

**Transcript of the Meeting of the
Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jessica Vega-Pederson, and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Loretta Smith and COMMISSIONER LORI STEGMANN for the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and City of Portland Mayor Ted MAYOR WHEELER and Commissioners Amanda Fritz, Chloe Eudaly, Nick COMMISSIONER FISH and Dan Saltzman.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

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B.1 City-County Joint Briefing on Homeless Services. Participants: Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and Portland City Council. Presenters: Marc Jolin, Director – City-County Joint Office of Homeless Services; Patricia Rojas, El Programa Hispano; Libra Forde, Self Enhancement Inc.; Sean Suib, New Avenues for Youth; Shannon Singleton, JOIN; and, Amy Thompson, Native American Rehabilitation Association

CHAIR KAFOURY: IT IS COZY OVER HERE. A LITTLE WARM. WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE ARE REALLY EXCITED THIS MORNING TO HAVE SOME VERY ESTEEMED GUESTS HERE TODAY. WE HAVE THE ENTIRE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL. SO, I THINK THAT THIS JUST GOES TO SHOW THE GREAT PARTNERSHIP THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAVE ENTERED INTO WITH OUR JOINT OFFICE ON HOMELESS SERVICES.

OVER SIX MONTHS AGO.

CHAIR KAFOURY: "A HOME FOR EVERYONE" HAS BEEN GOING ON LONGER THAN THAT. MARC JOLIN IS HERE TO TELL US AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE.

THANK YOU, ALL. MY NAME IS MARC JOLIN. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS SERVICE. YOU SAID YOU FELT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO GET TOGETHER ONCE A YEAR, IN THIS YEAR, TO TALK THROUGH THE PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING WITH OUR OVERALL INITIATIVE AND THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AROUND TRYING TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. BECAUSE MANY OF YOU ARE NEW TO YOUR SEATS, CONGRATULATIONS. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME FOR THE INITIATIVE ITSELF, "A HOME FOR EVERYONE." TO HELP CREATE A BASELINE OF UNDERSTANDING. WE'LL ASK SOME OF OUR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS TO COME FORWARD, THEN, AND TALK ABOUT THE

WORK THEY'RE DOING IN EACH OF THEIR SYSTEMS, SERVING FAMILIES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AND ADULTS AND YOUTH. IT IS FOCUSED ON ONE SUBPOPULATION OF HOMELESSNESS AND IT WILL LEAD TO EVERYONE HAVING A SAFE AND STABLE PLACE TO CALL HOME. SORRY, I'M GOING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THIS WHERE I'M NOT HAVING TO REACH QUITE SO MUCH. THAT WILL DO IT. SO, FIRST AND FOREMOST, "A HOME FOR EVERYONE" IS THAT SHARED VISION OF CREATING A COMMUNITY WHERE NO ONE IS HOMELESS. ITS BENEFIT OF GUIDING VALUES, THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE. WE HOLD THE PROGRAMS WE FUND ACCOUNTABLE. WE STRENGTHEN SYSTEM CAPACITY AND INCREASE LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES. E "A HOME FOR EVERYONE" IS A PLAN U A AROUND, HOUSING, HEALTH, ACCESS TO SERVICES AND SYSTEM COORDINATION. WITHIN OUR PLAN, WE'VE IDENTIFIED PRIORITY POPULATIONS, INCLUDING FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH.

MR. JOLIN: THROUGHOUT THIS PLAN AND WORK, THERE IS A DEEP COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING RACIAL EQUITY. IT WILL ADDRESS DISPARITIES BASED ON RACE AND ETHNICITY. THE VISION, THE VALUES, THE PLANS WOULD ALL JUST BE WORDS IF WE DIDN'T COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING OUR GOALS AROUND ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND THAT'S WHAT WE'VE CREATED HERE. FIRST WITH AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT IS TASKED WITH SETTING THE GOALS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THE PRIORITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE PLAN. IT REALLY IS AN UNPRECEDENTED COMING TOGETHER OF POLICY LEADERS AND FUNDERS AROUND A SHARED VISION. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS SURROUNDED BY A BOARD. THESE ARE THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COORDINATE COORDINATING BOARD. WE HAVE ADVOCATES. MORE THAN A HALF A DOZEN PEOPLE ON THE BOARD WITH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS. WE WANT TO TAKE THE GOALS AND TURN THEM INTO STRATEGIES, RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO. HOW MUCH WE NEED TO DO AND WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS AND PRIORITIES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE COORDINATING BOARD CANNOT DO THAT IN A LARGE MEETING ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS. IT IS SUPPORTED BY WORK GROUPS. WE HAVE A COMMUNITY ADVISORY FORUM. WE INVITE PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENT HOMELESS TO COME ONCE A MONTH TO HELP US IDENTIFY THE BEST POSSIBLE STRATEGIES AND THE PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMITTEE. WE HAVE A RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO PRIORITIZE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. WE HAVE A DATA COMMITTEE. AND THEN ALSO LOOKING AT HOW DO WE GET THE DATA OUT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ABLE TO MONITOR OUR PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATE THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR PROGRAMS AND THIS OVERALL INITIATIVES. WE HAVE ADVISORY GROUPS THAT OVERSEE THE FAMILY SYSTEM, YOUTH SYSTEM, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SINGLES PROVIDERS AND THE POLICY COMMITTEES THAT ARE GRAPPLING WITH THE DATA, BEST-PRACTICES, THE EXPERIENCE OF FOLKS ON THE GROUND TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, IF OUR GOAL IS TO END VETERANS

HOMELESSNESS, WHAT ARE THE STRATEGIES THAT ARE GOING TO WORK TO ALLOW US TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL? HOW MUCH OF WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO? AGAIN, WHAT DO WE NEED TO BE READY TO PUT RESOURCES TOWARDS? THOSE WORKING GROUPS, AS I SAID, ONE IS VETS, ONE IS AROUND HOUSING, HOUSING PLACEMENT. ANOTHER IS AROUND CONNECTING HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING STRATEGIES. THE OTHER, AROUND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. HOW DO WE INTEGRATE AND INSURE THAT WE INVEST IN TRAINING PROGRAMS AND HOUSING STABILITY SO THE FAMILIES ARE BEING SUCCESSFUL? WE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT SAFETY OFF THE STREETS GROUP THAT IS LOOKING AT EMERGENCY SHELTER STRATEGIES AND HOW TO MAKE EMERGENCY SHELTER AS AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AS POSSIBLE. SO, HOW DO WE THINK ABOUT ENDING HOMELESSNESS. IT'S A FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD EQUATION. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SLEEPING OUTSIDE ON THE SHELTERS IS ULTIMATELY DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FLOWING INTO HOMELESSNESS, OVER ANY GIVEN PERIOD OF TIME WHETHER THEY'RE NEWLY-HOMELESS OR RETURNING TO HOMELESS AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FLOWING OUT OF HOMELESS, BACK INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. IF WE SEE, ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS GROWING, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FLOWING INTO HOMELESSNESS EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FLOWING OUT. IF WE WANT TO SEE THE NUMBERS DROP, THEN WE NEED TO GET TO A PLACE WHERE THERE ARE FEWER PEOPLE COMING INTO HOMELESSNESS. SO, I'LL GIVE YOU A QUICK EXAMPLE OF THIS.

MR. JOLIN: WHEN WE LAUNCHED "A HOME FOR EVERYONE," WE LOOKED AT OUR 2013 DATA AND 2015 DATA. WHAT WE SAW IS OVER THAT TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME, 6,000 PEOPLE MOVED OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. BUT WHEN WE LOOKED AT OUR POINT IN TIME COUNT, THERE WAS ALMOST NO CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SO WHAT THAT TELLS US IS THAT OVER THAT TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO FLOWED INTO HOMELESSNESS ABOUT MATCHED THE PEOPLE MOVING OUT. IF WE WERE GOING -- IF WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY -- AND THE FIRST QUESTION THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASKED US WAS HOW TO WE REDUCE IT TO 50%? THE ANSWER WAS, BASICALLY, WE NEED TO EXPAND THE PEOPLE WE'RE MOVING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FLOWING INTO IT. MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN THIS GRAPH BEFORE. THE WORK THAT WENT INTO MODELING HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL CAPACITY. HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO PREVENT PEOPLE THOSE NUMBERS THAT YOU SEE THERE, THIS WAS MODELING THAT WAS DONE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE DATA AT THE TIME. BUT THOSE BECAME THE NUMERIC TARGETS THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO ACHIEVE FOR OUR SYSTEM. SO, I GUESS I'LL TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPLAIN WHAT YOU ARE SEEING. THE RED LINE IS PLACEMENT AND CAPACITY. THE GREEN DASHED LINE WAS THE PLACEMENT RATE THAT WE STARTED WITH, ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE BEING PLACED INTO HOUSING. THE

RED LINE IS THE PROJECTION OF INCREASE HOUSING. THE BLUE LINE IS THE PROJECTION OF PREVENTION NEEDED AND THE ORANGE LINE SHOWS WHAT HAPPENS TO HOMELESSNESS OVER TIME. AGAIN, PREMISED ON A CERTAIN SET OF ASSUMPTIONS AROUND THE RATE OF INFLOW AND HOMELESSNESS. THIS MODELING TELLS US SOMETHING ABOUT THE NEED FOR SHELTER. WHAT YOU SEE HERE, IS IN THE DASHED LINE, THE BASELINE OF SHELTER CAPACITY IN OUR SYSTEM. THE ORANGE LINE, AGAIN, IS THE UNMET NEED FOR PERMANENT HOUSING. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WHERE THERE IS DISTANCE BETWEEN THAT DASHED LINE AND THE ORANGE LINE, WE HAVE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS AND SO AS A COMMUNITY, WE'VE COMMITTED TO ADDING 650 BEDS OF YEAR-ROUND SHELTER IN ORDER TO CLOSE THAT GAP AND GET CLOSER TO NOT HAVING UNSHELTERED PEOPLE. THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT THINGS TO SEE IN THIS GRAPH. THE EXPANDING SHELTER CAPACITY IS ONLY ONE WAY TO CLOSE THAT GAP. IF WE DO MORE PREVENTION AND MORE PLACEMENT AND CONTINUE TO DRIVE THAT ORANGE LINE DOWN, THE NEED FOR MORE SHELTER STARTS TO REDUCE. SO WE CAN CLOSE THE GAP, NOT JUST BY EXPANDING SHELTER, BUT ALSO BY IMPROVING PREVENTION AND PLACEMENT.

MR. JOLIN: THE OTHER THING TO SEE HERE IS IF WE CONTINUE TO DO GOOD WORK ON PREVENTION AND PLACEMENT, THAT UNMET NEED LINE IS GOING TO CROSS BELOW OUR SHELTER CAPACITY LINE. AS WE'VE GONE ABOUT, WE HAVEN'T DONE IT ON THE ASSUMPTION WE NEED THOSE SHELTERS FOREVER. WE WANT THE BUILDINGS TO BE USED FOR SHELTER IN THE INTERIM AND THEN THEY CAN BE PUT TO A DIFFERENT USE, MAYBE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, FUNDAMENTALLY, THE STRATEGIES WITHIN "A HOME FOR EVERYONE" AROUND REDUCING HOMELESSNESS COME DOWN TO A BALANCED APPROACH. WE WANT TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO MOVE THEM DIRECTLY INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THAT'S OUR DIVERSION WORK. SO SOMEONE'S LOSING THEIR HOUSING, IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE WHERE THEY ARE. CAN WE CONVERT THEM TO A STABLE HOUSING SOMEWHERE ELSE? IF THEY ARE HOMELESS AND ON THE STREET, WE WANT TO MOVE THEM BACK INTO PERMANENT HOUSING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IT'S THE BEST BENEFIT FOR THEM. IF THERE'S PERMANENT HOUSING AVAILABLE, WE WANT TO MOVE SOMEBODY INTO IT TOMORROW. WE KNOW IT'S NOT AVAILABLE FOR EVERY EVERYBODY. WE KNOW IT'S TAKING A LONG TIME. WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME SHELTER CAPACITY IN OUR SYSTEM. WE HAVE IT AND WE'VE WORKED TO EXPAND IT. THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO EXPAND SHELTER CAPACITY. ONE IS TO ADD A BED. YOU HAVE SOMEBODY OUTSIDE, YOU WANT TO GET THEM IN SHELTER, YOU ADD A BED. THE OTHER WAY TO EXPAND CAPACITY IS TO MOVE MORE PEOPLE OUT OF THE BEDS WE HAVE AND MOVE THEM INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. FREEING UP THAT BED. THE BENEFIT OF THE LATTER STRATEGY -- THE COST IS ABOUT THE SAME. THE BENEFIT OF THE LATTER STRATEGY IS WHEN WE MOVE SOMEBODY INTO PERMANENT HOUSING, WE HAVE ONE FEWER HOMELESS PERSON. SHELTER DOESN'T

REDUCE HOMELESSNESS. ONE PERSON IN HOUSING, ONE PERSON IN A SHELTER BED. WE ADD A SHELTER BED, WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE IN SHELTER EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SO I SAID THAT THE MODELING HAS BEEN DRIVING THE GOALS THAT WE HAVE SET. SO AS WE HAVE SET THE GOAL THIS YEAR TO EXPAND PLACEMENT TO 4,350 PLACEMENTS. LOOKING AT THE LAST POINT IN TIME COUNT, UNDERSTANDING OUR COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY AND THE FASTEST-GROWING POPULATIONS WE SAW WERE WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. WE WANT TO ACHIEVE HOUSING PLACEMENT TARGETS YOU SEE THERE. SIMILARLY WITH DIVERSION, WE WANT TO EXPAND IT TO 5,000 PREVENTIONS A YEAR TO 6,000. OUR GOAL TO EXPAND SHELTER BY 650 BEDS WITH A PRIORITY IN PARTICULAR FOR WOMEN IN THE 2015 TIME COUNT. WE HAD MORE THAN 500 ADULT UNSHELTERED WOMEN ON A GIVEN NIGHT. THE PROGRESS THAT WE'RE MAKING, THIS IS FIRST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 17. ALREADY MORE THAN 1,800 PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED PREVENTION SERVICES. 64% OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR. THE INVESTMENTS WE'RE MAKING ARE SHOWING RESULTS. YOU CAN SEE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 17, ALREADY 2,829 PEOPLE RECEIVED EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES. THAT WAS A 69% INCREASE. 2016, WE SAW A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER 2015. ON THE PLACEMENT AND PREVENTION SIDE, WE'VE HAD OVER 1,000 PEOPLE MOVE BACK INTO HOUSING. 56% OF THOSE WERE PEOPLE OF COLOR.

MR. JOLIN: WE'RE CONFIDENT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET TO OUR PLACEMENT TARGET GOALS, AS WELL. ALL OF THAT IS THE GOOD NEWS. THE CHALLENGE THAT WE FACE AS A COMMUNITY, IF WE THINK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS ULTIMATELY BEING ABOUT WHETHER SOMEONE CAN RETAIN THE HOUSING THEY HAVE OR MOVE OFF THE STREETS INTO A NEW PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENT, THE FACT THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE CONTINUE TO SEE A GROWING DIVIDE BETWEEN WHAT LOW-INCOME PEOPLE CAN AFFORD, AND THE RENTS THAT -- THE RENTS FOR HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY MEANS THAT BOTH THE INFLOW IS GOING TO INCREASE AND THE COST FOR ACHIEVING OUTFLOW IS GOING TO INCREASE BECAUSE WE CAN PROVIDE SERVICES TO PEOPLE AND WE HAVE TO AND SUPPORT SERVICES ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF MANY PEOPLE IN TERMS OF RETAINING THEIR HOUSING AND GETTING BACK INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. IF SOMEONE IS IN AN APARTMENT WHERE THE RENT IS HIGHER THAN THEIR INCOME, THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE THEIR STREET. IF SOMEONE IS ON THE STREET AND HAS AN INCOME BUT CAN'T AFFORD A PLACE, THAT ISN'T GOING TO END THEIR HOMELESSNESS. A FAMILY EARNING 30%, A LOW-WAGE FAMILY, IN ABOUT 2009, WHAT THEY COULD AFFORD AND THE MARKET RENT FOR A ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT. THERE WAS \$100-\$250 GAP. THAT IS CLOSER TO \$500. IN 2011, MINIMUM WAGE WORKING HOUSEHOLD WOULD HAVE SPENT ABOUT 50% OF THEIR INCOME ON RENT. TODAY, IT'S ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR INCOME. FOR OUR VERY LOWEST INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, THE SITUATION IS EVEN MORE DIRE. SOMEONE ON SSI, WE HAVE ABOUT 18, 700 PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY RECEIVING SSI RIGHT NOW. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THEIR CASH BENEFIT WAS AT LEAST ENOUGH TO PAY FOR A ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT.

THAT FLIPPED IN 2010. WHILE THEIR CASH BENEFIT HAS STAYED LEVEL AT \$733 A MONTH, THE COST OF A ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY HAS CLIMBED TO OVER \$1,000. FOR THOSE 18, 000 PEOPLE, THERE ISN'T A UNIT IN OUR MARKET THAT THEY CAN AFFORD, EXCEPT A REGULATED UNIT, A SUBSIDIZED UNIT, IF THEY GET A VOUCHER. THE FAIR MARKET RENT ON A STUDIO IS OVER \$800. THAT'S THE CHALLENGE THAT WE FACE, IS THAT WE CAN EXPAND CAPACITY. WE CAN SERVE MORE PEOPLE, AND WE WILL AND WE ARE. BUT THE HOUSING MARKET RIGHT NOW PRESENTS AN ENORMOUS CHALLENGE. WHAT IT'S DOING TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING INTO HOMELESSNESS RIGHT NOW AND THE INCREASING COST OF HELPING PEOPLE GET OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. I WANT TO BRING UP SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO TALK ABOUT THE WORK THEY'RE DOING.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I'D LIKE TO ASK IF PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR MARC?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YES, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, MARC, FOR THE PRESENTATION. I'VE BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT ASSURING VULNERABLE RESIDENTS THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. I KNOW THERE WAS A REPORT THAT CAME OUT AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THAT THEY WERE ON THE RISE. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND MAYBE THAT'S OUR NEXT GUEST? HOW WE'RE MAKING SURE THAT OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ARE SERVED.

MR. JOLIN: SOME OF THAT WILL COME OUT. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, THE HOUSING REPORT FROM THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU DEMONSTRATES THAT WHATEVER THE CHALLENGES ARE, THEY ARE GREATER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE RENT BURDEN, THE LACK OF INCOME. THE RATES OF HOMELESSNESS, NOT SURPRISING, ARE MUCH HIGHER AMONG COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. IT IS THE REASON THAT THE COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY IS SO STRONG. THIS SLIDE WILL HELP ILLUSTRATE IT. IN EACH OF OUR SYSTEMS OF CARE, WE HAVE A SIMILAR SET OF STRATEGIES IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE. SO, COORDINATING ENTRY, INSURING ACCESS AND EQUITABLE ACCESS, PREVENTION AND DIVERSION AND RAPID HOUSING, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND THEIR SHELTER AND SHORT-TERM HOUSING NEEDS. THE THROUGH-LINE, IN ALL OF THIS WORK, IS A COMMITMENT TO CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC RESPONSES. THERE ARE PROVIDERS WORKING IN EACH OF THE SYSTEMS OF CARE WE HAVE. WHEN WE GO TO DELIVER THESE STRATEGIES, THOSE TWO ARE BEING PROVIDED. SO YOU'LL HEAR FROM A NUMBER OF CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC PROVIDERS TO TALK ABOUT THE WORK AND HOW WE'RE REACHING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: MAYOR?

MAYOR MAYOR WHEELER: THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED ABOUT THE CHART. YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO REDUCE THE UNMET HOUSING NEED BY JUNE OF 2017. ARE WE ON TRACK TO DO THAT BY ONE-HALF?

MR. JOLIN: SO, THIS WAS A PLANNING EXERCISE. WE WERE ASKED, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD TO REDUCE UNMET HOUSING NEEDS BY 50%? THIS WAS OUR BEST ESTIMATE, GIVEN THE DATA WE HAD AT THE TIME, GIVEN THE RESOURCES WE UNDERSTOOD WERE AVAILABLE TO US AND IT YIELDED THIS. SO, WE WON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING TOWARD REDUCING HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE SUCCESSFULLY PUSHING TOWARD THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY WE'VE TALKED ABOUT. WHAT IT'S ACTUALLY GOING TO LOOK LIKE IS GOING TO BE DETERMINED HERE IN THE POINT IN TIME COUNT THAT'S COMING UP IN THE END OF FEBRUARY. GIVEN WHAT'S CONTINUED TO HAPPEN IN THE MARKET AND THE RATE -- THIS IS THAT INFLOW CHALLENGE. IF THE MARKET CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE, SINCE WE INITIATED THIS, OUR EXPECTATION IS THE INFLOW NUMBER IS HIGHER. SO, WE'LL HAVE TO -- DOES THAT ANSWER THE QUESTION? WE'LL HAVE TO SEE. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE.

MAYOR MAYOR WHEELER: IN TERMS OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW, ARE YOU COUNTING ON THAT ONE POINT IN TIME COUNT TO GIVE YOU THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION, WHAT THE INFLOW IS AND WHAT THE OUTFLOW IS AND WHO THE INFLOW IS AND WHO THE OUTFLOW IS?

TO SOME EXTENT, WE DID. THE PROVIDERS ARE WORKING WITH THOSE PEOPLE. WE KNOW HOW MUCH RESOURCE WE'RE PUTTING IN. THE POINT IN TIME COUNT DOES GIVE US A SENSE BECAUSE AS WE ASK THE BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS, ARE YOU DISABLED? SINGLE? FAMILY? IF WE -- IN THE POINT OF TIME COUNTS, SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING, WE'LL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE INFLOW LOOKS LIKE.

MAYOR WHEELER: ONE MORE AND THEN I PROMISE I'LL STOP. UNLESS WE KNOW WHO THE INFLOW IS, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY INVESTING IN THE RIGHT SUITE OF SERVICES? HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE'RE TARGETING THE RIGHT POPULATION?

WE DID. THAT'S WHY YOU SAW THE RECOMMENDATIONS. IN 2015, WE DID THE POINT IN TIME COUNT. WE COULD SEE THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF WHO WAS COMING INTO THE SYSTEM AND WE'VE BEEN TARGETING OUR RESOURCES. DIFFERENT POPULATIONS NEED DIFFERENT STRATEGIES. PEOPLE LIVING WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES NEEDS A DIFFERENT SET OF STRATEGIES THAN A FAMILY THAT IS HOMELESS. THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS THERE AND IF THE DEMOGRAPHICS HAVE CHANGED, IF THE NEED HAS CHANGED, WE NEED TO ADJUST OUR STRATEGIES AT THAT POINT. ONE OF THE REASONS WE'RE MOVING TO AN

ANNUAL POINT IN TIME COUNT IS SO WE CAN MAKE THOSE ADJUSTMENTS MORE QUICKLY.

MAYOR WHEELER: GOOD. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER FISH: FIRST OF ALL, MARC, OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION. COMMISSIONER EUDALY AND I ARE BOTH UNDER THE WEATHER, THANKS TO THE MAYOR.

CHAIR KAFOURY: YOU GUYS ARE ALL SICK? [LAUGHTER]

MAYOR WHEELER: DO WE WANT A GROUP HUG PHOTO? [LAUGHTER]

COMMISSIONER FISH: DR. LEWIS DID SOME TESTING AND TRACED IT BACK TO THE MAYOR. [LAUGHTER] IF YOU TAKE TONIGHT, THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET AND PEOPLE IN SHELTER, THE TOTAL POPULATION IS?

MR. JOLIN: ABOUT 4,000, ACCORDING TO THE 15-POINT TIME COUNT.

COMMISSIONER FISH: AND MARC, IN ROUGH TERMS, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THAT 4,000 PEOPLE HAVE SOME KIND OF DIAGNOSIS OF A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS OR A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE?

MR. JOLIN: SO ABOUT HALF THE PEOPLE SURVEYED IN THE STREET COUNT SELF-IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A SIGNIFICANT DISABILITY. SO THAT'S IN TERMS OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION. WE'LL BE ABLE TO UPDATE THAT INFORMATION AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

COMMISSIONER FISH: HALF SELF-IDENTIFY AS HAVING MENTAL --

AMY THOMPSON IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT ADDICTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER FISH: OKAY. THANK YOU.

WHEN YOU -- YOU HAD THE SLIDE THAT SHOWED THE MOVEMENT FROM STREET TO PERMANENT HOUSING VERSUS STREET TO SHELTER. WHERE ARE WE RIGHT NOW IN GETTING PEOPLE FROM STREET TO PERMANENT HOUSING AND HOW MUCH MORE HOUSING WOULD WE NEED TO HAVE MORE DIRECT ACCESS?

SO, I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER -- IN TERMS OF PROPORTIONS, HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE MOVING FROM THE STREETS TO HOUSING VERSUS SHELTER TO HOUSING. I SUSPECT, AS WE HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPAND SHELTER AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN SHELTER, THOSE NUMBERS HOPEFULLY INTO PERMANENT HOUSING FROM SHELTER ARE GOING UP. THEY ARE FIELDING

TEAMS OF MOBILE WORKERS WHO CAN GO INTO THE SHELTERS AND INCREASE THAT NUMBER. WE WANT TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER THAT THE SHELTER HAS. IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF UNITS THAT WE WOULD NEED, THE ESTIMATES IN TERMS OF TRULY PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, I THINK RANGE IN THE 25,000 -- THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING BUREAU IS HERE AND MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A MORE SPECIFIC ANSWER. AND WE KNOW THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LEAVING -- GETTING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS ARE SPENDING MORE THAN 30% OF THEIR INCOME, OFTEN, 50%, 60%, 70%.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU, CHAIR. LOOKING AT THE SLIDE OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, I APPRECIATE THAT SLIDE. BUT MY QUESTION IS, IS THAT HOW MANY LANDLORDS -- WHETHER THEY'RE LANDLORD ASSOCIATIONS OR INDIVIDUAL LANDLORDS, ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONVERSATION?

MR. JOLIN: SO, WE HAVE HAD HOUSING -- WE'VE GOT A NUMBER OF HOUSING NONPROFIT HOUSING PROVIDERS WHO PARTICIPATE. SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE COORDINATING BOARD RUN HOUSES. WE HAD A COUPLE OF PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPERS. ACTUALLY, WE HAVE ONE, STILL, WHO IS A DEVELOPER ON THE COORDINATING BOARD. ANOTHER IS NO LONGER THERE. AND THEN, WE DON'T CURRENTLY, ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, NECESSARILY HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE LANDLORD COMMUNITY. THERE IS A LOT OF ONGOING DIRECT ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE WORKGROUPS AND THE VETERANS INITIATIVE. THERE WAS A LOT OF INVOLVEMENT FROM MULTI-FAMILY NORTHWEST COMING TO THE TABLE, WORKING WITH US TO IDENTIFY LANDLORDS THAT COULD PARTICIPATE.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: I THINK THAT IS GOOD. BUT THIS IS A REALLY COMPLEX ISSUE AND I SEE A LOT OF NON-PROFITS AND A LOT OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS ALL GREAT. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO ENGAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR BECAUSE ULTIMATELY, I THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE KEY TO SOLVING THIS ISSUE. SO, I GUESS MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE, I'D LIKE TO SEE IF, YOU KNOW, LANDLORDS ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THIS PROBLEM, I'D LIKE TO HEAR WHAT SOLUTIONS THEY HAVE, AS WELL.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

WE'VE BUDGETED MORE TIME FOR QUESTIONS AT THE END SO WE CAN DEFINITELY COME BACK IF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ARISE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GREAT. THANK YOU.

MR. JOLIN: SO, LET ME INVITE UP OUR PARTNERS. SO, AGAIN, COMING BACK TO THIS SLIDE, I KIND OF NARRATED IT FOR YOU. I WON'T DO IT FOR YOU AGAIN. AGAIN, WITHIN THIS LARGE -- IN "A HOME FOR EVERYONE," IT TRIES TO HOLD THAT COMMUNITY-WIDE, ALL PEOPLE PERSPECTIVE AND WHAT THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON IN TERMS OF NEEDING TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. WE DO HAVE SYSTEMS OF CARE AND THEY'RE REALLY IMPORTANT TO MAKING SURE THE SERVICES WE DELIVER MEET THE NEEDS. I'D LIKE TO INVITE LIBRA FORDE UP, SHE'S THE OPERATOR OF SELF-ENHANCEMENT, INC. (SEI) TO TALK ABOUT THE HOMELESS FAMILIES AND OUR HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE.

MS. FORDE: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. HAPPY LOVE DAY TO YOU, AS WE SIT HERE AND TALK ABOUT HOME, I FIRST WANT TO SAY, YOU KNOW, IT TAKES LOTS OF HANDS TO BUILD A HOUSE. BUT IT TAKES ONLY HEARTS TO BUILD A HOME. AND I'M GOING TO HOPEFULLY HELP YOU UNDERSTAND HOW THE HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE WORKS TO IDENTIFY AND ALSO TO IMPLEMENT EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM MR. JOLIN. BUT I FIRST WANT TO GO BACK TO TWO QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED AND KIND OF GIVE A REFERENCE BASED ON WHAT THE HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE DOES. THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT INFLOW. I WANT TO BE VERY, VERY INTENTIONAL AND SAY THAT PART OF THE HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE IS BRINGING TOGETHER CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE SEI AND ORC OE AND N.A.Y.A. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT INFLOW, UNDERSTANDING INFLOW HAS TO BE FROM A VERY HOLISTIC, COLLABORATIVE APPROACH. I HOPE YOU IDENTIFY THAT PARTICULAR SPECIAL PART OF OUR SYSTEM IN GETTING A BETTER COUNT OF WHAT THE INFLOW. WE, AS INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS, IDENTIFY WITH A GROUP AND THEN WE ALSO CAN HELP THAT GROUP THAT IS ON THE STREETS, IDENTIFY WITH RESOURCES. SO I DID WANT TO GO BACK WITH THAT ONE AND THE SECOND ONE WAS LANDLORDS. I THINK THAT WAS A GREAT QUESTION. INSIDE OF THE SYSTEM, WE DO HAVE SOME THINGS GOING ON, WHICH I WILL TOUCH UPON. THEY'RE NOT SPECIFIC TO PRIVATE. SO, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE THING YOU SEE UP THERE IS A GREAT LITTLE FLOW CHART OF WHAT THE SYSTEM OF CARE IS. OF COURSE WITH ANYTHING YOU DO, YOU NEED A SYSTEM. OUR SYSTEM IS COMPLETED WITH COORDINATED ACCESS, INCLUDING COORDINATED ENTRY, SHELTER, DIVERSION, MOBILE HOUSING TEAMS AND OF COURSE, WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN OUTCOME OF PERMANENT HOUSING. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAVE AGENCIES INCLUDED IN THIS SYSTEM, WHICH INCLUDE 211, SELF-ENHANCEMENT INCORPORATED, EL PROGRAMA HISPANO, HUMAN SOLUTIONS PORTLAND FAMILY SOLUTIONS. WITH ALL THOSE GROUPS, TOGETHER, INCLUDING -- WE HAVE A MEMBER ON THE TEAM FROM DHS AND NEW RESOURCES, WHICH WE CALL OUR PROJECT HAVEN, TO INCREASE OUR PERMANENT HOUSING GROUP. ALL OF THOSE THINGS WE IMPLEMENT THROUGH AN INFLOW UNDERSTANDING AND CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC LEVERAGE INSIDE OF THE STREETS. IT'S ALL ABOUT USER UNDERSTANDING AND THE USER EXPERIENCE AND WHAT WE BRING TO THIS GROUP IS

UNDERSTANDING THE USER, WHO THEY ARE, FROM MINDSET SO THAT WE CAN HELP THEM TOUCH ON THE RESOURCES AND LEVERAGE THE RESOURCES WITHIN THE SYSTEM. WE ALSO LOOK AT SERVING THE VULNERABILITY OF FAMILIES. SOMETHING THAT WASN'T BROUGHT UP EARLIER THAT I WANT TO TOUCH UPON IS HOMELESSNESS INCLUDED DOUBLING UP AND A LOT OF OUR FAMILIES, IN TERMS OF BEING CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC, DOUBLING UP IS A RESOURCE FOR THEM BEFORE SHELTER. SO, AGAIN, THIS SYSTEM HELPS US IDENTIFY THAT INFLOW BECAUSE WE ARE A PART OF THOSE COMMUNITIES. SO THE NEXT SLIDE TALKS ABOUT HOUSING PLACEMENTS OUTCOME. AND, THIS IS ALL ABOUT NUMBERS AND I LOVE NUMBERS BECAUSE THEY GIVE YOU A FOUNDATION OF WHAT'S GOING ON AND, I GUESS, HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHERE DOLLARS ARE ACTUALLY GOING. WE HAVE A TOTAL ACTIVE HOUSEHOLD 366, WHICH WAS ALL OF LAST YEAR. IN TERMS OF WHEN WE PLACE, 251 OF THOSE. AND IN TERMS OF DIVERSION, 145 WERE ACTUALLY PLACED IN A POSITION WHERE THEY COULD GO BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL HOMES AND THAT SYSTEM HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO INCLUDE ALL OUR OTHER RESOURCES. WE APPRECIATE YOU GUYS ADDING THAT IN. THE DEMOGRAPHICS IS SOMETHING OF VALUE. THERE'S A WHOLE -- YOU KNOW, I MUST FIRST SAY, I LOVE NUMBERS, BUT I'M MORE ABOUT PEOPLE. WHEN YOU SEE THE PEOPLE, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE EYES OF HOMELESS PEOPLE ALL LOOK THE SAME. EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE SKIN COLOR MAY BE DIFFERENT. EVEN THOUGH THEIR EXPERIENCES MAY BE DIFFERENT. THE EYES ARE THE SAME.

MS. FORDE: THE IMPACT THAT YOU'RE SEEING UP HERE IS THAT WE HAVE TRULY TOUCHED AN INCREASE IN PERCENTAGES IN PEOPLE OF COLOR, WHICH IS WHERE THE TROUBLES HAVE BEEN INCREASING OVER TIME. AND THOSE EYES HAVE FINALLY FOUND RESOURCES AND PLACES THAT THEY THOUGHT THERE WERE NONE. ARE WE DONE? NO. THERE'S LOTS TO DO. BUT HAVING ALL OF US TOGETHER, TO REALLY TOUCH THE PEOPLE THAT THOUGHT THERE WAS NO ONE OUT THERE THAT UNDERSTOOD THEM HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL AND WE HAVE TO KEEP THAT HOLISTIC COLLABORATION IN ORDER FOR US TO BE OF SOME INFLUENCE IN THIS PROBLEM. THE NEXT SLIDE IS -- I THINK THAT WAS IT. THAT'S ALL FOR ME. I DO WANT TO SAY ONE THING. THE HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE, FOR ME AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT SIT AT OUR TABLE, IS ABOUT HOLISTIC COLLABORATION AND BRINGING TOGETHER CULTURE ALLY CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC GROUPS AND LEVERAGING ALL THE RESOURCES WE HAVE FROM MANY DIFFERENT AREAS TO SUPPORT THE ONE HUMAN IN FRONT OF US. THIS IS A PHENOMENAL APPROACH TO HUMAN BEINGS AND A WAY THAT WE TRULY CAN HELP THEM BUILD A HOME, NOT ONLY IN THEIR HEART, BUT IN THIS CITY IN A WAY THAT CAN BE PHENOMENAL AND PROFOUND FOR OUR FUTURE. NOT ONLY OUR CHILDREN, BUT OUR FAMILIES.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN?

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: THANK YOU FOR THAT AND, I REALLY JUST APPRECIATE YOUR DESCRIPTION OF THAT KIND OF COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY. I THINK I AGREE, THAT IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN A MEANINGFUL, HOLISTIC WAY. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT USER EXPERIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. WE HAD JUST HEARD THAT, AT LEAST HALF OF THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS OR IN THE SHELTERS, SELF-IDENTIFY AS HAVING MENTAL ILLNESS OR ADDICTION ISSUES. THAT SEEMS TO BE A LARGE COHORT HERE. IS THERE ANYONE IN THIS GROUP, SAY NAMI, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SPECIFICALLY-RELATED TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH?

MS. FORDE: NOT SPECIFICALLY, BUT I'LL LIKE TO SPEAK TO THAT FROM AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN STANDPOINT. AFRICAN-AMERICANS WOULD NOT SELF-IDENTIFY UNLESS THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE. PART OF THIS COLLABORATION IS NOT HAVING SPECIFIC EXPERTISE, BUT SPECIFIC CULTURAL EXPERTISE. IF I'M SITTING IN FRONT OF AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HOMELESS PERSON THAT WANTS TO SELF-IDENTIFY WITH ANY DISEASE, IT WILL BE QUICKER IF THEY IDENTIFY WITH ME CULTURALLY. THAT IS THE KEY. SHOULD WE ADD SOME? POSSIBLY. AT THIS TIME, IN MY OPINION, IT'S THE REASON WE'RE IDENTIFYING WITH MORE BECAUSE THEY SEE SOMETHING IN US THAT HELPS THEM SAY WHAT THEY NEED.

MS. SMITH: THANK YOU, LIBRA, FOR THE PRESENTATION. ONE OF THE THINGS YOU TALKED ABOUT WAS DOUBLING UP. WE CALL IT COUCH SURFING. FOLKS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, WE COUCH SURF. WE DON'T HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT ON WHO IS HOMELESS AND WHO IS NOT. THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS IS IN TERMS OF SELF-IDENTIFYING. WE LISTENED TO FOLKS WHO TESTIFIED BEFORE US ABOUT NOT HAVING ENOUGH HOUSING BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND THEY'RE HIV POSITIVE AND SO TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, HOW DO WE REACH OUT AND DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GETTING THOSE FOLKS TO COME THROUGH THE DOOR, TOO. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN BETTER-SERVE THAT PARTICULAR DEMOGRAPHIC?

MS. FORDE: I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE EXPANDING OUR RESOURCES, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. I COULD SIT HERE AND TELL YOU A WHOLE LOT OF STUFF. I KNOW THE FOCUS DOING THE WORK AND THEY'RE LIKE, WE NEED MORE OF US. IF THERE AREN'T ENOUGH OF US DOING THE WORK, THEN WE CAN ONLY TOUCH SO MANY PEOPLE AND SO, YEAH, RESOURCES ARE A BIG PART OF IDENTIFYING MORE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS SO THAT WE CAN GET TO THEM. THE OTHER PART YOU SAY, HIV AND SOME OF THE ISSUES WITH DOUBLING UP AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IT IS OUR REALITY, AS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO DO CERTAIN THINGS BECAUSE OF HISTORICAL THINGS WE CAN'T EXPLAIN AT THIS MOMENT. BUT THE ONLY WAY TO DIG INTO THIS IS TO KEEP GIVING US THE TOOLS WE NEED TO FIND THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND WE WILL LEVERAGE THE RESOURCES TO GIVE THEM WHAT

THEY NEED. GOING BACK TO THAT LANDLORD, WE CREATED A WAY WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO BUILD A DATABASE OF LANDLORDS THAT ARE OPEN TO AFRICAN-AMERICANS, THAT MAY BE DOUBLING UP OR MAY NEED ANOTHER RESOURCE OR HAVE HIV OR A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. WE CAN SAY, HEY, THAT GROUP CAN GO OVER HERE. THAT IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO BUILD ON. AGAIN, IT KEEPS RESOURCES TO KEEP GROWING THOSE THINGS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WE CAN THROW MONEY AT A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS BUT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT STRATEGY. WE HAVE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKE URBAN LEAGUE, IRCO AND N.A.Y.A. IN TERMS OF GETTING THOSE FOLKS, DO WE HAVE FOLKS TARGETING PEOPLE WHO ARE, YOU KNOW, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, WHO ARE HIV POSITIVE? THERE WAS A PROGRAM WE DID HERE WITH DR. BETHEL THAT THEY EXCLUSIVELY WORKED WITH CLIENTS WHO WERE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HIV AND THAT PROGRAM WENT AWAY SO I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE CONTACT? WHERE DO WE SEND THE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION WE HAVE TODAY TO LET FOLKS KNOW THAT THESE ARE RESOURCES THAT ARE NOW NEWLY-AVAILABLE AND WE'RE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FOR EVERYBODY?

MS. FORDE: I THINK ADDING PFLAG IS A GREAT IDEA. I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS TO THROW RESOURCES AND WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A STRATEGY, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE BUILT AROUND HOLISTIC COLLABORATION. JUST FROM A PERSONAL STANDPOINT, I MYSELF, WAS HOMELESS IN PORTLAND AND DID NOT KNOW ABOUT ANY OF THESE RESOURCES. SO COME SOME PM HOW WE ARE MISSING FOLKS. IT PROBABLY NEEDS TO COME FROM THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO KNOW HOW THEY NEED TO SEE THAT INFORMATION.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANKS SO MUCH.

MR. JOLIN: THANK YOU, APPRECIATE IT. SO, THIS IS JUST -- YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS SLIDE. THIS IS THE NEW RESOURCE, THANKS TO THE INVESTMENTS THE CITY AND COUNTY HAS MADE THIS YEAR THAT HAVE GONE INTO THE FAMILY HOMELESS SYSTEM. I'D LIKE TO ASK PATRICIA ROJAS TO COME UP, SHE'S THE DIRECTOR OF EL PROGRAMA HISPANO. WELCOME. WELCOME.

GOOD MORNING.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING.

MS. ROJAS: MY NAME IS PATRICIA ROJAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EL PROGRAMA HISPANO. THANKS SO MUCH FOR MAKING THE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE-SAVING ROLE THAT OUR SYSTEM PLAYS IN THE COMMUNITY,

AS WELL AS IN THE EFFORT TO END HOMELESSNESS. WE HAVE THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE OUR CITY, COUNTY AND COMMUNITY IN GENERAL PROVIDES A SAFE AND HEALTHY PLACE WHERE ALL PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN DIGNITY. A REPORT ON WOMEN AND OREGON HIGHLIGHTS EIGHT AREAS TO CELEBRATE AND EIGHT AREAS THAT COULDN'T WAIT. NUMBER ONE THAT COULD NOT WAIT IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND SYSTEMIC RACISM. ONE MILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEADS TO SEPARATION OF FAMILIES, HOUSING AND STABILITY AND HURTS THE SURVIVOR AND CHILDREN. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAN RESULT IN DEATH. WITH SUPPORT, IT OFTEN TAKES MANY YEARS FOR A SURVIVOR TO STABILIZE AND A LIFETIME TO O HEAL. THE DATA IN THIS REPORT SHOWED THAT WOMEN OF COLOR EXPERIENCE POVERTY AT TWICE THE RATE OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS. WE KNOW THAT POVERTY CREATES A SITUATION WHERE SURVIVORS FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO STAY IN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS. THEY CAN SEE AND MEANINGFULLY RESPOND.

I'LL GO BACK, SORRY. ALL OF THE PROVIDERS IN THIS SYSTEM ARE EXPERTS WHO PROVIDE LINGUISTICALLY AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES FOR MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. IT BRINGS TO THE TABLE A WRAP-AROUND SERVICE, WHICH INCLUDES HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. OUR SYSTEM IS ROOTED IN A COORDINATED ENTRY PROCESS. THEY UNDERSTAND THE DYNAMIC OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE RESOURCES. A RESOURCE COORDINATION TEAM TAKES A COLLECTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH. THE DV HOUSING INCLUDES A VARIETY OF HOUSING STRATEGIES. INCLUDING SAFETY OFF THE STREETS, RAPID REHOUSING AND DIVERSION FROM SHELTER. HOUSING IS NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL AND REQUIRES A VARIETY OF OPTIONS. WHEN TALKING ABOUT EMERGENCY HOUSING, WE'RE LOOKING AT SHELTERS, ADVOCATES AND VOUCHING. WITH MOTEL VOUCHING, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO HAVE ACCESS TO MOTEL VOUCHERS. WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THE DATA, I THINK A FEW PIECES YOU'RE GOING TO SEE -- A FEW TAKE-HOME MESSAGES. ACROSS THE BOARD, WE ARE INCREASING SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND HOUSING MORE SURVIVORS. ANOTHER -- SOME OTHER POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND ARE THAT SIMILAR TO ALL SYSTEMS OF CARE, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST IN TERMS OF PROPORTION OF PEOPLE THAT WE'RE SEEING IN SHELTER, IN RAPID REHOUSING, AS WELL AS DIVERSION. ANOTHER PIECE I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THAT SHELTER IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR ALL COMMUNITIES AND WE KNOW THAT SEVERAL COMMUNITIES, AS COMMISSIONER SMITH MENTIONED, AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AND LATINO COMMUNITIES DON'T ACCESS IT AT THE SAME RATE. SO OTHER OPTIONS, SUCH AS RAPID REHOUSING, PROVIDES A MORE CULTURALLY-RESPONSIVE APPROACH.

MS. ROJAS: THIS YEAR, TO-DATE, IN 2017, WE'RE SEEING A HIGHER RATE OF LATINAS BEING HOUSED THROUGH RAPID REHOUSING. WHEN WE LOOK AT DIVERSION, THIS IS THE HIGHEST -- KIND OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE AREA THAT

WE'RE SEEING PEOPLE BEING HOUSED IN, IS THROUGH DIVERSION. SO WE'RE UTILIZATION EVICTION PREVENTION TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM HAVING TO GO INTO SHELTERS OR MOTELS. THE NEW RESOURCES THAT WERE PROVIDED THIS YEAR -- AND, THANK YOU, ALL, FOR PROVIDING THOSE -- FOR EXAMPLE, NEW RESOURCES ADDED THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO MOTELS. SAFETY CAN'T WAIT AND SO WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF HAVING A WAIT LIST AND WE NEED A SURVIVOR AND HER FAMILY HAVE ACCESS TO IMMEDIATE HOUSING. ADDITIONALLY, THE SYSTEM ADDING A PROJECT BETWEEN BRADLEY ENGEL AND REACH, WHICH INCLUDES APARTMENTS AVAILABLE TO SURVIVORS. THEY CAN TAKE THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR CARETAKERS AND IT'S A SAFE AND ADEQUATE OPTION. WITH THE RESOURCES THAT WERE ADDED -- PROBABLY EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT -- IS STAFFING REPORT TO PROVIDE THAT ONGOING SUPPORTS TO SURVIVORS BECAUSE WE KNOW IT IS A LONG JOURNEY TO HEAL AND BECOME STABLE. I CAN TALK ALL DAY ABOUT THE SERVICES AND THE WORK WE DO, IN NUMBERS. BUT THIS IS NOT A WORK ABOUT NUMBERS. THIS IS ABOUT PEOPLE.

I'D LIKE TO SHARE A CASE, A STORY ABOUT A SURVIVOR. WHO WAS REFERRED OUT OF A CHILD WELFARE OFFICE. THEY BEGAN WORKING WITH HER. SHE MANAGED TO FLEE HER HOME AND WAS DOUBLED-UP WITH ANOTHER FAMILY. IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING CHARGED WITH A CRIME, HER ABUSER TOOK AUDITOR'S OFFICE WITH HER MONEY. SHE MANAGED TO FIND A PLACE THAT WAS AFFORDABLE, IT WASN'T IN HABITABLE. SHE DID HAVE EMPLOYMENT, BUT NEEDED TO TAKE TIME OFF FOR MATERNITY LEAVE. THE SAFE START ADVOCATE WAS ABLE TO ASSIST IN FILLING OUT THE SAFETY STABILIZATION TO GET ACCESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING. THEY REFERRED THEM TO THE HOUSING ADVOCATE TO PRESENT HER CASE TO THE RESOURCE-COORDINATION TEAM. IT WAS THERE AT THE RCT THAT SHE WAS FOUND TO BE A GOOD FIT FOR HUD HORIZONS, WHO ASSISTED HER IN DEPOSITS AND COSTS UP TO A YEAR. SHE WAS CONNECTED TO [INDISCERNIBLE] TO LOOK FOR HOUSING. UPON APPLYING FOR APARTMENTS AND GETTING REJECTED OVER AND OVER AGAIN DUE TO HER CREDIT HISTORY, WHICH WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ABUSE, THE ADVOCATE IN HUD HORIZON WAS ABLE TO START MAKING PAYMENTS ON HER CREDIT. THE HUD ADVOCATE FILLED A PETITION TO LOOK PAST HER CREDIT HISTORY AND IT WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL. JUST WHEN HOPE SEEMED TO BE LOST, THEY AWARDED THE HOUSING SYSTEM AT THE END -- WE GOT SOME DEBT REDUCTION FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY.

MS. ROJAS: AND DUE TO THAT, WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT HER IN BEING ABLE TO PAY DOWN HER DEBT. GET INTO HOUSING. AND, TODAY, WE'VE REFERRED HER TO ANOTHER PARTNER AGENCY OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM, WHO HAS BEEN SUPPORTING HER IN BUDGETING AND SAVING AND NOW SHE'S SIX MONTHS INTO THE PROGRAM, PAYING HER RENT ON HER OWN AND HAS A RAINY DAY FUND AND HAS BEGUN SAVING FOR A HOME. THAT IS A SUCCESS STORY, ONE OF HUNDREDS THAT THE SYSTEM SEES EVERY DAY. BECAUSE OF THE CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM, THE SURVIVOR

RECEIVED SUPPORT IN HER LANGUAGE, IN A DELIVERY MODEL THAT REFLECTS HER CULTURE NORMS AND STRENGTHS. AND IN THIS TIME OF HEIGHTENED RACISM, CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES WILL BE CRITICAL TO OUR COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNT HER IN REPORT WAS TO INVEST IN HOUSING AND DV SUPPORT SERVICES SO THAT NO SURVIVOR IS TURNED AWAY OR FORCED TO LIVE IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION. YOUR CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN THE DV SYSTEM MOVES US FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL TO YOUR COMMITMENT TO A SAFE AND MORE EQUITABLE COMMUNITY.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR PATRICIA? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, PATRICIA. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU. A COUPLE QUESTIONS -- OF COURSE, IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO INVEST IN SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BUT I DON'T HEAR A LOT OF TALK ABOUT GETTING UPSTREAM. CLEARLY, THERE ARE ANGER MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN OUR SOCIETY. WHAT ARE WE DOING TO GET UP UPSTREAM?

MS. ROJAS: THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. EL PROGRAMA HISPANO HAS PREVENTION PROGRAMMING THAT WE DELIVER IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL TO FOSTER HOW TO HAVE A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP AND TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE BEFORE IT BEGINS. SO, THERE ARE EFFORTS IN PREVENTION. I WILL SAY, IT'S ONE OF THE LEAST-FUNDED AREAS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE. IT IS PART OF THE SYSTEM.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THAT'S ENCOURAGING. CLEARLY, IT'S NOT ENOUGH. BUT, THAT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. THE OTHER THING I HAD IS ABOUT, YOU TALKED ABOUT THIS EXAMPLE OF THIS WOMAN HAVING HER CREDIT DESTROYED. IS THERE A FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION THAT A NONPROFIT LIKE YOURS COULD CERTIFY, THAT COULD HELP? THAT SAYS, YOU KNOW, THIS PERSON HAS GONE THROUGH TRAINING AND THEY'VE HAD EXTENUATING SITUATIONS AND WE THINK SHE'LL BE A GOOD CREDIT RISK?

ABSOLUTELY. MANY OF OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE FINANCIAL PROGRAMS. THROUGH EL PROGRAMA HISPANO, WE HAVE A WAY TO PARTNER AND PROVIDE WELLNESS THROUGH A DV PERSPECTIVE.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: WHICH IS GREAT. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT HOUSING, IT'S EXPUNGING PEOPLE'S RECORDS. YOU CAN SAY, WE HAVE WORKED WITH THESE FOLKS AND WE CERTIFY THEM AND WE VOUCH FOR THEM. I'M KIND OF LOOKING FOR ONE STEP BEYOND -- MARC'S SHAKING HIS HEAD, SO I'M SURE HE HAS SOME IDEAS. MAYBE MARC CAN EXPAND ON THAT.

MR. JOLIN: I WILL SAY THAT -- THERE ARE PARTNERSHIPS THAT ARE BEING FORGED THROUGH THESE SYSTEM WITH LANDLORDS. AS WE DEVELOP THOSE RELATIONSHIPS, THAT IS A KEY AREA THAT WE LOOK AT IS, HOW TO WE WORK WITH THIS LANDLORD FOR THE NEXT PERSON THAT COMES THROUGH THE SYSTEM SO THEY'RE MORE OPEN AND THEY UNDERSTAND THESE AGENCIES ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE SURVIVOR AND WE'RE LOOKING AT POSITIVE OUTCOMES TOGETHER. IT ISN'T THAT THIS PERSON IS A LIABILITY OR A RISK, THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP.

MAY I MAKE A COMMENT ON THAT? THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THIS IS A GREAT AND PROVOCATIVE PRESENTATION. I'M STRUCK BY TWO THINGS. NUMBER ONE, I AGREE WITH YOU WHOLE HEARTEDLY THAT THIS ISSUE OF GETTING PEOPLE BACK ON THEIR ECONOMIC FEET IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. IT'S NOT ONLY A SIGNIFICANT BARRIER TO WOMEN LEAVING ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS, BUT THEN IT CREATES PROBLEMS ON THE BACKSIDE WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO REESTABLISH THEIR LIVES AND IT'S A DELIBERATE STRATEGY OF ABUSERS. CRASH THE CASH, CRASH THE CREDIT ACCOUNT. I'M THRILLED WITH THE WORK YOU'RE DOING AND BRADLEY ENGEL AND LATINO NETWORK. YOU SAID SOMETHING I WANT TO UNDERSCORE. YOU SAID THAT HALF THE WOMEN IN THE STATE, AT SOME POINT -- HAVE EXPERIENCE.

MAYOR WHEELER: SAY THEY EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF ABUSE. TAKING IT AS A GIVEN THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS LIFE-ENDANGERING, IF YOU HAD COME IN HERE AS A HEALTH OFFICER AND SAID THAT THERE IS AN EPIDEMIC THAT WILL STRIKE HALF THE WOMEN IN THIS STATE, THAT WILL PUT THEIR LIVES IN DANGER, THAT WOULD BE HEADLINE NEWS AROUND THE NATION. BUT, BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT IN THE CONTEXT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IT'S ALMOST AN AFTERTHOUGHT. I THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT. I'M GLAD THAT "A HOME FOR EVERYONE" ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THIS IS A GROUP THAT NEEDS TO GO RIGHT TO THE FRONT OF THE LIST. SO, THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING THAT.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

MS. ROJAS: THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY. I WANTED TO RESPOND TO COMMISSIONER STEGMANN'S QUESTION ABOUT WHAT ARE WE DOING TO GET UP UPSTREAM. THE CITY COUNCIL DID ALLOCATE MORE MONEY. WE HAVE BEEN DOING THE WOMEN'S PROGRAM. IT'S A FAIRLY INTENSIVE COURSE, THREE WEEKS IN A ROW, THREE HOURS A WEEK. DEFENSE AND AWARENESS TRAINING. PART OF THE TRAINING IS YOU KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL SO IT'S MORE OF A SURPRISE WHEN SOMEBODY ATTACKS YOU. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THEY MOVED IT TO GIRLS STRENGTH. AS THE PILOT PROJECT, WE STARTED BOYS STRENGTH. THIS AGAIN IS A MENTORING AND COACHING WITHIN MIDDLE SCHOOLS, WITH THE SOMEWHAT PHENOMENAL CONCEPT THAT BOYS WOULD LIKE TO SIT AND TALK ABOUT ISSUES LIKE THIS AND RECOGNIZING THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE MANY GOOD ROLE MODELS IN THEIR HOMES.

IT'S BEEN WELL-RECEIVED. IF WE WANT TO GET BACK TO HALF THE PEOPLE -- A QUARTER OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR STATE HAVE THAT EXPERIENCE. I DON'T THINK JUST WAITING FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN IS THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER EUDALY?

COMMISSIONER EUDALY: I HAVE HEARD ANECDOTALLY THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING A BOTTLENECK WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS BECAUSE IT'S TAKING LONGER FOR US TO PLACE WOMEN AND FAMILIES INTO LONGER-TERM SHELTER AND I'M JUST WONDERING, IF WE HAVE ANY NUMBERS ON THAT, AS FAR AS HOW LONG IT WAS TAKING A COUPLE YEARS AGO VERSUS TODAY AND HOW YOU THINK THAT MIGHT BE IMPACTING PEOPLE JUST ACCESSING IF THEY THINK THERE'S NOT SHELTER SPACE AVAILABLE?

MS. ROJAS: I UNFORTUNATELY DON'T HAVE THAT SHELTER FOR YOU. I CAN SAY, AT LEAST ANECDOTALLY, THERE IS NOT ENOUGH HOUSING RESOURCES. SO, I THINK THAT THE -- THE CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING TODAY IS HOMELESSNESS IS AN ISSUE THAT ADDRESSING SEVERAL DIFFERENT POPULATIONS AND SEVERAL ROOT CAUSES AND AT LEAST WHEN IT COMES TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POPULATION, WE HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH RESOURCES. AND AT THIS POINT, I THINK THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING PLACED IN A MORE MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE WAY IN HOUSING. BUT THERE ARE JUST NOT ENOUGH OPTIONS -- THERE'S NOT ENOUGH RESOURCES, AT THIS POINT. SO THAT, I WOULD SAY, IS THE LEADING CAUSE TO WHY IT TAKES TIME, LONGER THAN WE NEED. COME -- SOMETIMES IT RESULTS IN THE WORST OUTCOME. WE NEED TO CREATE MORE HOUSING OPTIONS AND RESOURCES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER EUDALY: DO WE HAVE A SEPARATE POT OF MONEY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR DV -- YEAH, WE DO. DIFFERENT STREAMS OF FUNDING. OKAY. I'D LOVE TO MORE ER RE -- MORE ABOUT THAT.

WE CAN GET YOU THE FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS TO THE DV SYSTEM. DHS IS ON THAT. WE CAN WORK WITH THEM TO GET YOU THAT DATA.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU. ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS THINKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF THIS WHOLE ECOSYSTEM WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE AROUND TRAINING AND EDUCATION AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THOSE FOLKS THAT WE HAVE A POINT IN TIME COUNT FOR 2000, CORRECT?

HOW MANY DID YOU FIND ON THE STREETS, 1,900.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IF WE TAKE THOSE FOLKS WE FOUND IN 2015, AND THE ONES WE'RE GOING TO FIND HERE IN 2017, TO WRAP THEM AROUND WHAT SERVICES AND TRAINING AND EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND

THE LIKE, I JUST THINK THAT OUR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS VERY LOW TODAY. IT'S NOT GOING TO STAY THAT WAY. EVERY DAY, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOMEONE WHO IS EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, A JOB LOSS. TRYING TO CATCH BACK UP WITH THAT WHEN WE HAVE ALL THESE OTHER OUTSIDE FORCES THAT CAUSE FOLKS TO BE HOMELESS OR THEY DON'T HAVE THE AFFORDABILITY THEY HAD BEFORE. HOW ARE WE GOING TO MATCH THESE FOLKS UP WITH SERVICES TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THEY'RE NOT RECEIVING FULL SERVICES FROM US, THAT AT LEAST THEY'LL HAVE A JOB TO GO TO?

MS. ROJAS: THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WORKGROUP WAS SPECIFICALLY TASKED WITH COMING UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THAT. WE HAVE PUT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RESOURCES INTO PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTHS. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD SEGUE INTO THE YOUTH PRESENTATION. THE WORK OF THE OFFICE IS THE WORK OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. GIVING THEM TIME TO PRESENT -- WE DO HAVE A COUPLE MORE AND I DO WANT TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES AT THE END TO SHARE WHERE WE ARE WITHIN THE OFFICE ITSELF.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE HAVE POSTPONED OUR ANIMAL SERVICES BRIEFING UNTIL THURSDAY. WHILE WE ARE STILL MOVING FORWARD IN A TIMELY FASHION WITH THIS BRIEFING, I WANT TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE THAT.

MR. JOLIN: WE CAN STAY AS LONG AS YOU'D LIKE. SEAN SUIB IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AVENUES FOR YOUTH.

GOOD MORNING.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING.

MR. SUIB: SITTING AS A SPECTATOR, I'M REALLY MOVED BY THE DIFFERENCES, BUT ALSO THE COMMONALITIES THAT ALL THESE SYSTEMS ARE FACING IN THE STRUGGLE TO HELP PEOPLE, AND IN OUR CASE, YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE FEW MOMENTS THAT I HAVE TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE HOMELESS YOUTH CONTINUUM. I WAS ASKED TO GIVE HISTORY. I'D LIKE TO SHARE, TO START WITH, AN EXAMPLE OF A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS A CURRENT PARTICIPANT IN SERVICES TO ILLUSTRATE HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS. SO CHANGING SOME OF THE DETAILS FOR PROTECTION.

I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT A YOUNG PERSON NAMED LAINA, WHO IS NATIVE OF MONTANA, WHO SELF-IDENTIFIES AS NONBINARY AND MIXED RACE. LAINA GREW UP IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, ENTERED FOSTER CARE AT THE AGE OF 12 AND THEN WAS IN AND OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM UNTIL THEY REACHED ADULTHOOD, AT WHICH TIME THEY WERE ABLE TO LIVE WITH THEIR FORMER FOSTER PARENT, BUT THAT HOUSING WAS DISCONTINUED BECAUSE

OF HOW LAINA IDENTIFIED WITH THEIR GENDER. LAINA CAME TO PORTLAND PURSUING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND HOUSING AND UPON COMING -- GETTING TO PORTLAND, FOLLOW-UP ON A CRAIGSLIST AD FOR SHARED HOUSING, USED ALL OF THEIR SAVINGS AND SHORTLY AFTER GETTING ESTABLISHED, REALIZED THE HOUSING WAS UNSAFE. THERE WAS SERIOUS HEROIN USE AND SEX TRAFFICKING AND HAD TO LEAVE AND BECAME HOMELESS. LAINA WAS ABLE TO COME IN CONTACT WITH MOBILE SERVICES. OUR SYSTEM-WIDE ASSESSMENT WAS APPLIED AND THEY WERE REFERRED INTO THE HOMELESS YOUTH CONTINUUM. WAS REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO NEW AVENUES FOR CASE MANAGEMENT AND SPECIALIZED HEALTH SERVICES.

I WANT TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR LAINA. AT SHELTER, GOT INVOLVED IN OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THROUGH THE HOMELESS YOUTH CONTINUUM. HAD SOME SUCCESS THERE. ACTUALLY GOT EMPLOYED IN NON-PROFITS IN THEIR SYSTEM AND STARTING TO GET SOME RENT SAVINGS BACK UP. LAINA WAS ABLE TO MOVE INTO ONE OF OUR CONGRUENT CARE AND WAS ABLE TO SAVE MONEY AND GET MORE STABLE. OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, LAINA'S GOING TO BE TRANSITIONING INTO AN EXPANSION ON OUR UNITY TWO, WHICH IS LGBTQ SPECIFIC HOUSING THAT WE WERE ABLE TO EXPAND AND INCREASE CAPACITY THROUGH THE INVESTMENTS OF "A HOME FOR EVERYONE." WHILE THIS YOUNG PERSON IS A VERY UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL, ACTUALLY, THEIR STORY'S NOT VERY UNIQUE. IT EXEMPLIFIES A LOT OF THE CHALLENGES. FOR FOLKS WHO DON'T KNOW, WE HAVE ONE OF THE OLDEST SERVICE SYSTEMS. IT STARTED IN 1998. THE CATALYST FOR IT WAS A REPORT DONE BY THE CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION AND WHAT THEY IDENTIFIED IS THAT THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES, THEY WERE GREAT SERVICES, BUT IT WASN'T WELL-COORDINATED. WE HAD A SHOTGUN WEDDING. THE COUNTY SAT DOWN WITH PROVIDERS AND WE CREATED THIS FIRST SYSTEM RESPONSE, WHICH HAS GROWN.

MR. SUIB: TO FAST FORWARD, WHEN I TALK ABOUT THE SYSTEM, I LIKE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT I SEE IS THE KEY, THE SERVICES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, WHICH IS A UNIQUE CONTRACTING RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE JOINT OFFICE. IT'S A HIGH-INVOLVEMENT. IT INCLUDES SHARED PRACTICES, SHARED OUTCOMES, SHARED EVALUATION, SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY AND SHARED DECISION-MAKING. IN RETURN FOR THESE NON-PROFITS THAT PARTICIPATE AND RETURN FOR THIS HIGH PARTICIPATION, WHAT WE GET IS SOME FUNDING STABILITY. SO THROUGH THAT SERVICES PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT DOESN'T OPEN FOR PROCUREMENT SO WE CAN BUILD ON THAT FOUNDATION AND GROW THE SERVICES. WITH THAT, MAYBE WE'LL GO TO THE FIRST SLIDE REAL FAST. I'LL -- IF I DIDN'T SAY IT ALREADY, THE PARTNERS ARE OUTSIDE IN, NEW AVENUES FOR YOUTH, AND NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTERS. YOU'LL SEE AT THE TOP, WE HAVE A 24-HOUR ACCESS, SEVEN DAYS A WORK, SHARED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, NO WRONG DOOR.

EVERY YOUNG PERSON SIGNS A RELEASE OF INFORMATION. THERE'S A HIGH LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION THAT HAPPENS BETWEEN THE FOUR AGENCIES AND THE JOINT OFFICE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE SERVICE CATEGORIES THAT DEFINE OUR SYSTEM, THERE'S SAFETY OFF THE STREETS, OUTREACH, EMERGENCY AND SHORT-TERM SHELTER, DAY CENTERS, WHERE PEOPLE MEET BASIC NEEDS. RECOVERY-ORIENTED, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND COUNSELING AND PEER MENTORING. YOU'LL SEE A STAT ABOUT HOW HIGH THE RATE OF MENTAL HEALTH IS AMONG THIS GROUP. FOR THE \$5.5 MILLION THAT THE JOINT OFFICE INVESTS IN THIS SYSTEM, THE SYSTEM PARTNERS MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT IN TERMS OF LEVERAGE THAT WE BRING INTO THE SYSTEM.

THERE IS MORE THAN \$10 MILLION THAT CREATES THE FLEXIBILITY AND ROBUST SERVICES WE CAN PROVIDE. WE HAVE A CONTINUUM OF HOUSING THAT IS DEVELOPMENTALLY ALIGNED SO IT RANGES FROM CONGRUENT AND SUBSIDIZING RENTAL ASSESSMENT. THIS IS ALL WRAPPED ON THE CLOAK OF A SHARED PRACTICE AROUND THE ENGAGEMENT. FOCUS ON COMMUNITY CONNECTION, FOCUS ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. I'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. YOU'LL SEE REALLY QUICKLY -- I'LL JUST HIGHLIGHT -- BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE SHORT ON TIME. VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE IDENTIFY FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND LGBTQ. A REMARKABLY HIGH RATE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES. YOU CAN SEE, FOR 2016, WE SERVED ROUGHLY 700 YOUTH. ALL TOTAL, 1,300 YOUTH LAST YEAR. 700 YOUTH IN SHELTER. 400 IN THAT CONTINUUM OF DIFFERENT HOUSING OPTIONS. YOU CAN READ DOWN BELOW, SOME OF THE OUTCOMES FOR THAT HOUSING SUCCESS AND ACTUALLY, THE 76 REMAINING -- 76% REMAINING STABLE HOUSING AFTER SIX MONTHS IS A REAL INCREDIBLE SIGN THAT THE HOUSING WE'RE -- WE'RE HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE TOWARDS IS HOUSING THAT WILL STICK.

MR. SUIB: SORT OF WRAPPING UP A LITTLE BIT, THESE ARE THE MAIN INVEST INVESTMENTS THAT CAME WITH THE "A HOME FOR EVERYONE" DOLLARS AND WHAT -- THE BIG THING I WANT TO SHARE HERE IS THAT THE BIG INVESTMENT IS IN THIS FLEXIBLE HOUSING FUNDS AND THAT INCREASED OUR CAPACITY TO HOUSE YOUNG PEOPLE BY 40%. IT WAS A HUGE BURST FOR OUR SYSTEM. WE ALSO -- WE ALSO USED SOME OF THOSE FUNDS THAT WENT TOWARD NAVIGATOR POSITIONS AND GETTING YOUNG PEOPLE INTO HOUSING AND HELPING THEM RETAIN THAT AND THE NAVIGATORS ARE FOCUSED ON THOSE TWO PIECES AND YOU'LL SEE OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRST SIX MONTHS. ON THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SIDE, AS MARC MENTIONED, THERE'S AN INVESTMENT THERE. THE KEY LEVERAGE THAT WE BRING INTO THE SYSTEM, THAT'S NOT PART OF THE SYSTEM IS FEDERAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DOLLARS AND THOSE ARE INCREDIBLY RESTRICTIVE. THEY DON'T HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY AND THEY'RE NOT A GOOD FIT OF THE HIGHEST BARRIER THAT NEED RELATION RELATIONAL SUPPORTS THAT NEED TO GET THEM READY TO WHERE THEY CAN BE ENROLLED IN OTHER SYSTEMS. THERE

ARE OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT INVESTMENT. AND THAT, IN FOUR AND A HALF MINUTES, IS THE SYSTEM.

MAYOR WHEELER: THANKS FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. THREE QUICK POINTS. WE'RE ALWAYS GETTING EMAILS OR CALLS OR PEOPLE COME UP TO US AND COMPLAIN ABOUT INTERACTIONS THEY'VE HAD WITH PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS AND I'M ALWAYS AMAZED AT HOW WILLING PEOPLE ARE TO SORT OF SUSPEND REALITY. WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT AN UNFORTUNATE INTERACTION WITH A YOUNG PERSON ON THE STREET, WHAT I FOUND THAT IS VERY HELPFUL IS REORIENT THE CONVERSATION AND ASK ABOUT WHERE IS THE LOVING, CARING ADULT IN THAT CHILD'S LIFE. IT'S VERY EASY TO REACT TO BEHAVIOR. AS ADULTS, WE CAN'T LET ADULTS OFF THE HOOK AND TYPICALLY FOR A LOT OF KIDS THAT ARE IN CRISIS ON THE STREETS, A LOT OF ADULTS HAVE HAD TO FAIL THEM ALONG THE WAY AND I THINK WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT. THE SECOND THING IS, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR OUR CRACK GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FOLK AND JUST A REQUEST -- A FOLLOW-UP REQUEST, MARC. THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PIECE IS, IN LIGHT OF THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION, DO WE EXPECT THE [INDISCERNIBLE] PROGRAM TO BE AT-RISK? SINCE THAT IS ONE OF OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS, HOUSING PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS. PERHAPS THE CITY AND COUNTY CAN TRACK THAT. AND SECOND, ON THE EMPLOYMENT SIDE, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT -- MY SENSE IS THAT THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTING YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT UNLESS WE'RE INTENTIONAL ABOUT IT, WE'RE GOING TO MISS THEM. CITY'S ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A HUGE INVESTMENT, A SUPER FUND. THERE ARE GOING TO BE JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, LONG-TERM JOB. HOW DO WE BRING SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THESE JOB PROGRAMS INTO THOSE JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS? NUMBER TWO, WE'RE STARTING TO GET -- WE GET ASKED AT SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TIME TO GET HELP AND ALL THE GROUPS YOU'VE MENTIONED, PLUS OTHERS, HAVE IDEAS. I'D LIKE TO DRILL DOWN A BIT, MARC, AT ANOTHER TIME, AT THE DATA.

MAYOR WHEELER: WHO WE'RE SERVING. HOW SUCCESSFUL ARE WE? WHAT ARE THE LIMITATIONS OF THE FEDERAL DOLLARS? AND HOW CAN WE COLLECTIVELY DO A BETTING JOB GETTING PEOPLE IN THE DOOR? IT'S NOT JUST THE VACANCY, IT'S THE SOFT SKILLS, THE MENTORING. THE SOFT SKILLS AREA THAT NEEDS A LOT OF ATTENTION, TO GIVE PEOPLE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING SUCCESSFUL IN THE WORKFORCE. BUT I FEEL LIKE SOMETIMES WE'RE GETTING ASKED FOR MONEY IN THIS POT AND THAT POT AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM BETTER. THE CITY IS LOOKING AT A HUGE BUBBLE OF RETIREMENTS, ARE WE BEING INTENTIONAL ENOUGH ABOUT HAVING A LADDER OF OPPORTUNITY WHERE THERE IS AN ENTRY-LEVEL JOB IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT? THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THE EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS, WHAT KIND OF EMPLOYMENT DOES THIS POPULATION HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO? WHAT SORT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE YOU SEEKING FOR THEM?

MR. SUIB: WELL, I WOULD SAY THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE SERVE CAN DO ANYTHING, REALLY. IT IS -- BUT TO GET FROM WHERE THEY START TO WHERE THEY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IS THE REAL CHALLENGE AND SO THOSE -- I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT DRILL-DOWN TO WHAT THOSE 40 JOBS ARE. I'LL TELL YOU WHERE WE HAVE -- WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF SUCCESS AND ACTUALLY, TO SPEAK AROUND THE PIECE AROUND THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISES WE OPERATE, THIS IS A KEY STRATEGY BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER ATMOSPHERE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS BARRIERS, TO TAKE WHAT THEY'RE LEARNING IN A CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT AND GO INTO A REAL-WORLD ENVIRONMENT AND PRACTICE THOSE SKILLS. IT'S OFTEN AFTER THAT WE CAN TAKE AND TRANSLATE -- ANY OF THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISES THAT OUR PARTNERS OPERATE ARE BASICALLY FOCUSING FOR REALLY HIGH-BARRIER FOLKS ON THE MOST BASIC SOFT SKILLS, SHOWING UP ON TIME, HYGIENE. WE'RE TALKING TO TRAVEL PORTLAND ABOUT HOTEL JOBS, CUSTOMER SERVICE JOBS. WE ARE TALKING TO WSI ABOUT MANUFACTURING SECTOR BECAUSE -- AND THE TRADES. THE TRADES ARE OFTEN ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING, BARRIER-WISE, FOR US TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE MOVED INTO. IT IS ABOUT TRYING TO ADDRESS THE SOFT SKILLS AND THEN TAP INTO A YOUNG PERSON'S DESIRES.

MAYOR WHEELER: ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH 40 OUT OF 189 BEING WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT WITH THIS POPULATION?

MR. SUIB: I WOULD LOVE TO SEE GREATER INVESTMENT. WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THESE ARE THE HIGHEST-BARRIER YOUTH, I DON'T THINK THIS IS A BAD NUMBER AT ALL. THIS IS SLOW WORK THAT TAKES TIME AND THOSE ARE HUGE SUCCESSES. SO, I THINK WE OFTEN FORGET THAT. PEOPLE WANT TO -- AGAIN, I GO BACK TO THAT SLIDE THAT TALKS ABOUT THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THE BARRIER TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS THAT MUCH HIGHER.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON?

COMMISSIONER PEDERSON: ARE THERE MORE PEOPLE COMING TO GET SERVICES THAT ARE PREGNANT? IT'S A VERY CRITICAL ISSUE. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE DEALING WITH EVERYTHING SOMEONE HAS TO DEAL WITH BEING HOMELESS, LET ALONE WHEN YOU'RE PREGNANT OR HAVE A HAVE A YOUNG CHILD.

MR. SUIB: IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN WE STARTED TO SEE THAT TREND, WE CAME BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD AND WITH THE COUNTY'S HELP, WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMING FOCUSED ON YOUNG PARENTS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE NUMBER HAS INCREASED -- I'VE BEEN SERVING THE HOMELESS YOUTH POPULATION FOR 25 YEARS, IT FEELS RELATIVELY CONSTANT TO ME. OUR ABILITY TO CATCH

IT GOES UP AND DOWN AND CERTAINLY THE REALITY OF THE GAP IN WHAT IT COSTS FOR HOUSING AND WHAT PEOPLE'S BENEFITS PAY AND WHERE SALARY'S AT EXACERBATES IT. THERE'S MORE PRESSURE ON EVERYBODY, THAT INCLUDES YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE PARENTING. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A WONDER TO ME THAT THERE ARE SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE PARENTING THAT ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

COMMISSIONER PEDERSON: I'M LOOKING AT PROGRAMS TO HELP WITH THE PREVENTION SIDE OF THING. GETTING THE RIGHT HEALTHCARE SERVICES, GETTING ACCESS TO REACHING OUT TO THE YOUTH. ANY ONE WHO EXPERIENCES HOMELESSNESS, ACTUALLY. SO, I'M VERY, VERY INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT THAT.

MR. SUIB: I'LL SAY ONE LAST THING AND THEN I'M SURE I'M GOING TO GET THE CANE. ONE OF THE GROWTH CURVE -- OUR SYSTEM TRADITIONALLY HAS BEEN A LATE, LATE STAGE INTERVENTION. THE AVERAGE AGE INCREASING, ALL THESE THINGS, WE ARE STARTING TO LOOK AT OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND WHAT PREVENTION MEANS IN OUR SYSTEM. WE DON'T HAVE THAT AS AN INCORPORATED PIECE OF OUR SYSTEM AND WE REALLY NEED TO. SO, THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT QUESTION. IT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT ONE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR? I WAS THINKING ABOUT THIS AND THINKING ABOUT COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER FISH WAS TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE BABY BOOMERS RETIRING. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BRAIN DRAIN. THE ONLY WAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO FILL THAT GAP IS TO WORK WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULAR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM UNDER UNDERSERVED WHO DON'T TRADITIONALLY GO INTO PUBLIC SERVICE. MARC KNOWS THIS, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH WSI WITH SUMMER WORK AND TRYING TO GET OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH POSITIONS AND TRYING TO POSITION THEM FOR THE FUTURE AND THANKS TO OUR BOARD, OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO, YOU KNOW, GO FROM 25 KIDS UP TO 500 KIDS THAT WE PAY FOR IN PERMANENT BUDGET TO COME AND WORK IN THE CITY AND WORK IN THE COUNTY FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND WE DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN AND WHERE WE TRY TO FILL THE GAP IS TO PUT THESE POSITIONS OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE SECTOR AND TO THE NONPROFIT SECTOR, PARTICULARLY WITH FOLKS THAT WE DO BUSINESS WITH. NOW, ONE STATISTIC THAT I DIDN'T SEE HERE, THAT IS REALLY KIND OF BUGGING ME, AT THIS POINT, THERE ARE 30,000 KIDS -- I'LL GIVE YOU THE AGE RANGE, BETWEEN 16-24, WHO ARE NOT IN SCHOOL AND WHO ARE NOT WORKING.

THESE ARE THE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO BE UTILIZING THE DOLLARS, BEING OUR HOMELESS SYSTEM AND THEY'RE JUST KIND OF LIKE ROAMING AROUND. WHEN I PUT THIS TOGETHER WITH AN INCIDENT THAT WE SAW, YOU KNOW, TAKE PLACE HERE IN PORTLAND, A YOUNG KID, 17 YEARS OLD, HE'S DEAD BECAUSE HE STOLE AN EBT CARD. ELECTRONIC BENEFIT CARD. THIS KID WAS IN A MOTEL, 17 YEARS OLD. HOW DO WE GET TO THOSE FOLKS BECAUSE IT

SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE WORKING WITH THE KIDS WHO ARE IN YOUR SYSTEM OR WHO ARE IN OUR SYSTEM ALREADY AND I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, HOW I GET TO A KID LIKE THAT AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY? I MEAN, I KNOW THAT THE KIDS THAT COME THROUGH THE SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM, THE 500 THAT WE PAY FOR, ALMOST 85% OF THOSE KIDS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. SO I KNOW THAT WORKS. THE DATA IS THERE AND THAT'S THE SAME REASON WHY I PUT IN A PROGRAM OFFER FOR FISCAL YEAR 18 FOR ANOTHER \$500. ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDING SO WE CAN HELP ANOTHER 500 KIDS. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO THAT. I WILL SAY I SAID THAT FOR US IT'S ALSO HAPPENING AS A SYSTEM. WE'RE STARTING TO POINT OUR DIRECTION OUT THERE. OFFICE, ROADS FOR A DEMONSTRATION GRANT TO TAKE OUR SYSTEM AND TAKE THE ELEMENTS THAT ARE URBAN CENTRIC AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES THAT WILL WORK IN OTHER GEOGRAPHIES AND OTHER COMMUNITIES. THERE'S A LOT OF ATTENTION BUT IT DOES GO BACK TO THE QUESTION ABOUT PREVENTION.

MR. SUIB: WE'RE PARTNER BACKUP WITH YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

WE JUST HAVE TWO MORE QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER?

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: I'LL TRY TO BE QUICK. PERHAPS WE CAN CONNECT AFTER THIS. I ALSO SHARE COMMISSIONER PETERSON'S SHOCK I THINK AND CONCERN ABOUT THAT 30% INCREASE IN PREGNANCY AND THE NEED TO FOCUS ON PREVENTION, AND I DO KNOW THERE ARE SOME REALLY POWERFUL TOOLS OUT THERE IN TERMS OF PREVENTION PARTICULARLY IN THIS AREA. UNINTENDED PREGNANCY WHERE THE STAKES ARE SO HIGH. SO ONE QUESTION IN PARTICULAR, WHICH THEY ARE USING I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: PEOPLE ARE WATCHING AT HOME. THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM. NUMBER ONE IN THE RATINGS.

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: OKAY. [LAUGHTER] BASED ON THE STATISTICS THAT AT A NATIONAL LEVEL AND IN OREGON AND LOCALLY UNINTENDED PREGNANCY RATES ARE ABOUT 50%, CLOSE TO 50%, WHICH IS SHOCKING, AND THOSE REGULAR CYS THAT ARE AN UNINTENDED RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT WORSE OUT COMES FOR BIRTHS IN INTERGENERATIONAL CYCLE OF POVERTY AND IT'S PARTICULARLY HIGH, MUCH HIGHER FOR LOW INCOME WOMEN, FOR WOMEN OF COLOR, AND OVER DECADES NO ONE HAS BUDGED ON THAT. THE DIAL HASN'T SHIFTED. SO IT'S LOOKING AT WELL, WHY IS THIS, LOOKING AT ROOT CAUSES, TALKING ABOUT UPSTREAM AS ONE CAN POSSIBLY GET SAYING ASKING GIRLS, WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE CONSISTENTLY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME PREGNANT IN THE NEXT YEAR? IF THE ANSWER IS YES, GREAT. LET'S MAKE IT AS HEALTHY AS POSSIBLE. HERE'S FOLIC ACID, GET YOU OFF DRUGS, LET'S HELP WITH YOUR TOBACCO CESSATION, ET CETERA. IT'S NO, GREAT, THERE ARE REALLY EFFECTIVE CONTRACEPTION TO FIT IN WITH WHATEVER YOU NEED. VERY SIMPLE APPROACH THOUGH THIS HUMAN ISSUE. IT'S HAD A LOT OF IMPACT AND IS SPREADING NATIONALLY. IT'S CURRENTLY BEING USED AT OUTSIDE IN.

MR. SUIB: I WOULD LOVE TO TALK ABOUT THAT. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: THE OTHER THING I NOTED IN A COUPLE OF SLIDES BACK TALKING ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT OVERARCHING SLIDE YOU MENTIONED SINGLE HMIS RECORD AND DATA SHARING. THIS IS A BIG QUESTION. AGAIN, YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT IT AFTERWARDS. HOW THAT WORKS AMONGST THE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS WITH VERY SENSITIVE ISSUES PARTICULARLY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS I STRONGLY FEEL THAT THIS SORT OF COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL IN OUR SILOED SYSTEMS OF CARE TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT PEOPLE BUT I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT THAT.

MR. SUIB: REALLY QUICKLY WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF ITERATIONS OF THIS. WE USED TO HAVE A STAND-ALONE DATABASE THAT OUR SYSTEM DEVELOPED TOGETHER THAT CREATED LEVELS OF NEED TO KNOW AND ACCESS. WE CURRENTLY USE HMIS, BUT WE USE IT FOR JUST PERCENTAGES OF OVERLAP AND WE PROTECT INFORMATION IN PLACES WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED. IT'S A KEY PLACE WHERE ENTRY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION IS SHARED SO EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT WE'RE WORKING WITH AND WHO WE'RE WORKING WITH. THEN EVERYBODY'S VIEW IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT DEPENDING WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW AND WHAT LEVEL OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE YOUNG PERSON.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU. WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO YET. WE GOT YOU HERE. I APPRECIATE -- I'M REALLY EXCITED TO HEAR THAT YOU'RE IN EAST COUNTY AT THE NOW BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THESE COUNTIES. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS AND WITH EMPLOYMENT. SO IN EAST COUNTY WE HAVE FEDERAL EXPRESS. IT'S RUMORED WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AMAZON. IS THERE A PARTNERSHIP WITH SPECIFIC BUSINESSES TO GIVE JOBS, INTERNSHIPS WITH THE KIDS YOU'RE SERVING?

MR. SUIB: WE WORK WITH A LOT OF BUSINESSES AROUND PLACEMENT OF YOUTH. ONE CHALLENGE WE HAVE AROUND THIS IS THAT BUSINESSES ARE SCREENING -- SCREAMING FOR EMPLOYEES AT TIMES IN PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES AND TO YOUR COMMENT ABOUT THE 40 YOUTH OUR ABILITY IS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE READY DOESN'T NECESSARILY MATCH THE LEVEL OF NEED. SO WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF CHALLENGES WHERE WE CREATE A PIPELINE

THEN WE CAN'T FILL IT WE CAN'T FILL IT. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH WSI AND THE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM TO TRY TO LOOK AT IT MORE GLOBALLY WITH WSI HELPING BROKER LARGER RELATIONSHIPS WITH EMPLOYERS AND AS A SYSTEM WE'RE PLUGGING THEM INDIVIDUALLY AS WE DID IN THE OLD DAY. WE STILL RELY ON THAT'S BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS TO SAY, I HAVE THIS YOUNG PERSON WITH ME AND I THINK THEY WOULD BE REALLY GOOD FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: WELL, IN EAST COUNTY I HAVE HEARD FED-EX CANNOT FIND ENOUGH PEOPLE TO WORK. SO CLEARLY THERE'S AS DISCONNECT BETWEEN PEOPLE THAT NEED JOBS AND COMPANIES THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO POTENTIALLY PROVIDE THOSE. I'M JUST WONDERING HOW WE CAN PARTNER BETTER.

MR. SUIB: I'LL ADD ONE LAST THING. SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE HOTEL INDUSTRY IS THAT WE ALSO HAVE TO WORK THE EMPLOYER SO THEY CREATE ENVIRONMENTS COMFORTABLE FOR THE YOUTH THAT WE SERVE. WE CAN SEND SOMEBODY THERE BUT RETENTION IF YOU DON'T HAVE A YOUTH FRIENDLY OR ORIENTED WORKPLACE IS NOT GOING TO BE VERY GOOD. THE EMPLOYER GETS FRUSTRATED AND THE OPPORTUNITY GOES AWAY. IT HAS TO BE BOTH SIDES OF THAT.

MR. JOLIN: I WANT TO SAY WE HAVE TWO MORE PEOPLE SPEAKING AS WELL. THERE'S SO MUCH INFORMATION, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO CALL ANY OF THESE FOLKS INTO YOUR OFFICE INDIVIDUALLY TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS. PROBABLY A MUCH BETTER WAY. TODAY IS A HIGH OVERVIEW.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE SYSTEM AND OUR YOUTH.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ARE THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABLE TO STAY A LITTLE BIT LONGER AS WELL?

COUNCIL MEMBER: I THINK THEY WILL STAY UNTIL THEY HAVE TO GO.
[LAUGHTER]

MR. JOLIN: DO YOU WANT US TO CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENTATION AS PLANNED?

CHAIR KAFOURY: I'M GOING TO ASK PEOPLE TO TRY TO HOLD YOUR QUESTIONS UNLESS IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS --

MR. JOLIN: THEN WE WILL CONTINUE. I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S QUESTIONS. WE'RE COVERING A LOT OF TERRITORY HERE. MAKE SURE WE GET TO THE OFFICE ITSELF BEFORE WE FINISH. THE LAST TWO TO COME UP, JAN SINGLETON AND AMY THOMPSON IN SUPPORT OF HOUSING AT THE NATIVE

AMERICAN REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION. IF THEY CAN SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHERE WE ARE ON THE SINGLES SIDE. IT'S A BIG PART OF OUR SYSTEM IN TERMS OF AMOUNT OF RESOURCES WE INVEST BUT SIMILAR IN TERMS OF SERVICES WE'RE TRYING TO PROVIDE TO FOLKS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

MS. SINGLETON: THANK YOU. I DID WANT TO MAKE ONE COMMENT ABOUT THE PIECE AROUND CREDIT SCORE AND TENANCY AND JUST ENCOURAGE US TO NOT ONLY LOOK AT THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON AND HELPING THEM FIX THEIR CREDIT BECAUSE THAT IGNORES THE INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AND ECONOMIC OPPRESSION THAT HAPPENS FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN PARTICULAR. I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE US TO LOOK AT SCREENING BARRIERS AND CRITERIA AND ADDRESS THAT IN A MORE HOLISTIC WAY. THE ADULT SYSTEM, I'LL DO THIS A LOT. WE DON'T NECESSARILY OPERATE IN THE SAME WAY YOU'VE HEARD OTHER SYSTEMS. THE ADULT SYSTEM WAS SET UP INITIALLY IN SOME SILOED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN MAKE UP MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF PEOPLE COUNTED IN OUR LAST IN TIME COUNT INCLUDING 85% OF ALL PEOPLE UNSHELTERED. WHILE ADULTS COUNTED IN THE POINT IN TIME WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY MALE AND WHITE THAN HOMELESS -- SOME OF THE FASTEST PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES ARE WOMEN WITH CHILDREN AND A SHARP INCREASE IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. SERVICES FOR HOMELESS ADULTS ARE PROVIDED BY A BROAD RANGE OF ORGANIZATIONS AND I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO NAME ANY. THERE HAVE SO MANY I DON'T WANT TO DP CONCLUDE ANYONE. MANY WITH A DEPTH OF SPECIALTY IN TERMS OF SERVICES AND STRATEGIES AND SPECIFIC TARGET POPULATIONS.

MS. SINGLETON: OF MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HOMELESS SERVICES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAST YEAR NEARLY 50% WERE ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN. SERVICES IN THIS SYSTEM INCLUDE STREET OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT, HOUSING PLACEMENT AND RETENTION, MENTAL HEALTH STREET OUTREACH, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. SUPPORTIVE PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR VETERANS AND PEOPLE IN RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION. CULTURALLY SPECIFIC HOUSING PLACEMENT OUTREACH AND HOUSING RETENTION. SHELTERS FOR MEN, WOMEN, COUPLES AND VETERANS. IT HAS BEEN CHALLENGING TO FULLY COORDINATE THE ADULT SYSTEM IN THE SAME WAY YOU HEARD THE OTHER SYSTEMS BUT THERE'S A LOT OF COORDINATION HAPPENING. THERE'S BEEN SOME SPECIFIC INVESTMENT FOR HOME FOR EVERYONE FOCUSED ON NOT ONLY EXPANDING SERVICES TO SPECIFIC POPULATIONS BUT TO REALLY HELP START BREAK DOWN SOME OF THE SILOS. SOME OF THESE INCLUDE INVESTMENT IN CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND NATIVE AMERICAN ADULTS WHICH HAVE HONORED THE WORK OF CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROVIDERS TO EXPAND FROM MINIMAL HOUSING PLACEMENT ACTIVITY TWO YEARS AGO WHERE AT THE

URBAN LEAGUE THEY HAVE A DEDICATED STAFF OF NINE WHO ARE ABLE TO HOUSE MORE THAN 100 HOUSEHOLDS PER YEAR.

THIS INCLUDES THE PARTNERSHIPS WITH SEI, AND SOME OF THE LONG TERM VOUCHER PROGRAMS. WE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING COORDINATED ACCESS FOR OVER 1100 FEDERALLY FUNDED HOUSING UNITS TO ENSURE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HOMELESS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME ARE ABLE TO ACCESS APARTMENTS AND SERVICES. AN EXAMPLE IS A WOMAN THAT JOINED OUTREACH IN 1,000 ACRES. CALL HER SALLY. SALLY WAS ABLE TO GET AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE HOPE COLLABORATIVE. THIS MEANT WE COULD DO ESSENTIALLY A 15 MINUTE ASSESSMENT WITH HER AT HER CAMPSITE IN THOUSAND ACRES AND SHE WAS PUT ON A LIST WHERE SHE WANTED AND NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTED HOUSING. PRIOR TO COORDINATED ACCESS WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE HER TO CASCADIA FOR AN INTAKE, SIT THROUGH A HOUR AND A HALF TO TWO HOUR INTAKE FOR SERVICES THEN WAIT TWO MONTHS FOR A PLACE TO LIVE. THIS REALLY CHANGED WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE FOR FOLKS OUTSIDE.

MS SINGLETON: WE HAVE ALSO SEEN FUNDING OF TWO MULTI-AGENCY ENRICH TEAMS LED BY JOIN WHERE WE HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH NARA AND THE URBAN LEAGUE AND ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND WITH ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS IN THE NEXT MONTH DOING IN REACH TO PLACES THAT DON'T HAVE IN-HOUSE HOUSING PLACEMENT STAFF. THESE TEAMS ARE DIVERSE AND HIGHLY MOBILE. WE MET SOMEBODY AT RIGHT TO DREAM TOO WHO WENT INTO HANSON, THEN DIGNITY VILLAGE FOR A WHILE, BACK INTO ANOTHER SHELTER AND OUR STAFF FOLLOWED THEM THROUGH THAT, CHANGE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE FOR FOLKS WHO ARE ACTUALLY OUTSIDE. THIS TEAM IN TOTAL WILL SERVE MORE THAN 120 HOUSEHOLDS PLACEMENT INTO PERMANENT HOUSING OUT OF SHELTERS AND OTHER SITES. ANOTHER TEAM IS A NEW MULTI-AGENCY TEAM LED BY JOIN TO PROVIDE SOME INTENSIVE HOUSING RETENTION SERVICES. WE HAVE INVESTED A GOOD DEAL IN SYSTEMS ON THE PLACEMENT SIDE. THE RETENTION SIDE HAS BEEN A LITTLE MORE CHALLENGING. THIS WILL ESSENTIALLY BE A PARTNERSHIP OF MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, MEDICAL CARE, PARTNERSHIP WITH CARE OREGON AND ALSO THE HOUSING BUREAU TO REALLY CREATE PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR FOLKS IN SUBSIDIZED UNITS LACKING ACCESS TO SERVICES. THE INTENTION IS TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AT. YOU KNOW I COULD GO ON, BUT I WON'T.

THANK YOU, SHANNON.

MS. THOMSON: THANKS. I'M AMY THOMSON. I WORK WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK THE CITY AND COUNTY HAVE BEEN DOING THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS TO TRY TO ADDRESS THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS. ESPECIALLY EFFORTS TO INCLUDE

CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROVIDERS AND ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS ON THAT. I'M GOING TO START WITH A QUICK ANECDOTE ABOUT A CLIENT SERVED THROUGH ONE OF THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS, CALLED JENNY.

SHE'S A YOUNG NATIVE AMERICAN WOMAN PROBABLY IN HER LATE 20S. SHE LEFT HER HOME WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT 14 OR 15 YEARS OLD AFTER BEING ABUSED BY HER STEPFATHER, HAS LIVED ON THE STREET PRETTY MUCH HER ENTIRE ADULT LIFE. VERY INVOLVED IN ADDICTION SIGNIFICANT UNADDRESSED MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. ABOUT A YEAR AGO SHE BECAME PREGNANT AND AT SOME POINT DECIDED SHE WANTED TO MAKE CHANGES IN HER LIFE AND SHE FOUND HER WAY TO NARA'S RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER. WHILE THERE SHE WAS REFERRED TO A HOUSING PROGRAM AND WE WERE ABLE TO START WORKING WITH HER. THROUGH OUR HOUSING PROGRAM WE HAVE A MASTER'S LEVEL MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN WHO WAS ABLE TO START ENGAGING WITH HER AND GOT HER PLACED INTO HER OWN HOUSING WITH HER NEWBORN SON, WHO WAS BORN WHILE SHE WAS IN RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT. THIS STORY COULD END THERE AND WE COULD SAY SHE COMPLETED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, GOT HER INTO PERMANENT SUBSIDIZED HOUSING, BUT WITH SERVICES WE KNOW THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION FOR THIS YOUNG WOMAN. OUR HOUSING SPECIALISTS CONTINUED TO MEET WITH HER ON A WEEKLY BASIS. OVER TIME BEGAN TO SEE THAT SHE WAS KINDS OF SLIPPING INTO A VERY DEEP DEPRESSION. SHE'S VERY SOCIALLY ISOLATED AS YOU CAN IMAGINE SOMEONE NEWLY IN RECOVERY WITH AN INFANT AT HOME IN HER OWN HOUSING FOR THE FIRST TIME. SO HOUSING SPECIALIST WAS ABLE TO WORK WITH HER ON THAT DEPRESSION, HELPING HER TO BUILD MORE COPING SKILLS BUT ALSO GOT HER CONNECTED TO OUR OUTPATIENT ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAM WHERE SHE COULD GO EVERY DAY, GET CONNECTED TO HER CULTURE, SHE COULD WORK WITH AN AND COUNCILOR TO BUILD A RELAPSE PLAN AND SHE'S DOING MUCH BETTER. TO ME THAT'S JUST A CASE OF WHY WE NEED THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN-HOUSING LONG TERM.

MS. THOMSON: IT'S MORE THAN JUST GETTING PEOPLE PLACED INTO HOUSING AND ADDRESSING THE FINANCIAL PIECE. THEY ALSO NEED ONGOING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. I DON'T HAVE BETTER STATISTICS THAN THE POINT IN TIME 2015 IN TERMS OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES BUT I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY THAT NUMBER IS PROBABLY MUCH HIGHER BASED ON SELF-REPORTING. THERE'S SO MUCH STIGMA AROUND MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION PEOPLE ARE VERY HESITANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. I WANTED TO ALSO TALK ABOUT KIND OF CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES AND SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED. THIS IS A PICTURE OF OUR MEDICINE WHEEL. THIS IS THE FOUNDATION OF NARA'S SERVICES. WE USE THIS TO MAKE SURE WE'RE PROVIDING HOLISTIC APPROACH, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR CLIENT POPULATION. YOU SEE FOR THIS MODEL WE HAVE FOUR QUADRANTS, WELLNESS AND HEALTH CARE

TREATMENT WHICH IS ADDICTION TREATMENT, AT NARA WITHIN OUR SEVEN SITES THROUGHOUT PORTLAND AND THE COUNTY WE OFFER ALL OF THESE SERVICES OR ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES AT EVERY SITE.

SO AN INDIVIDUAL IN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM ALSO HAS ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND ACCESS TO CULTURE. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT OUR CULTURAL SERVICES INCLUDING A CONNECTION TO ELDERS. WE SET PEOPLE UP TO SPEAK WITH ELDERS AND GET GUIDANCE. WE HAVE DRUM CIRCLES THAT'S A VERY SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR TREATMENT PROGRAM. WE DO TRADITIONAL CRAFTING. ANOTHER QUICK ANECDOTE ONE OF OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL MENTAL HEALTH GRUPS IS A BEADING GROUP. THIS IS AT OUR TOTEM LODGE SITE WHICH IS SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENTLY MENTAL ILLNESS. EVEN THOUGH IT APPEARS TO BE A SIMPLE ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP THAT GROUP IS LED BY AN LCSW WHO USES THAT TIME TO THEN CREATE COMMUNITY AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND HELP PEOPLE REALLY DIG INTO SOME OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT WE THEY ARE EXPERIENCING WHILE DOING THEIR BEADING WORK.

MS. SINGLETON: JUST AN EXAMPLE OF OUR CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES. IT'S OUR MOST WELL ATTENDED GROUP BY FAR. WE ALSO HELP PEOPLE ACCESS CEREMONIES, SWEAT LODGES, SMUDGING, WHATEVER TYPE OF CEREMONY A PERSON MIGHT REQUEST OR NEED. WE SPONSOR A LOT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS. WE HAVE AN ANNUAL POW WOW, WE SPONSOR OTHER COMMUNITY POW WOWS. WE HAVE A TRIBAL LIAISON STAFF PERSON THAT HELPS PEOPLE CONNECT TO TRIBAL NEEDS. WE HAVE A LOT OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE TRIBES OF OREGON. THIS IS A QUICK SLIDE BUT I ALSO WANTED TO SHOW HOW USING THE MEDICINE WHEEL, NARA USES IT AS A FOUNDATION BUT THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO ANY KIND OF SERVICE SYSTEM OR SITUATION. I PUT UP THIS EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS APPLIES TO HOMELESS SERVICES AND THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A BALANCED HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM. THAT'S INCLUDING THE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT COMPONENT, INNING SHELTER, PERMANENT HOUSING IS KEY. WE CAN'T HELP PEOPLE WITHOUT THAT. CLINICAL SERVICES ARE AN EQUAL COMPONENT FOR LONG TERM HOUSING SUCCESS. WITHOUT THE CLINICAL SERVICES I THINK WE CAN BUILD THE HOUSING, WE CAN GET PEOPLE IN THERE BUT IF THERE'S NOT THE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM WE'LL JUST HAVE A REVOLVING DOOR.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR THIS LAST PANEL? THANK YOU. SORRY YOU GOT THE ENDS. [LAUGHTER] NEXT TIME, SHANNON, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

MR. JOLIN: SO LET ME GIVE YOU A QUICK UPDATE ON THE OFFICE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW TO YOUR OFFICES, THIS IS THE DIAGRAM OF THE JOINT OFFICE. I THINK CRITICAL TAKE-AWAY FROM THIS DIAGRAM IS WHILE THE JOINT OFFICE WAS CREATED AT THE COUNTY, IT REALLY WAS CREATED THROUGH

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO SERVE BOTH MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S WORK AROUND ENDING HOMELESSNESS. HERE YOU SEE THE ILLUSTRATION THAT I REPORT AS A DIRECTOR DIRECTLY TO THE CHAIR BUT I ALSO REPORT TO THE HOUSING COMMISSIONER, CURRENTLY THE MAYOR. THEN WE WORK IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU AND WITH DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE ALIGNMENT OF OUR WORK. MOST OF THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE OF THE JOINT OFFICE WAS PREVIOUSLY DONE EITHER AT THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU OR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES. OR WASN'T BEING DONE AT ALL. YES, SOME OF IT IS NEW. THE SCOPE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND THIS QUESTION COMES UP A LOT, WHILE OBVIOUSLY WITHIN A HOME FOR EVERYONE THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE PLACED ON INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS THAT JOINT OFFICE DOESN'T HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT WORK STAYS IN THE HOUSING BUREAU SO WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM IN ALIGNING THEIR DEVELOPMENT WORK, PH S IN SPECIFIC BUY. [AUDIO NOT UNDERSTANDABLE] THEN WHAT HAS STAYED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES IS STABILIZATION, PREVENTION WORK, ANTI-POVERTY WORK MORE BROADLY.

MR. JOLIN: WE'RE IN THE SPACE OF EVERYTHING FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES, STREET OUTREACH, SHELTER, UP TO AND INCLUDING HOUSING PLACEMENT AND RETENTION. THEN BEYOND THAT WE'RE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHP AND DCHS. A MORE SPECIFIC LIST OF THINGS WE'RE DOING, WE STAFF HOME FOR EVERYONE. WE SUPPORT THE OVER ALL COMMUNITY WIDE INITIATIVE HOME FOR EVERYONE. WE ARE THE CONTINUUM OF CARE LEAD FOR HUD FUNDING, ABOUT 22, \$24 MILLION A YEAR NOW. WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE APPLICATION DONE EACH YEAR, OVERSEEING THE COMPLIANCE WITH OUR HUD COMMITMENTS. WE FUND INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES, FUND HOUSING PLACEMENT AND RETENTION SERVICES, PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER AND EMPLOYMENT. WITHIN THAT LARGER REALM OF HELPING PEOPLE FROM THE SHELTERS DOUBLE UPped -- NECESSARY AND ASSOCIATED WITH THAT WORK. OUR BUDGET, COMING INTO THE FISCAL YEAR YOU CAN SEE WE'RE AT ABOUT \$45 MILLION. OF THAT 43 MILLION IS CONTRACTED OUT. WE'RE NOT A DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDER. WE'RE CONTRACTING OUT SERVICES AS A POSSIBLE EXCEPTION WITH THE RECENT SEVERE WEATHER INCIDENT WHERE WE BECAME DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS ALONG WITH A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS.

THEN THIS IS HOW THE RESOURCES IN OUR OFFICE ARE CONTRACTED OUT. AGAIN, THEY REFLECT THE DIVISION OF LABOR BETWEEN CHP, DCHS, AND THE OFFICE. WE HAVE ABOUT 3.5 MILLION IN SYSTEMS SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION, ABOUT 15 MILLION A YEAR GOING INTO SHELTER OPERATIONS. ABOUT 16 MILLION THAT IS GOING TOWARDS RAPID REHOUSING. THAT TO BE CLEAR IS NOT JUST RENT ASSISTANCE DOLLARS IT'S EMPLOYMENT

SUPPORT AND ACQUISITION SUPPORT TO ALLOW PEOPLE WHO GET A SHORT-TERM INFUSION OF RENT ASSISTANCE THEY CAN TAKE ON THEIR OWN RENT OVER TIME. WE HAVE ABOUT \$9 MILLION IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THIS IS TRANSITIONAL AS WELL AS SUPPORT HOUSING PROGRAMS. THERE'S NO RESOURCE GOING TOWARD -- BEING USED TO ALIGN THEIR AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVENTORY WITH SERVICES. WE DO THAT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM. AS YOU HEARD FROM SHANNON WE'RE WORKING IN CLOSE COLLABORATION TO MAKE SURE THE UNITS CHP HAS ARE BEING CONNECTED WITH THE SERVICE DOLLARS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THOSE UNITS TO BE USED AS PSH. WE HAVE PREVENTION FUNDS BUT THE MAJORITY OF THAT RESOURCE IS DCHS, REALLY IMPORTANT MULTI-OFFICE EFFORT TO EXTEND PREVENTION SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY'S DIRECT SERVICE PROVISION AGENCIES. I'M MOVING FAST. WE SET SOME PRIORITIES FOR THE JOINT OFFICE IN YEAR ONE TO CREATE AN OFFICE. PEOPLE COMMITTED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS, MOST OF THEM ARE STILL HERE HOPEFULLY. YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND. [APPLAUSE] WE STARTED WITH A GREAT GROUP. WE HAVE ONE POSITION WE'RE STILL WORKING TO FILL. THEN OF COURSE IN CREATING THIS OFFICE IT WAS A BIG LIFT TO GET THIS OFF THE GROUND AND A LOT OF PEOPLE PUT WORK INTO IT. MAJOR CONCERN WAS WE WOULD DISRUPT SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE COMMUNITY. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN BECAUSE DCHS AND PHP WORKED WITH US TO MAKE SURE THE CONTRACTS CAME OVER, WE RETOOLED THEM, OUT THE DOOR TO THE PROVIDERS SO THEY COULD CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN DOING THEN WE WANTED TO QUICKLY DEPLOY NEW GENERAL FUND RESOURCES FROM THE CITY AND COUNTY.

MR. JOLIN: THOSE INVESTMENTS ARE GETTING OUT THE DOOR, STARTING TO SHOW RESULTS. FINALLY ONE OF THE BIG PROMISES OF THIS OFFICE WAS TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF COLLABORATION BOTH WITHIN THE COUNTY, WITH THE CITY, AND OUR OTHER HOME FOR EVERYONE PARTNERS. I HAVE NO TIME TO WALK THROUGH THIS BUT LET ME JUST SAY IT'S BEEN ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING THINGS FOR ALL OF US. THE PARTNERSHIPS WE'RE WORKING THROUGH OF COURSE WITH DCHS AND PHP, BUT WITH DOJ, PARKS DEPARTMENT, OMS. THE WORK TOUCHES SO MANY DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS AND ENTITIES AND WE HAVE STARTED REALIZE THOSE PARTNERSHIPS AND THE ALIGNMENT FROM THOSE PARTNERSHIPS. ONE PARTNERSHIP I WANT TO CALL OUT IN PARTICULAR IS THE ONE WITH HOME FORWARD. HOME FORWARD HAS BEEN SUCH A TREMENDOUS ALLY AND A HOME FOR EVERYONE BROADLY. IT'S GONE SO FAR THAT BETWEEN THE INVESTMENTS THAT THEY MADE IN ENDING VETERANS HOMELESS SYSTEM, LAST YEAR MORE THAN HALF THE NOW HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS WENT TO PEOPLE COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS THERE ARE COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO GET THEIR HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR ENDING HOMELESSNESS COMMUNITY.

HERE HOME FORWARD IS LEADING THE WAY. I WANT TO CALL THAT OUT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT COMMITMENT. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL WORK WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF BIG PROJECTS FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM THAT'S BEEN IMPORTANT OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS. ONE WAS THE SPRINGWATER CORRIDOR CLEANUP, AN ENORMOUS EVENT, THREE TO 500 PEOPLE WERE RELOCATED OUT OF THE CORRIDOR AS PART OF THAT. OUR OFFICE PROVIDED SERVICE COORDINATION. WE LEARNED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT FROM IT INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF MORE STREET OUTREACH CAPACITY TO ENGAGE PEOPLE AROUND THEIR IMMEDIATE NEEDS. WE HAVE EXPANDED ON THE CORRIDOR OUTREACH CAPACITY SPECIFICALLY THIS YEAR. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE OF THAT IN THE FUTURE. ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THIS FIRST SIX MONTHS WAS FINISHING THE PROCESS OF GETTING CERTIFIED AS THE FIRST WEST COAST CITY TO HAVE FUNCTION 365 VETERANS GOT INTO PERMANENT HOUSING OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. WE MADE SIGNIFICANT LOCAL INVESTMENT TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY DID BUT THE GOVERNMENT CAME WITH 600 RENTAL VOUCHERS AND SUPPORT SERVICES AND \$3 MILLION SPREAD OUT OVER THREE YEARS FOR SHORT TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE. WITHOUT THAT WE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN TO THIS POINT. IF WE WANT TO END HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE LEAVING HOMELESSNESS EVERY MONTH THAN ARE COMING INTO T. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THE VETERANS BECAUSE OF THE RESOURCE INVESTMENT AND COORDINATION,

MR. JOLIN: TODAY MONTH OVER MONTH THERE ARE FEWER VETERANS COMING INTO HOMELESSNESS THAN WE ARE ABLE TO PLACE INTO HOUSING. WE WANT TO DO IT FOR ALL POPULATIONS. THE LAST THING I'LL TALK ABOUT BRIEFLY, THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR ENDEAVOR FOR OUR OFFICE AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY THE UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF DAYS OF SEVERE WEATHER AND THE SEVERITY. IT'S COST LIVES OF PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS. THE MOBILIZATION THAT OCCURRED IS UNLIKE ANYTHING I HAVE EXPERIENCED BEFORE. IT WAS IN PART THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND OUR OFFICE BUT IT WAS VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, GRASS ROOTS, NONPROFITS COMING TOGETHER SAYING WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET ANYONE BE TURNED AWAY. ONE NIGHT IN JANUARY THERE WERE PEOPLE IN WARMING CENTERS THAT WITHOUT THAT SHELTER WOULD HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE. THIS IS ABOUT 20 SITES OPENED UP OVER THE COURSE OF THE JANUARY SEVERE WEATHER INCIDENT. IMPORTANTLY BECAUSE IT DOESN'T GET TALKED ABOUT AS MUCH THERE WAS ENORMOUS AMOUNT THAT WENT INTO EXPANDED STREET OUTREACH TO GET CONNECTED TO PEOPLE. HOPEFULLY TO TRANSPORT THEM TO SHELTER IF THEY WOULD COME, IF NOT TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD THE GEAR THEY NEEDED.

IT WAS VOLUNTEERS, ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO OUTREACH ALL THE TIME BUT IT WAS THE FIRE BUREAU AND POLICE BUREAU AND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TONS OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE CALL-OUT

THAT SAID PLEASE WATCH FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS. PLEASE CALL US SO THAT WE CAN HELP PEOPLE GET TO SAFETY. THE OTHER THING UP HERE I JUST WANT TO NOTE IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS COMMISSIONER EUDALY'S STAFF PUT TOGETHER AN APPLICATION THAT GAVE FIRST RESPONDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS REAL TIME INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF THE WARMING CENTERS THAT WERE OPEN AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THIS IS AND CONTINUES TO BE WE'RE STILL NOT OUT OF IT, WE'RE NOW I THINK AT 35 DAYS OF SEVERE WEATHER, THREE TIMES WHAT WE SEE IN THE TYPICAL YEAR. OUR PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR '17, ONE TO LEARN FROM SEVERE WEATHER INCIDENT. WE'RE THERE NOW. WE GOT 160-SOME PAGES OF FEEDBACK FROM THE VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS ON HOW TO DO IT BETTER NEXT TIME. I DIDN'T MENTION THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT COUNTY AND CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAYED IN THAT OVER ALL RESPONSE. WE'RE WORKING WITH THEM AS WELL. YOU HEARD ME SAY WE'RE DOING THE POINT IN TIME COUNT. IT STARTS NEXT WEEK. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING RYAN IN MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE THE VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES ARE FOR THAT. WE'RE WORKING WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITY HOUSE -- THE UNITY CENTER IS OPEN. WE'RE LOOKING AT SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE CARE FOR PEOPLE COMING THROUGH THERE. WE ARE LAUNCHING COORDINATED ACCESS FOR UNITS STARTING IN ABOUT A MONTH. WE'RE PUTTING OUT NEW MOBILE TEAMS. SHANNON ALSO MENTIONED THAT. WE'RE CONTINUING LOOK FOR SHORT TERM SHELTER OPTIONS AND LONGER IN OUR COMMUNITY BOTH TRADITIONAL AND NONTRADITIONAL. WE'RE WORKING ON THE POTENTIAL OF A VILLAGE COMMUNITY UP IN KENTON. THEN WE'RE BRINGING STARTING TO PUT IN PLACE THE EVALUATION FRAMEWORK RECENTLY ADOPTED THAT ALLOWS US TO EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INITIATIVE GOING FORWARD. THERE YOU HAVE IT.

CHAIR KAFOUR: NUMBER 8, GET SOME SLEEP?

SO THAT WAS AS FAST AS I COULD DO IT. I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU STILL HAVE.

I WAS HOPING YOU COULD POST THAT ONLINE SO -- PUT ALL OF THE POWER POINT ONLINE SO THAT WE CAN THEN REFER PEOPLE TO IT. THANK YOU.

MR. JOLIN: IT WILL BE UP ON OUR WEBSITE.

COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN: I GUESS I THINK I HAVE SEEN IT IN YOUR PRESENTATION BUT MY QUESTION WAS DID THIS EFFORT TO COMBINE CITY AND COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES, DID IT WORK. SEEMS LIKE IT HAS WORKED WELL FROM THIS PRESENTATION. NO SMALL PART DUE TO YOUR LEADERSHIP AS WELL. BUT YES, IS THERE ANYTHING WE MISSED WHEN WE DID THIS UNDERTAKING ABOUT A YEAR AGO OR STARTED TALKING ABOUT IT?

MR. JOLIN: I THINK WE PUT THE BASICS OF THE STRUCTURE YOU PUT THE BASICS OF THE STRUCTURE IN PLACE THAT SET UP THAT FOR SUCCESS. WE'RE ONLY SEVEN MONTHS INTO T. THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO DO. I THINK THAT WHAT WILL MAKE THIS A SUCCESS IS THE CONTINUED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT THEN ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS WITH PHB, THS. THIS ISSUE OF HOUSING INSTABILITY TOUCHES EVERY SINGLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT, EVERY CITY BUREAU, EVERY ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS AND FAMILY IN THIS COMMUNITY, RIGHT? I THINK AS LONG AS THE SUPPORT CONTINUES TO BE THERE AND THOSE PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUE TO DEEPEN AND STRENGTHEN I THINK THIS JOINT OFFICE IS SET UP FOR SUCCESS MEANING I THINK WE CAN ACTUALLY DELIVER ON SOME OF THE PROMISES THAT THESE INVESTMENTS REPRESENT.

COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN: THANK YOU.

MR. JOLIN; THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER FISH: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO THANK MARC AND HOME FOR EVERYONE FOR THE COLLABORATIVE WORK THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE DONE WITH THEIR AMAZING PARTNERS. AS AN FOR FAN -- ORPHAN MYSELF I KNOW HOUSING IS ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS FOR STABILITY TO OUR FAMILIES. BUT WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE MANY OTHER ELEMENTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO POVERTY. WE KNOW THAT THERE'S NOT ANY ONE PERSON OR ONE ENTITY THAT CAN SOLVE THIS ALONE. IT'S TOO COMPLEX TO RELY JUST ON ONE SINGLE STRATEGY. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE GET IT RIGHT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DO THIS BY THOROUGHLY RESEARCHING AND EMPLOYING BEST PRACTICES THAT ARE BOTH DATA DRIVEN AND EVIDENCE BASED. THANK YOU, MARK, FOR THE WORK YOU'VE DONE. THAT'S WHAT I'M SEEING. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE JUDICIOUS AND THOUGHTFUL AND THAT EVERYONE IS AT THE TABLE. WE NEED TO WEIGH THE VALUE OF SHORT TERM GAINS VERSUS LONG TERM SOLUTIONS AND MOST OF ALL I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T FURTHER HARM THE VERY PEOPLE WE'RE TRYING TO HELP. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING PARTNERSHIPS AND A HOME FOR EVERYONE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THANK YOU.

MR. JOLIN: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER VEGE PEDERSON: I APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAS BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS, MORE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. REALLY THE WISDOM OF THE COUNTY AND CITY COMING TOGETHER TO CREATE THIS OFFICE TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM. I THINK PART OF THE REASON WHY THIS BRIEFING WENT ON SO LONG IS THAT THERE'S A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS ISSUE, IN THE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL PIECES OF IT, AND ARE REALLY ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN TRYING TO HELP SO OF THIS ISSUE. I HOPE WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLLOW-UP FOR THIS. REPRESENTING THE DISTRICTS IN SOUTHEAST AND EAST PORTLAND I HAVE

SEEN MORE NEED IN MY COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS FOR SERVICES AND OUTREACH ALSO GLAD TO SEE MORE SERVICES GOING IN BOTH IN TERMS OF THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS BUT ALSO PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THEN GRATEFUL TO SEE THAT AND WANT TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT WORK. LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS ISSUE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER?

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: I WOULD JUST SAY THANK YOU AS WELL. I ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF CITY COUNCILORS AND MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVE SPOKEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS WORK. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO ENGAGE.

COMMISSIONER AMANDA FRITZ.

COMMISSIONER FRITZ: THANKS FOR LETTING EVERYONE KNOW. SELF-CONSCIOUS OF HOW WEARY I MUST LOOK NOW. I WANT TO THANK YOU AND SAY I'M EXCITED TO GET TO WORK WITH YOU AN YOUR TEAM ON THE HOME FOR EVERYONE. ALSO THANK YOU FOR REALLY GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND IN JANUARY DURING OUR WEATHER CRISIS. THE COMMUNITY TOOK ME UP AND IT MEANT A LOT. I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO SPEND MUCH OF MY DISCRETIONARY TIME WORKING ON OUR INFLOW PROBLEM, WHICH TO ME IS KEEPING HOUSING -- KEEPING PEOPLE IN THE HOUSING THEY ALREADY HAVE. SO THANK YOU.

MR. JOLIN: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAME CHAIR I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, TO MAYOR COUNCIL AND ALL THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO PITCHED IN DURING THE ICY WEATHER. I WAS SO PROUD OF YOU AND OF THE JOINT OFFICE FOR BEING OUT THERE ON THE GROUND. I WAS LISTENING TO YOU AND I THOUGHT, HE IS LIKE BRINGING PEOPLE TO HOUSING FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING AND SO IT MAKES ME PROUD TO KNOW THAT I HAVE PEOPLE THAT CARE SO MUCH ABOUT PEOPLE WHO WERE OUT ON THE STREETS. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WHEELER: I WANT TO THANK CHAIR KAFOURY FOR HOSTING US TODAY. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP ON THIS AND FRANKLY MANY OTHER ISSUES. IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE. I WANT TO THANK YOU, MARK, FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP IN THE JOINT OFFICE. OBVIOUSLY I SUPPORT THE WORK YOU DO. I SUPPORT THE WORK FOR HOME FOR EVERYONE. IT'S GREAT THAT CITY AND COUNTIES COME TOGETHER IN THIS COALITION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND PARTICULARLY PROVIDING SOME OF THESE MUCH, MUCH NEEDED SERVICES. TODAY WE HEARD VERY COMPELLING COMMENTARY AROUND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES AND THE COUNTY

HAS TAKEN THE LEAD ON THAT AND I THINK HE'S BEEN A NATIONAL LEADER IN THAT REGARD. WE'RE DELIGHTED TO BE PARTNERS WITH YOU. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THIS AS WELL. NOW I ALWAYS SPEAK TO THE OTHER SIDE. I ACTUALLY STILL DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY ALONE CAN SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. THESE ARE BROAD, SOCIETAL ISSUES COMING HOME TO ROOST AND WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THEM TODAY. COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION AND OTHER ISSUES. I WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO BUILD THIS COALITION EVEN LARGER. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF A COMMITMENT SPECIFICALLY FROM CLACKAMAS AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES. I BELIEVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS A LARGER ROLE TO PLAY IN SOLVING SOME OF THESE ISSUES. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN PARTICULAR AS WE GO THROUGH WHAT WILL BE A VERY DIFFICULT BUDGET PROCESS. WE HAVE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 12 AND \$18 MILLION OF ONE TIME ONLY MONEY IN THIS NEXT BUDGET CYCLE. AS OF TODAY WE ALREADY HAVE OVER \$100 MILLION IN CLAIMS. FOR US THE QUESTION IS REALLY GOING TO BE ABOUT WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT AND WHERE DOES THE NEXT BEST DOLLAR GO. I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THE INPUT OF THE JOINT OFFICE AS WELL AS THE HOME FOR EVERYONE AS WE MAKE THOSE DECISIONS AROUND HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IN PARTICULAR. SO THANK YOU AGAIN, CHAIR, FOR HAVING US HERE. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A REALLY EXCELLENT PRESENTATION AND MARK, AS ALWAYS, I'M A HUGE FAN OF THE WORK YOU DO. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU AS WELL. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS COME AND PRESENTED TO ALL THE COMMISSIONERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER. I THINK THE TAKE-AWAY FOR ME IS THAT WE HAVE DONE SO MUCH IN THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN A LOT LONGER AND THERE'S STILL SO MUCH TO DO BUT I'M REALLY INSPIRED BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE THE TEAM NOW OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THIS REGION THAT IS REALLY GOING TO WORK TO TACKLE THIS ISSUE. I THINK WE HAVE SEEN THROUGH EVEN JUST RECENTLY THROUGH THE EFFORTS AROUND SEVERE WEATHER AND THEN THE EFFORTS OF COMMISSIONER EUDALY AND THE MAYOR TO PUT FORWARD AND THE WHOLE CITY COUNCIL TO PUT FORWARD RELOCATION ASSISTANCE. WE'RE REALLY -- THIS IS A MULTI-TIERED, MULTI-LEVEL APPROACH. IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO SOLVE IT AND WE'RE TARGETING ALL THE RIGHT PLACES. CONTINUE TO GROW OUR PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS INVOLVED BECAUSE AS WE FREQUENTLY SAY IT'S GOING TO TAKE EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO HELP SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

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CHAIR KFOURY: THANK YOU FOR COMING. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE'RE ADJOURNED.

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