

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne, Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

ES.1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h). Only representatives of the news media and designated staff are allowed to attend. Representatives of the news media and all other attendees are specifically directed not to disclose information that is the subject of the Executive Session. Final decisions are decided in public Board meetings. Presenter: Michelle Cross, DCM.

Executive Session was held and adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending was Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

B.1 Communities of Color Briefing on the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Community. Presenters: Daryl Dixon, Chief Diversity & Equity Officer; June Arima Schumann, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) Board Co-Chair; Dr. Ann Curry-Stevens, PSU Professor and Lead Researcher; Dr. Pei-ru Wang, IRCO/Asian Family Center Manager; & Lee Po Cha, IRCO Associate Director/Asian Family Center Director.

Mr. Dixon provided the introductions. Ms. Schumann spoke about the Coalition of Communities of Color mission to address the socioeconomic disparities, institutional racism, and inequality of services experienced by families, children and communities; and to organize communities for collective action resulting in social change to obtain self-determination, wellness, justice and prosperity.

Dr. Curry-Stevens discussed her report about the API Community in Multnomah County. This report examines available data for communities of API descent in areas of education, health insurance, income levels and non-profit funding. Although the data for the API community is limited, the data that is available shows that they face distinct disparities. She spoke in detail about her findings.

Dr. Wang discussed recommendations to address these disparities, including recognizing that culturally-specific services are the best way to reach and support communities of color; promoting social inclusion through expansion of the English as a Second Language (ESL) training and development of API leaders; ensuring education equity for ESL learners; and reforming research and database protocols to ensure routine and accurate disaggregation of the API community by origin, refugee status and length of time in the country.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their briefing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at: http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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