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Here is a brief outline of our content:

We will talk about transportation, home care, and enhancing support to community agencies in order that we can offset systemic costs.

In terms of transportation, the Government of Manitoba is a stakeholder in the funding of transit to the City of Winnipeg, including fixed-route transit and Handi Transit. As a stakeholder, the government needs to be aware of the lack of accountability within Handi Transit. The community has fought with Handi Transit for a number of years on various issues, and was finally successful in getting the Manitoba Ombudsman to launch an investigation into the system. In terms of other accessibility issues, the community has concerns about the lack of accessible taxicabs currently operating in the city. Another issue is the emergence of Uber, and what that will mean for people with disabilities.

In terms of home care, the system is becoming ineffective and unsustainable. The system doesn't meet people's needs. The program has policies that prevent people from leading a dignified existence. We need to look at ways to give consumers more control over their home care supports, and make the system work better for everyone. Community-based supports designed by and for people with disabilities and giving consumers control over their supports could provide an attractive alternative to the current home care model. Related to this, we also need to enhance community-based supports to provide an alternative to costly institutional-based care.

I will elaborate on details of these issues in our presentation.

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