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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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Set Matter 2.		Favor	Barbara J Epstein	We must get our unhoused in safe shelter with services.
		Other		Yet another important issues that the Board chooses to "receive and file", and kick down the road for discussion.



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				I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the upcoming presentation on the Continuum of Care for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Beds.
				While I understand the importance of addressing the issue of mental health and substance use disorders, I am concerned that the presentation may not be the best use of your valuable time. The primary reason for my concern is that there seems to be no viable solution to create more beds for those who are suffering from mental health issues.
				As you are well aware, the demand for mental health services has been steadily increasing over the years, and the current capacity of our mental health facilities is already stretched thin. The addition of more beds would require significant financial investment, as well as the acquisition of new facilities or the expansion of existing ones. Moreover, even if we were able to secure the necessary resources, it would take a considerable amount of time to implement these changes.
				In light of these challenges, I believe that it would be more productive to focus on alternative solutions that can provide immediate relief to those in need. For instance, we could explore the possibility of expanding telehealth services, which would allow mental health professionals to reach a larger number of patients without the need for additional physical infrastructure.
				Additionally, we could invest in community-based programs that focus on prevention and early intervention, as well as support services for individuals and families affected by mental health and substance use disorders. By addressing these issues at the root, we can potentially reduce the demand for inpatient care and alleviate some of the pressure on our mental health facilities.
				In conclusion, while I appreciate the efforts being made to address the issue of mental health and substance use disorders, I believe that the upcoming presentation on the Continuum of Care for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Beds may not be the most effective use of your time. Instead, I would encourage you to consider alternative solutions that can provide immediate relief to those in need and help us build a more comprehensive and sustainable mental health care system.
				Thank you for your attention to this matter.
				Monisha Parker
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