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Alexandria Cedergren
Ground noise. If everyone could stay muted unless they're

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Laurie Fields (Guest)
Yeah.

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Alexandria Cedergren
asking a question and have that have been called on so welcome.

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Alexandria Cedergren
For, I think everyone here knows me, but just as a reminder, my name is Ali Cedergren. I am.

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Alexandria Cedergren
On the Elevate team and the program administrator for Illinois Solar for all.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And today we are doing a bit of an educational meeting. So this is really just for your benefit to make sure that all of you as advisory committee members are kind of on the same page with the necessary background for ILSFA knowledge. So today we are focusing on a little bit deeper of a dive into the ILSFA subprograms.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Umm.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yeah. So we can get started then.

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Alexandria Cedergren
So just a little agenda for today, we'll do a little bit of.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Look into project trends over the years with ILSFA. We'll do some talk about some different program requirements related to our four subprograms and then.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Talk a little bit about barriers again before opening the floor to Q&A.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Alright so.

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Alexandria Cedergren
As a reminder, these are our four sub programs within ILSFA. We have two residential solar programs for small and large households, 1 to 4 units and five plus. And then we have community solar and nonprofit and public facilities.

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Alexandria Cedergren
We'll start off with the project dashboard, so this is a tool that's available to everyone on the ILSFA website. It is where you can look for updates regularly on tracking the movement of projects through the application process. The application review process, and.

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Alexandria Cedergren
I will actually now.

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Alexandria Cedergren
To.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Actually hop over to the web page so it'll be a little bit easier to.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Umm.

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Alexandria Cedergren
To talk about it, if I just show it to you as well.

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Alexandria Cedergren
So.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And I will just so you all know, I will follow up with an e-mail with the various resources that we talked about today, so that you can have the the link to this page. So the project dashboard, you can go through program years up here on the top. So I'll just stay in program Year 5 for now. You can see when it was last updated. It has a little bit of info on this.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And this was the screenshot that I just showed you all so you can go through the different you can go for all sub programs you can go through the four different types of programs.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Specifically and down here is kind of where it moves through the different processes of the review process on our end, so.

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Alexandria Cedergren
You can see the number of projects within each step. The capacity for the system and the incentive value. One useful tidbit here is that you can hover over each step to kind of get a little bit of background info on what that really means, so each of those here will tell you exactly what eligible means for our review process of projects.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And then down here are the program totals so.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Just kind of giving an overview of the programs. So number of submitted for this year and then number of approved. One thing I just want to highlight for you all one on this last column here remaining budget, this remaining budget or I guess the this does not include projects that have been submitted but are not approved so.

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Alexandria Cedergren
That that made sense. So the the budget here that is has been used up already are only from projects that are approved in this section here. And this second table down here. So this does not include the incentive value from the pre approval projects.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Any questions? That was a really quick overview of the dashboard, but it, you know it could be a useful tool.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Umm. Maybe not for like an everyday resident in our ILSFA communities, but something to kind of stay up to date on where our programs projects are for this year and for previous years as well.

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Schmidt, Jennifer M.
Kelly.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yes.

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Schmidt, Jennifer M.
This is Jen. I'm I see that we don't really have too many participants in this meeting. What can we, can I ask everybody on here just to introduce themselves and write who you know who they're representing in the chat. And just so that we can get to know each other.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yes.

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Schmidt, Jennifer M.
I don't. We don't need to hold up the presentation or anything, but I just thought we might want to introduce each other.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yes, thank you, Jen.

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Schmidt, Jennifer M.
Or introduce ourselves.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yes. Now I think since we haven't been able to see each other too often, it's it's good to have that reminder. Thank you, Jen, apologies for not starting with that.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Great. Well, if anything does come up with this questions, you know, or even if you go back to this and come across a question on your own time, please feel free to reach out. Let me go back to my slides.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yeah. OK.

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Alexandria Cedergren
OK.

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Alexandria Cedergren
So this is a little look into kind of the program trends, the sub program trends. So how many projects have moved or have been energized and approved, so no installed and have been running.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Over the the five program years, so we can see.

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Alexandria Cedergren
One thing that we want to note is that this residential small trend looks a little weird, but that's because, you know, we're still in our fifth program year and so there we do have a lot of projects that our team has been working hard on approving and moving through the process. And so this does not reflect this only reflects the number of projects that have been able to receive approval for installation and energization. So this will likely.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yep.

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Alexandria Cedergren
I'm shift in the next three months while we're completing the program here, so.

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
Pretty amazing.

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Alexandria Cedergren
But it's pretty amazing to see how much.

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Alexandria Cedergren
It's pretty amazing to see how much the subprograms have progressed over the years. We do see, you know, a positive trend for the nonprofit SUBPROGRAM, which is very encouraging.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Community Solar looks a little weird just because it's a different type of project, but I included the table here so that you can look at specific number of projects that have been approved over the years.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Umm.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Any questions or comments on this slide?

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Alexandria Cedergren
And apologies I can't see.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And their hands raised.

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Schmidt, Jennifer M.
I don't think so. I think you're good.

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Alexandria Cedergren
OK. Thank you, Jen. Alright, we will keep moving then.

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Alexandria Cedergren
So this is our project map which is also included on our website and this shows more of the geographic distributions of our different sub program projects. Again just our approved and energized projects. One topic of discussion that is typically noted.

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Alexandria Cedergren
You know, is the concentration of projects largely in our northern region of Illinois. And so talking about how we can maybe bring a lot more projects to our central and Southern region of Illinois as well. So I think that's one thing that you can see here on the map and something that we will likely discuss in future committee meetings as well since that is something that is of concern for the program and that we want to address.

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Alexandria Cedergren
But still great to see the the variety of projects all over the state it is. It is wonderful to see as well.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Umm any questions or comments on this slide?

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Alexandria Cedergren
And this is also updated. I don't think as regularly as the dashboard, but it is reflective of projects from.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Uh, the start of ILSFA.

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Alexandria Cedergren
OK, another requirement of most of our subprograms is in inclusion of environmental justice communities. And so these are areas or neighborhoods that have been exposed or vulnerable to environmental hazards and pollution disproportionately compared to other communities. So they're often surrounded by freeways and industrial facilities where residents are exposed to that pollution more than others who live miles away.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And so this designation process uses those environmental and socioeconomic factors that show a communities as at higher risk of exposure. And that's based off of a US EPA tool.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And so these this eligibility is useful because it ensures that we have projects that focus on areas that stand to benefit the most from access to solar energy. And so there is 25% of our funding is allocated to these communities. This is one thing to note is that it is not a requirement for eligibility of a residential small or large project to be submitted. There's just funding allocated to.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Those community types, but it is a requirement for a nonprofit public facility project to either be an ejc and environmental justice community or an income eligible community. So just a little bit of distinction. The requirements for the different subprograms for environmental justice.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And so another aspect of the dashboard that I showed you.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Is this data that we have here that shows the number of projects for that are designated as environmental justice communities or not? So I will.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Back to that, just to show you where that is.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Apologies for my dog that is.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Actively trying to play with me right now.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Oh gosh.

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Alexandria Cedergren
OK.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yes, so.

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Alexandria Cedergren
This is still just showing this program here so that you can change these numbers by looking at the top.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Selection bar for different program years. But here you can change for looking at all subprograms or select a specific subprogram and then you can also look at where those projects.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Where those projects are by stage.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And so I was just looking at system energized on those. Whoops.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Sometimes it doesn't load all the way.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yeah. So now so yeah. So you can see.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Umm you can just interact with this and play around with you know the project stages and different project types and it also includes information or the same graphics for income eligible communities. So this is an easy way to look at where historically again the projects have focused or just areas.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Uh projects have been centered around as well as projects that have been submitted by minority women, owned approved vendors, which is another not included in this presentation, but another topic.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Of interest, potentially.

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Alexandria Cedergren
So yes, a cool tool for you all to kind of visualize the the data that we have around our sub programs and projects to date.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Right. So.

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Alexandria Cedergren
OK. Another exciting addition to our sub programming this program year is the is energy sovereignty. And so this objective is to promote ownership and to increase those opportunities for wealth building in our income eligible communities. And so this means that in the case of a small residential project, the homeowner is the sole or majority owner of the installation and they can participate in the decisions regarding the governance, operation and maintenance of that.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Of that installation.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And so this is a really exciting piece of this new program here. And you know, I think we're all excited to see how that continues to progress throughout this year and into next program year. This is also something we have.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And used our grassroots educators to help spread the word in their own campaign areas so that we can continue to reach our income eligible residents.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And this opportunity?

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Alexandria Cedergren
Umm. In a little look into the numbers for energy sovereignty this program year, we have 20 energy sovereignty projects so far, nineteen of which are.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Nonprofit and public facilities and I have a little bit of kind of the background on some of these projects. So we have a Public Library, a CAA goodwill, some churches and a variety of elementary, middle and high schools involved in this. So really exciting to see how it's impacting different.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Nonprofits and public entities across across the state, so it's very exciting.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Any questions about energy sovereignty?

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Alexandria Cedergren
Right. OK.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And then finally, something that is included in you know, cross the board for our sub programs is our consumer protections. So these are specific requirements for our approved vendors to follow and ensure that all of our customers are taken care of throughout the process with ILSFA and recently or.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Now we have the IPA has one consumer protections handbook that outlines those guidelines for both the Illinois shines program and so I can provide that link as well for you all to have as a resource and one other resource or just something to note as it relates to consumer protections, there is a working group that meets every.

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Alexandria Cedergren
The first Friday of every month and that is open to the public. So if you're ever interested in hearing a little bit more about what topics are at for discussion around consumer protections for either program that is available to everyone. So I can also include the information to that in my follow up e-mail for you all.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And finally, I mentioned this list in our first committee meeting, but I think since we are talking about trends of projects over the years and just generally subprograms, it's useful to identify these barriers again.

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Alexandria Cedergren
So I think you know the program has made some adjustments to address these barrier barriers already and we are working on additional ways to continue addressing them, so.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And when we note the need for home repairs and an old roof for old electrical, we do have a pilot program that we have that was laid out in the 2022 long term plan for the IPA last year. So that is something we're hopeful to advance this barrier or just learn more about what this barrier means for our residents.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And the other pilot program addressing kind of the lower uptake for residential small subprograms, so.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Trying to maybe address, you know, the distrust of marketers is something that we might be looking into.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Umm. And just kind of addressing whatever else may come up. So something that we're always looking or keeping in the back of our mind and trying to continue educating ourselves on and finding ways to move past these barriers to improve the program.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Any questions or comments on different barriers for the ILSFA subprograms?

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
What?

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
Question this is V.

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Alexandria Cedergren
What's your question be?

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
Umm.

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
Now we're getting ready to have our first event. What about maybe 40 to 50 homeowners, small unit owners and other public facilities?

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
Till again am I hearing you to say if they come to that barrier that.

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
The suggested by the approved vendor that they need home repairs. We do have some place to show them to go to, to overcome that barrier.

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
OK, you.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Not quite yet it is. It is a pilot program and in development.

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Alexandria Cedergren
There should be some more information out soon though, for for you all, so I think that's something.

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Alexandria Cedergren
That we will likely reach out for our grassroots educators to know about as well as you all as our advisory committee, just to be aware of updates with new programs, so.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Beyond the lookout, something Morris coming soon. I understand it is.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Unfortunately, something that you as a grassroots educator probably does hear from a handful of your residents, so hopefully we have some things soon for you.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Well, I wanted to keep this, you know, short to not overwhelm everyone with too much information at one time. So are there any other questions related to our sub programs that has come up and anyone would like to come off mute and ask?

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Alexandria Cedergren
Well.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Anything ever does come up.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And so kind of next steps for.

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Alexandria Cedergren
The advisory committee, beyond the lookout for a Doodle poll soon to decide on a time for a another educational.

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Alexandria Cedergren
If dive meeting, I will have a pull for you. All right, after this to kind of gauge your interest in different topics. And then also as I mentioned before, follow up meeting with resources.

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Alexandria Cedergren
From today's meeting for you just to have in your arsenal. So let me launch this poll.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And I'm sorry I did not include an other others spots, so please if there's something that I left off this list that you would be interested in, just throw it in the chat for us.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Can everyone see the poll? I know we had some difficulties last time.

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Garth, Carol L
Yes, we can.

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Elizabeth Hittman
Yep, I can see it.

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Alexandria Cedergren
OK, great. Thank you.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And you can't select more than one. I should have set that up front. I'm sorry.

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Alexandria Cedergren
OK, great. So the pilot programs.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Looks like everyone's interested in the pilot programs.

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Alexandria Cedergren
A lot of people are OK.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Great. Thank you all. We will, yes. So I will AM.

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Alexandria Cedergren
I will be in touch with you all about a an educational meeting, likely for the end of April.

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Alexandria Cedergren
As well as some more subcommittees, I think we're going to try to engage with some of our other subcommittees as well in the next month. So beyond the lookout for some more emails from me.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And if there's no other questions.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Yeah. Here is my contact information if there if anything ever does come up, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Alexandria Cedergren
And thank you for joining today. This is wonderful to have you all here.

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
Thank you.

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Garth, Carol L
Thank you, Allie.

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Vernis Barrier-Likes
Have a good evening.

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Christianson, Elise
Thank you, Allie.

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Elizabeth Hittman
Thanks, Allie.

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Alexandria Cedergren
Thanks everyone. Have a good day.

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Brackett, Lisa
Thank you.