

limits) and 6 applicants that were not appointed during the first round of the application review. The ordinance is set to go to Council at the next meeting on the 22nd of February at 7PM. This evening: review the proposed changes with the Board.

Proposed changes:

- Membership and appointment, Terms, Residency, Organization and Meetings
- The Mayor and City Attorney have both signed off on that change.
- There are no separate requirements tied to residence or employment with the City of Bellingham.
- The intent of the Board is to serve the City (anticipate the new application to ask about connections to Bellingham and why individuals are interested in serving on this Board)

Reports from Impacted Community Members [21:11]

Marciano Sanchez Lopez discussed concerns from the immigrant farmworker community and proposed COVID vaccine sites with location sites easily accessible for farmworkers.

Main message: *There are still farmworkers and immigrant families that don't have confidence in the vaccine, and those that do want to go get vaccinated, go to clinics where those vaccines are no longer available, or because of the time that they get off of work, the clinics aren't open. We saw what we've been saying all this time, which was that the police and border patrol constantly work with each other, and we'd like to know what's something the Board would do about this, because there is constant fear from farm workers from the border patrol.*

Responses from Border Patrol regarding January 29, 2021 events: presented by Legislative Analyst, Mark Gardner [32:29] [Screenshare beings 33:52]

- Encampment Removal: Total cost to City: \$74,000; Labor cost (primarily police): \$29,000; Public works: \$45,000
- City statement on Border Patrol and operational involvement between Bellingham Police and Custom and Border Protection (CBP)

Discussion [44:47]

- Liz Darrow expressed concern regarding the police answering for their own behavior and urged the Board to compose a letter to Council, with a copy to the Attorney General re violation of the Keep Washington Working Act. Liz Darrow received permission from the photographer, Bodie Hallett, and displayed three photos. The photos included library lawn with BPD and CBP (with a camera).
- Bridget Reeves, Ada Rumford and Monika Cassidy agreed to compose a joint letter to Council on behalf of the Board.

Follow Up Discussion Re Policing Issues and Engagement with Federal Agencies [1:17:12]

- Updates provided in previous section

Continued discussion on improving Immigration Services in Bellingham [1:18:06]

- Presented by Danielle Siedlecki, sharing a list of potential needs including the resource center, navigating health care, and addressing hate crime concerns, with follow-up questions from the Board regarding budget availability.
- Goal: *I am hoping for feedback going forward in the next month – thinking about reaching out to these partner organization – mentioning that we are part of IAB, that we're looking at idea of immigration resource center but that we're in initial stages and in research for potential partners they came up, if they would potentially be interested in working with us, if they know of any needs or other organizations, provide information on IAB and invite them to listen in on our meetings and longer term (for work now and in the future): we would like to research our immigrant and refugee demographic, we're like to keep growing and specifying the needs, we'd like to begin to write a proposal for City Council, and start to get an idea for a budget proposal.*

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Review of the Federal Contacts Data [1:30:37]

- Bridget Reeves had a question regarding the Jan 13th conference call with representatives' regional congressional offices to discuss City issues. *Is the fact that this is included on the sheet evidence that CBP was involved in that call?*
- Councilmember Hannah Stone will follow-up with response.

Old/New Business [1:33:14]

- Introduction of Legislative Assistant, Nalini Margaitis (this Board will be transitioning to her, but Mark will still be assisting)
- Request from community member, Josh Cerretti (Professor at Western), he would like to give a presentation to the Board regarding militarized police and the connections with federal immigration. (~20-30 minutes presentation in March?)

Nalini Starts

Public Comment Period [1:38:05]

- Comment 1 (Bodie Hallett): Photographer from photos shared by Liz Darrow earlier in the meeting. *I was there all day and saw; to be told that people were not armed is completely false; I would be willing to certify that these photos were taken when they did.*
- Comment 2 (Carmen Gilmore): *Regarding Board's response to Camp 210 sweep; Wondering if this advisory board is going to include what they wished the City would have done differently and also if they will be requesting of the City a promise of what they will do or not do next time; I looked at your potential partners for the immigration resource center and thinking that you could consider the BPS family resource center as a potential partner – the resource center offers translation services and basic needs assistance to refugees and immigrants.*
- Councilmember Hannah Stone added that the Family Resource Center and Goodwill are additional resources
- Comment 3 (Sara De Roy): *Having lived and worked on the US/Mexico border (and worked with few families coming to Bellingham), I have concerns about the level of*

JZ letter

Liz Darrow: [1:11:37]

- Could the City respond with a policy that is in line with the Keep WA working Act?
- (Hannah clarified that this letter is a way to put Council and the Mayor on notice of the incident: *this happened, you lied about it, and we're upset with follow-up* communication and Ada Rumford followed up stating that this was the intention of the letter. Monika Cassidy suggested a Liaison for collaboration.)
- Requests removal of words "liaison" and "collaborate" (followed by discussion surrounding the communication designation referenced in the third request of the letter)

Bridget Reeves [1:18:22]

- Possible to revise and update letter, send it out and receive final go ahead via email?
- (Hannah: acceptable, as long as there is not a huge change from tonight's discussion)

Ada Rumford [1:19:23]

- Consensus to remove third request and keep first two?
- (Bridget Reeves clarified that the consensus was to remove all three and keep it open to how Council and Mayor want to respond. Hannah Stone added that this also included the option to revisit those points at a later point and time. And Monika Cassidy stated that the most important part is to let Council and Mayor know that we noticed, and we know what's going on. Hannah Stone ended the discussion by stating that the edits will be made via email).

The Militarization of Policing, A National and Local Concern: presented by Associate Professor Dr. Josh Cerretti [1:22:19]

- A presentation on militarized policing both at the national and local levels, discussing the relationship between militarism and policing, the invention of SWAT, the 1033 program (including increased militarized policing in recent decades), the history of militarization in Bellingham, the contemporary status of these issues, and common defenses made of these problems. Contact for questions: imagineokages@gmail.com
- Hannah Stone added that questions may be emailed to: immigrationboard@cob.org
- Questions [1:55:38] 1) regarding City and County banning 1033 programs and if this has been discussed by Bellingham and Whatcom? (Dr. Cerretti: not aware of a current effort apart from the state level) and 2) material serves as example that reformation language is stifling to real change and any attempt at collaboration folds into the status quo and doesn't push back against the harm that has been caused by the Police and ICE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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*Discuss of
J 28 letter*

- A discussion led by Bridget Reeves related to the comments received from Board members to include updates and changes to the letter. They are as follows:
 - First paragraph: change "protecting" to "safeguarding"
 - Top of page 3: "consider" to "request" & "rebuild" to "build"
 - Removed quotes from "materials information" and "evidence"
 - Removed statement #3 altogether (appointing liaison between CBP and IAB)
 - Last paragraph: removed "willing to collaborate with BPD or another COB Dept"
 - Questions and discussions included: Australia Tobon inquired whether the group has met up with the Border Patrol Chief. Bridget Reeves replied that they have not met with the Patrol Chief directly and have specifically not had these members at the Board meetings.
 - Bridget Reeves also added that this was one of the reasons behind suggesting a liaison position in the letter and referenced a time an ordinance was developed by the City and CBP that violated practices of social work and HIPPA. (A consensus occurred only after all interested parties sat down to discuss the topic in depth, that resulted in an ordinance with necessary changes that did not violate laws).
 - Australia Tobon agreed that any involvement with CBP would hinder the work of this group. Tobon urged to collaborate with this organized and recommends that the Board take a field trip to CBP.
 - Liz Darrow thanked Bridget Reeves for removing item number three. Darrow disagreed that people experiencing houselessness have been treated with dignity by the community. Regarding number 2: there is a state law prohibits partnering with CBP with BPD. Instead, it should read, "create a procedure or policy for complying with the Keep WA Working Act, which prohibits partnering between CBP and BPD". To increase community safety by always drawing that line between local law enforcement and federal law enforcement and they should not be working together is the objective of this Board.
 - Bridget Reeves proposed meeting twice a month beginning in June.
 - Hannah Stone: The City is exploring options that will maximize time during these meetings (simultaneous translations, etc.) and encourages individual committee work.
 - Liz Darrow moved that the Board votes to approve pending the last change to present the letter to Council before the May 10, 2021 meeting. Darrow also posted a link to all panelists to a website displaying a timeline by which public feedback to the Governor was accepted relating to the Keep WA Working Act (last year). The BPD has an immigration policy that is violated nearly monthly.
 - Australia Tobon agrees that it is important to have this acknowledged at a City level.
 - Bridget Reeves reread the 2nd request: *create and publish a procedure or policy that aligns with the Keep Washington Working Act that draws a line between local Law Enforcement partnering with federal agencies, such as CBP.*
 - Liz Darrow requested it state, "a policy and procedure"
 - Ada Rumford suggested to remove capitalization of Law Enforcement
 - Monika Cassidy (via chat) expressed agreement and would like to send this letter ASAP

*encouraging
indiv. committee
wrk.*

128 letter.
cont'd

- Liz Darrow moved that they send this letter to the City Council ASAP, Australia Tobon 2nd – passed unanimously.
- Hannah Stone will bring forward this letter during Old and New Business during the next scheduled City Council meeting.

4/26 COW + Reg Council
At Reg Council 03:26:00
Stone Pets Council know
abt IAB letter

Review of the Federal Contacts Data [1:36:40]

- Liz Darrow stated that there were two consecutive months where there was a domestic violence involvement from the CBP to the dispatch and a language interpretation request from CBP to dispatch. Follow up in conjunction with the field trip and getting in touch again with WhatComm to let them know that this needs to stop. March 11 (second to last) "CBP has called the Blaine PD to report a driving with a license suspended" – there are two problems: WhatComm is City funded and the prosecutor has been very vocal about not processing misdemeanors. The result is much more detrimental for a non-citizen than it would be for a citizen. Also, there is evidence of racial profiling as one of the primary ways to identify individuals in the community. The Interim Police Chief has gone on record saying, "a person with a cracked windshield is most likely driving with a license suspended" and so that has resulted in poverty profiling. These are the deeper stories of peoples' lives – where have these human beings ended up?
- Hannah Stone: The Council is looking into addressing pretextual traffic stops. Regarding data collection and the need for more information, this should be discussed as a group.
- Nalini Margaitis reached out to neighboring municipalities regarding the federal contacts data.
- Australia Tobon stressed the importance of maintaining contact with the neighboring municipalities and referenced an incident where undocumented community members were followed by the Police before they turned on their lights and stopped for a DUI infraction. Due to a language barrier, they are a target for immigration proceeds (working with Public Defender). The community member stated they were stopped based on the way the car looked and were unable to communicate properly with the Officials. Because of this, it is important that the group becomes subject matter experts on the practices of local municipalities.
- Liz Darrow suggested to have a public disclosure subcommittee to follow up on items on the federal contacts data. Hannah Stone stated that it would be appropriate for a small group (no more than 4) to meet separately about this topic and to report back to the group during the following meeting.

that a review response was requested
Asks for it to be brought fwd for more disc at a future Council committee meeting
Limits the amount reply pers + wants to hear from mayor

Old/New Business [1:53:37]

- Nalini Margaitis suggested the group create a mission and vision statement and an "About Me" section on the IAB website (for each Board member)

Public Comment Period [1:58:00]

Hannah → accountability re actual practice of policy

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Hannah mentions WhatComm/BR camps. calls btwn Sm cities - Mayor says we responded "we will happily restate that"

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Pran talks abt City police

- Presentation included background information on the global refugee crisis
- Goal: Interest to open a refugee resettlement office in Whatcom County that would offer the following: providing a ride from the airport, preparing culturally appropriate meal, connect with social services that would assist with housing, helping adults connect with ESL classes, providing training and vocational support, provide avenues of friendship, paths to citizenship and entrepreneurial for those interested to start a business, housing (Whatcom county is lower than other western WA counties)
- Note: areas that accept refugees have experiences positive economic impact
- Timeline: applying for federal recognition for Whatcom County to be a resettlement site (hopeful to receive this approval fall of 2021, followed by a period of training with first refugees arriving in the spring of 2022)
- Request that World Relief be added to the resolution
- Contact: sshetterly@wr.org
- QA responses: Catholic Community Services now only receive resettlement if you have family ties in Whatcom County (sub-office of another larger office in Snohomish county), World Relief would request that Whatcom County be recognized as a primary resettlement location by the Federal Govt (allow for increased resettlement, once federal recognition is received), Resettle NW (work alongside other agencies)
- Funding is coming from: federally funded (every refugee has a certain amount – covers resettlement and administrative costs), other funding: private sources, grants, state sources, local abilities to raise money (>50% federally funded)
- The Board feedback included questions about how this presentation made it on to the agenda

Report from Immigration Resource Center [1:46:21]

- Danielle read aloud the updates in the current document
- Hannah Stone added that the City Attorney has stated that he will not review the ordinance until the City Council provides guidance
- Danielle asked if it would be possible to set up a meeting with the Mayor and City Attorney before the next IAB meeting
- Bridget asked if it would be possible for the Board members to be added to a subcommittee report during a City Council meeting
- Hannah will share the document with Council on Monday (and this is the version that Legal will view it) and will report out on the result
- Updated ordinance was emailed to the Board

check that mtg

Old/New Business [2:00:52]

- Hannah: regarding the letter re events on 1/26 (letter brought to Council on 4/26 meeting), May 7th meeting the letter was discussed (outlining the policy concerns/items for discussion) – suggestion to Council for agenda item re Mutual Aid agreements to be presented during the 7/12 meeting (looking specifically at mutual aid agreements between the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County)

Formal request

check this mtg

July 12 mtg

Hannah's hope → contacted Hammill

Gravity + weight have it before

Publ Hlth Safe Justice Com or low

Hannah's to w/ the Mayor Hired

- Liz Darrow mentioned that this would be a good thing to craft for the City (she also mentioned the multi-lingual packet in the medical office related to an ICE response)

Outreach Campaign (Ada Rumford) [1:30:30]

- A short survey asking the community, "what can we focus on?" "What are your concerns?"
- Ada Rumford shared a potential flyer encouraging immigrant community members to participate in IAB meetings

Community Outreach (Ada Rumford) [1:30:33]

- Surveying the public with the main question, "what can we focus on?" (survey to be translated to multiple languages)
- Zoom display: "Effect Positive Change in Your Community" flyer (encouraging the immigrant community to participate in IAB meetings)
- Public comment: mail video, comments, etc. to: immigrationboard@cob.org, mail to: 210 Lottie St c/o Immigration Advisory Board Bellingham WA 98225

Subcommittee Reports [1:45:19]

- IRC group: meeting with the Mayor in September (report back next month)
- Follow up to City Council letter (report back next month)

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→ J-28
 still hadn't heard
 back from
 Council

01:46:21 + Ada

→ Liz asks Nalini if anyone has ever heard back abt J28 IAB letter

Ada → she did not hear back except for an acknowledgement the letter was received

Liz was not clear if the letter was ever discussed by Council

Ada says maybe FU w/ Hannah to see if it was discussed

Nalini → letter was fwd to all Council

Monika + Hannah brought it up in one of the mtgs. (she must have)

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she recommends they check Hannah not in attendance at
 Liz offers to send emil to FU + supported by Ada + Monika this mtg

- migrant Congress*
- The House may move forward with previous proposals (Senate would need super majority) – worse case scenario: go back to farm workforce modernization act
 - Proposed legislation on DACA and TPS – how easy it is to get excluded with interaction with law enforcement (and farmworkers: if employer does not vouch for you, you do not qualify)
 - House will try to update the date of the registry (from 1972 to 2010) – could also exclude a lot of farmworkers, because there are a lot of migrant workers
 - Cities for Action has a useful toolkit to get involved/informed (rural workers are not getting recognized in DC) – encourage to contact state representative
 - In WA State: Don't want to expand H2A or mandate E-Verify
 - Deadline for proposals: Sept 30, 2021

Flyer (Ada Rumford) [1:47:58]

- Ada shared the flyer with the Board ("Affect positive change in your community")

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none of
this made it
into the
minutes

01:37:47

prob. 1:44:25

6:28
abt 7 min
discussion

there
was
seen

Resistance to that
discussion

She wants discussion
before end of yr.

Part of lack of response
due to response from
community – trying to
suppress it + make it go
away.

4/4.50
38.75
6.75

found out that this is detention facility by (calling C2C and describing the location to them). Permitting access that at the end of 2020, 13 new bathrooms and showers and a slop sink. Even though it has not been stated that this is a detention facility, they are detaining people there. Brenda Bentley is in charge of vigils. For more information: bentleybb65@hotmail.com

Process Subcommittee (Holly Pai) [1:35:20]

- The Process Subcommittee met on 11/2/2021 and Holly provided a report out. Items the committee was working on: new member orientation packet (welcoming new members, background of the IAB, mission, goals, procedural rules). Hoping to have a new member orientation/PPT that will live beyond this Board. Current subcommittee includes: resource center, process, and community outreach. The subcommittee wanted to have an alignment meeting – most people are available on Friday afternoon. Hopeful to have a meeting in January/February, but if the IAB has quarterly meetings, then perhaps there is no need to have an alignment meeting. Darrow asked about the City budget process to pay for the facilitator (roughly \$500-\$1000). Hannah Stone mentioned that the IAB should make a request to the Mayor or the City Council and that she would be able to track down funding for this. Pai share that the committee discussed how to respond to community inquiries (public comment/emails, etc.) The committee proposed to have a monthly community outreach liaison and created a schedule for 2022. The Board ultimately decided to create a single email where all public comment may be received and Board members will rotate on a monthly basis to respond from this email address. The email has been created and the address is: advisoryboard.publicoutreach@gmail.com

working on details of alignment meeting (work plan etc.) Jan/Feb w/ facilitator or quarterly mtg

CBP Tour (Australia Tobon) [1:57:08]

- Australia Tobon shared an update regarding the CBP Tour that will occur on January 25, 2021 from 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Tobon has sent email invitations for this event.

Follow-up from City Council on January 28 Letter [1:58:57]

- Hannah Stone responded that the Mayor and City Council President will have a written response before the end of the year. Stone stated that there was not a formal request from Bellingham to Whatcom County for mutual aid for that day. Stone stated that Council was definitely not involved in this, and that they found out the same day as the public on what happened on that day.
- Darrow stated that the Board was hopeful that the Council would respond with dignity and humanity regarding the events of January 28, 2021.

1:59:57 Liz asks for FU Hannah seems ready for this says she's been working behind scenes also struggles to get answers/Logist pieces abt what happened update w/ most recent info → no formal request from Bham to WC for mutual aid Liz was upset at Council's failure to take accountability or disclose action it would take

Federal Contact Data [2:06:30]

- Liz Darrow shared the federal contact data from Oct 26, 2021-November 10, 2021
- The Oct 26, 2021 caused concern and the Board will follow up on this
- Darrow noted that the K-9 situation is being referenced monthly lately

Courtesy heads up to WC + response from Stone thinks issue arise abt jurisdiction of WC in Bham

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"The good news" is it's bringing a lot of things to light.

Liz brings up interdept mtg City, Cnty, CBP → refers to data but likely got a copy of the email (Aem Fuonit)

preventative plan).

Immigration Resource Center Update (Danielle Siedlecki) [29:25]

- Danielle provided an update on the Immigration Resource Center. The subcommittee had another meeting with Mayor Fleetwood. The City Council has requested another letter further explaining the need for the center and the committee has submitted that, along with the list of organizations that were interested in partnering with/supporting in some way the resource center. Mayor Fleetwood would like another meeting at some point, to see if the County is also interested. The committee is waiting to hear back on when the next meeting will be held.

Process Subcommittee Report (Holly Pai) [32:26]

- Pai shared that she expressed shock from the City after the subcommittee had approached the Mayor's Office to schedule quarterly meetings. Specifically, an email response from the Mayor's Assistant, Brooksana Raney, stated that, quarterly meetings with the group would be "inappropriate", but that the Mayor would welcome invitation to quarterly IAB meetings. Pai expressed disappointment on two levels: that the Mayor did not know how frequent the IAB meetings occurred or that he needed an invitation to attend the meeting, as they are his meetings and that he regularly attends other advisory board meetings (such as Parks). Hannah Stone followed up with the Mayor's Office and was informed that the Mayor's schedule is too busy to meet with each advisory Board on a regular basis. The subcommittee followed up with an email to the Mayor's Office inquiring how other Boards perform their advisory function to the Mayor. Raney responded that she did not have time to craft a thoughtful response, and that the Mayor is receiving updates from the Board from Councilmember Stone and maybe Legislative Staff Nalini Margaitis, and that those two members apprise the Mayor on the activities. Pai expressed disappointment and frustration, because she is unsure how the group is supposed to serve as an advisory function if they are unable to schedule regular meetings with the Mayor.

- Hannah Stone added that the Mayor's Office looks at this as a Council initiated Board and looks to Council for guidance on this Board. Stone added that she wants to make sure that the Mayor's Office is engaged with this work. Stone suggested that the Board reach out to individual Councilmembers to schedule small group meetings (with subcommittees and the individual Councilmember) to urge them to attend the IAB meetings. (Pai recognized that Stone has made herself available for this type of meeting).

- Liz Darrow expressed her frustration stating that the only two items that were sent to Council, were squashed by Council, citing the letter in response to the 1/28/2021 events as well as establishing an Immigration Resource Center. Darrow added that these are public meetings, and if Councilmembers of the Mayor had any interested to attend, they could do so at any time, adding that it is outrageous not to take this seriously.

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hannah recommends nitg
individ Council membs w/ small
grps of IAB membs
emphasizes relationships
same w/ Mayor

Brian clarifies BPD will Req mut aid but they're not immig-related

request information from federal law enforcement – those items are not immigration related, that is prohibited by state law and city policy.

- Darrow and Pai articulated that even though the purpose of the call is not immigration related, immigration status can come up
- Mayor Fleetwood responded that he would like to resolve the concern that ICE and the BPD is actively engaged in illegal involvement. From the BPD involvement, it is limited and what they do is authorized. Fleetwood expressed that he is happy to help.
- Pai added that people will be reluctant to call BPD if they are calling in mutual aid, and expressed that she would like people to feel comfortable to call BPD when they need help

- **Dana** emphasized the importance of an immigration resource center, asked the Mayor if he is in support of an immigrant resource center and also asked why he has not been able to attend previous Board meetings.

Jenn Gonzalez stated that some topics are not being addressed – there is not a lot of transparency between ICE and what is being shared by the Mayor to the IAB and that lack of communication leads to a mistrust. Gonzalez added that immigration issues should be more of a priority for the Mayor and the City.

Tessa spoke in solidarity of other speaker's comments and supports more transparency from ICE

Henry Bennett directed a question to Mayor Fleetwood – asked if the Mayor saw the letter regarding the events that took place on January 28, 2021. Bennett also spoke in support of the immigration resource center.

- Response:

Mayor Fleetwood responded that a response to the January 28 letter will be coming forward. Hannah Stone added that there is currently a draft response that will be delivered to the Board. Mayor Fleetwood also noted that Chief Simon did evoke mutual aid and that's why the Sheriff showed up. Fleetwood responded that he was asked to attend, and this was the evening that he could do so and that he is glad to come again if it is helpful. Fleetwood stated that there was a meeting in November regarding the Immigration Resource Center – hoping that this would be county wide or regional – convening another meeting with the same group to see where it's been refined and talk about how the Board and City might be able to bring in partners: Fleetwood is prepared to engage in that regard. Mayor Fleetwood requested that Brian Heinrich add an item related to the Immigration Resource Center to his schedule.

- Liz Darrow added: how is it acceptable to occupy a community in that manner? What should the City expect of its government in terms of safety and accountability?
- To comment directly to the Board, please email: immigrationboard@cob.org

Process Subcommittee Report (Holly Pai, Liz Darrow, Sierra Green) [52:36]

- Holly Pai presented an update on the process subcommittee – updates were drafted to the ordinance to reflect the suggestions proposed by the Riveters Collective (increasing

gives immigration board @cob.org address

Liz reminds commuters to let IAB know if they need answers

Hannah says there is a draft response to IAB J28 letter

Hopes people can talk abt that

- wow

Liz mentions another call for mutual aid + says IAB hasn't gotten a response to letter