the age limit?

31:38

Speaker 4

The age limit? We have an email out to the state to just double check on what's allowable and what's not. So hopefully we hear back from them today and are able to answer that question.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, Charles. If I also may just provide some guidance as well for questions. So our affinity hub leads, I highly encourage you all to remind your sub regional tables to really look at their fact sheets as well as their resources in their folder that we shared in there. We do provide specific contact information, so if it's contractual fiscal questions, they do have CCF's contact information. Any convening convener questions, they have our information. And then they were instructed in regards to affinity hub meeting information to have that communication with you all. So depending on their inquiries, they do have that contact. So you're more than welcome to redirect them. If there are any fiscal questions that don't pertain to you as the Affinity hub lead, just let them know. Hey, in your fact sheet, you do have the appropriate contact.

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Speaker 1

This is who you should be contacting to get those questions resolved, just so you don't necessarily have to be put in that situation of trying to get these answers when they have that appropriate contact that they can be making themselves.

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Speaker 2

Scarlett, the fact sheet is where.

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Speaker 1

So it's in the sub regional table lead folder. So they kind of like the Affinity hub leads. They have their folder. They have their own folder with all their materials and information that we've been providing to them, as well as the training, recording presentations. So they have that in their folder. Everyone has received it by email. We've shared it during training meetings. Just a reminder for them to please just continue checking that folder as those resources are in there.

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Speaker 2

So I wasn't aware that this was the case, and so I'm sure other affinity hub leads were not. Maybe I'm wrong, but if you could give us maybe some of that information or give us the same link so that we know how to manage the performance, it would be helpful.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, absolutely. I can go ahead, and the team can go ahead and share that folder with the affinity hub leads. You are all in the loop as far as the information that they're getting.

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Speaker 2

That would be great. That'd be great. Okay. All right. Cheyenne, did you have another question, or are you good?

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Speaker 1

No, that's it. Thank you guys so much for your help. I appreciate it.

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Speaker 2

Sharon, I saw something that you dropped in to chat. We'll hit that at the affinity hub leading agenda item. Okay, Charles, anything else?

34:31

Speaker 3

Couple more things. As of now, 39 of the 88 contracts have been signed up to this point. It's important for the. And this is all the more reason that the. That we start sharing information, because what we don't want is for some of the sub regional tables to miss meetings because they haven't had any communication. So, you know, make sure that, you know, that, you know, not to beat a dead horse, but make sure, you know, you reach out to your subregional tables. The. Oh, we. Maria, I'm glad you're still here because we didn't cover the. Make sure that the steering committee is aware of the. The gift cards. So. Yeah, yeah. So part of the scope of work for the subregional tables when they're bringing in their constituents is, you know, providing them gift cards. And there's.

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Speaker 3

If the meeting is going to be virtual, which probably a good deal of them will be, the constituents will receive a dollar 50 gift card. If it's in person, it'll be a 100 \$100 gift card. In either case, the sub regional table leads will be responsible for making sure that those constituents fill out a survey. And that survey will be shared with Armand. He's the research guy. He'll be taking that, knowing what to do with it. But we just want you guys to be aware of that process in case they ask that of you. Any questions?

36:23

Speaker 2

Diane, your hands still up? Do you have another question, or are you good?

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Speaker 3

Ariel maybe lower her hand, because it seems like maybe she just forgot that.

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Speaker 2

Yeah, if you could lower your hand, Cheyenne, that would help. But any other questions? Sharon?

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Speaker 1

I. The Tony Simons was able to share the grassroots level survey tool being that was used by the Orange County HRTC. And since one of our goals is to aggregate data from across our sub regional tables so that their lived experience data can be utilized and assimilated, I would like to request that we have staff take that sample and assimilate it, a standardized survey tool that can be used and distributed to our subregional tables. And then they can augment as needed for distinct thematic constituents so that at least we would have aggregable data using the similar tool.

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Speaker 1

I mean, when someone called me yesterday and I directed them back to staff, but asked me, it's like were told in this orientation that we have to create our own surveys and that would not allow for efficient manner of aggregating or looking at the results of our data, if that were the model. So thank you, Tony, for sharing that. And I would like to encourage us to use at least beginning, the standardized questions that Orange county used as a starting point. Thank you.

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Speaker 2

Thanks for that, Sharon. I think the author of that is raising their hand.

38:13

Speaker 1

Tony, hello. What I shared is actually online. There's a section on outreach for the Orange County HRTC. It's very similar, the questions, very similar to what Armon sent out or was reflected in one of our newsletters, but which I think I read yesterday. So I was confused. It may be that we have a standardized survey that we're using, but in the survey that came out from La HRTC, it said this was distinct from the survey that was being used by. I think it was the affinity hubs. Armon can clarify. I guess my point was the questions align with the information that the state is asking for. And it sounds like we may have something and we just haven't described it that way. And I. That's my grandson. He's one and a half.

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Speaker 2

I was wondering. Okay. All right. Any other questions or comments for Tony? I see in scar from Scarlett that a survey was provided in a toolkit. So.

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Speaker 1

Carmen, you can speak to that more.

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Speaker 5

Yeah, so we have the. So, yeah, so there was that survey that was sent out yesterday in the newsletter. But yeah, as we noted in the newsletter, that's a distinct survey. We're calling that a feedback form, which is for the collaborative as a whole to submit feedback and engage and just give their thoughts as we look towards the regional plan. Part two, we do have the subregional table survey, which is separate from that feedback form. And that subregional table survey is a standardized survey that's being sent in through Google forms, that has been provided to all the sub regional table leads and actually speaking on the OC survey that they're using for their grassroots data.

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Speaker 5

We're actually going to be taking a look at that at some point today and maybe incorporating some things, but the survey has already been built out for the sub regional table, for the subregional table leads to give to their 30 constituents that they recruit. So just. I was going to reiterate this later, but, yeah, those are two separate things. But, yeah. So we do have that subregional table survey, and then we have the collaborative feedback form.

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Speaker 2

Okay, great. Thank you, Armand. So we got some information that might be of value to you. Thank you, Tony. Thank you for bringing that to the table, Sharon. And thank you, Armon, for letting us know what the status of that is. And also thank you, Scarlett, for letting us know and making sure that the affinity hub leads have access to the information that the sub regional table leads are getting. Charles, you're still on the agenda. Anything?

41:06

Speaker 3

I'm all done with the slide.

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Speaker 2

Okay. All right. We're finished with that. Okay, so we're going to go to the next agenda item table partner leads with Andrea Slater. Hold on. We have one. One question. Jeremy, mo face. Okay.

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Speaker 5

Yeah. How's it going? So our team was talking and we're still, after the yesterday's meeting, we're still in concern. We're still concerned, kind of like with the survey, making sure there's consistency, but also with the marketing pieces. So that's still one of the topics. You know, I know we're going over the toolkit and things like that, but that's one of our main concerns, is having that consistency and messaging out to the community.

41:43

Speaker 2

Yeah. I mean, that's been something that we all, and me in particular, have been committed to and concerned about. Consistency is everything. Branding is everything. Uniform messaging is everything. And so based on what Armand just shared, we will standardize. We will be able to aggregate data in a way that makes sense in a consistent format. So unless you see something different, I think we've addressed your concerns.

42:16

Speaker 5

I think it's just more the message of the flyers are sending out so that we have consistency, especially when we

have other members of our group that are able to go to other areas. So we're going to spa one, but we also have members that could be going to spa four, spa three. And if we're sending them to. Let's just pick anyone here in spa two, right. That that message is all the same, or the flyers or anything we're passing out is all having a consistent message, right? So.

42:46

Speaker 2

Absolutely. So if you see something that is not consistent with what you just said, bring it to our attention.

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Speaker 5

We haven't seen any flyers from anybody. Right. And I know that was one of the concerns. Like one of our team members were talking about yesterday is there was nobody's shown us any hard, like, here's a flyer for the event, or, you know, here's how we are marketing. It was also brought up yesterday about a consistent email template. Right. So we have those messages a little bit. So there's not like a bait and switch. Right. Not saying there's going to be, but there's a potential there could be.

43:21

Speaker 2

So to empathize with what you're saying, that's something that I do within my personal organization. Right. We do email templates for consistency of message. We do flyers for the same reason. Would anyone from the CJF team like to comment on what Jeremy has said on how to address it, other than especially in terms of uniformity?

43:43

Speaker 1

I could make a couple of comments. Sorry, I can't see my reaction link to raise my hand.

43:49

Speaker 2

No worries. You're recognized, gentlemen.

43:52

Speaker 1

Thank you. Yes. So, yes.

43:58

Speaker 2

Christopher, can you please put yourself on mute? Thank you.

44:02

Speaker 1

Thank you. So yesterday these questions were brought up in the orientation follow up with our brand new sub regional table leads. And so the question was not necessarily about the survey. I see there's two separate things going on in the comments. Sharon mentioned the survey, but so we did hear the concerns. The survey is uniform for all of the subregional tables to use. So that's in the folder for all the sub regional table leads to use. The questions I believe Jeremy face is asking is about marketing materials for the meetings. And so we have been in this process for a little while now. Early on we had email templates like when were doing outreach and engagement. And we have our fact sheets. So we have shared and we'll share again the fact sheet.

45:07

Speaker 1

The state has created an updated fact sheet for not California job. Well, California jobs first. Not surf, but California jobs first. So we will share that. I'll put that in the chat and I'll share that. Make sure it's added to the fact sheet for the sub regional table leads. But for a specific marketing, we do not and have not created marketing materials around that. So the intention is that they will be attending the affinity hub lead meetings. They don't necessarily need to create their own meetings. And so if there's marketing materials need to attend the affinity hub meetings, then I would suggest sharing out the fact sheet. We can work with partners who would like an email template. We can work with them on that.

46:01

Speaker 1

And I believe yesterday Scarlett had shared that we would work with some of our partners with some of those things. But any other questions related to the sub regional table items, I would definitely refer them to the surf email and we will try our best to get to their emails as quickly as possible. Yeah, and to provide a little more context for that, you know, we can provide, again, the fact sheet that we've shared on our website. A lot of the information we do have about the program are currently on the website. As far as resources, I can go ahead and draft, like, an email template if you'd like to, you know, use that language for recruitment of your constituents within your spa and thematic areas. The difficulty is that each thematic, each affinity hub lead is hosting their own meetings.

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Speaker 1

We don't necessarily have all those details, and so we can't necessarily make outreach materials for every affinity hub lead if we don't have this information. So I think this is why it's so important for our affinity hub leads to be proactive in reaching out, setting your meetings, reaching out to your sub regional table leads. Now, we're able to provide some, you know, language, but ultimately, we just don't have that information and capacity to make these specific outreach materials that should be tailored to your constituents based on their thematic area and the spa that you are in.

47:38

Speaker 2

Thank you, Scarlett. Charles. And by the way, can I remind everyone to raise their hands before they just chime in? Thank you.

47:47

Speaker 3

No, thank you, mister chair. Scarlett covered exactly where I was going to go. At the end of the day, it's called marketing. It's a billion dollar year industry for a reason, because you need to be creative and figuring out a way to reach your audience so we can provide the standardized materials. But at the end of the day, you know your audience better than we do. So, you know, we encourage you to put your creative cap on, figure out way to attract people to those affinity hub meetings.

48:18

Speaker 2

Thank you, Charles. To that point, when you guys send out slide decks for our convenings, that's exactly what we do. We keep the core messaging consistent, but we add things in there that we know are pertinent to our Affinity hub lead category in order to make the meeting as relevant as possible. So hopefully, Jeremy, you got a lot of answers and resources to get things done. All right, any other questions, any other comments before we move forward? All right, saying none. We're going to move to the table partner leads with Andrea Slate.

48:59

Speaker 1

Hi, everyone. Okay, so as you may have heard earlier, we have 53 current applicants to be evaluated for table partner leads. The evaluations process has started. We originally started with, correct me if I'm wrong, 61 applicants, total applicants. And then through the screening process, we're down to 53 at this point that are eligible. So the evaluation process has started. We are hoping to get these a list over to CCF within the next few days, and then those of you who did not see the email, the financial strategies category has been approved and the scope of work is being sent out. And we will be also collecting applicants for that soon so that we can get moving with this process and incorporate the table partner leads into the conversation.

50:01

Speaker 2

All right, thank you, Andrea. Any questions for Andrea? All right, hearing none, but move on to our next agenda item. Affinity hub. 30 hub league convenings. Ron, you want to start with that and I'll lean in?

50:21

Speaker 5

Yeah, sure. So we have our twelve affinity hubs representing the various thematic areas. And as we're asking

and requesting from them to submit their reports, we have received some from the first convening, but we're still waiting for some of our thematic areas to submit theirs. Once again, you can find those templated reports in the affinity hub lead resources folder, and there's a templated report summary for each convening where you can include the zoom link, a transcription, the number of attendees, and then some more topical bullet points related to what the convening was about and the sort of input you got from the stakeholders. We do still have a few of our affinity hub lead. Affinity hub leads who have not submitted the form and who we are still waiting to actually receive details on their first meeting.

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Speaker 5

So please reach out to us and let us know when these meetings are. That will give us a chance to publicize it if you'd like it to be publicized. And also, ultimately, we need to include that information in the regional plan part two, which the state wants us to start thinking about already, as indicated by them sending us that document.

51:41

Speaker 2

All right, before we go any further, Jeremy, can you let us know who you're representing on the steering committee? No, hapen m. Okay, got it. Thank you. Just wanted to clarify, and did Hapen send in any documentation that you were going to be on this call? Because we do have a procedure for that.

52:03

Speaker 5

I believe she did. I'm not 100% sure.

52:05

Speaker 2

Well, could you make sure, first of all, confirm it, and then in the future, make sure that happens so that we don't get anyone on the call that shouldn't be here? But of course, you're welcome. We understand who you are and where you're from, and we appreciate it.

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Speaker 5

Thank you.

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Speaker 2

Okay. Okay. And then on the affinity hub convening. Sorry, are you done with your piece, Armon?

52:30

Speaker 5

Oh, yes, I am. And also, I just wanted to note that I checked in and Jeremy has been designated as an alternate for hapen.

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Speaker 2

Okay, good. Great. Jeremy, tell Hapen, well done. All right, so the other thing I wanted just to just say that I looked on the spreadsheet and a lot of people haven't started yet for various reasons. And I guess, Sharon, probably, that's probably part of your concern. I can tell you for myself that we had came out of the gates hard, along with Brady and the labor group, and we had actually had to delay our third one to make sure the sub regional table partners came on and could attend, which they did with our committee this morning. I can only speak for myself that because of my organization and competition on our calendar, we can only do it a week at a time, but we do it promptly. For example, we'll have our next meeting scheduled by Monday.

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Speaker 2

That said, though, we need those that have not begun their process, now is the time to do it. I think there are some that haven't even done one convening, and you now have probably the need to do one a week until the end of May. So these are very important. Now, the advantage you have is that the sub regional table partners are here. So you might end up getting an even richer conversation. But let's make sure we get that done. Let's make sure we get it to the CJF team in time for it to go on the newsletters. But also would like to specify that we don't

just rely on the newsletter, that you invite people from your personal network, from your knowledge and resource, to make sure that we get the right people in the room to give good information.

54:23

Speaker 2

We just don't want the general public in there. Okay, any questions? Any comments? Sharon, does that answer your question on accelerating the schedule?

54:36

Speaker 1

Thank you. It does, but I do. And thank you for being so specific about the eight, because again, there's only been four that we're aware of that have met, but HRTC members, I am really directing folks back to staff, given that I was chair of outreach and engagement, I still have HRTC members calling me, asking me, where do I plug in? How do I get in touch with these, my designated hub? When will the family group meet? You know, and so I just think if we can do anything to mobilize our Affinity hub leads and get them scheduled and get some communication out so those HRTC members who want to be involved can bring their voice in, it would be extremely helpful. I am redirecting every call I get to staff. Thanks.

55:23

Speaker 2

Very good. Smart move. You don't need to. Yeah, we already had that discussion, but, yeah, smart move. And the other thing, Scarlett, maybe if we had you know, I know that we wanted to try to get the newsletter out Monday. It went out late Wednesday. Whatever we could do to get out in front on that would probably get more HRTC members involved. But, you know, that's my only advice on getting them engaged. And then, of course, our doors are always open, at least mine is. And I'm sure everyone feels the same. Did you want to respond, Scarlett?

56:05

Speaker 1

Yeah, absolutely. Thank you so much, Kevin. I completely agree with Sharon and yourself. Our team has really tried to contact our affinity hub leads multiple times through emails now to update their convening tracker. So we did create a spreadsheet that tracks all the convenings with specific meeting details. We are requesting for those that are on the call to please update that convening tracker. That's what I use to publicize the information online as well as in our newsletters.

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Speaker 1

Right now, our newsletters have not gone out a bit a day or two late because we, within our newsletters, we also include other updates and there's a lot of moving pieces and sometimes information that we don't get in time for it to make the deadline, which is why we've kind of had to push off a day or two to make sure that these newsletters are accurate in the information that we are getting from CCF as well as all the partners that are involved in this program. So within our newsletters, you are finding your events being publicized as well as our website. And then also encouraging our Affinity hub leads to reach out directly to your sub regional tables. You all should have their contact information. If you do need it, we can resend it.

57:26

Speaker 1

Our best advice is to create a calendar invite on your end for your meetings and include all the contacts, your sub regional contacts, so that they have it on their calendar directly as well. And so again, really encouraging our Affinity hub leads to please fill out the convening tracker. We can go ahead and share that after this call as well, and that will allow us to make sure that we have access to your information for your meetings to then promote to our partners.

57:58

Speaker 2

So what I'd like to say has worked well for us, for me personally, Scarlett, and kudos to the CJF team. Everything I've requested, you guys have gotten it to me. I personally sent out Zoom calendar invites to my folks. That's why we had great attendance today. But I also appreciate all the other comments around getting the LaHRTC. I also appreciate the fact that, Scarlett, there's a lot of moving parts if you're going to have, you don't want to get unsubscribed from the newsletter by sending out too many. So I get that. But we'll work together. It's

not a perfect world and we'll do the best we can with what we got to work with. So thank you for the team but also want to continue to motivate folks to get that putting in that your information.

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Speaker 2

In fact, I'm going to have to do that. Might bug you guys for a link here or there, but I made a note to myself to make sure we get that spreadsheet populated for our third community because you guys did the first two. Appreciate it. Chioma, Jermaine, you're next.

59:13

Speaker 1

Yeah, I just wanted to quickly add that I reached out to all of you affinity hub leads this week and I'm thankful for the responses. I see a comment about Deo in the chat and so the tracker is almost completely filled. We have one we're anticipating by tomorrow and we have one that is out of town right now, but we'll be updating. So the tracker is almost full and we'll be sharing out this information. So thanks.

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Speaker 2

Thank you. Good news. Thank you, Jioma. All right, jermaine.

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Speaker 3

Thank you, mister chair. No, just really want to just come on quick. I just want to commend everybody for their collaboration. The other piece though, I noticed, I mean, we have these links for all the different Affinity hub meetings and I know right now I see center by lindustry, I see Bizfed Institute obviously with Mister chair and then also grid alternatives. And so I would just encourage even more collaboration. I think these are great models and it really showcases all of the different events that are transpiring and just making sure that we're sharing these events out and making sure people are engaged and involved. I think all the information is there. It's more so just making sure that people know where to go to get it and are actually going in resourcing that information. So great job all and thank you all so much.

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Speaker 2

Remain, thanks for leaning in. Appreciate your words. Means a lot and okay, any other questions or thoughts or comments on Affinity hub lead convening? All right, hearing none, we're going to move to the next agenda item translation status. Charles, I know we covered that earlier, but are you going to, are we going to repeat on that or where are we on that?

01:01:07

Speaker 3

No, we, I think we've covered it well.

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Speaker 2

Yeah, the fiscal agent covered it earlier.

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Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah. We probably just didn't update it on this slide.

01:01:16

Speaker 2

No worries. No, actually, yeah, no worries. Okay. All right, so that's it. Next agenda item, please. Research with Armon.

01:01:34

Speaker 5

Yes. So I'll be giving the research updates as usual. We've received the final reports for all three of the contracted research that we've given to Beacon and civil economics, the regional summary, industry cluster analysis, and the SWOT analysis. We did also receive that accountability data tool from Beacon economics in

its final version, and I will link to that in the chat in a second. I can link to it right now. It's a very interesting tool that you can use to see employment data. There are a few demographic data points as well. It's interactive, and it shows a map of the county. So I will share that right now. Apart from that, there is something important that I wanted to point out, which is that comes from a conversation that I sat in on, which was the labor Affinity hub meeting.

01:02:28

Speaker 5

I'm not sure if anyone from labor is still on the call, crystal or brady, but one thing that they did point out, and it's something that I've also been trying to emphasize throughout the affinity hub league meetings, and also just the research process as a whole, which is to contextualize the research. Of course, those industry clusters are just a starting point with data. They include the data of industries that are regionally concentrated and pay a good wage in La county. But of course, a lot of this data is looking at averages, and there's a lot more things to be considered when we're contextualizing the research, especially for the purposes of, you know, implementation and trying to start getting funding from the state for strategy and projects.

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Speaker 5

So just wanted to point out, you know, some other things that folks may be looking at that may not be captured within the research, such as workforce development initiatives within industries that may align with the goals of the program, initiatives in terms of innovation. Oh, I see. Jennifer. Okay, sorry. That was a direct message. The innovation ecosystem within industries, it may vary. It may not be captured in the data. Job quality and access. Are these jobs accessible for folks? Are they in diverse industries? Is it tough for folks of certain demographic backgrounds to get into these industries? So these are all sort of the conversations and the gaps that we hope the affinity hub leads can chime in on from their conversations as they respond to those industries.

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Speaker 5

And, yeah, that's basically my whole point, was, you know, contextualizing it, is that the data is a starting point, but there's a lot of other things that should be considered as we start moving into strategy. The next thing I wanted to address was that we have, as we mentioned, earlier, the strategic writer and graphic designer. We're working hard on the regional plan. I've been working close with them, and we're still working as we try to meet that April 30 deadline. And finally we have a feedback form, which is probably what I should call it to avoid any confusion with the sub regional table survey. But it's a feedback form for all the partners to send in feedback for the regional plan part two, and that was released in the newsletter yesterday.

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Speaker 5

So we hope to get some responses that we can then include in the regional plan. Thank you.

01:04:53

Speaker 2

Thank you. Armand, you mentioned something earlier, and I guess I just want to get some clarity out here and set expectations, especially as a follow on to the affinity hub league convenings. If we need support from the California jobs first team like yourself, what do we need to do? Because I know there's twelve of us and you got a lot of work to do. Is it guaranteed you'll be there? Is it you'll be there as you're available? What's the expectation on that?

01:05:24

Speaker 5

Yeah, yeah. I like to be on the meeting, so I make, you know, my best effort to be on the meetings if I know about them. Like, even with laborers, I actually attended that one in person. So, you know, I will do my best to attend the meetings. If you feel like it's something I should maybe prioritize for one meeting or so that you feel like it's really necessary for me to be there, please let me know and I'll do my best to attend.

01:05:50

Speaker 2

Well, I will tell you that further down the line you get, the more confident you get as an affinity athlete. We, at first, when I didn't see anyone today, I said, oh. But you know, my conversation with Charles, I know you guys are busy and you have competing schedules and there's a lot of us. So if that's the case, I encourage any of you

that have the need to have someone from the California jobs first team at the meeting, let them know, especially if you're just starting out. After today, it's like, you know, we're off the training wheels. I can ride this bike myself, so. But I also don't want to get overconfident. But I appreciate all the meetings that you have attended, and if we need you, we'll let you know.

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Speaker 2

And I'm sure the rest of the affinity hub leads will do the same. So that's, we're coming to the upcoming meetings. Who's up on that?

01:06:55

Speaker 5

Kevin? Yeah. And I just wanted to say that sounds good. I think I linked incorrectly to another link when I put the accountability data tool the first time. But you should have the correct link in the chat now.

01:07:06

Speaker 2

All right, very good. Okay. Upcoming meetings. Thank you, Ariel.

01:07:14

Speaker 5

Yes. So for the upcoming meetings, we have, the next Cncome meeting is going to be on Thursday, May 9. Remember, these meetings are the second and fourth Thursday for every month. And our next LahRTC partners meeting is going to be on May 10, which is the Friday, so. Right, the day after the state committee meeting. We have the partners meeting. Partners meeting happens once a month. And the next Affinity hub lead meeting still to be discussed. We haven't landed on a date yet, but as soon as we have, we let you know.

01:07:56

Speaker 2

Okay, so steering committee, everybody, making a note of the upcoming. All right. All right, Chioma, you're up.

01:08:15

Speaker 1

Arielle, can you refresh the page? I think you didn't update Ariel.

01:08:22

Speaker 5

Sure.

01:08:23

Speaker 1

Okay. Basically, as we've discussed the affinity of leads, those who need to update their tracker, please update it as soon as possible. But we've gotten great feedback from all of our affinity hub leads, so we appreciate that. And so also for the Affinity hub leads to please engage with your sub regional table leads. Let them know your dates. Some of you have already shared that you've had introduction meetings with them and you're corresponding with them. So that is great. And please direct the sub regional table leads to surf email. Let them know that they may need to look at their folder some more for their questions. Look at the fact sheet that is included in their folder, but their answers are probably there and if not, they can send the email to surf. So just please direct them our way.

01:09:24

Speaker 1

If they have a lot of questions that don't have to do with convenings, you know, contract and stipend questions, just direct them to their fact sheet and that should help. And then next on to, again, sorry, with the affinity hub leads, if you still need to do your planning, please do it as soon as possible. Catalyst. Catalyst, as far as we know, is still set to begin May 2024. We have not heard anything differently from our fiscal agent or the state, so we're just going to leave that there as a reminder. Any catalyst information you will be able to find on the about page. There are a few slides at the bottom of the about page on the website and in the catalyst section.

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Speaker 1

Or if you have any specific questions about catalyst, you can direct them to me and myself and I'll try to answer them along with the team. And then just a reminder that the planning phase, the phase we're in right now. It ends August 30. Our report is due. We will be moving on to the implementation phase. And so that's all the next steps that I have for you.

01:10:40

Speaker 5

I see.

01:10:41

Speaker 1

There's a couple of questions. Give it back to the chair.

01:10:44

Speaker 2

Okay. Maria Garcia. Thank you, Chioma.

01:10:47

Speaker 4

Thank you, Chioma. And thank you, chair. I just wanted to make an update relative to the catalyst contract. We've returned the contract with signatures on the CCF side and provided the documentation on our tax status to the state. So it looks like they have all of the documents they need on our end. So now we're just waiting to receive back.

01:11:16

Speaker 2

You sound like you went underwater the last 3 seconds there, Maria. You might be having some of the challenges Tony Simon's having right now. You might want to put it in chat, but thank you for your update. Linda Kelly.

01:11:34

Speaker 1

Hello. Okay, so is there any way you could tell us who was awarded the catalyst program and the economic development pilot program? Can we get a list of those? I can answer that. Sorry, Mister Harvard. Mister chair.

01:11:51

Speaker 2

Sure. Please.

01:11:53

Speaker 1

For the pilot part. So catalyst was a closed application. Only the 13 fiscal agents that already exist for the planning phase were eligible to apply for that. So that's catalyst. I think if you're referring to the catalyst projects, we have not gotten to that part yet. So if you're referring to what the \$14 million will fund, we haven't gotten to that part yet. And then if you'd like to know the pilot projects that were awarded last year, I can put that in the chat for here in La county. It was pace la, and they did speak at the last HRTC collaborative meeting. We can send you that newsletter or recording if you want to hear from pace and if you want to know the other ones, I'll put that in the chat.

01:12:47

Speaker 2

Why don't you go ahead and do that?

01:12:48

Speaker 1

I answered both of them, both questions.

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Speaker 2

Okay, thank you, Linda. And why don't you go ahead and do that, Chioma, have another question. Sharon Evans.

01:12:57

Speaker 1

Yes, thank you so much. I'd like to just ask, given that there was a discussion around this financial strategies table partner and I know that's going to be forthcoming on the next meeting. I would like to ask that for our next steering committee meeting where Maria at TCF and LAEDC, can you please provide us with some clarification on those, some overlapping roles? Because in catalyst there is a funding strategy role that's funded specifically to provide and identify funding opportunities to support projects. And then in this financing, in this financial strategies role. It appears to be the same thing. It's to identify and it actually. And so just clarifying those funds will be used to identify or actually secure funding for projects. I want us to get to understand what's the difference. So can we.

01:14:04

Speaker 1

Can we forward that and be prepared for that next time? Would that be possible?

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Speaker 2

Who's your question? Direct to that?

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Speaker 1

This is a joint part of it is what's LAEDC is representing in terms of the financing strategies table lead that they're going to come back with next time. As I understood, Charles. And the other is comparing that, because if the same exact objective is listed as the financial funding role in the catalyst, which is supposed to start in May. So I'm trying to understand where they intersect or overlap.

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Speaker 2

Charles, you want to speak to that?

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Speaker 3

Yeah, I can try, but I'm not exactly sure what she means in the. Sharon, what you mean in the catalyst phase? I'm not familiar with which part of the catalyst program you're referring to, but I think maybe the best thing to do is to send where you saw in the catalyst, in the application, send that to the CJF team, and then we'll put together, you know, some type of documentation or form that differentiates between the two.

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Speaker 1

That'd be wonderful. I will do that. Thank you.

01:15:20

Speaker 2

Copy on that. Copy me on that chair, and please. Thank you. I'm aware of what's going on. Okay. All right. Any. So we've come to the end of our agenda. Well, let's see here. Yeah, we're at the end of our agenda, folks. Might be able to let you reclaim 15 minutes of your time. Is there anyone else that has a question? Okay, Scarlett, if you don't start using your hand.

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Speaker 1

I don't. I don't have ack. I'm sorry. I.

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Speaker 2

Don't worry. Don't worry. I'll just play it.

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Speaker 1

I cannot find my. I don't know if. Because I'm one of the hosts, but it doesn't allow me to raise my hands. I.

01:15:58

Speaker 2

No worries. No worries. If you have something to say, it's your floor.

01:16:03

Speaker 1

Yes. Before we leave, we actually still have a conversation to finalize, and that is the replacement of the two organizations for the funding. The \$10,000 subregional table funding. We have two openings since we had two organizations that decided not to move forward, and we currently don't no longer have any orgs that have that meet the threshold based on their applications that were graded. So we do need to have some sort of guidance from the steering committee to proceed and get that going so that they can be integrated into the process, or New Orleans.

01:16:37

Speaker 2

Okay, Rudy, I guess I spoke too soon. I forgot were going to address this at the end of the meeting. My apologies. All right, so, Sharon, if you want to speak to what Scarlett just said, we can go now. Otherwise, we need to cover that.

01:16:53

Speaker 1

I can do it quickly. I served on the sub regional table selection committee, and we did have a provision for minimum scoring, and anyone that scored less than 50% was not eligible for award. But we did approve in our recommendations that there would be anyone that scored between 51 and 70% of the available score, I think, was 105, then they would be. Then we would provide technical assistance and offer them the opportunity to reapply. And that is something that the committee was pretty much in unison on. So Linda's on the call as well, but I don't know if those two applicants scored less than the 50 or between the 51 and the 70.

01:17:43

Speaker 2

Okay. So I'm not sure how to, you know, let me just say this off the top. If there was consensus reached, then great. But let's take your recommendation on the merit that you're presenting it. And does anybody have any comments on what Sharon suggested that we do to get there, or do you have another suggestion to be considered? Linda?

01:18:05

Speaker 1

I'm sorry. What she quoted was exactly what was the consensus for all of us in the meeting?

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Speaker 2

Okay, good. All right. There we go. Andrea, so these.

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Speaker 1

These areas where we don't have people, are they. Are they areas that there was overlap already or just to provide some context? Are we losing anything by these two groups? Not perhaps by having. Not having spaces in these two groups, because we did have some county wide folk. So I'm just wondering if we are actually losing anything without these two slots.

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Speaker 2

Who are you addressing your question to, Andrea? You just throwing it out there, or is it in the air?

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Speaker 1

No, I'm kidding. I think.

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Speaker 2

Okay. All right, Chioma, you want to take a bite out of that apple a little bit?

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Speaker 1

Just a little bit, and then pass it to Armon? But because Armon will know the data. But just to say, we did have a few organizations, they checked countywide on their applications, but then when they saw the area that they received and was dead and was designated, then they had questions, and then we had to remind a few partners what they put on their application. They checked countywide, some checked county wide and maybe didn't realize it, or maybe they just wanted to be eligible for more funding, but then when they saw that they need to come with 30 participants that are in that spa that we need surveys from, then, you know, I think some things change. Oh, that's what. Okay, so that's what impacted the decision. Okay. One of them for sure. Yes.

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Speaker 2

Okay, Arman, I see you come off mute. Did you want to speak?

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Speaker 5

Yes. So, for these two areas, I'm just looking at it right now. There are three organizations that applied for one of the positions that's currently empty and that they scored below the threshold. That's why they can't be considered. And of the three, two of them scored between 50 and 70%. And then we have. For the other area, for the other position that's currently empty, it looks like we have four organism, or we have five organizations that applied for that one. That. And of the five, three of them scored between 50 and 70%.

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Speaker 2

So, with that stated, I mean, just go back to Sharon's recommendation and also the timelines that we're dealing with. I think we have a good recommendation, unless someone has a better one, and I haven't heard one yet. So does this give us traction to move forward? Charles?

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Speaker 3

Sorry, I'm a little confused right now. So, did they score between the. Are they eligible? Do we have two eligible replacements? That's the question we need to know.

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Speaker 5

We have. They didn't score. So it sounds like. So what the subcommittee decided was upon that there was a 70% threshold to be considered at all. But then if you score between 50% and 70%, there would be some 51 and 70. 51 and 70. There'd be an opportunity to resubmit, I.

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Speaker 2

Guess, to get coached. Okay, I believe that was it. And you can correct me if I'm wrong, Sharon, but go ahead. Charles.

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Speaker 3

What's the coaching process? How long does it take? Because, obviously, not to beat a dead horse. We're on the time.

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Speaker 1

Excellent.

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Speaker 2
Sharon.

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Speaker 1

The subcommittee agreed to host a one, two hour, up to two hour session, excuse me, up to two 1 hour sessions for P, so that at one time, they could come in, receive the technical coaching, technical assistance on where the weaknesses were. That would then give them two days, a couple days to respond and update, and then the selection where the rescore would happen. It should be no more than a two to three day process, in my view, but I would defer to the remainder of the committee members. But that was, we did accommodate this in our thought process and our planning.

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Speaker 2

So what I'm hearing is two 1 hour sessions, then they have to be rescored, and if they don't pass then what?

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Speaker 1

We take the, we take whichever individual scores above 70 is the, it would be the winner.

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Speaker 2

Okay. My point is that if they don't score above 70, what happens?

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Speaker 1

We don't have a plan for that.

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Speaker 2

So that, so again, we got to be sensitive to timelines. And, you know, we're, these are ideas to move forward. And you have an idea. Does anyone have an idea that is comparable but also is sensitive to timelines?

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Speaker 1

Excuse me, mister chair. The subcommittee was given the full authority of the steering committee.

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Speaker 2

Very good.

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Speaker 1

It was not a recommendation. We delegated authority. And so that.

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Speaker 2

Thank you for that clarification. So there you have it. So again, it sounds like the subcommittee has a position on this. Does anyone have a comment on what Sharon said? Because it sounds like the authority to move forward is there, and then the question is, how quickly can we meet? Armand?

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Speaker 5

Yeah. Just looking at the scores right now, I mean, for one of the positions, it seems like they were. So just to give context on how the scoring was, it was out of 150, and so they had to get 105 to at least be considered. So for one of the positions, it seems that there was an applicant that got 95. So, I mean, they weren't that far off. And then for the other one, there was also, there was actually an applicant that got 100. So they were just five points off. So, I mean, I guess just as an alternative suggestion, it could be that we can just take the next highest scoring, considering they weren't that far off to save time.

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Speaker 2

So out of respect, out of the same respect that I asked, you know, the subcommittee needs to lean in on this. We have a subcommittee chair, co chair here. But before we get to you, Andrea Zahira.

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Speaker 1

Thank you. So, I mean, I appreciate this conversation. I mean, from what I'm hearing, it sounds as if we shared a process for technical assistance and that it would be a couple of days or something. In terms of going through, I do think it's important to honor that process of doing that level of technical assistance, if that's what it means, and maybe it's with those two organizations, and I think we're looking for two. But that, I'm curious about that piece because it does seem as if we set up a process, and from this conversation, it's not clear to me that we would be honoring that process.

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Speaker 2

No, I think Sharon made it. She added context and clarity for me as a chair that the subcommittee agreed to a process, and there's a stake in the ground on that. So there's no moving away from that, from where I sit, my only concern is, so we move it. We go forward. How fast can it happen? Can it be done in a two hour session on the same day? And how fast can we do it if that is the case? So does it impact timelines? Because time and time again, I mean, I heard it myself, the state has been very clear on what those issues are in terms of us not complying to the timelines, and I'm worried about that, and that's just me speaking.

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Speaker 1

So thank you so much for that chair. So that sounds different than what Armand just shared, but yes.

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Speaker 2

Yes.

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Speaker 1

Okay.

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Speaker 2

I just want to say, yes, it is. Yes, it is. Armon is suggesting that there are two people, two organizations, the score pretty high, and maybe we ought to give consideration to them rather than go through this process. It might, but again, the established process has to be ordered because that's what we agreed to. And so for my position, that's what I have to rule. I mean, that's. That's where we are now. If the subcommittee says, well, you know, we will relent on that, then there you have it. But I haven't heard that yet. So, Andrea.

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Speaker 1

Okay, if I can interject, because I did in the scoring, where a lot of the groups fell short, was actually in the outreach plan. So that's where most of the technical assistance would be. So I think if the other groups bowed out because of the scope of work, then we need to first present the alternatives with that option to see if they're interested before we invest this time, and then if they're willing to work with us and develop their outreach plan and follow through on it, then. Then we move forward. That's what I would suggest.

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Speaker 2

Well, you're the subcommittee co chair. Sharon sits on that subcommittee. It sounds like, you know, we toss it back over the fence to you guys and you come back with a solution on how to move forward. Is that reasonable?

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Speaker 1

Mm.

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Speaker 5

Yes.

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Speaker 2

Okay. All right.

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Speaker 1

On the call. And so is Luis.

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Speaker 2

I'm sorry?

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Speaker 1

I said we also have Miss Linda and Mister Louise.

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Speaker 2

Okay. All right. So again, do you guys need to. Again, we have established, again, we have a process that's established, and, you know, from what I see, once we establish a process, we don't. We can't go away from that unless you guys reconvene and come up with a different process. And the other thing that I need to be, you know, again, prudent and letting, you know, let's not let this get in the way of, you know, delaying what we need to get done. Linda?

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Speaker 1

My way in is can we at least talk to the two highest people and ask them are they willing to go through the process? And if they are willing to the process, I'm sure a subcommittee members can meet immediately, effectively, to have our convenience to get them on board, to get them trained to be on board.

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Speaker 2

Like tomorrow. Tomorrow morning. Okay. All right, Charles?

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Speaker 3

Yes, thank you, Linda. Because I was actually going along those lines of, like, having some type of flexibility. And in that prior decision, keep in mind that, you know, those two affinity groups can't really. Aren't supposed to meet. They can't continue their work until these. Until they're on boarded. So if there is a way to expedite this, maybe to your point, Linda, if there's. If they agree to go through the trainings until they reach that threshold, maybe you guys can do both at once. It's just to save time.

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Speaker 1

That would be my suggestion.

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Speaker 2

Okay, so, folks, we got less, a little over a minute before we hit time. So my understanding is that you guys can huddle after this call and decide on how to move forward. Sharon had a question on how many people scored within the range. So unless that can be immediate, can you answer that right now? Armand, was it five or.

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Speaker 5

I was muted. So for one of them, two scored within the range, and then for the other one, three.

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Speaker 2

Okay. All right. So you heard that, Sharon?

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Speaker 5

Also, also, I'll say that's technically, that was 50% to 70%, which I think is fine because the scores are by five, so you can't really get 51%.

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Speaker 2

Okay, so will the co chairs and Sharon, I saw you come up mute. One. I mean, we got a few seconds.

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Speaker 1

I'm just asking, since we do, we have four, quote, four of the six co chairs on this call. I mean, four of the six subcommittee members on this call. Six subcommittee members.

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Speaker 2

That gives you quorum.

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Speaker 1

That's. Why. Do we have. Do we have four?

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Speaker 2

You guys know who you are if you're a subcommittee member, raise your hands, please.

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Speaker 1

So we know you're here, Linda, Louise, Andrea, Benny's on a plane right now. Called me earlier.

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Speaker 2

And, yeah, Biddy told me he wasn't going to be here, so.

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Speaker 1

So we only have three.

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Speaker 2

Yeah, it looks like you have three, but you, Andrea, Sharon, and Linda.

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Speaker 1

Right. So if we can get Luis on the call, is there possible we could do a 30 minutes call today? I actually do not have time later today. What about Monday morning?

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Speaker 2

But how about tomorrow morning?

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Speaker 1

Oh, yeah, tomorrow's Friday. Sorry. I keep thinking today's Friday. I'll make myself available. Sharon, just let me know, okay?

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Speaker 2

All right. So listen, folks, why don't you handle this? Why don't you want, you guys go ahead, communicate amongst yourselves, get your meeting set up, and let's get this going, and then get back to us with what your determination is, okay? All right. I want to thank you all for a productive meeting. Thank you for the order today. I believe everyone's voice was heard. I think we made some progress, and hopefully we'll get this last piece dealt with. And unless there are any other comments or concerns, any other, okay, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you all. Appreciate it.