

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, February 1, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m.**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Loretta Smith, and Jessica Vega Pederson present.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, WE ARE GOING TO WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE OR SO. COMMISSIONER SMITH IS JUST RIGHT OUTSIDE, APPARENTLY. WE WILL GIVE HER A FEW MINUTES. APPARENTLY SHE'S A FEW MORE MINUTES AWAY, SO WE WILL START. GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THIS IS OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Appointments to Citizen Budget Advisory Committees
- C.2 Budget Modification DCJ-15-18: Reclassifies a Vacant 1.00 FTE Records Technician to Office Assistant 2 in the Adult Services Div.
- C.3 Budget Modification DCHS 22-18 Reclassify Vacant Veteran Services Officer to a Case Management Assistant in Aging Division.
- C.4 Budget Modification HD-30-18 Reclassifies a 1.00 FTE Office Assistant 2 to a 1.00 FTE Office Assistant Senior in Corrections Health.
- C.5 Favorable Recommendation of Liquor License Application for Historic Springdale Pub & Eatery located at 32302 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Corbett, OR 97019
- C.6 Notice of Intent: the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Intends to Request DEQ Reimburse its Expenses for Training and Equipment in Fiscal Year 2018

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

Chair Kafoury: THE BOARD MAY ACT ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA IF THREE COMMISSIONERS VOTE IN FAVOR OF A MOTION TO IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER THE MATTER. FOR THE MATTER TO BE ADOPTED ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT MUST VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MATTER. MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO CONSIDER AN ITEM UNDER UNANIMOUS CONSENT? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS CONSIDERATION OF A UNANIMOUS CONSENT ITEM. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER IS APPROVED.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

UC.1 Ratification of Vote Filling a Vacancy in the Legislative Assembly, Oregon Senate District 19.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF UC.1. DO WE HAVE ANYONE PRESENTING ON THIS?

Jenny Madkour: WE ARE VOTING FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE ACTION TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK TO APPROVE SENATE SEAT IN THE OREGON LEGISLATURE. THIS IS JUST A PROCEDURAL MATTER BASED ON OUR OWN RULES. IT WILL REQUIRE A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. AND THE VOTE WAS FOR ROB WAGNER TO BE THE NEW SENATOR FROM OREGON DISTRICT 19. ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT OUR OWN CLAUDIA BLACK WAS NOT APPOINTED. I THINK THAT SHE IS IMMINENTLY QUALIFIED BUT I AM ALSO VERY PLEASED THAT WE SAW FIT TO APPOINT ROB WAGNER, AND I THINK THAT HE WILL DO AN EXCELLENT JOB AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THE PROCESS WAS SO IMPRESSIVE WITH THE CALIBER OF THE CANDIDATES AND THE WAY THAT THE COMMUNITY GOT INVOLVED, AND I AM REALLY GLAD THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING AND ABLE TO VOTE ON THIS FOR ROB WAGNER.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT ITEM IS APPROVED. NOW WE HAVE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Board Clerk: WE HAVE TEN SIGNED UP. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME FORWARD. [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GO AHEAD.

Bruce Broussard: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD. COULD WE PLEASE STAND AND I AM GOING TO LEAD THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] I AM EXCITED, I FOUND, I AM FINALLY RUNNING FOR OFFICE I CAN GO AROUND THE COUNTY AND SO WHAT'S GOING ON WITHIN THE DISTRICTS, AND I'VE BEEN GOING AROUND EATING LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS. IT HAS BEEN GREAT, CHECKING THEM OUT AND SEEING WHETHER THE BATHROOMS ARE CLEAN AND THE FOOD IS -- IT'S GREAT. THE FOOD IS GREAT. I JUST WISH THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT EVERY DAY BUT I UNDERSTAND THE BUDGET, YOU KNOW, IT'S BUT THE MONEY TO A CERTAIN DEGREE. BUT I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THEY DO A HECK OF A JOB. AND THE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO DO, I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOMETHING THAT THE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW, AND I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD, BEEN DOING THERE FOR SOME TIME FOR THAT MATTER. BUT YOU SAW THE FRONT PAGE OF THE PAPER NOT TOO LONG AGO WHERE CARTER WAS ACKNOWLEDGING VERA KATZ. I THOUGHT THAT WAS AWESOME BUT I WANT TO GIVE YOU HISTORY ABOUT THAT PIECE. BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN VERA WAS PUSHING THE WOMAN ISSUE AT THE CITY CLUB AND WHATEVER I WAS WORKING AT THE BANK. THE BOTTOM LINE, THERE WERE A COUPLE OTHER FOLKS THERE, AND ONE OF THEM WAS GRETCHEN KAFOURY. SHE WAS THERE.

THE REASON I AM MENTIONING THAT PART IS THAT THERE WAS A GUY I WAS WORKING WITH CLOSELY AT THE PORTLAND OBJECTOR PUTTING TOGETHER DISTRICT NUMBER 8. AND VERA DID NOT SUPPORT THAT PIECE. BUT GRETCHEN DID. AND AS A RESULT AND ALL DUE RESPECT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER AND THE GUY PUBLISHED IT AT THAT POINT IN TIME, YOU WOULD NOT HAVE SEEN THE MARVIN CARTERS OR THE AVEL GORDON AND WHATEVER, AND THE GUY I AM TALKING ABOUT WHO WAS THE PUBLISHER WAS BY THE NAME OF BRUCE BROUSSARD. HOW ABOUT THAT. SO AGAIN, I WANT YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THIS FACT THAT GRETCHEN IN ALL DUE RESPECT SHOULD HAVE ALSO BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED ABOUT THE FACT THAT SHE WAS PART OF THE ONE, THE ONLY ONE, THE CITY COUNCIL THAT REALLY SUPPORTED THE IDEA THAT DISTRICT 18. SO ANYWAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Injured And Pissedoff: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSEDOFF. AND JOE, YOU BEING -- OR BRUCE, I AM SORRY, YOU BEING A VETERAN, I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL SITTING DURING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BUT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND MY POINT, I THINK, WITH THE CONVERSATION. LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, EVEN EXPLAINING THAT OHSU I WAS IN THERE NOVEMBER 15, 2010, IT TOOK FOUR HOURS FOR THEM TO DECIDE TO TREAT ME, AND THEY WERE GOING TO DISMISS ME AND MY SERVICE ANIMAL WITH A PAIR OF

CRUTCHES WHILE I COULDN'T EVEN USE THEM. I HAD A BROKEN HIP, AND THEN THEY FOUND OUT FOUR DAYS LATER OR SO THAT I ALSO STAINED, SUSTAINED TWO FRACTURES TO MY SPINAL CORD. NORMALLY HOSPITALS, WHEN YOU HAVE SPINAL CORD INJURIES, ARE BROUGHT IN BY PARAMEDICS WITH NECK BRACE ON. THEY TOOK THAT OFF AND DID AWAY WITH THAT, AND THEY ALMOST DID AWAY WITH ME WITH THE NEXT FOUR DAYS OF STANDING ME UP. THEY STOOD ME UP THREE TIMES, AND ALL I COULD DO WAS THROW UP. AND THEN WITH THE RECOVERY ROOM, THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY RECOVERY ROOM, I WAS IN THERE AFTER THE SURGERY. THE HIP SURGERY, AND THE DOCTOR COMES IN AND IT WAS A WOMAN DOCTOR, AND SHE SAID WELL, WE BRING AROUND STUDENTS THAT TEACH THEM AND SO THEY CAN OBSERVE THE PATIENTS AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS, AND I EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT I HAD BEEN ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES. BY THE SAME DOG IN LESS THAN SIX YEARS, AND YOU CAN'T CALL THAT AN ACCIDENT.

Injured And Pissedoff: WELL IMMEDIATELY THE DOCTOR SPOKE UP AND SAID THAT SOUNDS LIKE CATCH 22. AND I SAID WELL, WHAT DO YOU MEAN? DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT CATCH 22 MEANS? IT MEANS A NO-WIN SITUATION. SHE SAID WELL, SHE THOUGHT THAT SHE KNEW IT, AND I WAITED AND WAITED. I TOLD HER THAT IT MEANS A NO-WIN SITUATION. AND THERE WERE THESE MEDICAL STUDENTS THERE, AND I THINK THAT THEY CAUGHT THE DRIFT, MY CASE WAS NEVER RESOLVED. NOTHING WAS EVER DONE. OF COURSE THE HOSPITAL WANTED THE MEDICAL BILLS, AND EVEN IN THE HOME CARE, OR THE REHABILITATION HOME AFTER 20 DAYS, THE THERAPIST COMES IN AND SAYS WELL, MEDICARE ONLY PAYS FOR 20 DAYS. WE'RE GOING TO DISCHARGE YOU. AND I SAID WELL WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I CAN'T EVEN WIPE MY ASS BECAUSE OF THE SPINAL CORD INJURY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING THIS MORNING.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. I AM JOE WALSH, AND I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I DON'T USUALLY READ THINGS OR GIVE YOU A COPY OF THINGS. BUT THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON THAT I WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT IT. THAT'S WEEKEND THERE WAS A VILLAGE SET OUT FOR THE HOMELESS CALLED VILLAGE OF HOPE. AND IT'S GOING TO BE RATED, BEEN NOTIFIED. THE MAYOR INTENDS TO SWEEP IT. IT WAS CREATED BY THE HOMELESS. IT'S VERY MUCH ON THE SAME TRACK AS R2D2, AND ABRAHAM IS INVOLVED, AND THE FORMULATION OF THIS, AND I WANT YOU TO READ WHAT I GAVE YOU WHEN YOU GET TIME. WORD IS SO IMPORTANT, AND I DON'T NORMALLY DO THAT. SO I AM GOING TO READ JUST THE PROCLAMATION THAT WAS 70 YEARS AGO. THINK ABOUT THAT. I MEAN, IT'S ALMOST OLDER THAN I AM. IT'S NOT OLDER THAN I AM BUT IT'S CLOSE. AND EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO A STANDARD OF LIVING FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY INCLUDING FOOD, CLOTHING, AND HOUSING AND MEDICAL CARE. AND NECESSARY SOCIAL SERVICES, THE RIGHT TO SECURITY AND THE EVENT OF

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS, DISABILITY, AND WILLHOOD, OLD AGE, OR THE LACK OF LIVELIHOOD, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THEIR CONTROL.

Joe Walsh: MOTHERHOOD AND CHILDHOOD ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL CARE, AND THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL CHILDREN WHEREVER BORN IN OR OUT OF WEDLOCK SHALL ENJOY THE SAME SOCIAL PROTECTIONS. WE SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. YOU ARE AWARE OF IT. YOU HAVE DONE IT. YOU HAVE ALLOCATED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THIS JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN YOU AND THE CITY, AND YET AT THE SAME TIME YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT THE SWEEPS. THAT'S A VIOLATION OF THE U.N. CHARTER. I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYBODY HASN'T BROUGHT THE U.N. IN HERE TO LOOK AT WHAT YOU ARE DOING. YOU ARE DOING IT. THE MAYOR IS ORDERING YOU, THE COMES ARE DOING IT, THE SUBCONTRACTORS ARE THE ONES THAT CLEAN UP BUT YOU ARE DOING IT. AND EVERY WEEK WE'RE GOING TO COME HERE UNTIL IT STOPS. IS THIS HAS TO STOP. THIS WAS A GOOD VILLAGE. IT IS A GOOD VILLAGE. INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING IT YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE IT DOWN. YOU ARE GOING TO TRASH IT. THOSE PEOPLE, THE ADVOCATES SPEND ALL WEEKEND CLEANING THE PLACE UP. THEY TOOK OUT TEN BAGS OF GARBAGE, AND NOBODY BOTHERED FOR YEARS. THEY JUST LEFT IT THERE. IT WAS NOT A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT ANYBODY PAID ATTENTION TO UNTIL THE HOMELESS MOVED IN THERE AND TRIED TO FIND A SAFE PLACE TO PUT THEIR DAMN HEADS. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO WAKE UP?

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, JOE.

Joe Walsh: WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO WAKE UP? CAN ANYBODY ANSWER ME THAT QUESTION? THAT'S THE QUESTION THAT I WANT TO HEAR. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO WAKE UP AND SAY STOP IT! STOP THOSE SWEEPS. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT, DEBRA?

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, JOE.

Joe Walsh: I AM REALLY PISSED. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT, DEBORAH?

Chair Kafoury: IT IS KEVIN'S TURN TO SPEAK. YOU KNOW THE RULES OF OUR --

Joe Walsh: WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT? PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL THE REPUBLICAN MAYOR AND TELL HIM STOP IT. THEY ARE STEALING TENTS AND BED ROLLS, AND PEOPLE ARE DYING. AND EVERY DAMN YEAR WE LOSE PEOPLE, AND YOU SIT THERE AND SAY, JOE, YOUR THREE MINUTES ARE UP. ANSWER THE QUESTION, DEBORAH. I AM NOT LEAVING UNTIL YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION.

Chair Kafoury: KEVIN WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK?

Joe Walsh: I AM NOT LEAVING HERE UNTIL YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN SIT THERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE, THIS IS NOT A TIME FOR DISCOURSE, IT IS KEVIN -- THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE.

Joe Walsh: I AM NOT LEAVING HERE UNTIL YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION.

Chair Kafoury: THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE TO TESTIFY THIS MORNING, PEOPLE HAVE COME A LONG WAY.

Joe Walsh: AND I APPRECIATE 2345 AND THEY COME A LONG WAY AND THEY WANT MEDICAL HELP FOR EVERYBODY, AND SO DO I. I LOVE IT, AND I SUPPORT THEM. BUT I AM TELLING YOU PEOPLE ARE DYING ON THE STREET, DEBRA, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THE CALL?

Chair Kafoury: SO YOU ARE GOING TO SIT THERE UNTIL.

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THE CALL AND SAY STOP THE SWEEPS.

Chair Kafoury: WE WILL TAKE A SHORT RECESS. [RECESS TAKEN]

Kevin Fitts: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM KEVIN FITTS. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ASSOCIATION. OUR TAG PHRASE, OUR MANTRA IS NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US. WE DISCOVERED THAT PHRASE PROBABLY WAS USED BY STRIKING POLISH MINERS IN THE 1930S. THEN POSSIBLY ADOPTED BY CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT SIGNIFICANTLY ADOPTED IN THE OVERCOMING OF A, OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 1977, 1978, AND THAT MEANT THE RECIPIENTS OF THE HEALTH CARE, THEY RAISED THE ISSUE AND SAID YOU WHITE BUSINESS OWNERS, YOU DOCTORS, DON'T DARE MAKE A DECISION ABOUT MY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, ABOUT MY HEALTH SERVICES WITHOUT US CONSEQUENTLY INVOLVED AT THE TABLE. AND HAVING DECISIONS ABOUT POLICY AND SERVICES. SO THAT IS OUR MANTRA. NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US, AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU A SHOUT OUT TO THE ACHIEVES CHAIR GLADYS MCCOY. IT WAS HER INSIGHT IN 1991, SHE APPOINTED A MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER OF A GENTLEMAN WHO HAD SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS, PREVIOUSLY IN THE STATE HOSPITALS.

I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE AN OFFICE OF PEER ENGAGEMENT WITH TWO PEER WORKERS, WHICH IS FANTASTIC, A GREAT THING, BUT WE ARE PUSHING IF REPRESENTATION, VISIBLE REPRESENTATION FOR PEOPLE IN LEADERSHIP WHO MAKE CONSEQUENTIAL DECISIONS ABOUT POLICY AND BUDGET WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF THE SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS AND LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HAVING FELONIES AND SPENDING CONSEQUENTIAL TIME IN YOUR JAILS AND PRISONS. ISSUE THERE IS SOME LEADERSHIP WHERE THEY HAVE A&D ISSUES AND THAT'S VALUABLE BUT US

FOLKS WHO LIVE WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS WHO HAVE BEEN HOUSELESS, CONS WEEKEND ISRAELI, IT WOULD IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU COULD THINK ABOUT HAVING PEOPLE, WHO HAVE SUCH LIVED EXPERIENCES IN MANAGEMENT DECISIONS OVER BUDGET AND POLICY.

Kevin Fitts: HE WAS A DEPUTY MANAGER ON THE LINE WITH PEOPLE OVER CRISIS AND HOUSING AND SO HE HAD AN EQUAL VOTE, AND THAT CONTINUED UNTIL 2002 WHEN GOVERNOR, WHEN THE GOVERNOR HAD TO CUT BACK THE BUDGET FOR HEALTH CARE. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT FOR COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND VEGA PEDERSON ABOUT STANDING UP FOR YOU KNOW, WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER. WE SHOULD LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR BY OURSELVES, AND INCREDIBLY BRAVE STANDING UP AND TALKING ABOUT WE NEED TO HOUSE THESE PEOPLE. THERE ARE PEOPLE IN PAIN, AND A SHOUT OUT FOR COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH AND YOUR COURAGE AND STRENGTH IN TALKING ABOUT FAIR PLAY AND JUST -- IT'S AMAZING. I AM SO PROUD OF MY COMMISSIONERS AND YOUR STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION. IS MY TIME UP? HERE'S THE PHRASE, BENEVOLENT PATERNALISM. I JUST ASKED THE DOCTOR SAM METS, SO I AM TRYING TO UNDERSTAND SHOULD THAT BE THE NEWMONT RAW, ABOLISH BENEVOLENT PATERNALISM.

Chair Kafoury: THAT'S FOR COMING.

Kevin Fitts: HEALTH CARE FOR ALL, SORRY.

Chair Kafoury: I HAVE SEEN SIGNS THAT SAY THAT AROUND TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN BEGIN, MR. CARR.

Kenneth Carr: GOOD MORNING, I AM KENNETH CARR, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF CARR CONSTRUCTION. I AM HERE WITH MY PARTNER JOHN RUDY, THE PRESIDENT OF THOMPSON METAL FAB. WE WERE INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE. JOHN AND I ERECTED ALL THE STRUCTURAL STEEL COMPONENTS ON THE BRIDGE. WE WERE COMPLETE WITH THIS PROJECT BACK IN SEPTEMBER OF 2015, AND I AM HERE TODAY TO VOICE MY AGREEMENTS BECAUSE I HAVE NOT BEEN PAID MY RETENTION. BETWEEN THE TWO OF US THERE IS A LEGITIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1 MILLION THAT HAS NOT BEEN PAID, AND FOR WHATEVER REASON WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO DO ADDITIONAL WORK FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS MAINTENANCE WORK THAT SHOULD BE MAINTENANCE WORK BUT THEY ARE SAYING THAT IT WAS CONTRACT WORK, BUT MY MAIN REASON FOR BEING HERE IS TO BRING THERE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION, AND WE ARE ASKING FOR SOME, SOME WAY THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH GETTING PAID OUR RETENTION, AND THE OTHER THING? RESPONDING TO THE CLAIM THAT THE CARR CONSTRUCTION SUBMITTED ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO.

John Rudy: I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THAT, TOO.

Chair Kafoury: STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

John Rudy: JOHN RUDY. I AM PRESIDENT OF THOMPSON METAL FAB. WE ORIGINALLY -- THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR 2.5 YEARS, AND I BELIEVE OVER TWO YEARS AGO THIS MONTH THEY HAD THE GRAND OPENING. WHAT WE LIKE IS TO HAVE THE COUNTY BRIDGE DIVISION FOLLOW THE CONTRACT. IT HAS BEEN WAY, WAY TOO LONG IN NOT ADDRESSING THE RETURNING OF THE RETENTION. WE ALSO SUBMITTED A CLAIM FOR ADDITIONAL WORK AND CONTINUE WITH THAT CLAIM, IN DECEMBER OF 2014. IT TOOK THE STAFF TWO YEARS TO EVEN ADDRESS IT, DESPITE OUR REPEATED REQUESTS OF J.V. AND THE COUNTY. WHAT THAT HAS DONE WAS FORCED -- KEN AND I TO SHOULDER MILLIONS WORTH OF ADDITIONAL WORK AND DEBT CARRIED FORWARD HERE ANOTHER TWO YEARS LATER WITHOUT ANY DECISION OR ANY PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ACTUAL CONTRACT DISPUTES RESOLUTION CLAUSE THAT'S IN THE CONTRACT. THEY REPEATEDLY USED A TACTIC OF STALL AND DELAY IN ORDER TO DO NOTHING BUT INCREASE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ON OUR TWO COMPANIES AND IMPROVE THEIR POSITION FOR NEGOTIATION. WE ARE HERE ASKING TWO THINGS. RETURN THE RETENTION AFTER TWO YEARS. PUT PRESSURE ON THE COUNTY BRIDGE DIVISION TO FOLLOW THE CONTRACT AND TO ADDRESS THE CLAIMS SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. IT'S NOT UNREASONABLE. BUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS UNREASONABLE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Barry Joe Stull: TIP OF THE HAT. I HAVE A CENTRAL PAIN CONDITION. IT'S A NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION. OUR GOVERNMENT AND IT'S INFINITE WISDOM IN ADDITION TO PAYING MY BILLS THANK YOU ALL TAXPAYERS, KEEPS THE CENTRAL PAIN IN THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STROKE AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS. THAT'S MY DISABILITY. CENTRAL PAIN. IT HAPPENS TO BE NOT WELL SERVED BY CONVENTIONAL MEDICINES AND MY NEUROLOGIST, DR. ROBERT GREEN, MAY HE REST IN PEACE, OPERATED A LAB HERE IN PORTLAND AND TAUGHT NEUROLOGY AT OHSU AND SAID MEDICAL MARIJUANA WAS MY BEST TREATMENT OPTION. GEE. HE HAD AUTHORIZED MY MEDICAL MARIJUANA GARDENS AT 4066 NORTHEAST GRAND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S A PLACE THAT I STOPPED BY THIS MORNING CALLED KAFOURY COURT. IT'S VACANT FIVE-PLEX, ONLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVENTORY OWNED BY THE NONPROFIT LANDLORD PCRI. I UNDERSTAND THE CITY OF PORTLAND GAVE 13 MILLION IN 2013. \$8 MILLION IN 2013 WHILE THE APARTMENTS WERE VACANT, SO I FIGURE THAT THE ONLY PERSON THAT'S BENEFITED FROM THIS IS THE FELLA SLEEPING IN THE BUSH OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING UP THERE. NONE OF YOU PEOPLE ARE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

Barry Joe Stull: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT LORETTA SMITH YOU WERE PRESENT IN APRIL OF 2014 WHEN I GAVE YOU THE COPY OF THE PORTLAND OBSERVER SAYING WHY THE FIVE-PLEX IS VACANT, AND SO WERE YOU CHAIR KAFOURY. YOU ALL ARE NEW TO THIS BECAUSE THE PLACE HAS BEEN VACANT FOR GOING ON SEVEN YEARS. THE REASON I AM UPSET WITH JOE WALSH HE'S TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE CAMPING IN BUSHES, AND THIS IS ALREADY PAID FOR, SUBSIDIZED AND VACANT, AND NAMED AFTER WHO DID WE HEAR ABOUT THIS MORNING IN THIS SESSION? GRETCHEN KAFOURY. SO WHY DON'T WE ALL JUST HAVE A BIG LAUGH ON BARRY JOE STULL FOR BEING RIGHT THE WHOLE TIME AND HAVE JOE WALSH GO TO FEDERAL COURT TO SIT IN AND SAY YOU HAVE DONE THINGS WORSE AND YOU CANNOT SAY THAT YOU DID NOT PLAN TO MAKE THINGS WORSE. CALL MAXINE FITZPATRICK AT PCRI, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. SHE WAS IN COURT IN JULY OF 2007 ON MY SUBPOENA, AND HER ATTORNEY SAID THAT HE WARNED HER. I HAVE THE AUDIO OF THIS, HE WARNED HER TO BE PREPARED TO GO TO JAIL FOR WHAT THEY HAD DONE TO ME. THEY LOCKED ME OUT ILLEGALLY.

THEY THREW OUT MY GOODS OF \$15,000 PLUS MY PRICELESS RESEARCH FOR THE BOOK THAT THEY KNEW THAT I WAS WRITING. I HAD A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GARDEN, THAT DID NOT SURVIVE MY BEING LOCKED OUT SO WELL BUT NEVERTHELESS, THEY THREW OUT \$4,775 WORTH OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS BECAUSE IT'S THE SECOND TIME THEY THREW MY STUFF OUT AS I WAS APPEALING THEIR 30-DAY NO CAUSE. TO KEEP THE PLACE VACANT TODAY, I WILL LET YOU GO WITH THIS, CHIEF OF POLICE MIKE MARCHMAN WHO I SHOOK HANDS WITH A YEAR AGO FEBRUARY 9 WAS IN HERE WHEN YOU WERE NOT HERE THAT DAY AND I SAID IF I DID NOT HAVE A PHILOSOPHY OF NON-VIOLENCE YOU WOULD ALL BE DEAD ALREADY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING, BARRY.

Barry Joe Stull: MY PLEASURE. IT'S BARRY JOE, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Lightning: I AM LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER JUSTICE WATCHDOG, AS I STATED BEFORE IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS I WANT YOU TO FOLLOW THE FEDERAL GRANT TERMS TO THE LAST WORD, AND IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW THOSE TERMS DON'T ACCEPT THE MONEY. AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S BEEN 23 LETTERS SENT OUT TO VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS, MAYORS, CITIES, GOVERNORS, AND BASICALLY ON THE POINT THAT I BROUGHT UP THAT THEY ARE NOT FOLLOWING THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL GRANT AGREEMENTS. NOW ON THE BURN JAY GRANT AGREEMENTS IF YOU ARE NOT FOLLOWING THOSE TERMS YOU ARE IN VIOLATION. IF YOU ARE VIOLATING FEDERAL LAW THEY MIGHT COME IN AND PUT YOU IN HANDCUFFS. I STATED TO YOU, BEFORE TO FOLLOW THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS. I WILL STATE TO YOU NOW TO FOLLOW THE TERMS. AND IF YOU ARE NOT AT THIS POINT, AS YOU KNOW, YOU

ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND THEY ARE LOOKING OVER ALL OF YOUR LETTERS, YOUR CORRESPONDENCE, AND YOUR MEMOS AND YOUR EMAILS AND ANY VERBAL STATEMENTS MADE TO YOU AND ANY VERBAL STATEMENTS YOU MADE TO ANYONE ELSE AT THIS TIME, AND ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY AND LET ME JUST SAY THIS TO YOU, IF YOU HAVE VIOLATED FEDERAL LAW, I WILL EXPECT TO SEE YOU IN HANDCUFFS AND REMOVED OUT OF HERE, CHAIR KAFOURY.

Lightning: AS YOU KNOW THAT LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO YOU HAS ADVISED YOU TO ALSO GO OVER TO THE CITY AND BEGIN TO GET DATA AND DOCUMENTATION GATHERED TOGETHER SO THAT THEY CAN REVIEW IT AND LOOK AT IT AND BY THE WAY, ANYBODY IN THESE MEETINGS THAT DON'T THINK THAT YOU ARE BEING LOOKED AT FROM WASHINGTON D.C., GUESS WHAT, IN THESE LETTERS THE 23 LETTERS THAT REFERS BACK TO RESOLUTIONS IN THESE VARIOUS MEETINGS ON WHAT IT WAS STATED AND WHAT WAS SAID AND REFERS BACK TO THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE FOLLOWING EVERYTHING PER THE FEDERAL GRANT TERMS. AS I SAID OVER AT THE CITY HALL, AND THEY LOOKED AT ME AND SAID WELL, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T NECESSARILY AGREE WITH ANY EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND FRANKLY WE ARE NOT GOING TO FOLLOW THEM, AND I LOOKED AT HIM AND I SAID GUESS WHAT ON THESE FEDERAL GRANT TERMS, IF YOU GO IN THERE THEY ARE NOT FOLLOWING THEM UP FRONT KNOWING THIS, AND THAT IS CALLED FRAUD. AND YOU WILL BE PUT IN HANDCUFFS AT THE END OF THE DAY, SO GUESS WHAT, YOU ARE ALL UNDER INVESTIGATION. YOU ARE ALL BEING WATCHED REAL CLOSE. AND THIS MEETING IS BEING WATCHED AT THIS TIME AND MONITORED, AND YOU CAN REFER BACK TO THE LETTERS FROM THE DOJ TO UNDERSTAND VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE COUNTY, AT THE CITY, AND IN THESE LETTERS, WHICH WAS DIRECTED STRAIGHT TO YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY, AND I HOPE THAT YOU TAKE IT SERIOUS NOW WHEN I SAY FOLLOW THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS AND FOLLOW THE FEDERAL LAW WHICH SUPERSEDES ANY COUNTY, CITY, OR STATE WHAT YOU OR YOU WILL BE PUT IN HANDCUFFS AND PUT IN JAIL. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY, CHAIR KAFOURY. ONGOING AND PENDING INVESTIGATION. SAY HELLO TO GOVERNOR BROWN, TOO, BECAUSE SHE WON'T GET RE-ELECTED IF IN FACT, YOU VIOLATE FEDERAL LAW AND SHE HAS INSTRUCTED YOU SHE WILL NOT GET RE-ELECTED AS GOVERNOR. SAY HELLO TO GOVERNOR BROWN FROM LIGHTNING. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE OTHER PEOPLE SIGNED UP THIS MORNING?

Board Clerk: YES, WE DO. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME PLEASE COME FORWARD. JOHN [READS NAMES] THANK YOU.

Josh Maurice: I AM JOSH MAURICE. ON THE TOPIC OF THE VILLAGE OF HOPE THAT JOE BROUGHT UP, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SEEMED LIKE FAIRLY GOOD NEWS OVER THE FEW DAYS AGO, SEVERAL PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER AND PUT UP PLATFORMS, ON THIS VACANT AREA, AND GAVE A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAD

REALLY NO OTHER DECENT PLACE TO EXIST A SAFE AND DRY SPOT TO BE. THE TINY HOME VILLAGE MOVEMENT THAT WE HAVE IN PORTLAND IS KIND OF UNIQUE AND, AND IT'S A UNIQUE THING. IT HAS SO MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS TO IT. IT GIVES PEOPLE A PLACE TO BE. IT GIVES PEOPLE MEANINGFUL WORK. AND MY INVOLVEMENT WITH VILLAGES. I HAVE GOTTEN TO INSTALL INSULATION, DO CAULKING, OH, SECURITY, KITCHEN DUTIES, TENDING TO THE KITCHEN. MAKING COFFEE. AND A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION GOES ON. IT SEEMS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE IN MANY WAYS. THERE WAS A STATEMENT THIS SEEMED TO UNDERCUT THE EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESS AND NONPROFITS BEING MADE TO HELP THESE PEOPLE, BUT I DON'T REALLY SEE, HOW DOES HELPING TO SHELTER PEOPLE UNDERCUT THE EFFORT TO SHELTER PEOPLE?

IT SEEMS LIKE AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, A CHANCE TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY. I SEE REFLECTIONS ALL AROUND THE WORLD OF, WELL, OTHER INSTANCES OF PEOPLE TRYING TO ORGANIZE IN NEW WAYS. SELF GOVERNED COMMUNITIES AND DIRECT DEMOCRACY. THE DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION IN NORTHERN SYRIA, JAVA, ANOTHER GREAT THING ALONG THOSE LINES. AN EXPERIMENT HAPPENING AND UNFORTUNATELY BEING ATTACK SERIOUSLY BY THE TURKISH MILITARY AND THEIR ALLIES RIGHT NOW. WHEN WE HAVE A CHANCE TO HELP THE NEW CONSTRUCTIVE THINGS LIKE THIS ALONG I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING TO PURSUE.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Alton MacDonald: GOOD MORNING CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE [INAUDIBLE] NETWORK AND THERE IS TWO ISSUES I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION. THE FIRST ISSUE IS IN REFERENCE TO THE ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME, AND HOW THE CARE PROVIDERS ARE BEING MISTREATED BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS IT RELATES TO THE PRACTICES AND RETALIATION AND HOW THEY PROHIBIT THIS AND HAVE THE OPERATORS PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS. YOU HAVE SEEN MY CORRESPONDENCE TO YOU. WE DEMAND CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION FROM THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE OF HER REPREHENSIBLE CONDUCT. THE CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY, GREETINGS. ON JANUARY 1, 2018, OUR AGENCY WAS NOTIFIED AFTER NAUSEATING, GUT-WRENCHING INCIDENT INVOLVING YOU CALLING COMMISSIONER SMITH A NAME, AND [INAUDIBLE] THE ALLEGATIONS THAT FOLLOWED, BEEN ALLEGED THAT ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017, MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, YOU CALLED COMMISSIONER SMITH A BITCH.

Alton MacDonald: IT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY PORTLAND MERCURY NEWSPAPER, NEWS OUTLET, THAT THIS INCIDENT, AFTER CALLING COMMISSIONER SMITH A BITCH DID OCCUR, AND ALSO HAS BEEN REPORTED ON JANUARY 4, 2018, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

FOR THE COMMISSIONER YOU CONSEQUENTLY APOLOGIZED TO COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR CALLING HER OUT OF HER NAME. OUR AGENCY IS INFORMING YOU THAT THE DESPICABLE NAME-CALLING HAS BEEN WRAPPED UP IN YOUR CONDUCT WITH RACIAL HATRED, HOSTILITY AND ANIMOSITY AND IS OFFENSIVE, REPREHENSIBLE, [INAUDIBLE] AND CROSSES OUR ETHICAL, MORAL, DECENCY CODE OF CONDUCT. CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY THE BEHAVIOR WOULD BE ACCORDING TO OF SIN. AS I SAID LAST TIME I WAS HERE BUT THE DEFINITION OF BITCH IS THAT IT IS IN REFERENCE TO A FEMALE DOG, AND ANY HUMAN BEING WITH RESPECT TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING SHOULD NOT CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN SUCH A MANNER. THERE COMES A TIME WHEN ONE MUST TAKE A POSITION THAT IS NEITHER SAFE NOR PUBLIC. POPULAR BUT MUST TAKE IT BECAUSE CONSCIENCE TELL HIM IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. TO IGNORE HE EVIL IS [INAUDIBLE]. CARE ANCHOR -- CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY, YOUR COMMENT, YOUR REPREHENSIBLE CONDUCT DEMANDS YOUR RESIGNATION. YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE IN THIS CAPACITY AS A CHAIRPERSON BECAUSE YOU ARE SENDING A BAD MESSAGE TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY SO WE ARE DEMANDING YOUR RESIGNATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Charles Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW CENTURY JUSTICE NETWORK TOUCHED ON AN ISSUE THAT ALSO IS, HAS BEEN IN THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA THE LAST COUPLE DAYS, AND I THINK THAT WITH YOUR STAFF YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT CONVENING AN EMERGENCY WORK SESSION. WHAT WE JUST HEARD COMBINING THE MEDIA REPORTS AND THIS GENTLEMAN'S TESTIMONY IS THAT FAMILIES, PEOPLE OF COLOR WHO WANT TO PROVIDE FOSTER SERVICES ARE NOT BEING ABLE TO DO THAT WHILE STATE MONEY IS BEING DUMPED INTO HOTELS OR FOSTER CHILDREN ARE BEING KEPT OVERNIGHT IN STATE OFFICE BUILDINGS. SO I HOPE THAT ALL OF US HERE CAN RALLY TO DO THE BEST FOR THOSE CHILDREN AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING TO PLACE THEM IN CULTURALLY COMPETENT FOSTER FAMILIES, SO IT'S REALLY TRAGIC THAT SITUATION DEVELOPED. THEN WE CAN GO TO -- LET'S STICK WITH THE TRAGIC. OUT BY THE AIRPORT, SOME PEOPLE LIVING VERY CLEAN WITH COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CERTAINLY NOT THE DIRTIEST, MOST INTRUSIVE, TRAUMATIZING PLACE WHERE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO LIVE.

Charles Johnson: YET OUR MAYOR ACROSS THE RIVER PRIORITIZED THAT. I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH SHERIFF REESE SO THAT INMATE WORK CREWS DON'T GET TASKED TO THAT. I DON'T LIKE ANY SWEEPS BUT IF THE CREWS ARE GOING TO ATTEND TO MESSY HOUSELESS CAMPS THEY SHOULD ATTEND TO THEM IN A TRIAGE WAY WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE HAVING THE HARDEST TIME KEEPING THEIR CAMPS CLEAN, ARE THE FIRST ONES THAT GET THE VISIT FROM THE INMATES WORK CREWS. I AM ALREADY ON THE

YELLOW LIGHT? SO WE'LL GO BACK TO THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH WE ARE NOT DOING UNTIL NEXT. AND I JUST WISH THAT WE COULD STRUCTURE A BIT BETTER SO THAT WHEN WE HAVE C1 AND THE TINY APPOINTMENT TO THE CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WE COULD -- OH, MY SCREEN SAVER WENT ON, NAME THE NAMES. PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING THAT GREAT WORK. THEY ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME SO I WILL ONLY READ THE NOMINEES, I THINK THAT THERE IS ONE POSITION. THE [INAUDIBLE] RICHARD MITCHELL POSITION 2, MARK KLEIN, POSITION 6. KRISTA LIEN CRANE, POSITION 3. AND POSITION 7, TAILOR WOODS, SO THANKS TO THEM AND EVERYBODY WHO WORKS TO TIGHTEN UP THIS BUDGET SO WE CAN GET HOUSELESS PEOPLE AND FOSTER CHILDREN THE CARE THAT MEETS OUR STANDARDS. THANK YOU.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Resolution Supporting the State Legislative Action on Universal Health Care.
Sponsors: Commissioner Sharon Meieran, D-1 and Commissioner Loretta Smith, D-2
Presenters: Staff and Invited Guests.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1. WHO IS OPENING UP?

Commissioner Meieran: I HAVE TO SAY THAT I AM SO EXCITED TO BRING THIS RESOLUTION FORWARD. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND A VERY DIFFERENT THING FROM THAT REAL MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IS CRITICAL. IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY OUR CLINICS MAKE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE A REALITY FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO COME THROUGH OUR DOORS WITHOUT INSURANCE COVERAGE. AS AN E.R. DOCTOR, I HAVE SEEN FIRST HAND WHAT A DIFFERENCE COVERAGE AND ACCESS MAKE FOR PEOPLE NEEDING CARE. FIRST I DO WANT TO BRIEFLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE WOULD BE HAVING A REALLY DIFFERENT CONVERSATION RIGHT NOW IF MEASURE 101 HAD NOT PASSED LAST WEEK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO PAUSE AND REFLECT ON REALLY THE FRAGILITY OF THE SYSTEM AND HOW TRAGIC IT IS THAT WE ARE AT THE WHIM OF POTENTIALLY A SINGLE LEGISLATOR OR A SINGLE JUST BLOWING OF THE WINDS IN ONE DIRECTION OR ANOTHER TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE ACTUALLY WILL BE ABLE TO COVER ALL THE PEOPLE IN OUR STATE. IT'S NOT A HYPOTHETICAL CONVERSATION. LIFE AND DEATH TRULY ARE AT STAKE. IF MEASURE 101 HADN'T PASSED OUR LEGISLATURE WOULD BE FACED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF FIGURING OUT HOW TO FILL A MASSIVE BUDGET GAP BY RESTRICTING MEDICAID ELIGIBLE CUTTING IMPORTANT BENEFITS OR BOTH.

Commissioner Meieran: WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE ON TO THE OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT ARE FACING OUR STATE. IF IT HADN'T PASSED AS I SAID, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OREGONIANS, INCLUDING THOUSANDS OF KIDS WOULD BE FACING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR NECESSARY PREVENTIVE CARE AND FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS IF THEY BECAME SICK. THEY WOULD HAVE HAD TO FACE

DECISIONS ABOUT WHETHER TO PAY FOR FOOD OR RENT OR MEDICATIONS. THANKFULLY THAT WAS NOT THE OUTCOME. THE ELECTION, AS I SAID, GAVE US ALL AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN AND APPRECIATE THE PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE MADE SO FAR IN OREGON. PROGRESS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN MADE UNDONE. SO THAT'S A BIG PART OF ABOUT WHAT THIS RESOLUTION IS TODAY. IT'S ABOUT NOT DOING, NOT UNDOING THE WORK AND MOVING FORWARD SO WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP HAVING THESE CONVERSATIONS AND ARGUE OVER ONE ASPECT OF THIS VERSUS ANOTHER.

ALTHOUGH OUR SYSTEM NOW IS FAR FROM PERFECT, OREGON'S LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN REALLY WORKING TOWARDS TRYING TO GET CLOSER TO TRUE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE. SINCE 2013 THE LEGISLATURE HAS TAKEN STEPS TOWARDS STUDYING AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE BEST OPTIONS FOR FINANCING HEALTH CARE TO PROVIDE TRULY UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND FINANCIAL STABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY. THAT IS ESSENTIAL. AND THE LEGISLATURE SEEKS TO ENSURE THAT OUR PROGRESS TOWARDS UNIVERSAL ACCESS IS EQUITABLE. THAT THE GOAL JUST DOESN'T APPLY TO SOME OREGONIANS OVER OTHERS. PASSAGE OF KIDS IN THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EQUITY ACT IS, THANK YOU TO THE LEGISLATURE, I WILL SINGLE OUT STATE REP ANDREA SALINAS AS REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE LEGISLATURE. DEMONSTRATE THAT COMMITMENT. WE ARE GOING TO HEAR FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON OUR ORGANIZED PANELS AND ALSO PUBLIC TESTIMONY WHICH I AM SO EXCITED TO HEAR BECAUSE THE PERSONAL STORIES ARE WHAT THIS REALLY IS ABOUT. AND EVERYONE HAS ONE. WE WILL HEAR FROM LEADERSHIP ON THE FRONT LINES OF POLICY DISCUSSIONS AT THE STATE LEVEL TO PROVIDERS AND THEN ALSO TO CONSUMERS WHO EXPERIENCE OUR SYSTEMS FIRST HAND. SO, BUT FIRST I WANT TO HAND THINGS OVER TO COMMISSIONER SMITH AND THANK HER FOR CO-SPONSORING THIS RESOLUTION WITH ME.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MEIERAN. I JUST WANT TO SAY IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF ON THIS FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. IT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, HEALTH CARE IS, AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY THAT YOU KNOW, THE COMMENTS I MADE LAST WEEK BUT THE CHARTER AND THE LEASE, THEY WERE NOT FAIR. AND PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR THAT. YOU AND THE COMMISSIONERS, THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS WORKED VERY HARD. MY COMPLAINT WAS NOT WITH YOU. IT WAS WITH THE FACILITIES AND I KIND OF WANTED A BIT MORE INFORMATION, SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME ON THAT. BUT TODAY I WANT TO SAY THAT LAST WEEK OREGONIANS OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED MEASURE 101.

Commissioner Smith: THEY ENSURED CONTINUED FUNDING FOR CRITICAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS SINCE 2004, OREGON HAS USED A PROVIDER TAX, WHICH IS PAID BY HOSPITALS AND COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, SO FOR

EVERY PATIENT THESE ORGANIZATIONS PAY \$1 WHICH IS MATCHED BY \$2 OF FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDS. THIS PROVIDER TAX HAS PROVIDED THE FINANCIAL UNDERPINNINGS OF OUR OREGON HEALTH CARE PLAN. IF MEASURE 101 HAD FAILED LAST WEEK, 400,000 CHILDREN THROUGHOUT OREGON WOULD HAVE LOST ACCESS TO EVEN THE MOST BASIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES, SO TODAY AS WE URGE OUR COLLEAGUES TO VOTE YES ON OUR PROPOSAL, WE ARE TAKING THIS PROPORTION ONE STEP FARTHER. THIS RESOLUTION AS OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE STATE AND GOVERNOR BROWN TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE NOTION THAT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SHOULDN'T BE RESTRICTED TO ONLY THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT. AND AS WE LISTEN TO THE PERSONAL STORIES THIS MORNING, OF THOSE WHO JOIN US TODAY, I HOPE THAT WE WILL ALL JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO CONSIDER WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO HAVE ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGONIANS.

Commissioner Meieran: START WITH OUR FIRST PANEL, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANDREA SALINAS AND FORMER MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER PAULINE ANDERSON UP TO SPEAK.

Andrea Salinas: FOR THE RECORD I AM ANDREA SALINAS, I AM THE STATE LEGISLATOR FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 38, LAKE OSWEGO AND SOUTHWEST PORTLAND. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY AND FOR BRINGING THIS RESOLUTION FORWARD. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SMITH AND MEIERAN. YOU TIED UP EXACTLY WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN WORKING ON, AND WHAT WE THOUGHT THAT WE COULD CONTINUE IF MEASURE 101 PASSED. AND SO THIS IS REALLY EXCITING TO SEE THIS AFFIRMATION OF HEALTH CARE, AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGONIANS. REPRESENTATIVE GREENLICH HAD AN IDEA, I THINK, AS I WAS RUNNING FOR THIS APPOINTMENT THAT WE NEED TO START MOVING AND THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE STATE DOES ON HEALTH CARE GIVEN SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALREADY ZEROED OUT THE EMPLOYER MANDATE ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND THAT WILL LIKELY TAKE A LOT OF THE HEALTHY POPULATION OUT OF OUR PRIVATE INSURANCE MARKET SYSTEM. THEREFORE PUTTING A LARGER BURDEN ON THOSE WHO REMAIN IN A HIGHER COST ON THOSE WHO REMAIN.

SO AS WE STARTED THINKING ABOUT THIS, CHAIR GREENLICH THOUGHT WE NEED AFFIRMATION THAT WE SHOULD HAVE UNIVERSAL, ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR ALL OREGONIANS AS THE CHAIR MEIERAN MENTIONED WE GOT CLOSER BY PASSING COVER ALL KIDS AND PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR WOMEN, AND BUT THE STATE OF OREGON STILL IS ONLY AT 95% HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, AND OF THAT IT'S NOT ALWAYS AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE, SO WHAT THE CHAIR DECIDED TO DO IN ANTICIPATION OF WHAT'S COMING DOWN FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TO MOVE FORWARD HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 203, AND IT IS A REFERRAL TO THE BALLOT ON THE

PREMISE THAT VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE ADDING A SECTION TO THE OREGON CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD READ, IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE STATE TO ENSURE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF OREGON HAS ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE, MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT.

Andrea Salinas: WE ANTICIPATE AND WE WILL START TO WORK ON THIS NEXT WEEK, ACTUALLY, I THINK THAT IT'S OUT OF THE GATE ON MONDAY IN OUR COMMITTEE, THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE THIS TO THE VOTERS THEN IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR THEIR AFFIRMATION LIKE THEY DID ON MEASURE 101 TO SAY YES WE NEED HEALTH CARE, YES, ON HEALTH CARE. SO BUT THEN COMING BACK IN 2019 WE ANTICIPATE NEEDING TO WORK, TO DO THE WORK OF THAT AFFIRMATION. NOW IS IT THAT WE GET THERE? LIKE I SAID DURING MY APPOINTMENT PROCESS I THINK THAT CHAIR GREENLICH THE WHEELS WERE SPINNING AND HE THOUGHT WHO CAN -- WHAT CAN WE DO AND HOW CAN WE FIGURE THIS OUT BEFORE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PUTS DOWN SOME LAWS THAT REALLY HURT OREGON'S MOVEMENT ON HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION? SO WHAT HE DECIDED TO DO IS TO PULL TOGETHER SOME FOLKS, I WILL BE THE CHAIR OF A UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO CARE WORK GROUP AND MANY MEMBERS ON THAT WORK GROUP ARE HERE IN THE ROOM TODAY. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THEIR STORIES. SO THIS WORK GROUP WILL WORK FROM -- WE STARTED IN JANUARY AND WE WILL WORK THROUGH TO SEPTEMBER AND LIKELY BRING IS A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FALL ON SOME BOTH INCREMENTAL AND LONG-TERM FINANCING HEALTH CARE DELIVERY MODELS AND SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE ON HOW IT IS THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD GIVEN WHAT MAY COME DOWN FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND EVEN JUST OREGON AS A WHOLE, HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD ON PROVIDING THAT ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE CARE.

THE CHAIR INCLUDES MYSELF, REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA SMITH WARNER, REPRESENTATIVE VILE AND JAMES MANNING AND SENATOR DEMBROW WHO WILL SERVE AS AMBASSADORS FOR THE SENATE. ON THE WORKS GROUP WE HAVE FOLKS, A COUPLE OF DOCTORS. FOLKS WHO REPRESENT THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION. DIFFERENT GROUPS WHO CAN REALLY TALK TO AND SPEAK AND DO A DEEP DIVE ON OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM'S DELIVERY MODELS. SO WITH THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT -- ALTHOUGH IT'S JUST AN INFORMAL WORK GROUP, IT'S AN INTENSE WORK. WE'LL BE LOOKING AT EVERYTHING FROM WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DOING OVER THE PAST YEAR, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT OF WHAT WE DID IN THE FIRST MEETING, LOOKING AT THE STUDY THAT WAS -- COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MENTIONED IN 2013, THE RAND STUDY, AND WHERE SOME OF THE FAILINGS MAY HAVE BEEN, AND WE WILL TAKE A DIVE ENCORES DRIVERS AND BARRIERS AND WHAT OTHER STATES HAVE PROPOSED.

Andrea Salinas: THE DYNAMICS OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND THOSE DELIVERY MODELS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEXITIES AND COST AND HEALTH CARE, FEDERAL FEASIBILITY, CONSIDERATIONS, AND CHALLENGES, AND GOVERNANCE MODELS AND CONSUMER CHOICE PARADOX. SO WE SHOULD HOPEFULLY LIKE I SAID COMPLETE OUR WORK BY SEPTEMBER, AUGUST, HOPEFULLY, AND THEN BE ABLE TO DELIVER SOMETHING TO THE LEGISLATURE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS BY SEPTEMBER. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND TRYING TO MAKE THIS ACCESS TO CARE A REALITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND DEBRA. I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE FIVE WOMEN AS COMMISSIONERS AGAIN. WE DID THAT IN 19 -- WELL, IT WAS 1985 TO 1993 THERE WERE TIME THAT WE HAD FIVE WOMEN ON THE COMMISSION. WE WERE VERY PRODUCTIVE, TOO.

Pauline Anderson: I AM PAULINE ANDERSON. TODAY I AM REPRESENTING HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OF OREGON, HCAO AND MYSELF AS I URGE YOU TO PASS RESOLUTION R1. UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE IS A PASSION FOR ME AND FOR THE HARD WORKING MEMBERS OF HCAO. THE STATE OF OREGON HAS BEEN CREEPING UP ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR MANY LONG YEARS. WE HAVE EXPANDED MEDICAID ELIGIBLE, WE HAVE CONDUCTED STUDIES AND CONTRACTED FOR STUDIES BOTH CONFIRMING THAT UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE IS ACHIEVABLE AND FINANCIALLY VIABLE. WE HAVE EXTENDED COVERAGE TO ALL CHILDREN IN OREGON AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS THEM NO MATTER THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. NOW THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE HAS THE DIRECTIVE TO COME UP WITH UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AT AN AFFORDABLE COST TO ALL OREGONIANS BY NOVEMBER 2018. ARE WE THERE YET? HCAO AND I HOPE SO. WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL FIRST PASS THE RESOLUTION, AND THEN WILL MONITOR, BULLDOG, WATCHDOG THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, AS THE COMMITTEE DEVELOPS AND PRESENTS THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE BY NOVEMBER 2018. RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE QUALITY HEALTH CARE AT AN AFFORDABLE COST FOR ALL OREGONIANS AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR THE STATE'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OF OREGONIAN, THE ORGANIZATION AND I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR OUR BELOVED STATE OF OREGON. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING THIS MORNING.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT I BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE [READS NAMES].

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST? YOU ARE UP.

Glendora Claybrooks: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. SOME OF YOU WHOM I KNOW AND WHO KNOW ME, IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO BE HERE. GIVEN MY ETHNICITY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN WHAT I CALL A DEMOCRACY PROCESS.

Chair Kafoury: WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD?

Glendora Claybrooks: GLENDORA CLAYBROOKS, THE CHAIR OF HEALTH EQUITY COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH CARE FOR OREGON AS WELL AS A BOARD MEMBER. TO GIVE YOU A BIT OF A BACKGROUND I AM A SHARE CROPPER'S DAUGHTER BORN AND RAISED ON A PLANTATION IN ARKANSAS. I AM HERE TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGON, WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS PROMOTING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE. BECAUSE OF THIS, I AM REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE. TO GIVE YOU A BIT OF A BACKGROUND HISTORY WITH REGARD TO MY PERSONAL STORY THAT I DON'T SHARE LIGHTLY OR OFTEN THAT MUCH BUT THIS IS THE IMPORTANT FORUM SUCH THAT I NEED TO SHARE, TO SHOW HOW IMPORTANT UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE IS. BETWEEN 2000 AND 2004 I DEVELOPED TWO PHYSICAL CONDITIONS KNOWN AS DIABETES AND PLANTAR FASCIITIS WHICH IS A BAND OF TISSUE THAT CONNECTS THE HEEL BONE TO THE TOES THAT RESULTED IN A HEEL FRACTURE. I ENDURED INSURMOUNTABLE PAIN FROM SITTING TO STANDING TO THE POINT OF HAVING IT AWAKEN ME DURING MID MORNING HOURS BETWEEN 2:00 AND 3:00 A.M. TO ADEQUATELY HEAL THIS REQUIRED PHYSICAL THERAPY AND NO WEIGHT BEARING.

AT THIS TIME I HAD CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18. I WAS UNEMPLOYED, AND I WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT, ALL OF WHICH MADE ME ELIGIBLE FOR THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN. ALTHOUGH IN COVERAGE WAS LIMITED, I STILL HAD ACCESS TO BASIC HEALTH CARE, TO HELP CHROME AND TREAT MY DIABETIC DISEASE AND DIAGNOSED MY FOOT FRACTURE. HOWEVER WHEN STRICKEN WITH MY FOOT AILMENT THAT ENABLE ME TO WORK, THE INSURANCE PLAN WOULD NOT COVER EXTENDED REQUIRED TREATMENT NEEDED TO EXPEDITE THE HEALING PROCESS DESPITE THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS. THEREFORE IT TOOK LONGER TO HEAL, AND THIS RESULTED IN LONGER TIME OFF WORK AND SUSTAINED MY CONDITION, WHICH DID NOT HEAL UNTIL 2008. IN 2014 I DEVELOPED A THREATENING CONDITION OF WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN PREMATURE DEATH HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2010 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. UNDER THIS HEALTH CARE PLAN AND THE ADOPTION OF THE FEDERAL WAIVER BY OUR STATE, MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE HERE SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY.

Glendora Claybrooks: IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE HAPPENED TO ME. IN CONCLUSION BECAUSE OF THESE PHYSICAL EXPERIENCES WITH UNSUSPECTING HEALTH CONDITIONS OF NO FAULT OF MY OWN, I WOULD

OTHERWISE HAVE NOT HAD THE FINANCES TO ENSURE MY RECOVERY, TREATMENTS, AND OTHER EVENTS NEEDED TO SUSTAIN MY HEALTH STATUS. THEREFORE I BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY AND MORALLY FITTING FOR OUR STATE TO INVEST IN A UNIVERSAL SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT IS AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, COMPREHENSIBLE, EQUITABLE, AND HIGH QUALITY IN ITS DELIVERY AND REIMBURSEMENT APPROACHES. SO SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD RENDER SERVICES WITHOUT LIMITATIONS, ON TREATMENTS, AND HEALING PROCESSES AND BASED ON COSTS, I THEREFORE URGE YOU TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY CONDUCTIVE FOR ALL OF OREGONIANS, NO MATTER THEIR INCOMES, AND ALSO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LAWMAKERS TO ENACT THE SINGLE PAYER SYSTEM METHOD FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR STATE'S ECONOMY AND RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Peter Mahr: GOOD MORNING. THANKS FOR INVITING ME TO TESTIFY. MY NAME IS PETER MAHR, A FAMILY PHYSICIAN WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE PRIMARY CARE CLINIC SYSTEM FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS. TODAY IS MY DAY OFF AND I AM COMING HERE TO TESTIFY SAPP INDIVIDUAL NOT ON BEHALF OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I AM ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE PORTLAND CHAPTER OF PHYSICIANS FOR NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM. ON A DAILY BASIS I SEE THE IMPACT OF POVERTY AND INEQUITY ON HEALTH AND ACCESS AMONGST MY PATIENTS. JUST YESTERDAY I MET A PATIENT JOHN, A 56-YEAR-OLD MAN WITH SEVERE CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. HE'S HOMELESS STAYING WITH A FRIEND, AND IN AN APARTMENT WITHOUT RUNNING WATER. SO YES, THE SOCIETAL FACTORS ARE A HUGE BARRIER TO CARE AND A POWERFUL DRIVER OF HEALTH AND EC, BUT SO TOO IS OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT DID EXPAND MEDICAID, GRANTING A LARGER SEGMENT OF THE PATIENT'S INSURANCE THAN IN PRIOR YEARS, AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THAT. BUT THE COMPLEXITY, INCONGRUITY AND COSTLINESS OF THE SYSTEM REMAINS. AND OUR PATIENTS SO OFTEN FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS.

Peter Mahr: I REMEMBER MARIA, SHE WAS UNINSURED BECAUSE HER HUSBAND HAD DIED AND WITH HIS DEATH SHE HAD LOST HER INSURANCE. AFTER TWO YEARS WITHOUT SEEING A DOCTOR HER BLOOD PRESSURE WAS IN THE DANGER ZONE. WE BROUGHT HER BLOOD PRESSURE DOWN WITH MEDICATIONS WITHOUT INCIDENT, BUT SHE COULD JUST HAVE EASILY HAD A HEART ATTACK OR STROKE. OTHER PATIENTS ARE NOT AS LUCKY. A COLLEAGUE OF MINE CARED FOR A 28-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WITH A BREAST LUMP. SHE DELAYED GETTING A BIOPSY FOR NINE MONTHS DUE TO A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE. THAT ALLOWED HER CANCER TO SPREAD. SHE HAD AN INITIAL REMISSION WITH TREATMENT BUT SADLY HER CANCER RETURNED THREE YEARS LATER, AND SHE DIED. THERE IS STILL JOY IN MEDICINE, TAKING CARE OF THOSE IN NEED AND PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL FIRST-CLASS CARE TO

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, BUT IT IS RARER NOW WITH SUCH IS A BROKEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, A SYSTEM THAT SEEMS TO ACTIVELY WORK AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES OF CONTINUITY, AFFORDABILITY AND EXCELLENCE. A SYSTEM IN WHICH ONE-THIRD OF AMERICANS DELAY OR AVOID CARE DUE TO COST. A SYSTEM THAT COST TWICE AS MUCH OF THOSE AND OTHER NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD BUT HAS WORSE HEALTH OUTCOMES.

A SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL, 50% OF PHYSICIANS MARK AT LEAST ONE TIME OF BURNOUT. A SYSTEM THAT HIRED 3,200% MORE ADMINISTRATORS IN THE LAST 25 YEARS WHILE ONLY EMPLOYING 150% MORE PHYSICIANS. ALL OTHER SUCCESSFUL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS ARE UNIVERSAL. ONE COMPREHENSIVE SET OF BENEFITS ACCEPTED BY ALL DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS WITH NON-FOR-PROFIT FINANCING COVERING EVERYONE. THESE SINGLE PAYER SYSTEMS ARE THE ONLY WAY TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL ACCESS WHILE LOWERING COST. OREGON CAN AND MUST ADOPT A UNIVERSAL SYSTEM SO JOHN, MY PATIENT, WITH SEVERE HEART FAILURE LIVING WITHOUT RUNNING WATER HAS ACCESS TO THE SAME HIGH QUALITY CARE THAT OUR COMMISSIONERS HAVE. ONLY THEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO TRULY REDUCE INEQUITY IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. I URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE RESOLUTION IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. THANK YOU.

Keara Rodela: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER, I AM A HEALTH OREGON COORDINATOR WITH THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION BUT I AM NOT HERE REPRESENTING THEM. I AM HERE AS A CONSUMER ON MY OWN TIME. AND I AM HERE TO ASK A THANK YOU FOR THIS RESOLUTION AND ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT IT. I AM A SECOND GENERATION OREGONIAN. I AM -- MY MOTHER, MY GRANDMOTHER, ALL SINGLE MOMS, ALL FROM POVERTY, UNFORTUNATELY, AND I HAVE PERSONALLY SEEN THE EFFECTS OF NOT HAVING HEALTH CARE HAS ON COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES, IN MY PERSONAL LIFE AND WORK. WORKING WITH THE ORGANIZATION I CAN TELL YOU STORIES OF REFUGEES WHO COME AND WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM OR HOW TO ACCESS IT OR DEALING WITH TRAUMA FROM REFUGEE CAMPS FROM WAR-TORN COUNTRIES, BUT I CAN ALSO TELL YOU ABOUT PERSONAL STORIES.

Keara Rodela: WE WERE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXPANSION, AND MY DAUGHTER, SHE WAS ABLE TO GET GLASSES. MY HUSBAND, WHO HAS HEALTH ISSUES COULD ACCESS CARE BECAUSE OF THE EXPANSION, AND BECAUSE WORKING IN NONPROFITS, HEALTH CARE IS EXPENSIVE. I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE RELIEF THAT COMES FROM BEING ABLE TO ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, FROM A PERSONAL, FROM A PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING, BEING A MOM AND A WIFE AND GOING THROUGH SCHOOL AND GRAD SCHOOL AND A LOT OF THINGS THAT COME WITH THAT, AND COMING FROM, COMING UP OUT OF POVERTY THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THAT COME WITH THAT, AND BEING ABLE TO KNOW THAT I CAN ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND USE IT WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY BUT THE COSTS AND NOT HAVING TO WORRY

ABOUT GETTING THE PRESCRIPTIONS THAT I NEED TO BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AS A MOTHER BECAUSE OF GRANTS THAT ARE OUT THERE FOR BLACK WOMEN AND, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND HELP ME TO MAKE, MAKES ME A BETTER BOSS, A BETTER MOTHER, AND HELPS ME TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT MY CHILDREN BETTER BECAUSE I AM MENTALLY ABLE TO HANDLE ALL OF THE PRESSURES THAT COME. I AM A BIG ADDS ADVOCATE FOR ALL, WHEN HEALTH CARE 101 WAS ON THE [INAUDIBLE] I MADE SURE TO HAVE EVERYONE I KNOW SUPPORT IT BUT ALSO THE ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT IT BECAUSE I SAW THE PANIC THAT CAME ACROSS OUR CLIENTS WHEN THEY DID NOT, WHEN THEY THOUGHT THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE COVERAGE BECAUSE OF THIS. SO I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT PANEL, OUR FINAL PANEL IS [READS NAMES]

Deborah Field: DO WANT ME TO START? GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR. I AM DEBORAH FIELD. I AM HERE TODAY AS REALLY A PRIVATE CITIZEN BUT ALSO A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, AND I SERVED ON THE BOARD OF MAIN STREET ALLIANCE AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL AND SHARE WITH YOU MY PERSONAL STORY ABOUT NUMBERS AND MY PREMIUMS, AND I WILL THROW NUMBERS AT YOU, OKAY. I THINK THAT I REPRESENT [INAUDIBLE] AMERICA, AND I THINK THAT MY STORY IS IMPORTANT, AND MY HUSBAND AND I BRING IN PROBABLY 65,000 A YEAR, AND A SMALL BUSINESS, AS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, I ELECTED TO NOT CARRY HEALTH INSURANCE BECAUSE I AM A BELIEVER IT SHOULD NOT BE PART OF YOUR WORK. EVERYBODY DESERVES HEALTH INSURANCE, AND WE NEED A SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS THAT. I FORGOT THAT I WANT TO MENTION MY GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST COMMISSIONERS AND I AM PROUD OF THAT. I AM ALSO A NATIVE OREGONIAN PIONEER FAMILY.

Keara Rodela: I HAVE DEEP ROOTS IN OREGON AND I AM PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO BE PROGRESSIVE AND INNOVATIVE AND INSTANT -- I WANT US TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT AROUND HEALTH CARE. IN 2014 OUR FAMILY WAS PAYING OVER THOUSAND IN PREMIUMS, OKAY. WE DID NOT QUALIFY FOR A SUBSIDY. IN 2015, WE DID QUALIFY FOR A SUBSIDY. THAT GAVE US A LOT OF RELIEF SO THAT PREMIUM OF 1159 WAS CUT IN HALF AND BROUGHT IT DOWN TO 645, WHICH IS EASIER TO LIVE WITH AND PAY MY BILLS. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE KNOW THIS BUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND THIS IS NOT A NEGATIVE BECAUSE IT SERVED A LOT OF PEOPLE. AS SOON AS MY HUSBAND WENT ONTO MEDICARE, WE WERE DISQUALIFIED, AND THE BIGGEST HIT WAS BECAUSE OUR BUSINESS MADE 10,000 MORE DOLLARS IN THE YEAR, GUESS WHAT HAPPENED, WE HAD TO PAY IT BACK. WE HAD TO PAY OUR SUBSIDY BACK FOR MAKING 10,000 MORE DOLLARS. MY WAGES DIDN'T GO UP. I AM A SUB-S CORPORATION. THAT IS NOT RIGHT. SO NOW A COUPLE OF YEARS AHEAD, OKAY, I AM A SURVIVOR OF AND I AM GOING TO KEEP GOING. I WENT

ON TO AN INDIVIDUAL PLAN. OH, AND I MIGHT ALSO MENTION WHEN I WAS RESEARCHING BRINGING IN GROUP INSURANCE FOR MY BUSINESS, IT WAS MORE EXPENSIVE. I HAD EMPLOYEES AND THEY COULD DO BETTER BY GOING OUT AND GETTING SOMETHING THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

THAT WAS THE OTHER PART OF MY REASONING ABOUT DOING THAT. SO I WENT ON AN INDIVIDUAL POLICY, AND IN 2016 I PAID 535. NOT TOO BAD. HOWEVER IN ORDER TO KEEP THAT MY DEDUCTIBLE HAD TO GO UP TO 2,500 AND MY CO-PAYS WERE 30. NOT TOO BAD. I COULD KIND OF LIVE WITH THAT. THAT'S JUST MEDICAL, NO DENTAL OR VISION. IN 2016, THAT WAS 2016. OH, THE OTHER THING THAT HAPPENED WAS I WENT TO THE DOCTOR ONCE A YEAR, THAT'S ALL. I AM HEALTHY. I AM A HEALTHY 60-YEAR-OLD. I RARELY GO TO THE DOCTOR. I HAD MY PREVENTATIVE MAMMOGRAM, AND THEY HAD TO TAKE TWO SETS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T -- DIDN'T GET A GOOD READING, AND I HAD TO PAY FOR THE SECOND SET OF \$800 FOR THE X-RAYS. AND I FOUGHT IT. TOOK IT UP TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSION. AND THEY DENIED ME MY CLAIM. OKAY. I HAVE LOTS OF STORIES. SO 2017, MY PREMIUMS WERE THE SAME, BUT MY DEDUCTIBLE WENT UP TO 5,000. MY CO-PAY STAYED THE SAME. 2018. ANYBODY BORED WITH NUMBERS YET? MY PREMIUM INCREASED TO \$660 FOR THIS YEAR. THAT'S A 25% INCREASE. I WENT TO THE DOCTOR ONCE IN 2017. AND GUESS WHAT MY CO-PAY IS NOW? \$50, EVERY TIME I GO TO THE DOCTOR. PRIMARY CARE, \$50. AND IF I HAVE TO GO TO A SPECIALIST I HAVE TO PAY 60% OF THAT BILL. DO I REALLY HAVE COVERAGE? I DON'T THINK SO. SO SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE.

THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABILITY. YES I AM A MIDDLE CLASS AMERICAN AND I CAN AFFORD IT MORE THAN SOME. BUT THIS IS STILL AFFECTING MY QUALITY OF LIFE AND MY LIFESTYLE. I CAN'T AFFORD TO SAVE VERY MUCH. SO I AM HERE TO SAY YES, LET'S DO THE RIGHT THING AND LET'S MAKE OREGON BE A LEADER, AND PASS THE RESOLUTION. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TALK TODAY, I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

Dan Kaufman: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS. AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION. I WOULD LIKE TO BOLSTER IT WITH MY OWN EXPERIENCES. I AM DAN KAUFMAN. THANK YOU. WE SHOULD GET THE TIMER GOING, BUT I WEAR A LOT OF HATS. IN MY WORK. MY BUSINESS. VOLUNTEER WORK BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB THAT I HAVE BEING A PARENT DOESN'T REQUIRE A HAT. IT'S A 24-7 JOB AS YOU KNOW AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT TODAY. MY EXPERIENCE WITH INSURANCE, WITH HEALTH CARE, AND AS A PARENT. AND FIGURING IT ALL OUT. THIS IS A YEARLY PROBLEM, AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I FEEL VERY BLESSED AND FORTUNATE THAT THE MOTHER OF MY CHILDREN AND MYSELF HAVE WORKED, AND WE CAN MAKE A GOOD LIVING, BUT FIGURING OUT THE HEALTH CARE THING EVERY YEAR IS ALWAYS A PROBLEM. AND IT'S A PARTICULAR PROBLEM THIS YEAR. SO I WORK FOR A SMALL COMPANY AND I OWN A BUSINESS. THAT COMPANY, I PAY FOR PART OF MY HEALTH INSURANCE, AND

THE COMPANY PAYS FOR THE REST. AND THEN IF I WANT TO BRING REPLY FAMILY ON, IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE. AND IT DOES NOT ALLOW US TO GO AND SEE THE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS THAT WE WANT TO SEE. SO THE MOTHER OF MY CHILDREN WHO IS A REALTOR, SHE GETS THE INSURANCE, JUST THROUGH THE OPEN MARKET, AND WE HAVE TO DO THAT EVERY YEAR. WE HAVE TO GET INTO THE OPEN ENROLLMENT AND FIND THE THING AND ONE YEAR WE FOUND OUT THAT WE COULDN'T GO TO OUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN EVEN THOUGH WE WORKED HARD TO DO THIS. THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE GO THROUGH EACH YEAR.

THIS YEAR WE DECIDED TO GO WITH A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE BECAUSE IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE. WE THOUGHT OKAY LET'S ROLL THE DICE. WE WILL GO WITH THE HIGH DEDUCTIBLE. MY SON WAS HIT BY A RECKLESS DRIVER ON HIS WAY TO CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL, AND WAS PUT INTO THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT WITH A CEREBRAL HEMATOMA, AND IT'S EXTREMELY FRACTURED CLAVICLE. THAT, UM, WE FELT VERY FORTUNATE THAT THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE THAT THE MOTHER OF MY CHILDREN HAD WOULD COVER THE UNINSURED, WELL, NOT UNINSURED BUT JUST THE WRECK ITSELF AS WE FIGURED OUT THE OTHER DRIVER. AS IT TURNS OUT HE DID NOT HAVE INSURANCE, AND BUT I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TOO MANY DETAILS, BASICALLY, THE COVERAGE HAS RUN OUT. AND SO WE ARE NOW PAYING FOR ALL OF THE BILLS. THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON IN THIS RECOVERY OF THIS, OF THIS WRECK. NOW THEY ARE PUTTING LIENS ON OUR HOMES, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THOSE BILLS ARE PAID FOR. HAVING AN EMPLOYEE-BASED MODEL DOES NOT WORK, FIRST NOT EVERYBODY IS EMPLOYED. SECOND OF ALL, IT'S THIS SONG AND DANCE, YOU KNOW, MAYBE PERHAPS IF YOU WORKED FOR INTEL OR THE GOVERNMENT, MAYBE YOU CAN GET A DECENT PLAN THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON YEAR AFTER YEAR, BUT IT'S A COMPLETE GAME THAT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE.

Dan Kaufman: IF NONE OF US HAD INSURANCE NEIGHBORS MAYBE THEN THE COST OF HEALTH CARE WOULD GO DOWN BECAUSE THEN WE WOULD JUST -- THE DOCTORS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A LOWER PRICE. IT'S, IT JUST SEEMS TO CONVOLUTED THAT WE NEED TO HAVE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE, UNIVERSAL ACCESS FOR ALL. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE A BASIC MODEL IN THAT WORKS IN SO MANY OTHER PLACES, AND I KNOW YOU ALL KNOW THIS. THIS IS, THIS IS OBVIOUS. IT PROTECTS THE MOST VULNERABLE, AND TO ME FOR US TO HAVE A LIVABLE COMMUNITY, THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU PUSHING FOR THIS. I WILL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU. I WAS WORKING HARD FOR MEASURE 101. I AM GLAD THAT WE PASSED THAT, TOO, BUT WE NEED TO DO A LOT MORE, OBVIOUSLY. THANK YOU.

Star Friday: HI, I AM STAR FRIDAY AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FIRST OF ALL FOR LISTENING TO MY STORY. I CAME HERE TO OREGON TWO YEARS AGO, FELL IN LOVE AND DECIDED TO MAKE A LIFE HERE. BACK IN AUGUST, I BECAME A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER FOR A SUBCONTRACTOR FOR PPS. THEY DO OFFER

INSURANCE, WHICH IS WAY TOO EXPENSIVE, 600 A MONTH, WHICH I CAN'T AFFORD, I AM ONLY GUARANTEED 25 HOURS A WEEK, AND IF I CAN GET EXTRA, GOOD FOR ME, I DO WHAT I CAN, SO MY MEDICAL ISSUES STARTED ABOUT A YEAR AGO. IT STARTED OUT WITH MY RIGHT ANKLE SWELLING UP AND I COULD NEVER FIGURE IT OUT, HAD TO DO A PROCEDURE TO WHERE THEY TOOK THE FLUID OUT AND PUT STEROIDS IN IT AND OFF I WENT AND I WAS FINE. WELL, FROM THEN ON EVERYTHING IS JUST HAS DECLINED. I BREAK OUT IN RASHES, AND I HAVE FATIGUE ALL THE TIME, AND VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BODY SWELLS UP AND NOTHING IS PREDICTED JUST HAPPENS. I DON'T KNOW HOW I AM GOING TO BE WHEN I WAKE UP THE NEXT MORNING. SO TRYING TO, YOU KNOW, I APPLIED FOR OREGON HEALTH. I MADE 200 MORE THAN THE QUALIFYING AMOUNT BACK IN SEPTEMBER. AND I RECENTLY TRIED AGAIN. BUT WAITING ON THAT TAKES FOREVER AS WELL AND I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW THAT'S GOING TO GO. WE REALLY NEED HEALTH CARE FOR ALL.

THE ONLY THING THEY FIGURED OUT I HAVE AN AUTO-IMMUNE DISEASE BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS UNTIL I GET INTO A SPECIALIST. AND THE FARTHER ALONG IT GOES WITHOUT ME GETTING TREATMENT THE WORSE IT WILL BE ON MY BODY AND ORGANS. MY KIDS DEPENDS ON ME TO TAKE THE KIDS BACK AND FORTH TO SCHOOL. WHEN I CAN'T DO THAT JOB, YOU KNOW, AND/NEED HELP. THERE IS OTHERS OUT THERE, JUST LIKE ME. THEY FEEL HELPLESS AND ALONE AND FORGOTTEN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO AT THIS POINT. I DO KNOW THAT I NEED HELP. I REALLY FEEL LIKE IT'S REALLY VERY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO GET THE HEALTH THAT THEY REALLY NEED BECAUSE I MEAN, I AM JUST LIKE IN LIMBO AT THIS MOMENT, AND I KNOW THAT THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW I WILL BE THE NEXT MORNING. I DON'T KNOW -- I CAN SLEEP EIGHT, NINE HOURS AND STILL FEEL LIKE I HAD NOTHING THE NEXT DAY, AND THERE IS PEOPLE OUT THERE THE SAME WAY AS ME, AND WE NEED HELP. WE NEED HELP. UNFORTUNATELY THE WAY THAT IT IS NOW I CAN'T AFFORD THE INSURANCE THAT THEY TRY TO GIVE ME. I MAKE TOO MUCH FOR OREGON HEALTH, SO WHAT DO YOU DO? I GO TO CLINICS BUT THEN I HAVE TO WORK ON THEIR TIME. I MISS WORK. IT'S A BAD SITUATION.

Salome Dupont: HI, I AM SALOME DUPONT. THANK YOU FOR NOT GETTING MY NAME WRONG. I APPRECIATE THAT. I, ACTUALLY, MY GIRL RIDES STARR'S BUS EVERY MORNING SO THAT'S HOW I MET HER. I HEARD HER STORY, I AM A HEALTH CARE PROCEDURE BUT I AM HERE AS A HEALTH CARE CONSUMER. WHEN I SAW THAT THE SYSTEM WASN'T WORKING FOR HER I KIND OF THOUGHT WELL, IT'S NOT WORKING FOR US, EITHER. WE ARE SELF PAID PEOPLE, AND THE ONLY PLAN THAT THERE IS IN OREGON THAT'S ZERO DOLLARS DEDUCTIBLE, THERE WAS A THROUGH KAISER. THAT'S 1400 A MONTH THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR. AND SO WITH A ZERO DEDUCTIBLE, YOU CAN COUNT ON I PAID THIS, AND I CAN GET HEALTH INSURANCE, AND I HAD A DAY SURGERY IN DECEMBER, AND THE COST OF OUT-OF-POCKET FOR ME WAS \$3,500. AFTER HAVING PAID FOR \$1400 A MONTH FOR THIS GOLD STANDARD

PLAN. AND I HAD OTHER ISSUES CAME UP WHERE I HAD TO GET ANOTHER DEVICE, AND THAT WAS ANOTHER \$600. IN DECEMBER, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON. WE'RE HIT WITH THIS COST, AND THANKFULLY I'M IN A POSITION WHERE I CAN PAY THIS POST AND NOT LET IT BANKRUPT ME. IT'S NOT WORKING FOR ANYBODY. WHAT KIND OF GOLD STANDARD PLAN IS THIS? I'M HERE TO SAY THAT STAR IS A FANTASTIC BUS DRIVER. THE AMOUNT OF PATIENTS AND GRACE SHE SHOWS WITH OUR CHILDREN IS GREAT. SHE DOESN'T NEED TO RAISE HER VOICE, SHE JUST MOVES HER ARMS AND THEY SOMEHOW MAGICALLY LISTEN. THEY ALL JUST LOVE HER AND I'M SO GLAD TO MEET HER AND JUST ADVOCATE FOR THE CARE SHE NEEDS. THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Jim Robinson: I'M PRESIDENT FOR HEALTHCARE FOR ALL OREGON ACTION AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR ADOPTING THIS RESOLUTION. ESPECIALLY THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS MEIERAN AND SMITH FOR DEVELOPING THIS RESOLUTION TO ENSURE THAT WE GET THIS IN. AND I WANT TO THANK ALSO REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA SMITH WARNER AND SENATORS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP THAT THEY'VE SHOWN IN THE LEGISLATURE ON THIS AS WELL AS THE NEW LEADERSHIP THAT'S COMING UP WITH REPRESENTATIVE SALINAS AND SENATOR JAMES MANNING WHO ARE SHOWING LEADERSHIP IN THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. I WILL JUST SHARE ONE STORY WITH YOU AND THEN MOVE ON TO THE REST OF THE PANEL, BUT THE REASON THIS HAS BEEN SO IMPORTANT TO ME IS BECAUSE I'VE SEEN TOO MANY PEOPLE FOR TOO LONG WHO HAVE TO GO WITHOUT MEDICAL CARE BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT OR THEY DON'T GO TO THE DOCTOR BECAUSE THEY'RE FOR THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT. AND THE ONE STORY I WANTED TO MENTION IS THE MEDICAL DEBT THAT AFFECTS PEOPLE. A FRIEND OF MINE WHO WROTE THE CHECK FOR RENT BECAUSE SHE JUST HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY THE RENT, AND THEN BEFORE THE RENT CHECK WAS CASHED, A DEBT COLLECTOR FOR MEDICAL BILLS GARNISHED THE MONEY FROM THE BANK ACCOUNT. SO THAT MEANT THE RENT WAS NO LONGER COVERED BECAUSE OF THE MEDICAL BILLS. THIS SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING. THESE KINDS OF STORIES SHOULD NOT BE HAPPENING. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE PEOPLE GOING INTO BANKRUPTCY BECAUSE OF MEDICAL BILLS. SO AGAIN THANK YOU AND THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Christopher Lowe: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER LOWE. THANKS FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS COMMISSION. IT'S NOT AN EASY JOB. I'VE BEEN HERE TWO WEEKS IN A ROW AND I CAN SEE THAT. SO I'M ALSO SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT POLITICAL WILL BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION LIES IN YOU ACTING AS TRIBUNES OF THE PEOPLE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE. AND WE NEED EVERYBODY AT ALL THOSE LOCAL LEVELS AND THE STATE

LEGISLATURE TO DO THE SAME TO THE FEDS, BUT I'VE BEEN A HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE WITH HEALTHCARE FOR ALL OREGON AND ITS ANTECEDENTS FOR 11 YEARS AND AT THE BEGINNING OF THAT TIME, YOU USED TO RUN ACROSS A LOT OF WELL WE SUPPORT YOUR IDEA, BUT IT'S JUST NOT POLITICALLY REALISTIC WHICH WAS IN A SENSE A KIND OF SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY. AND WHERE WE ARE NOW IS AT A TIPPING POINT WHERE WE ARE ACTUALLY STARTING TO FORM THE POLITICAL WILL TO DO WHAT ANYBODY WHO HAS HAD THE TIME AND MENTAL SPACE TO ACTUALLY LOOK AT THE SYSTEM HAS UNDERSTOOD WE NEED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME.

SO THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN HELPING OREGON FORM THAT POLITICAL WILL. I WANT TO TAKE THAT EVEN A LITTLE FURTHER, THOUGH, AND SUGGEST TO YOU, I'M NOT QUITE SURE ABOUT HOW YOUR INTERNAL PROCESSES WORK AND HOW STAFF TIME GETS ALLOCATED AND HOW MUCH IS LIKE YOUR PERSONAL STAFF VERSUS PIECES OF THE COUNTY APPARATUS, BUT I THINK YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO DO SOME ANALYSIS OF WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD GET OUT OF A SINGLE PAYER SYSTEM IN OREGON AND FEED THAT INFORMATION TO THIS WORK GROUP WHOSE WORK YOU'RE ABOUT TO SUPPORT, WHERE IT LOOKS TO ME A NUMBER OF PLACES THIS MIGHT COME UP WOULD INCLUDE YOUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH YOUR EMPLOYEES, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, HEALTHCARE BENEFITS ARE A PERENNIAL FOR PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS AND PRESUMABLY PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYERS.

Christopher Lowe: I THINK THERE'S A MINIMUM OF PREDICTABILITY TO HEALTH BENEFIT COSTS. BUT THE QUESTION -- HOW MUCH DOES THE SINGLE PAYER BILL ACTUALLY RELIEVE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OF SPENDING THAT THEY'RE DOING NOW VERSUS MAYBE YOU'RE JUST PAYING THE SAME EMPLOYER A TAX SO THERE'S AN EMPLOYER TAX PIECE OF IT, BUT WHAT IS THE REVENUE STREAM IS AN ISSUE THAT WE'RE WORKING ON SO WHAT WOULD THAT LOOK LIKE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND DO YOU GAIN IN PREDICTABILITY EVEN JUST THAT YOU'RE IN THE SAME TAX AS ANY OTHER EMPLOYER KNOWING THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE, DOES THAT BENEFIT YOU? MAYBE THERE'S A REDUCTION THAT COMES THERE. I THINK THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY. [TIMER BEEPS] SO MAYBE YOU'RE NAVIGATING PEOPLE MORE TOWARDS THE SYSTEM AND DELIVERING THIS OR MAYBE -- HOW DO YOU INTEGRATE WITH OTHER PIECES OF IT, BUT ANYWAY, THE MAIN POINT HERE IS JUST TO GET INTO THE WEEDS, NOW THAT WE'RE AT IT'S POLITICALLY REALISTIC, OR STARTING TO GET THERE WE HAVE TO GET DOWN TO THOSE KINDS OF QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Debora Harris: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME BEGIN, THANK YOU FOR RECOVERING MY NAME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WAS BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE ROSA PARKS GOING TO THE BACK OF THE BUS. OKAY ALL RIGHT. NOW, WE CAN

START MY THREE MINUTES. THANK YOU. GREETINGS, THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADDRESSED. MY NAME IS DEBORA HARRIS, PRESIDENT THE HARRIS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, LLC. MY PRESENCE HERE TODAY IS TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE YES VOTES IN THURSDAY'S JANUARY 25TH MEETING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED NEW HOMELESS SHELTER. SOMEONE APPEARED TO HAVE POSED THE QUESTION WHY PUTTING HOMELESS PEOPLE BEFORE BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORHOODS? I DO RESPECT THE CONCERNS BY THOSE WHO REPRESENT THE NEIGHBORHOOD YET OUR HOMELESS ARE EQUAL CITIZENS AND AS IMPORTANT AS OUR BUSINESSES, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ON TO EACH OF US. MAY I REFERENCE TO THE WORDS ENDOWED BY OUR CREATOR WITH THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. FOR THE HOMELESS THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS DOES NOT ENTAIL CLIMBING A SOCIAL LADDER, BUT A SECOND MOMENT IN TIME TO LIVE LIFE TO ITS FULLEST. ELECTED OFFICIALS, LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FAIR, ETHICAL AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE IN THEIR TREATMENT OF ALL PEOPLE. ALL INCLUDES UNDERREPRESENTED, UNDERSERVED, UNDER THE BRIDGE, IN THE GUTTER AND THROUGHOUT OUR SHINING COUNTY AS MARIO CUOMO IN HIS SPEECH, WHERE THE GLITTER DOESN'T SHOW.

OUR HOMELESS ARE A REPRESENTATION OF OUR PRIOR BUSINESS OWNERS, HOME-OWNERS, TEACHERS, CARE PROVIDERS, ENGINEERS, AND THE LIST GOES ON AND IN CLOSING MAY I SAY AS WE EMBARK UPON THIS FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, COMMEMORATING NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH, THE PHRASE NO TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD BEGAN TO RING IN MY SPIRIT. AS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN, MY FOREFATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS AND ALL BEFORE, IN BETWEEN AND EVEN TODAY HAVE HISTORICALLY, HISTORICALLY EXPERIENCED EXCLUSION. NO TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, NO TO OUR SCHOOLS, NO TO THE FRONT OF THE BUS, NO TO OUR CEMETERIES, NO TO EQUAL PAYING JOBS. THOUGH YOU MAY NOT HAVE LIVED THE EXPERIENCE, OR REVIEWED PIECES OF HISTORY THAT EXPLAINED THE EXPERIENCE, YOU LOOK WITH PURPOSE, PASSION, AND POSSIBILITIES AT PEOPLE WITH POTENTIALS FOR IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE, AND YOU VOTED YES. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: AND I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHERE YOU WERE TESTIFYING.

Debora Harris: NOT A PROBLEM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR STICKING IT OUT. GOOD MORNING.

Tom Cencic: GOOD MORNING. CHAIR KAFOURY. AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS TOM. I'M A FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER. THIS IS MY LAST MONTH AS A FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER. I AM RETIRING MY LICENSE BECAUSE THE WORK AROUND POLICY AND TO WORK FOR EVERYBODY AT THE SAME TIME VERSUS ONE PATIENT AT A TIME IS MY NEXT PATHWAY. I'VE WORKED IN THE

COUNTY HERE, FIRST, I WORKED IN THE JAIL THREE YEARS, INCLUDING THE JUVENILE HOME. INTERESTING. PEOPLE WANTED TO COME TO JAIL TO GET THEIR HEALTHCARE. WHAT A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS. PEOPLE HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE LESS WAGE SO THEY COULD GET ON THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN. WHAT A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS. WE HAVE A CHANCE TO BRING BETTER CARE TO MORE PEOPLE FOR LESS MONEY WITH A SINGLE PAYER, UNIVERSAL, EQUITABLE, COMPREHENSIVE CARE SYSTEM. THE ONE THAT'S BEING CALLED FOR IN THIS RESOLUTION TO GET THE STATE TO DO THAT WORK. I WANT TO TELL YOU ONE BRIEF STORY, I'VE TOLD IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN, BUT I LIKE TO TELL IT OVER. 11-YEAR-OLD LOST 20 POUNDS CAME TO ME IN A SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER WHERE I WORKED FOR 30 YEARS.

THIS PERSON HAD REGULAR INSURANCE, NOT OREGON HEALTH PLAN, BUT, OF COURSE, THE INSURANCE CARE DECIDES WHO YOU GET TO GO TO. THAT'S WHAT INSURANCE CARE IS. I HAD A THERAPIST AVAILABLE TO ME. THIS GIRL, 11-YEAR-OLD WAS VERY DEPRESSED. I SPENT THREE HOURS OF CLINIC TIME TRYING TO IDENTIFY A PSYCHIATRIST FOR HER TO SEE THAT DAY. WELL, MISSED OUT SEEING A LOT OF PATIENTS, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DOING THE ANALYSIS OF WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD BENEFIT. WHAT IF I NEVER HAD TO THINK ABOUT WHAT A INSURANCE PERSON HAD TO SAY? WELL, I FINALLY SENT HER TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. SHE SAW THE PSYCHIATRIST THERE THAT I CALLED WITH THE VERY FIRST PHONE CALL. WHAT A WASTE OF PRECIOUS TAX DOLLARS. WHAT IF YOU NEVER HAD TO ENGAGE IN ANOTHER BARGAINING SESSION THAT STARTS WITH WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF HEALTHCARE? THANK YOU, CHRIS, FOR BRINGING THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.

Tom Cencic: THE COUNTY NEEDS TO TAKE A DEEP DIVE, BUT FOR NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMMISSIONER MEIERAN AND COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND GIVING THIS OPPORTUNITY WHERE WE COULD HAVE FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF OUR PROVIDERS, FREE FROM THE WORRY OF THE BANKRUPTCY STORIES, THE WORRY THAT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT HERE TODAY AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PRESENTERS THAT CAME AND TOOK THE TIME OUT OF THEIR WORKDAYS, MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU SAW TODAY WERE CUTTING OUT OF WORK ON THEIR OWN TIME DOING VERY IMPORTANT WORK. MARCH OF DIMES HAD TO GO BEGGING FOR MONEY AND SPENDING ALL THAT TIME. WE ARE SPENDING WAY TOO MUCH TIME AND RESOURCES WHEN WE SHOULD BE GETTING CARE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, WELL THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR COMING TODAY. DO WE HAVE COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR AND I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER MEIERAN AND COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IN MY PERSONAL LIFE I'M AN INSURANCE AGENT SO I'VE SEEN FIRST-HAND WHERE PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO PAY THEIR INSURANCE OR PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE OR PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND I REALLY

UNDERSTAND THE TESTIMONY WHERE YOU HAVE HIGH DEDUCTIBLES, HIGH PREMIUMS AND YOU MAKE TOO MUCH TO RECEIVE A SUBSIDY. SO I REALLY DO UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES THAT OUR RESIDENTS FACE AND COMPLETELY SUPPORT THE RIGHT FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS FOR BRINGING THIS AND FOR ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE COME TODAY TO EXPRESS YOUR CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF EVERYONE THAT LIVES IN OREGON. SO THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU, CHAIR AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO COMMISSIONERS MEIERAN AND SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPICS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY. I ACTUALLY WANT TO SHARE MY HAPPINESS THAT MEASURE 101 PASSED. I THINK THAT ENABLES US TO FOCUS ON THESE BIGGER CONVERSATIONS, THE MORE IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE SOME GAPS. I ALSO WANTED TO THANK REPRESENTATIVE SALINAS AND EVERYONE BOTH INVITED TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY WHO SHARED YOUR STORIES AND YOUR STRUGGLES WITH THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM TODAY. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP OF REPRESENTATIVE SALINAS AND ESPECIALLY OF REPRESENTATIVE GREEN LAKE, THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME PASSIONATE ISSUE OF HIS AND HE'S REALLY I THINK HELPING TO CREATE A LEGACY IN OREGON FOR PROVIDING THE HEALTHCARE THAT WE NEED.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE IN THE WORLD AND THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY OUT OF LIKE 33 DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT DOES NOT HAVE SOME FORM OF UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF. THIS IS A REALLY LONG TIME COMING MOVEMENT IN OUR COUNTRY. I THINK THE ABILITY FOR US TO HAVE UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE TO TAKE CARE OF PREVENTIVE CARE, PRENATAL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE WOULD BE SUCH A BONUS TO THE PRODUCTIVITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY. IT SEEMS LIKE AN UNFAIR SYSTEM TO HAVE IT TIED TO EMPLOYMENT WHEN THAT CAN CHANGE MANY TIMES IN SOMEBODY'S LIFE WHERE THEY MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED AS SOMEBODY MENTIONED EARLIER SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Smith: CLOSING COMMENT. THANK YOU. I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON THAT THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS THAT I HAVE COSPONSORED SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON THE COMMISSION. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE HEALTHCARE AND THAT WE SHOULD HAVE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL. I THINK MANY OF YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS ELECTED AND STARTED IN 2011 THAT I HAD A MAJOR SURGERY THAT I HAD DONE, 11 MONTHS IN, 11 MONTHS ON THE JOB, HAD A TUMOR IN MY HEAD THE SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT AND I DROVE ALL THE

WAY HOME FROM SEATTLE TO PORTLAND AND FOUND OUT THAT I HAD TO HAVE EMERGENCY SURGERY. NOW, IMAGINE IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE. I THANK KAISER BECAUSE THEY RAN A BATTERY OF TESTS TO FIND OUT THAT I HAD BEEN HEMORRHAGING FOR THE LAST THREE HOURS AND HOW I GOT FROM SEATTLE TO PORTLAND WITHOUT INCIDENT WAS JUST A MIRACLE. FORTUNATELY, I HAD INSURANCE. I WAS ABLE TO HAVE A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT SURGEONS IN MY SIX AND A HALF HOUR LONG SURGERY AND THAT IS WAY TOO LONG TO BE OPEN. SO THERE WAS A LOT OF ROOM FOR ERROR. AND FORTUNATELY, I HAD GOOD INSURANCE THAT WE HAVE HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. UNFORTUNATELY, DAYS AFTER MY SURGERY, AFTER BEING IN THE ICU, I HAD TO RETURN BACK TO THE HOSPITAL AND MANY OF YOU HAD TALKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THAT SURGERY COST HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

THAT WOULD HAVE PUT YOU OVER A CAP FOR MANY OF YOU WHO HAVE INSURANCE THAT IS NOT AS GOOD AS THE ONES THAT WE HAVE HERE AND WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW IS I HAD TO GO BACK IN FOR COMPLICATIONS OF THAT PARTICULAR BRAIN TUMOR AND GUESS WHO WAS MY DOCTOR? DR. MEIERAN. YES. SHE RESEARCHED AND RESEARCHED AND WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS WRONG AND UNTIL, SHE DIDN'T LET ME LEAVE THE HOSPITAL AND I STAYED IN THE HOSPITAL FOR DAYS. SHE DIDN'T LET ME LEAVE THE HOSPITAL UNTIL SHE FOUND OUT WHAT WAS WRONG WITH ME AND JUST IMAGINE IF I DIDN'T HAVE THE KIND OF INSURANCE THAT WE HAVE HERE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ASTRONOMICAL AND PROBABLY PUT ME INTO A BANKRUPT STATE. SO THIS IS VERY PERSONAL FOR ME. I'VE SEEN IT FIRST-HAND WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DO GOOD HEALTH COVERAGE AND I WANT EVERY ONE OF YOU AND EVERYONE IN OREGON TO HAVE THAT KIND OF HEALTH COVERAGE. JUST IMAGINE THE KIND OF STRESS THAT I WOULD HAVE HAD, HAD I NOT HAD THE KIND OF INSURANCE THAT WE HAVE HERE, THINKING HOW AM I GOING TO PAY FOR THIS? THE STRESS THAT'S ON YOU WHILE YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU.

Commissioner Smith: SO DR. MEIERAN THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. YOU HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A LOT OF BRILLIANCE, A DOCTOR, A LAWYER, AND NOW A PUBLIC SERVANT. THAT IS INCREDIBLE. SO I FIGHT FOR THIS NOT JUST BECAUSE THIS IS A SUBJECT OF THE DAY OR THAT I'M RUNNING FOR OFFICE OR ANY OF THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. THIS IS REALLY PERSONAL FOR ME AND I KNOW HOW PERSONAL IT IS FOR YOU. SO THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TODAY.

Commissioner Meieran: NOW I'M GOING TO CRY. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR SHARING YOUR STORY AND FOR THOSE WORDS. AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PANELISTS FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING. AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO SHARE YOUR STORIES AND TO BEAR WITNESS TO EVERYONE ELSE'S EXPERIENCE AND TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT. I HAVE TO SAY EVEN FOR US PROVIDERS, YOU KNOW,

THE DOCTORS AND THE NURSES, WE'RE ALSO ALL HEALTHCARE CONSUMERS AS WELL SO WE UNDERSTAND, WE HAVE THOSE INSURANCE ISSUES. YOU WOULD THINK AS A KAISER DOCTOR THAT IT WOULD ALL WORK OUT, BUT, NO, THERE ARE ISSUES NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE. AND YOUR STORIES AND PERSPECTIVES UNDERPIN WHY WE ARE HERE. AND THAT'S TO SHOW THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR THAT THERE IS APPRECIATION FOR THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE AND IMMENSE SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO A FEW LEGISLATORS WHO ARE NOT HERE, BUT WHO HAVE BEEN LONG-TIME CHAMPIONS OF THIS WORK. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MADE MENTION OF ESPECIALLY REPRESENTATIVE MITCH GREENLAKE. HE HAS BEEN A CHAMPION FOREVER.

I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 203 AND HOPING THAT WE GET A REFERRAL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HEALTHCARE IS A UNIVERSAL RIGHT. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SENATOR -- WHO FROM THE TIME THAT I MOVED TO OREGON, I JUST SAW HIS NAME ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ISSUE AND JUST THE HARD WORK HE HAS DONE OVER THE YEARS TO MAKE THIS THE POLITICALLY RIGHT TIME TO GET TO THIS POINT. THEY HAVE BEEN TIRELESS ADVOCATES AND THEY KNOW THEY SHARE IN THE SENTIMENT THAT WE REALLY CANNOT REST UNTIL WE'VE DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE, EQUITABLE AND HIGH-QUALITY SYSTEM OF HEALTHCARE THAT IS TRULY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL OREGONIANS. IF WE ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION WE'LL JOIN SEVERAL OTHER STATES AND I'M PROUD TO BE HERE WITH COMMISSIONERS SMITH AND MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS AT THIS TIPPING POINT. SO I GUESS READ THE KEY PORTION OF THE PROCLAMATION. THERE IS MORE IF YOU WANT TO SEARCH FOR IT. BUT IN THE INTEREST OF TIME. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES NUMBER ONE TO THANK THE OREGON LEGISLATURE FOR ITS WORK TOWARDS UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE FOR ALL OREGONIANS, AND TWO, TO STRONGLY URGE THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE WORKING TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE, EQUITABLE AND HIGH QUALITY SYSTEM OF CARE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AND THAT IS AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, AND SOCIETY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I THINK IT WAS CHRIS WHO WAS TALKING EARLIER ABOUT POLITICAL WILL, AND I THINK THAT THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT POINT THAT HE MADE THAT DESERVES TO BE REITERATED. THAT WHEN THERE IS SOMETHING THAT IS SO IMPORTANT AND SO CRUCIAL TO THE WELLBEING OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND YOU HEAR FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS OR PEOPLE WHO ARE DECISION MAKERS THAT WE CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE RIGHT TIME, THERE'S NO POLITICAL WILL, IT'S REALLY, REALLY MADDENING AND FRUSTRATING AND IT'S WRONG, AND IT'S A SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY. THIS ISSUE IN PARTICULAR IS ONE THAT AFFECTS AS DR. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SAID AFFECTS EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN OUR COMMUNITY, REGARDLESS OF YOUR AGE, GENDER, ETHNICITY, IT AFFECTS

EVERYONE AND WE HAVE TO HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL TO MOVE IT FORWARD. I AM REALLY APPRECIATIVE TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SPONSORING THIS RESOLUTION TODAY. IT REALLY CAME FROM THE PUBLIC. I MEAN, IF YOU REMEMBER THERE'S BEEN SEVERAL BOARD MEETINGS WHERE WE'VE HAD PEOPLE FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION HERE TALKING WITH US ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND JUST TO SHOW HOW MUCH WE ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. OUR COMMISSIONERS TOOK IT ON AND SAID YOU'RE RIGHT. WE CAN DO THIS. WE CAN DO A PROCLAMATION.

WE CAN HELP OUR LEGISLATORS UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THIS ISSUE IS TO OUR COMMUNITY, TO OUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND WE HOPE TO THEM, AS WELL. SO THIS IS A MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE, WE WILL BE THERE IN SALEM, WE WILL BE LOBBYING YOU. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH YOU TO TAKE THIS IMPORTANT STEP BECAUSE TOGETHER WE DO HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE] I THINK WE WOULD LIKE TO GET EVERYONE TO COME FORWARD WITH THEIR SIGNS, SORRY JASON GATES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ONE MINUTE. COME FORWARD WITH YOUR SIGNS AND LAST TIME I WAS REPRIMANDED FOR BEING TOO SLOW COMING TO THE DAIS. BUT THAT WAS FINE.

R.2 Notice of Intent: The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Intends to Request ODOT Reimbursement of High Speed-Traffic Enforcement Expenses in Fiscal Year 2018. Presenter: Jason Gates, Chief Deputy of Law Enforcement.

Chief Deputy Jason Gates: GOOD MORNING AGAIN. THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS PUBLIC SAFETY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC TRUST. WITH PATROL UNIT MEMBERS CONDUCTING TRAFFIC SAFETY MISSIONS IT WILL IMPROVE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC SAFETY INCIDENTS WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION AND IN COORDINATION INTERGOVERNMENTALLY, THEREBY FURTHERING THE TRUST OF THE PUBLIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SAFETY.

THIS MISSION IS IN SYNERGY WITH ODOT'S TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DIVISION WHO IS ADMINISTERING THESE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING PROBLEM DRIVER BEHAVIOR AREAS BASED ON CRASH DATA, SURVEY RESULTS AND OTHER ANALYZED DATA. WE ARE SEEKING \$15,000 IN OVERTIME FUNDS FROM ODOT TO CONDUCT SPECIFIC TARGETED MISSIONS THAT ADHERE TO THE PREVIOUSLY STATED PROBLEM STATEMENT TOWARD ACHIEVING THE DESIRED OUTCOME OF REDUCING CRASHES, SERIOUS INJURIES AND DEATH. REIMBURSEMENT TO MCSO WOULD OCCUR ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. MCSO'S MATCH IS \$3,750. THE MATCH PLANS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT REQUIREMENTS.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? GO GET 'EM. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED.

R.3 Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2021 between Multnomah County and the Multnomah county Corrections Deputy Association (MCCDA). Presenters: Steve Herron, Labor Relations Director and Kathy Gorton, MCCDA President.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R.3. GOOD MORNING TEAM.

Steve Herron: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M THE LABOR RELATION DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND WHAT WE BRING BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING IS RATIFICATION OF A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE SUCCESSOR CONTRACT, LABOR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION. TO MY LEFT IS THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF MCCDA AND I'LL TURN IT OVER FOR ANY COMMENTS THEY MAY HAVE IN A MOMENT. I WANT TO START OUT BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROCESS AND THE FOLKS AT THE TABLE. THE PARTIES HAD BEEN A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH A SECOND FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT SO IT HAD BEEN A DECADE SINCE THEY HAD HAD CONVERSATION AND THAT CAN SET UP A DIFFICULT BARGAINING. THERE'S SO MANY THINGS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN TALKED ABOUT FOR SO LONG. AND I REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE TEAMS FOR THEIR TENOR AT THE TABLE AS THEY STEPPED IN TO BARGAIN. YOU MAY ALSO KNOW THAT BECAUSE OF SOME STAFFING AT LABOR RELATIONSHIPS AND THE NUMBERS OF BARGAININGS THAT WE HAD GOING ON I WASN'T PERSONALLY AT THE TABLE SO I ALSO APPRECIATE THAT THE TENOR AT THE TABLE WAS SOLUTION ORIENTED AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND THAT ALLOWED ME TO FOCUS ON THE THINGS THAT WERE REQUIRING MY ATTENTION.

Steve Herron: SO I WANT TO START OUT BY JUST THANKING ON THE MCCDA TEAM -- [READING NAMES] ON THE MCSO AND COUNTY SIDE -- [READING NAMES] WHO CAME INTO IT MIDSTREAM AND SO I APPRECIATE HER STEPPING INTO THAT. THE REPRESENTATIVE THAT WAS OUR CHIEF SPOKESPERSON AND OUR NOTE TAKER. A COUPLE OF SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THIS PARTICULAR TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ARE THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED IN YEAR ONE TO A \$1 PER HOUR INCREASE ACROSS ALL OF THE CLASSIFICATIONS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THAT IS THAT HAS A GREATER IMPACT ON FOLKS THAT ARE LOWER ON THE SCHEDULE.

AND SO THERE'S A SACRIFICE FOR FOLKS THAT ARE LATER ON THE SCHEDULE TO AGREEING TO A FLAT DOLLAR AMOUNT AS OPPOSED TO A PERCENTAGE AND THAT SHOWS JUST AN AWARENESS AND COMMITMENT TO THEIR

MEMBERSHIP THAT I THINK IS VERY LAUDABLE AND I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY DRAW ATTENTION TO THAT SO IT'S A DOLLAR INCREASE IN YEAR ONE, IT'S \$1.20 IN YEAR TWO. THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO IS AS THE BOARD IS AWARE WE CONTINUE TO WRESTLE OUR WAY THROUGH MODIFICATIONS TO OUR PLAN DESIGN, AND IT'S ALWAYS UNCOMFORTABLE EVEN WHEN WE ALL LOOK AT THE PLAN DESIGN CHANGES AND THINK THEY MAKE SENSE. IT'S UNCOMFORTABLE TO ASK FOLKS TO MOVE INTO A CHANGED PLAN STRUCTURE AND MCCDA'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY AND STEPPING INTO SOME REVISIONS TO PLAN DESIGN WAS A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AND LAUDABLE THING AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO THEIR LEADERSHIP FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DO THAT HEAVY LIFT ALONGSIDE US. SO WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO KATHY AND THEN AT THE END OF ANY REMAINING REMARKS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WE'RE HAPPY TO FIELD THEM.

Kathy Gorton: GOOD MORNING. JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO, WE STARTED THIS PROCESS AND I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK STEVE AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ALONG WITH SHERIFF REESE AND HIS MANAGEMENT TEAM AS WELL AS HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THEIR DILIGENCE NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH TO CREATE A CONTRACT THAT BOTH PARTIES FELT WAS VERY FAIR AND I'M LOOKING TO YOU TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORT IN THE RATIFICATION OF THIS CONTRACT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Doug Hewitt: I'M THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR ASSOCIATION. I'VE BEEN IN THAT POSITION FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS AND OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS THIS IS MY SEVENTH UNION CONTRACT I'VE NEGOTIATED. ALL OF THE PREVIOUS ONES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE HAVE GONE TO AN ARBITRATOR. AS YOU KNOW, THOSE ARE NEVER GOOD TIMES. SO MCCDA REALLY APPRECIATES EVEN THOUGH STEVE SAYS HE WASN'T THERE, STEVE WAS THERE. HE WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND WE ALWAYS MET HIM AT OTHER MEETINGS OR ANY OTHER MEETINGS. SO HE HAD A HAND IN THIS PROCESS AND SEEING IT THROUGH SO THAT WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK SHERIFF REESE FOR ALLOWING US TO MEET WITH HIM OUTSIDE OF MEETING TIMES TO GO OVER THE CONTRACTS, OUR ISSUES AND HIS ISSUES, ALSO. THAT REALLY HELPED. SO WE'RE BASICALLY HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS CONTRACT. AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND IT'S A FIVE-YEAR DEAL AND WE WOULD HOPE WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE BACK HERE FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT IT LOOKS LIKE? EXCEPT FOR THIS ONE?

BOARD CLERK: YES, WE DO. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Charles Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD SOME CONTEXT TO THE WORKLOAD AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO AFFIRM THIS CONTRACT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE WORKLOAD AT THE JAIL IS A VERY STRANGE SITUATION. WHEN THE AGENCY TOTALLY OUT OF YOUR CONTROL, THE PORTLAND POLICE, COOPERATES WITH TRIMET TO FILL UP A BUS WITH 72 PROTESTERS, THE PEOPLE COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT HAVE THE FUN WORK OF DEALING WITH THOSE PEOPLE. SO THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY IS THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS GROWING SO IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHAT STAFFING LEVELS WILL BE LIKE AND NEEDED OVER THE YEARS. I KNOW THIS COMMISSION IS WORKING HARD TO FIND EVERY ALTERNATIVE TO GIVING THESE PEOPLE MORE WORK. THEY MAY DO IT VERY WELL, BUT I THINK IN THEIR HEARTS, THEY'RE LIKE WOW, WHAT IF WE LIVED IN A SOCIETY WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE TO HAVE SO MANY CORRECTIONS DEPUTIES? BUT WHILE WE HAVE THEM, WHILE WE NEED THEM, IT'S GREAT TO HEAR THERE WAS A GOOD CONTRACT REACHED WITHOUT ARBITRATION.

Charles Johnson: I ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRESSURE THOSE PEOPLE ACROSS THE RIVER TO NOT MAKE SO MUCH WORK FOR THOSE PEOPLE. THEY MUST FEEL A LITTLE BIT SILLY THAT THEY DO A GOOD JOB, SOMETIMES, BOOKING IN DOZENS OF PEOPLE, AND THEN THE NEXT MORNING THEY SEE IN THE NEWS THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS NO COMPLAINED DOZENS OF PEOPLE AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE KIND OF JOB SECURITY THEY WANT. LET'S MAKE THE BEST USE OF THESE RESOURCES. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Meieran: THIS IS JUST GREAT. I SO APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE TO COME TO SUCH AN AGREEMENT THAT YOU ALL SUPPORT AND JUST REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO EDUCATE ME ON THE WORK THAT YOU DO, REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND, AS ALWAYS, YOUR DILIGENCE AND PUSHING TO DO THE RIGHT THING. SO THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I WANTED TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS AND HOW WELL THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE GONE AND REALLY THANK ALL OF YOU FOR HOW WELL YOU'VE KEPT US IN THE LOOP. IT HELPS MAKE THIS MUCH EASIER FOR US.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK YOU, AS WELL. I THINK THE FACT THAT WE'RE HERE, SITTING TOGETHER AT THE TABLE, PRACTICALLY HOLDING HANDS, IS REALLY AN AMAZING SIGN AND I APPRECIATE YOUR HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THIS BECAUSE YES, THIS IS A REALLY GOOD DAY AND SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE. SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE AGREEMENT IS RATIFIED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

R.4 Budget Modification LIB-07-18 Create 4 New Positions, Eliminate 4 Positions, Reduce 2 Positions. Presenters: Donald Allgeier, Director of

Operations and David Ratliff, Neighborhood Libraries Director – North County Libraries.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Donald Allgeier: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY. DAVE IS THE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE THAT MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT STAFFING CHANGES. YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU A BUDGET MODIFICATION THAT WILL CREATE TWO FULL-TIME LIBRARY SAFETY OFFICERS TO JOIN THE TEAM OF LIBRARY STAFF THAT ARE CHARGED WITH PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES. A PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT SENIOR IN THE CONTACT CENTER FOR THE LIBRARY WHICH RESPONDS TO ALL LIBRARY CALLS AND ONLINE INQUIRIES, AND A PART TIME ACCESS TO SERVICES ASSISTANT, HARD TO SAY THAT, IN OUR DISTRIBUTION CENTER THAT SORTS AND DISTRIBUTES HOLDS AND MATERIALS THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM.

Don Allgeier: THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS BUDGET NEUTRAL AND IS PART OF THE REGULAR AGENDA DUE TO THE CHANGES IN FTE WHICH WILL RESULT IN.25 LESS FTE WITHIN THE LIBRARY SYSTEM. THESE POSITIONS ARE THE RESULT OF REALLOCATIONS OF VACANT POSITIONS, PART TIME CLERK POSITIONS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY, A PART TIME CLERK POSITION AT THE MIDLAND LIBRARY, A REDUCTION IN CLERK HOURS AT THE HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY AND REDUCTION IN ACCESS SERVICES ASSISTANCE HOURS AT THE ALBINA LIBRARY. THESE POSITIONS WERE IDENTIFIED BY A LIBRARY COMMITTEE THAT ASSESSES EACH VACANCY TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ABLE TO BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY PRIORITIES AS THE WORK OF THE LIBRARY IS CHANGING.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Chair Kafoury: AND NOW, WE'VE COME TO THE TIME ON OUR CALENDAR FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DOES THE BOARD HAVE ANYTHING?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: A COUPLE OF THINGS. I WANTED TO INVITE EVERYONE TO OUR EAST COUNTY CARING COMMUNITY EVENT TODAY AT 3:00 AT CITY HALL. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON AND I WILL BE HOSTING IT AND IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SHARE OUR 2018 PRIORITIES AND IT'S AT GRESHAM CITY HALL. I ALSO WANTED TO HONOR NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND LET YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY WITH SOME OF MY OTHER FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND THE SWEARING IN OF PORTLAND POLICE

CHIEF OUTLAW AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S RACE TO CHANGE EXHIBIT AND WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU ALL IF YOU HAVEN'T TO GO OVER THERE BECAUSE I THINK IT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HISTORY THAT HAS OCCURRED IN OREGON AND THE ROLE THAT WE PLAYED OR DIDN'T PLAY SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND TRULY MAKE SOME TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGES. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU, CHAIR AND THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR MENTIONING THE EAST COUNTY COMMUNITY CARES EVENT THIS AFTERNOON. I DID WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THERE WAS A PEDESTRIAN THAT WAS KILLED EARLY THIS MORNING RIGHT AT THE BORDER OF THE DISTRICT BETWEEN COMMISSIONER STEGMANN AND MYSELF ON 142ND AND STARK. THIS IS ALREADY THE SECOND TRAFFIC-RELATED DEATH OF 2018. I KNOW MANY OF US HAVE THE PRIORITY FOR THE VISION ZERO, NO FATALITIES COME TO LIGHT AND SO WE HAVE TO KEEP WORKING ON THIS ISSUE, BUT THIS IS A SAD THING THAT HAPPENED TODAY.

Commissioner Meieran: JUST WANTED TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT FEBRUARY 6TH WE ARE HAVING OUR SECOND COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION ON MENTAL HEALTH. THIS ONE WILL BE IN THIS ROOM HERE, FEBRUARY 6TH AT 6:00 P.M. AND THERE WILL BE FOOD PROVIDED IF YOU NEED ANY ACCOMMODATIONS. WE CAN PROVIDE FOR THOSE AND IT WILL INVOLVE THE SCREENING OF A DOCUMENTARY ENTITLED NOT BROKEN, WHICH IS ABOUT YOUTH MENTAL ILLNESS. IT'S A REALLY COMPELLING, COMPELLING FILM, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS.

Commissioner Smith: THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE FEBRUARY AND DISTRICT TWO WILL BE HAVING THEIR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 15TH.

Chair Kafoury: OKAY. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 11:46 p.m.

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