

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Tuesday, December 3, 2013**

**BOARD BRIEFING**

Chair Marissa Madrigal called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Liesl Wendt, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present. Vice-Chair Shiprack was excused at 11:43 a.m.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

**[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OF THIS PROGRAM.]**

Chair Madrigal: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S BOARD BRIEFING.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: [INAUDIBLE] ADULTS AND FAMILIES IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA, WHO ARE IMPACTED BY HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY, AND ADDICTIONS, FOUNDED IN 1979, THE AGENCY HAS DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUUM OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS, INTEGRATED WITH DIRECT SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING HEALTH CARE, RECOVERY, AND EMPLOYMENT. THIS FALL, I WAS DELIGHTED TO TAKE A TOUR OF THE CENTRAL CITY CONCERN OFFICES IN MY DISTRICT ON SOUTHEAST 122nd, AND THROUGH THAT LOCATION, THE, THE CENTRAL CITY EAST SIDE CONCERN AND PUENTES PROGRAMS OPERATE TWO CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT TODAY. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE LINDA BRADSHAW, DANIEL GARCIA, AND KATHY PAPE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANKS FOR HAVING US, JUDY. MOST PEOPLE THINK OF CENTRAL CITY CONCERN AS A DOWNTOWN PORTLAND PROGRAM, SO WE'RE REALLY THRILLED TO BE HERE TO, TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND.

Ms. Bradshaw: YES, THANK YOU. I AM -- HERE. THANK YOU, LINDA. FIRST OF ALL, WE ARE LOCATED AT 1949 SOUTHEAST 122nd, BOTH PUENTES AND EAST SIDE CONCERN ARE THERE. WE WERE ESTABLISHED, ORIGINALLY, IT WAS CALLED CHANGE POINT, AND IT WAS ESTABLISHED AROUND 1983, AND IT WAS A FOR-PROFIT PRIVATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL PATIENT TREATMENT CENTER. THE MISSION ORIGINALLY FOR CHANGE POINT WAS FOR OFFENDERS. WE STILL DO. WE HAVE A REPUTATION, WHICH I HOPE TO TALK ABOUT THIS MORNING, PRIMARILY TREATING OFFENDERS, BUT WE HAVE STARTED TO TREAT A WIDER, MORE DIVERSE POPULATION THAN JUST THE OFFENDER.

ALTHOUGH THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE A RECENT STUDY INDICATES THAT 31% OF ALL FATAL CAR CRASHES ARE A RESULT OF PEOPLE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. I JUST SAW ON THE NEWS LAST NIGHT, AS A MATTER OF FACT, THAT OVER THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, 50 PEOPLE, IN THE PORTLAND AREA, WERE ARRESTED FOR DUIs. SO, IT'S A SERVICE NOT ONLY TO THE CLIENT, THAT WE SERVE, BUT IT'S A PUBLIC SERVICE, AS WELL. IN 2012, CENTRAL CITY CONCERN PURCHASED, PURCHASED CHANGE POINT, AND NOW THE NAME IS EAST SIDE CONCERN. SO, ONTO THE POPULATIONS THAT WE SERVE. OH, BY THE WAY, AT THE BOTTOM OF SOME OF THIS, YOU WILL SEE LITTLE QUOTES, THESE QUOTES WERE TAKEN FROM, FROM RECENT CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS ABOUT OUR SERVICES. SO, THE POPULATIONS WE SERVE, YES, WE SERVE OFFENDERS, BOTH THE CONVICTED AND THOSE THAT ARE IN DIVERSION. WE SERVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REFERRALS, AND THESE ARE PARENTS WHO ARE, ARE UNDER THE EYE OF DHS BECAUSE OF SUSPECTED OR ACTUAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT DUE TO SUBSTANCE USE. WE SERVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLIENTS, PEOPLE THAT ARE ON PROBATION AND PAROLE, AND OFTENTIMES, THESE PEOPLE ARE MEDIUM OR HIGH RISK FOR RECIDIVISM UNDER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE ALSO SERVE MALE PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, RIGHT NOW, 45% OF OUR CLIENTELE ARE MALE PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE DO NOT LOOK AT THIS AS AN ANGER MANAGEMENT COURSE. WE LOOK AT, AT MALE PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS USING VIOLENCE INTENTIONALLY AS A WAY TO CONTROL THEIR PARTNER. AND WE WORK TO CHANGE THEIR DEEP ATTITUDES AND BELIEF SYSTEMS ABOUT THE ROLE OF MEN AND WOMEN. WE ALSO -- OUR NEWEST PROGRAM IS THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAM, AND WE HAVE STARTED THAT IN THE SPRING, AND THE PURPOSE OF THAT IS TO PROVIDE A CULTURALLY SPECIFIC TREATMENT THAT WILL ATTRACT AND RETAIN AFRICAN-AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN THE SOUTHEAST AREA NOW. AS YOU KNOW, A LOT OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS HAVE MOVED FROM THE NORTHEAST AS IT BECAME MORE GENTRIFIED AND TO, THAN TO THE SOUTHEAST, SO WE'RE THERE NOW FOR THEM. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES THAT WE, ACTUALLY, HAVE AS WE BEGIN OUR TREATMENT PROCESS WITH THIS VERY DIVERSE POPULATION. FIRST, MANY OF OUR DUI CLIENTS ARE, ACTUALLY, DEPENDENT ON ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW IT, OR THEY DON'T BELIEVE IT WHEN THEY FIRST COME INTO TREATMENT. AS A RESULT, THEY DON'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHOICE, AND THEY BLAME OTHERS FOR IT. FOR INSTANCE, THE COPS WERE SETTING ME UP, THEY JUST WANT TRAFFIC FINES. OR, THEY MINIMIZE, THEY ONLY HAD A COUPLE DRINKS EVEN THOUGH THE BAC MIGHT BE .23. THEY, OFTENTIMES, BELIEVE IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. I HAVE LEARNED MY LESSON. THIS WAS A HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE, AND SO I'M JUST OVER IT. I DON'T NEED TREATMENT. AND THEY ARE, UNDERSTANDABLY, FEARFUL ABOUT BEING HONEST ABOUT THEIR ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE. THEY ENGAGE ORIGINALLY

IN WHAT WE CALL CLOSE CHANNEL THINKING, WHICH IS THAT THEY ARE NOT OPEN TO FEEDBACK, AND THEY ARE NOT OPEN TO SHARING THINGS ABOUT THEMSELVES IN AN HONEST MANNER. SO, WE HAVE TO WORK VERY, VERY CAREFULLY WITH THEM TO GAIN THEIR TRUST AND OPEN THEM UP SO THEY CAN, THEY CAN BECOME OPEN CHANNELS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION THAT WE'RE GIVING THEM, AND TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON WITH THEM. MANY OF OUR DHS CLIENTS SUFFER FROM LONG-TERM TRAUMA. THEY HAVE LONG HISTORIES OF TRAUMA, OFTENTIMES, IN CHILDHOOD AND ADULTHOOD. THEY HAVE UNSTABLE HOUSING. THEY HAVE SERIOUS SUBSTANCE USE PROBLEMS. AS A RESULT, WE CANNOT IGNORE THE TRAUMA ISSUES WHEN THEY COME IN. THEY NEED TO BE MANAGED, IF WE ARE GOING TO HELP THEM OBTAIN ABSTINENCE AND PREVENT RELAPSE FROM OCCURRING. WE HAVE A SPECIFIC GROUP FOR THAT. IT'S CALLED SEEKING SAFETY, AND IT'S AN EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO TREAT WOMEN AND GROUPS WHO HAVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER. ANOTHER CHALLENGE THAT WE FACE IS THE GENERAL LACK OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE THAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE WHEN THEY COME IN. THE QUESTION IN THEIR MINDS IS, WHAT IS SUBSTANCE ABUSE? IF I HAVE FIVE BEERS ON THE WEEKEND AND JUST HAVE FUN, DOES THAT MAKE ME AN ABUSER? WHAT IS DEPENDENCY AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? DOES THAT MEAN A BAD PERSON? DOES THAT MEAN I'M A WEAK PERSON? WHY CAN'T I JUST USE MY WILL POWER TO STOP USING? WHY DO I NEED TREATMENT? WHAT ARE MY TRIGGERS FOR RELAPSE? CAN I EVER USE SAFELY AGAIN? THESE QUESTIONS ARE IN THE BACK OF THEIR MINDS, IF NOT IN THE FOREFRONT OF THEIR MINDS WHEN THEY COME TO SEE US. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE TO, TO PROVIDE BASIC ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION, ALONG WITH RELAPSE PREVENTION SKILLS. WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELAPSE PREVENTION GROUP THAT MEETS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, AND IT DEALS WITH THE ISSUES OF RELAPSE PREVENTION, AND WE UTILIZE THAT WITH OUR CLIENTS WHO COME TO US, AND THEY CAN'T MAINTAIN THEIR ABSTINENCE WITHOUT TREATMENT, OR THEY HAVE BEEN ABSTINENT BUT THEY SLIP. WE ADD THAT TO THE FORMULA FOR THEM IN TERMS OF MOVING FURTHER INTO, INTO THE RECOVERY. WE ALSO, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLIENTS, WHO ARE ON PROBATION AND PAROLE, WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THINKING ERRORS, SOMETIMES CALLED CRIMINAL THINKING ERRORS, ALTHOUGH I THINK, MANY OF US FROM TIME TO TIME, I HAVE ENGAGED IN SOME OF THESE ERRORS OURSELVES. ENTITLEMENT IS BEING ONE OF THEM. I'M ENTITLED TO THINGS THAT I DON'T WORK FOR JUST BECAUSE I AM WHO I AM. I BLAME OTHERS FOR WHERE I AM TODAY. I FEEL VERY UNIQUE, SO ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO SAY TO ME DOESN'T REALLY APPLY BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT. THEY, THE VICTIM, DESERVE WHAT THEY GOT. OR THEY DEMAND FROM OTHERS WHAT THEY WON'T GIVE THEMSELVES. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE TO USE COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY TO CHALLENGE THOSE THINKING ERRORS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT, THAT THOUGHTS AND BELIEFS DO LEAD TO CRIMINAL CONDUCT AND ABUSE, AND OVER TIME, THINKING CAN BE

INFLUENCED. WE ALSO DEAL WITH LACK OF SOBER PRO SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS. FOUR OF OUR CLIENTS, VERY FEW OF OUR CLIENTS HAVE THAT WHEN THEY COME INTO TREATMENT. ALL OF THEIR FRIENDS USE, OFTEN THEIR FAMILY IS ALSO USING, AND IN FACT, IT'S NOT TERRIBLY UNCOMMON TO FIND OUT THAT, THAT FAMILIES HAVE INTRODUCED CLIENTS AT A YOUNG AGE TO EITHER MARIJUANA OR ALCOHOL. I SAW AN ASSESSMENT RECENTLY AT CHANGE POINT, EAST SIDE CONCERN, EXCUSE ME, THAT, THAT THIS PERSON SAID, HE'D BEEN INTRODUCED TO ALCOHOL AT AGE 3. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE TO HELP OUR CLIENTS DEVELOP REFUSAL SKILLS, AND WE HAVE TO INVOLVE THEM IN DEVELOPING PRO SOCIAL SOBER SUPPORT SYSTEMS. WE ENCOURAGE THEM ATTENDING SELF HELP MEETINGS. OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLIENTS, WE HAVE THE BARRIER OF MALE PRIVILEGED MIND SET. THE MALE FEELS THAT I AM THE ONE WHO MAKES ALL THE DECISIONS IN THE FAMILY, AND YOU, MY FEMALE PARTNER, WILL DO WHAT I SAY, OR I WILL PUNISH YOU. I WILL PUNISH YOU ECONOMICALLY BY NOT ALLOWING YOU TO WORK, BY NOT ALLOWING YOU TO KNOW WHAT OUR FAMILY FINANCES ARE. I WILL PUNISH YOU EMOTIONALLY BY THREATENING TO TAKE THE CHILDREN, BY THREATENING TO KILL MYSELF IF YOU LEAVE ME. I WILL PUNISH YOU SOCIALLY BY ISOLATING YOU FROM YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND YES, IF EVERYTHING ELSE FAILS, I WILL PUNISH YOU PHYSICALLY. WE ALSO DEAL WITH CULTURAL BARRIERS WITH OUR CLIENTS. AMONG THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION, THERE IS OFTEN LACK OF TRUST OF THE MAINSTREAM TREATMENT THAT WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY PROVIDED. THEY FEEL VICTIMIZED BY WHITE PREJUDICE. AS A RESULT, WE NEEDED TO BUILD A TREATMENT PROGRAM TO WHICH THEY CAN RELATE. NOW, WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING ONE. INTERESTINGLY, WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS RIGHT NOW, AND A COUPLE OF THINGS, OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLIENTS SAID ABOUT THE PROGRAM, ARE, ARE MY COUNCILOR IS SOMEONE THAT I AM COMFORTABLE WITH. THIS GROUP, AND THE WAY IT IS RUN, MAKE ME FEEL COMFORTABLE TO OPEN UP AND BE MYSELF. NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT WE DO TO ADDRESS THE BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, MANY OF OUR CLIENTS COME TO US IN PRE-CONTEMPLATION, AND THEY ARE NOT EVEN THINKING ABOUT CHANGING THEIR LIFESTYLE, CHANGING THEIR USE PATTERNS, SO WE TRY TO MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE AND ROLL WITH RESISTANCE SO THAT WE CAN, WE CANNOT CREATE FURTHER DEFENSIVE POSTURES ON THEIR PART AND HELP THEM BEGIN TO DEAL WITH THE COGNITIVE DISSONANCE THAT THEY HAVE. WE ALL HAVE THAT, PART OF US SAYS I WANT TO DO THIS, AND PART OF US SAYS I WANT TO STOP DOING THIS, SO WE BEGIN TO BUILD ON THAT, AND MOVE THEM INTO A PREPARATION STAGE OF REALLY BEGINNING TO CONSIDER THEIR LIFESTYLE AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF IT. WE HELP BUILD COPING SKILLS SUCH AS OUR SEEKING SAFETY GROUP TO HELP COPE WITH THEIR TRAUMATIC FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS THAT OCCUR TO THEM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. WE ALSO DO PSYCHO EDUCATION REGARDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION, AND HELP PEOPLE RECOGNIZE WHAT IS ABUSE AND WHAT IS ADDICTION, AND

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT. WE ROLL PLAY FOR, WITH, WITH, TO DEVELOP COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH OUR CLIENTS, AND ALSO, TO, TO DEVELOP EMPATHY, WHICH HAS BEEN LACKING IN MANY CASES. WE HELP CLIENTS IDENTIFY THEIR PERSONAL TRIGGERS TO USE, AND THEN WE DEVELOP SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALIZED RELAPSE PREVENTION PLANS FOR EACH OF THEM THAT THEY SHARE IN GROUP AND GET FEEDBACK BEFORE THEY LEAVE US. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE SELF HELP GROUPS IN ENGAGING IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND DRUG-FREE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WHILE THEY ARE WITH US SO THEY CAN LEARN THAT LIFE CAN BE GOOD WITHOUT ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS. INTERESTINGLY, ON OUR CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS, IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE PEOPLE THANK US FOR GIVING THEM RANDOM DRUG SCREENS BECAUSE THEY SAY THAT, THAT HELPS THEM TO BEGIN TO MAINTAIN ABSTINENCE WHILE IN TREATMENT, AND AS A RESULT, THEY ARE THINKING, THEIR THINKING CLEARS UP, AND THEY ARE MORE OPEN AS CHANNELS TO WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER THEM. WE HAVE BEGUN TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CULTURALLY SPECIFIC TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLIENTS. WHAT WE DO, PRIMARILY, WE DO GROUP THERAPY WITH OUR CLIENTS, ALTHOUGH WE ALSO SOMETIMES DO INDIVIDUAL THINGS NEEDED. THE STAY IS TYPICALLY FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS, BUT THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLIENT HAS A YEAR LONG TREATMENT. WE UTILIZE EVIDENCE-BASED MODELS SUCH AS MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING AND COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES. WE USE A DULUTH MODEL FOR OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLIENTS, WHICH IS A FEMINIST MODEL, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THAT TALKS ABOUT AND DEALS WITH THE MALE PRIVILEGED MIND SET. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE BETWEEN 250 AND 300 CLIENTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME. SO, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO, TO EAST SIDE CONCERN, AND NOW, I WILL TURN THE PROGRAM OVER TO DANIEL GARCIA TALKING ABOUT PUENTES.

>> THANK YOU, LINDA, AND THANK YOU. I AM DANIEL GARCIA, AND WE MOVE TO THE EAST SIDE LOCATION A YEAR AGO BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BE CLOSE TO THE LATINO COMMUNITY, TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CLOTHES AND BETTER SERVICES. SO, PUENTES, ACTUALLY, BEGAN IN 2005. IT WAS A FIVE-YEAR FEDERAL GRANT NAMED AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT. WE WERE PROVIDING MOSTLY SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO MALE ADULTS, AND MOSTLY, COUNSELING SERVICES TO WOMEN WHO WERE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND THEN THIS WAS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CENTRAL CITY CONCERN AND, AND CHARITIES. THEN IN 2007, THE COUNTY GAVE US FUNDING TO EXTEND OUR SERVICES TO THE ADOLESCENT LATINOS IN THE COMMUNITY. THAT IS WIDELY KNOWN AS [INAUDIBLE], HOPE FOR YOUTH, IT TRANSLATES IN SPANISH, OR IN ENGLISH, I'M SORRY. I KNOW. AND THEN LASTLY, IN JULY OF 2008, THE COUNTY AGAIN GAVE US SOME FUNDING FROM THE CULTURAL SPECIFIC ALLOTMENT MONEYS TO SOLIDIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO THE LATINO COMMUNITY, IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA. AND, AND THIS, THIS SLIDE, ACTUALLY, SHOWS US SOME OF THE DISPARITIES AND CHALLENGES THE LATINO COMMUNITY

SUFFER IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. IT IS MORE ABOUT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND, AND, AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THERE IS ALSO A LOT OF ISSUES RELATED TO CRIMINALITY, TO GANG INVOLVEMENT, ESPECIALLY, WITH THE YOUTH, AND SOME, SOME, SOME LACK OF RESOURCES FOR LATINO SERVICES, AND LACK OF, OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND, AND ALSO, THERE IS THE BARRIERS WITH THE LANGUAGE AND IMMIGRATION STATUS, AS WELL. SO, AS A RESPONSE TO THAT, THAT'S WHERE, THAT'S HOW THE MISSION AND THE PURPOSE OF, OF PUENTES BEGAN, WHICH IS SIMPLY TO PROMOTE THE WELLBEING OF SPANISH SPEAKING LATINO FAMILIES THROUGH SERVICES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE, CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND, AND CULTURALLY LINGUISTIC, AS WELL. AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, NEXT SLIDE, IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE NEEDED A, A GROUP OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS THAT WERE BOTH BILINGUAL AND BICULTURAL AND EMBEDDED IN THE COMMUNITY, AND OUR COUNSELORS, THEY DO AN ARRAY OF SERVICES FROM OUTREACH TO RECRUITMENT TO SCREENING ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT PLANNING AND, AND INTERVENTION, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND, OF COURSE, ALSO, LINKING TO THOSE SERVICES SUCH AS HEALTH CARE, PSYCHIATRIC CARE, AND HOUSING SERVICES, ETC. THIS SLIDE SHOWS US TO WHAT WE HAVE EVOLVED SINCE 2005 UNTIL NOW, AND, AND RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE THESE, THESE VERY, VERY INTEGRATED AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR, FOR, FOR LATINO FAMILIES. ON THE BEYOND -- QUADRANT ON THE TOP LEFT, WE HAVE WHAT WE HAVE NOW AS AN INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT FOR ADULTS AND, AND, AND THIS IS A, A SIX-MONTH, THREE TIMES A WEEK TREATMENT WHERE, WHERE, WHERE, WHERE CLIENTS COME TO NOT ONLY LEARN ABOUT, ABOUT ALCOHOL AND DRUGS AND, AND, AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF IT, BUT, WHEN YOU, WE FOCUS HEAVILY ON RELAPSE, PREVENTION AND ANGER MANAGEMENT, BECAUSE WITHIN THE YEARS, WE REALIZED THAT THAT WAS A PIECE THAT WE WERE MISSING, AND THEY NEEDED TO, TO COMPLIMENT THEIR SERVICES. THEN, ALSO, THROUGHOUT OUR OWN EXPERIENCES, WE REALIZE THAT THOSE WHO COMPLETED SERVICES AFTER THE SIX MONTHS AND, AND STAYED WITH US SOMEHOW, CONNECTED WITH US, WE HAD -- WE SAW MORE, MORE, MORE -- LESS CHANCES OF, OF RELAPSES. SO, WE, VERY QUICKLY, DEVELOPED A SIX-MONTH AFTER-CARE PROGRAM, WHICH IS LESS INTENSE, AND THEY COME ONCE A WEEK, AND BUT, THEY STILL GET THAT MESSAGE AND THAT MAINTENANCE TOOLS TO, TO, TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUGS AND TROUBLE. I HAVE TO SAY THAT, THAT WE USE A LOT OF AUDIO-VISUAL ON WHEN WE PROVIDE THE CLASSES BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENCE OF LEARNING, WAYS OF LEARNING, SO WE PROVIDE A VISUAL, AND VIDEOS, AND PROVIDE CLASSES, AND WE MAKE THEM AS DYNAMIC AS POSSIBLE. THE SECOND QUADRANT WE HAVE ON THE RIGHT SIDE, WE HAVE THE INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT FOR YOUTH, AND FOR THESE, WE, WE, ACTUALLY, USE AN EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE THAT HAS PROVEN TO WORK FOR OUR YOUTH, AND THAT IS THE ADOLESCENTS COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT APPROACH, WHICH IS VERY,

VERY CLIENT CENTERED. IT'S VERY, VERY NON JUDGMENTAL AND, AND OUR YOUTH LIKE THAT. WE GET MORE, MORE -- WE, WE BUILD MORE THERE'S WITH OUR FAMILIES BY HAVING THIS APPROACH. AND BASICALLY, WE, WE IDENTIFY WHAT, WHAT THE CLIENT HIMSELF OR HERSELF -- THEY IDENTIFY WHAT THE TRIGGERS ARE, THE BEHAVIORS ARE, AND THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF USE, BUT THROUGH THERAPY AND COUNSELING, OUR HOPE IS FOR THEM TO REALIZE THOSE CONSEQUENCES ARE SHORT-LIVED, AND THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES ARE THE ONES THAT CREATE TROUBLE THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE-SPAN. SO, BY DOING THAT, WE GO TO THEIR HOMES, AND WE GO TO THEIR SCHOOLS AND TO THEIR COMMUNITY CENTERS AND WHEREVER THEY ARE AT, AND WE, WE TEACH THEM ABOUT, ABOUT, ABOUT -- WE GIVE THEM ALL THESE, THIS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT, ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE, BUT ALSO, WE PROVIDE THEM WITH, WITH CERTAIN PROCEDURES THAT, THAT HAVE BEEN QUITE USEFUL IN THEIR LIVES, IT WAS COMMUNICATION SKILLS, PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS AND JOB SEEKING SKILLS AND, AND WAYS TO, TO, TO REFUSE DRUGS AND, AND, AND FIGHT WITH THE PEER PRESSURE AND, AND WHAT WE HAVE NOTICED IS THAT, IS THAT THEY HAVE CONNECTED MORE WITH POSITIVE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. THEY HAVE HUNG OUT WITH, WITH FRIENDS WHO USE, AND THEIR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS HAVE, HAVE IMPROVED A GREAT DEAL. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE NOTICED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS THAT WE HAVE, WE HAVE, WE HAVE PROVIDED THESE PROCEDURES WITH THEM. MOVING ALONG, THE THIRD QUADRANT IS THE DUI TREATMENT FOR SPANISH SPEAKING INDIVIDUALS. WE STARTED THAT PROGRAM IN EARLY JANUARY THIS YEAR, AND SO FAR, IT HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD. THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE, HAVE WELCOMED US VERY WELL. THEY HAVE APPRECIATED HAVING SPANISH SPEAKING COUNSELORS PROVIDE THE TREATMENT, AND WHAT WE HAVE -- I THINK THAT, THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING IT GROW. I THINK THAT WE ARE, WE ARE -- OUR REFERRALS ARE INCREASING GRADUALLY, AND WE'RE VERY, VERY HAPPY THAT WE'RE PROVIDING THE SERVICE NOW. AND LASTLY, WE HAVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ADULTS, WHICH IS FOCUSED ON THOSE UNDERSERVE AND HAD UNDER-INSURED LATINOS LIVING IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA, AND ALSO, WE ALSO TRY TO GET THOSE WITH, WITH -- WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND WE TRY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED, ALONG WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH. WE HAVE NOW A VERY SOLID MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AND, AND, AND WE ARE NOW MORE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH BETTER SERVICES. SO, ALL IN ALL, WE HAVE RENDERED SERVICES TO 1,000 PEOPLE, AND WE FEEL VERY PROUD OF THAT. MOVING AWAY FROM THIS SLIDE, I WANT TO SAY THAT WE WORK WITH THE FAMILY UNIT, WITH THE FAMILY UNIT, AND THE INTEGRATION OF FAMILY, SO AT ANY GIVEN TIME WE CAN HAVE A YOUTH RECEIVING SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND THEIR MOM RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SO WE ARE VERY HAPPY WHEN THAT HAPPENS AND WE CAN HELP THE ENTIRE FAMILIES. OF COURSE, PUENTES DO NOT WORK -- DOESN'T WORK IN A VACUUM. WE HAVE TO USE OUR RESOURCES. SO, WITHIN THE CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, WE, WE

REFERRED TO THE ALTERNATIVE CLINIC FOR MEDICAL, PSYCHIATRIC, AND MEDICATION CARE, AND TO EMPLOYMENT ACCESS FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, HOOPER IN CASE THEY NEED TO DETOX BEFORE ENTERING THE PROGRAM, ETC., AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WE HAVE MANY PARTNERS, SUCH AS BEST CARE, [INAUDIBLE], AND FOR THE, THE YOUTH, WE HAVE MADE GREAT CONNECTIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, WITH SOME YOUTH RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS, WITH COMMUNITY CENTERS, WITH THEIR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS, AS WELL. SO, FINALLY, I HAVE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE GREAT SUCCESS STORIES. WE HAVE SUCCESS STORIES ALL THE TIME, AND WE ARE PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE DO FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH OUR YOUTH TRIBE, WE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF YOUTH WHO HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THE INFLUENCE OF GANGS, THEY HAVE IMPROVED THEIR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR PARENTS. THEY HAVE GONE BACK TO SCHOOL AND GOTTEN THEIR GED OR FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL, AND THEY HAVE STAYED OUT OF TROUBLE, AND PRIMARILY, WE CONSIDER THAT TO BE QUITE SUCCESSFUL. ALSO, WITH OUR ADULT TRACK, WE HAVE GRADUATED THE GREAT, GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH, WITH THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE TREATMENT WITH US AND SUCCESSFULLY. THEY WENT -- THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE. THEY WANTED TO STAY. WE ORGANIZED AN ALUMNI GROUP, AND THEY GET TOGETHER AND HAVE CREATED GOALS FOR THEMSELVES, WHICH ARE RELATED TO, TO OUTREACHING TO THEIR PEERS, RECRUITING THEIR PEERS, AND ALSO, THEY WORK ON THEIR OWN SELF DEVELOPMENT, WHICH I THINK IT HAS TURNED OUT TO BE VERY AMAZING. THEY ALSO LEAD THE ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS GROUP IN SPANISH THAT WE PROVIDE IN THE SAME BUILDING. SO, IN A NUTSHELL, THAT'S WHAT WE ARE, AND THAT'S WHAT WE DO, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL, I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. WHAT ARE THE AGES OF THE YOUTH YOU SERVE?

>> YES, FROM 12 TO 21. WE WORK WITH THE TRANSITIONAL AGE, AS WELL.

>> ARE THE YOUTH REFERRED TO YOU FROM OTHER PLACES?

>> YES. WE GET REFERRALS FROM THE PROBATION OFFICERS, FROM SCHOOLS, FROM SCHOOL COUNSELORS, FROM PARENTS, COMMUNITY CENTERS, ETC.

>> THANK YOU.

>> YEAH.

>> I AM NOT ON HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU JUST MENTIONED THE SCHOOLS. I AM INTERESTED IN WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH YOU DO WITH THE SCHOOLS.

>> YES. EVERY YEAR WHEN THE NEW YEAR STARTS, WE GO BACK TO THE SCHOOLS WHERE WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A HIGH NUMBER OF LATINO YOUTH AND, AND EVERY, EVERY TIME THE YEAR STARTS, WE ASSUME THAT THERE IS A CLEAN SLATE, AND NO ONE KNOWS OUR SERVICES, SO WE PROVIDE -- WE JUST GO BACK, AND WE REMIND THEM OF WHO WE ARE AND WHAT THEY DO, AND IF THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THOSE, WE BRING WHATEVER INFORMATION IT IS, AND WE CONNECT. THE YOUTH COUNSELORS STAY IN COMPLETE CONTACT WITH, WITH THE COUNSELORS, AND WHOEVER OUR WORK CONTACT PEOPLE ARE.

>> SO DO YOU WORK WITH ALL THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY?

>> WELL, WE WORK WITH OUR LEARNING ACADEMY AND [INAUDIBLE] HIGH SCHOOL. WE HAVE HAD SOME CLIENTS FROM DAVID DOUGLAS DISTRICT, GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL, AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS, AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GREAT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PRESENTING. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I WAS SO IMPRESSED BY MY TOUR OF YOUR FACILITY AND BY THE ABSOLUTE DEDICATION OF, OF EVERYBODY, YOU KNOW, WHO, WHO IS PROVIDING THESE SERVICES, AND THE, THE CONTINUITY WITH THE -- ON CENTRAL CITY CONCERN SERVICE MODEL, BEING ROLLED OUT TO, TO EAST, EAST SIDE INTO, YOU KNOW, THE DISTRICT 3 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT I REPRESENT, TO, TO THE GRESHAM NEIGHBORHOODS THAT COMMISSIONER McKEEL REPRESENTS. IT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT MODEL, IT'S EVIDENCE-BASED. LINDA, I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED BY, BY A COMMENT YOU MADE ABOUT MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE, AND ROLLING WITH THEIR RESISTANCE. I THINK THAT I WILL TAKE THAT AS MY MANTRA, ROLL WITH RESISTANCE. SO, THANK YOU, THANK YOU AGAIN, VERY MUCH, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. I WANT TO ALSO INVITE YOU TO REMAIN ENGAGED WITH MY OFFICE AS WE BEGIN TO, TO EXPLORE THIS CONNECTION THAT YOU ALREADY ARE RATHER EXPERT IN WITH, WITH CLOSE CONNECTION AND IS INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, THE HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION, AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>>> B-2, BOARD BRIEFING ON WORLD AIDS WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> IT'S MY DAY.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIR MADRIGAL. WELL, WHILE PEOPLE ARE APPROACHING THE DESK AND GETTING READY TO SHARE WITH US THIS MORNING, I JUST AM HAPPY THAT WE HAVE THE COUNTY'S PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS HERE TO SHARE WITH US WHAT HAPPENED ON WORLD AIDS DAY ON SUNDAY, AND WHAT WILL BE OCCURRING THIS WEEK. IT STARTED ON DECEMBER 1, 1988. WORLD AIDS DAY IS ABOUT INCREASING AWARENESS, FIGHTING PREJUDICE, AND IMPROVING EDUCATION. WORLD AIDS DAY IS IMPORTANT IN REMINDING PEOPLE THAT HIV HASN'T GONE AWAY, AND THAT THERE ARE STILL MANY THINGS TO BE DONE. THE THEME FOR WORLD AIDS DAY THIS YEAR IS, IS GETTING TO ZERO. ZERO NEW HIV INFECTIONS, ZERO DISCRIMINATION, AND ZERO AIDS RELATED DEATHS. WORLD AIDS DAY PROVIDES THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US, INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, AND POLITICAL LEADERS, TO TAKE ACTION, ENSURE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED, AND TARGETS FOR HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION TREATMENT AND CARE ARE MET. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE KIM TOEVS, THE COUNTY'S HIV/AIDS HEP MANAGER, AND I THINK WE WILL LET YOU MAKE THE INTRODUCTIONS FROM HERE. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MADRIGAL AND COMMISSIONERS. THANKS FOR ALLOWING US ALL THIS TIME TO SPEAK FOR A FEW MINUTES. WE HAVE A VARIETY OF DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THAT ACKNOWLEDGE AND REMIND PEOPLE ABOUT HIV AND AIDS, AND THIS IS ONE INTERNATIONALLY THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. IF YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO SPEAK NOT ONLY AS MY PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SELF BUT PERMANENTLY, JUST BRIEFLY TO SAY THAT, THAT WHAT'S NIGHT, I ATTENDED A PANEL, AND HIV AIDS ACTIVISM, HISTORICALLY AND IN THE PRESENT AND IN THE FUTURE, I WAS THERE WITH MY DAUGHTER, WHO IS 20 AND, AND, AND IT WAS GREAT FOR ME TO BE THERE. SHE, HERSELF, IS, IS A PEER SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATOR, ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES, ONE OF MY PARTNERS AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TWO OF HIS SONS WERE THERE, AS WELL, IN THEIR OWN RIGHT FINDING THEIR OWN WAY. MY, MY DAUGHTER'S FATHER WAS DIAGNOSED WITH HIV DURING MY PREGNANCY WHEN I WAS IN MY EARLY 20s MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, AND SHE HAS GROWN UP IN THE COMMUNITY OF ACTIVISM AROUND THE WORK. AND I WAS STRUCK BY THE PEOPLE IN THE ROOM, BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE ROOM TODAY, AND BY THE PEOPLE ON THE PANEL LAST NIGHT ABOUT, ABOUT HOW, HOW IT'S BEEN A LONG HAUL. MUCH HAS CHANGED AND I FEEL LIKE IT'S SO IMPORTANT AND POSITIVE THAT WE HAVE SUCH AN INNER GENERATIONAL APPROACH AT THIS POINT TO WORKING ON THE ISSUE OF HIV. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE YOUNGER FOLKS WHO ARE BRAZEN AND COURAGEOUS IN THEIR VOICE TO

QUESTION THE STATUS QUO AND SPEAK UP ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE. I REALLY ALSO APPRECIATE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE FIGHT FOR A FEW DECADES NOW TO BRING THE PERSEVERANCE AND THE MENTORING AND SOME OF THE WISDOM THAT THEY HAVE THROUGH THIS LONG STRUGGLE. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING VERY POSITIVE TODAY THAT YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT IN THE REFLECTION OF VOICES. IN TERMS OF MY PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SIDE, WORKING IN GOVERNMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH, THE, THE HIV HAS BEEN INTERESTING IN TERMS OF THE ROCKY AND RIGHTFULLY SO, THE ROCKY HISTORY THAT ACTIVIST AND IS COMMUNITY WORKERS AROUND HIV HAVE HAD WITH GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF PUSHING FOR, FOR CHANGE THAT REALLY NEEDED TO HAPPEN IN A VARIETY OF ASPECTS OF HOW GOVERNMENT IS RUN OVER THE YEARS. AND I FEEL VERY POSITIVE, AS WELL, RIGHT NOW THAT LOCAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH IN THE PORTLAND AREA, FOR THE MOST PART, HISTORICALLY HAS HAD A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP. I FEEL LIKE RIGHT NOW, ESPECIALLY, WE HAVE GREAT PARTNERSHIPS WITH, WITH FOLKS IN THE ROOM, AND MANY OTHER FOLKS, AS WELL, DOING THE WORK. SOME OF THE WORK IS OURS TO DO ALONE, OR PRIMARILY OURS TO LEAD. ONE EXAMPLE OF THAT WOULD BE WHAT I WOULD THINK OF AS THE COUNTING ABOUT THE DISEASE THAT WE DO, WHICH IS SORT OF KNOWN AS SURVEILLANCE DISEASE MONITORING AND INVESTIGATION. I THINK THAT I USED TO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THAT WAS NOT AN IMPORTANT ROLE WHEN THERE WAS SO MUCH DIRECT SERVICE WORK TO BE DONE. SOMEONE DESCRIBED COUNTING ABOUT WHO HAS THE DISEASE AND WHO HAS A HIGHER BURDEN OF DISEASE AND WHAT COMMUNITY THAT'S OVERREPRESENTED, LOOKING AT THE DISPARITIES OF THE DISEASE, IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT VOICE TO BRING THAT, THAT -- A MORAL CONSCIENCE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE POWERS THAT BE. SO, THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ROLE THAT WE HAVE. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF ROLES WE SHARE WITH FOLKS HERE IN TERMS OF EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING AND SUPPORTING AND INFORMING, SO I AM GLAD TO BE HERE TODAY, AND I WILL TALK TO, TO, AND I WILL HAVE CHERRELL EDWARDS TAKE OVER NEXT, AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM PSU WHO WILL TALK ABOUT EXCITING ACTIVITIES HAPPENING ON THURSDAY EVENING, AND WE'LL ALSO HAVE A FEW SPEAKERS FROM THE CASCADE AIDS PROJECT.

>> GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME AGAIN. EXCUSE ME. I WILL TRY TO GET THROUGH WHAT I HAVE TO SAY VERY QUICKLY. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH ME, I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT HIV AND AIDS. I BEGAN SPEAKING, LET'S SEE, I CONTRACTED HIV IN 2003. SO, I'VE BEEN LIVING WITH HIV FOR TEN YEARS. I WAS DIAGNOSED IN 2004, AND IN 2004, IS WHEN I BEGAN MY PUBLIC SPEAKING IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK COMMUNITY FIRST. IN THE SCHOOLS, AND THEN WITH OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND I HAVE SPOKEN WITH UNIVERSITIES. MY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, ACTUALLY, LED TO ME BEING ON OPRAH, MONTEL WILLIAMS, VH-1, ALL THESE NATIONAL AND WORLDWIDE PLACES. BUT, THIS IS THE MOST

DIFFICULT PLACE FOR ME TO SPEAK BECAUSE THIS IS HOME. THIS IS WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED, AND IN 2004, SHORTLY AFTER I WAS DIAGNOSED, THE ONLY AGENCY THAT WAS OPEN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAS CLOSED. THE FUNDING WAS TAKEN FROM THE AGENCY THAT WAS CLOSED, AND THEN IT WAS SET ASIDE BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO DECIDE WHERE THE WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN WOULD RECEIVE SERVICES. THIS WAS BACK IN 2004. WE'RE APPROACHING 2014. WHAT I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU ALL TO KNOW IS IT HAS BEEN ALMOST TEN YEARS, AND THERE IS STILL ARE NOT CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES READILY ACCESSIBLE FOR WOMEN WHO ARE LIVING WITH HIV WHO DO NOT IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ, AND THERE ARE NOT CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN, THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR MALE PARTNERS WHO DO NOT IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ. SINCE 2004, I HAVE PARTNERED WITH, WITH THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND, AND [INAUDIBLE]. BUT, THE FUNDING THAT HAS COME FROM THE COUNTY, THE CITY, THE STATE, HAS NOT INVESTED OVER THE LONG-TERM IN PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT COME SPECIFICALLY FROM MY COMMUNITY, SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU IS AS MANY OF YOU ARE MAKING SUCCESS IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, GETTING TO ZERO, PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY ARE STILL LIVING IN SECRET AND DYING IN SILENCE. THEY DON'T HAVE PEERS WHO LOOK LIKE THEM AND HAVE BEEN THROUGH THEIR STRUGGLES WHO ARE GETTING PAID TO DELIVER SERVICES THAT ARE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC. WHEN THEY WALK THROUGH THE DOORS, THE PEOPLE DO NOT LOOK LIKE THEM. THEY CANNOT RELATE TO ALL THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. NOT ONLY HAVE I BEEN LIVING WITH HIV, FOR TEN YEARS, I AM A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. MY EX-HUSBAND ALMOST KILLED ME ON THE SIDE OF I-205. OTHER AGENCIES DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND THEY ARE ABLE TO ADEQUATELY PROVIDE SERVICES TO HELP PEOPLE RECOVER AND RESTORE THEIR LIVES. UNFORTUNATELY, I CANNOT SAY THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RELY ON THE FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF OREGON TO ASSIST ME AND MY FAMILY, AND I KNOW MANY, MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND, AND SINGLE FATHERS WITH FAMILIES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING THE SAME DEFICIT. SO, FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T SOUND AS ELOQUENTLY SPOKEN AS I MIGHT IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES. I'M HOPING THAT TODAY IS ONE OF THE LAST DAYS THAT I WILL COME BEFORE YOU ALL AND SAY THAT THESE SERVICES ARE NOT BEING PROVIDED TO THE PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY. WE DON'T JUST MEET SHORT-TERM PILOT PROJECT FUNDING. WE DON'T JUST NEED A COUPLE OF THOUSAND DOLLARS HERE AND THERE. WE NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE AGAINST RACIAL OPPRESSION, AND YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, THAT IT'S NOT EASY FOR US TO ACCESS THE SAME SERVICES THAT YOU ALL ACCESS REGARDLESS OF OUR INCOME, REGARDLESS OF OUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS. WE NEED LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY AND UNDERSTAND THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS DOING THE BEST THAT WE CAN TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER, BUT WE'RE DOING IT WITHOUT FINANCE. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT TAKES FINANCE TO

ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. WE NEED A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO SAY WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU KNOW HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR PEOPLE, WE'RE WILLING TO HEAR WHAT YOU THINK WORKS BEST. WE ARE GOING TO INVEST IN JOBS WITH COME WITH BENEFITS FOR THE LONG-TERM SO THAT YOU CAN BEGIN TAKING CARE OF YOUR OWN PEOPLE, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU AND CAN'T RELATE TO YOU TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO COME. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS HERE FROM PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE, AND YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE FRONT LINE FOR A LONG TIME. BUT, I KNOW MY COMMUNITY IS A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU ALL PLEASE BE THE CHANGE THAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. STAND UP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE THAT THE PEOPLE BEFORE YOU WEREN'T REALLY PASSIONATE AND COMMITTED ABOUT DOING. WE NEED YOU. MY CHILDREN, I DON'T HAVE LIFE INSURANCE. BUT, WITH WELLNESS, EDUCATION, AND SUPPORT SERVICES, ARE IMPORTANT TO ME FOR ALL OF MY COMMUNITY, AND I WILL PROVIDE THEM UNTIL THE DAY THAT I DIE. BUT, I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO DO IT BY TAKING OFF OF MY OWN TABLE AND TAKING FOOD OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF MY OWN CHILDREN. THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO WANT JOBS, WHO WANT TO DO BETTER, WHO DON'T WANT TO BEG, AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS A PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS NEED SO THAT OREGON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO BE THE LEADERS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS FAR AS AFRICAN-AMERICANS, BLACKS, AND ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY IS CONCERNED. SO, LET'S JUST PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS. RIGHT NOW, I AM MANAGING A PROJECT WITH, BY AN ADMINISTERIAL ALLIANCE AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CASCADE AIDS PROJECT WHERE WE ARE TRAINING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, SPECIFICALLY, AROUND HIV AND AIDS. IT SOUNDS GREAT, BUT WE NEED A LOT OF HELP. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING IN TO BE TRAINED, THEY LACK SKILLS. THEY NEED HELP IN SOME MEDICAL RELATED SERVICES THEMSELVES. THERE IS A GREAT NEED, AND YOU ALL HAVE THE POWER TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. SO, THAT'S, THAT'S WHY I'M SHARING THIS RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL, I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR STORY TODAY. I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT, ABOUT MANY THINGS FROM YOU OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND HELP ME UNDERSTAND A BIT BETTER IN TERMS OF WHAT SERVICES YOU THINK WE COULD BE HELPFUL WITH, IS IT AROUND HOUSING? CAN YOU WALK ME THROUGH WHAT IT IS THAT YOU THINK THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE GETTING THAT WE ARE NOT.

>> DEFINITELY HOUSING. DEFINITELY HOUSING. HOUSING IS A BIG ISSUE. I CAN SAY PERSONALLY THAT I EXPERIENCED GIVING SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE FROM, FROM A, A VERY WELL FUNDED ORGANIZATION, AND I LOST MY HOUSING BECAUSE THEY HAD PEOPLE WHO WERE SICKER THAN I WAS. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I WANT TO LIVE, YOU KNOW. OTHER PEOPLE LACK HOUSING. WE NEED EDUCATION SERVICES THAT, THAT TARGET THE FAMILY AND TARGET THE STRUCTURE OF THE FAMILY. A BLANKET APPROACH DOESN'T WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHY EVERYONE HERE IS ABOUT CULTURAL COMPETENCY. IT'S NOT THE SAME APPROACH. WE NEED EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES AROUND WELLNESS THAT ADDRESSES NOT JUST HIV AND AIDS, BUT ADDRESSES HEALTH FROM A HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE. WE ARE MORE THAN JUST PHYSICAL PEOPLE. WE ARE VERY SPIRITUAL PEOPLE. AND SO, WE NEED THOSE HOLISTIC SERVICES. CASE MANAGEMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT, MANAGEMENT BEING PRO I HAD TO OTHERS, BUT IT'S NOT CULTURALLY SPECIFIC. WE NEED INVESTMENT AND PEOPLE WHO CAN RELATE TO US, THAT CAN HELP US ADVOCATE AND LEARN TO SELF ADVOCATE AND GET CONNECTED TO SERVICES.

>> HOUSING IS, IS A BIG DEAL, AND I KNOW, I HAVE HAD SOME QUESTIONS BEFORE, BEFORE, AND I HAVE KIND OF LOOKED INTO THIS BEFORE ABOUT, ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND THE HOMELESS ISSUE THAT THEY ARE ONE OF THE HIGHEST GROUPS, DEMOGRAPHICS, BUT TRYING TO NAIL DOWN WHICH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE THE BEST ORGANIZATION TO SERVE THIS POPULATION, THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE IN TERMS OF WHO DO WE WORK WITH AND PARTNER WITH TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS RESOURCES. SO, FOR THIS PARTICULAR DEMOGRAPHIC OF HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS, WHAT PROGRAM DO YOU THINK COULD SERVE THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?

>> BY THE ADMINISTERIAL ALLIANCE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> HI, I AM WIENTA MEBRAHTU, AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN STUDENTS, AND I BRIEFLY WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING IN HONOR OF WORLD AIDS DAY IS THE, WITH THE HELP OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE AFRICAN WOMAN'S COALITION, PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND CAPS, WE WILL BE HOSTING WORLD AIDS DAY THIS THURSDAY AT 5:00 P.M., WILL BE THE DINNER, AND 6:00 WE WILL HAVE OUR EVENTS STARTING, WHICH WILL HAVE A MIXTURE OF A FASHION SHOW, SOME SPOKEN WORDS, SINGERS AND, AND WE JUST, WITH AES HOSTING THIS EVENT, WE WANTED TO SHOW AND SORT OF LET GO OF THAT STIGMA THAT AIDS IS ONLY IN AFRICA, AND WE WANTED TO SHOW, YOU KNOW, WHAT

PEOPLE IN OREGON ARE DOING WITH HIV PREVENTION OR HOW THEY ARE TREATING PEOPLE WITH HIV, AND CAPS IS, ACTUALLY, DOING FREE TESTING FOR US THE DAY OF THE EVENT AT PSU. SO, YEAH. JUST WANTED TO KEEP IT SHORT AND LET EVERYONE KNOW. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANKS, YOU GUYS, AND I THINK NOW, WE'LL HAVE PETER AND THE TEAM STEP UP.

>>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> I AM PETER PARISOT, AND I AM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CASCADE AIDS PROJECT. BEFORE I START WITH MY PREPARED REMARKS, I JUST DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE VERY POWERFUL STATEMENT THAT CHERRELL EDWARDS MADE REGARDING THE SERVICES NOT BEING PROVIDED TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY WOMEN IN PORTLAND. WE DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN AS AN AGENCY WITH THE LIMITED FUNDS THAT WE DO GET, TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES, BUT I THINK THAT WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT WE CAN DO BETTER, AND WE CAN DO BETTER JOBS FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO, JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, THANK YOU.

>>> AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU AS WE COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO COMMEMORATE WORLD AIDS DAY. I THINK I HAVE GOT THIS. THERE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING HIV IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. AND OVER THE 30 PLUS YEARS, WE HAVE WORKED TO PREVENT NEW INFECTION AND IS ELIMINATE HIV RELATED STIGMA THROUGH EDUCATION AND TESTING, AS WELL AS TO SUPPORT AND EMPOWER PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HIV BY PROVIDING VITAL SUPPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS HOUSING AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST. THROUGH IT ALL, WE'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE A DEDICATED STAFF, AS WELL AS THE LONG-TERM SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SUCH AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO, I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE LONG-TERM AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT. WE COULD NOT DO THE WORK THAT WE DO WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND WITHOUT YOUR DEDICATION TO THIS CAUSE. SO, I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AND THANK YOU. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES WITH CAP LEADERSHIP. OUR PREVIOUS DIRECTOR STEPPED DOWN IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS IN GOOD HANDS. OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, APPOINTED MARY MARSHALL, AN EIGHT-YEAR VETERAN OF CAP AND OUR

CURRENT FINANCE AND DIRECTOR, AND OPERATIONS DIRECTOR TO BE THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE ORGANIZATION. THEY ALSO APPOINTED MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUE, MICHAEL ANDERSON-NATHE, WHO YOU WILL HEAR FROM NEXT, TO SERVE AS INTERIM DEPUTY DIRECTORS TO ASSIST MARY MARSHALL IN HER EFFORTS. CAP INTENDS TO HIRE A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AFTER THE HOLIDAYS, AND WE ANTICIPATE THIS WILL BE DONE BY SPRING. OR, I SHOULD SAY WE HOPE IT WILL BE DONE BY SPRING. IN ANY CASE, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU HAVE COME TO EXPECT. OVER THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF 35,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE TRICOUNTY AREA. WE PREACHED 33,000 THROUGH OUR EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS, SUCH AS OUR HIV/STD HOTLINE AND YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS. WE ADMINISTERED 4,000 HIV AND TESTS AT NO COST, AND WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED 380,000 CONDOMS AND SAFE FOR SEX KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY, ALSO, AT NO COST. FINALLY, WE HAVE HELPED 292,000 PEOPLE IN 2013 WITH SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS HOUSING, JOB TRAINING AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, TO ENABLE THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LIVING WITH HIV TO, TO FOCUS ON THE TREATMENT OF THE DISEASE AND NOT, NOT ACQUIRING THE BASIC NECESSITIES TO STAY ALIVE. AT THIS TIME, I WANTED TO TURN IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE, MICHAEL ANDERSON-NATHE, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION AND EDUCATION, AND MY CO-DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO TALK MORE ABOUT THE STRATEGIES THAT WE AND OTHER HIV ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOY TO FIGHT THE EPIDEMIC. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, PETER, FOR THE INTRODUCTION, AND THANK YOU, CHAIR MADRIGAL AND COMMISSIONERS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. I DID WANT TO START OUT BY SAYING, SO I AM MICHAEL ANDERSON-NATHE. I AM THE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION, AND LIKE PETER SAID, THE INTERIM DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I'VE BEEN AT CAP FOR NINE YEARS NOW, SO I HAVE HAD A REAL GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND PARTNER SUCH AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, AND IN MY ROLE, I DO A LOT OF TRAVEL AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND I HEAR FROM OTHER PEOPLE DOING THIS WORK, AND I CONSTANTLY HEAR STORIES OF, OF PEOPLE HAVING STRUGGLES WITH THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I HAVE TO SAY, I AM SO THANKFUL THAT THAT IS NOT MY STORY. AT CAP AND IN THE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE CAP, WE HAVE SUCH A SUPPORTIVE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT IS VERY PROGRESSIVE AND KNOWS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND HOW TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY, AND I REALLY CAN'T EMPHASIZE THAT ENOUGH TO YOU THAT, THAT WE SHOULD BE REALLY PROUD OF, OF THE WORK THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS DOING BECAUSE IT IS AMAZING WORK. I WANTED TO START TODAY, AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE ON THURSDAY TO TALK MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT WHAT CAP DOES AND SOME OF OUR STRATEGIES, SO I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT, ABOUT THE STATE OF HIV, AIDS, IN THE U.S. AND IN OREGON, AND KIND OF HOW THAT TIES TO, TO WORLD AIDS DAY, AND THE THEME OF GETTING TO ZERO, AS WELL AS KIND OF SOME

OF THE CHANGES IN HIV THAT KIND OF IS, IS GOING TO ALLOW US TO GET TO THAT GOAL. SO, FIRST OF ALL, RIGHT NOW, WE ESTIMATE 1.1 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ARE LIVING WITH LIVE AND AIDS. OF THAT, ABOUT ONE IN FIVE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE INFECTED, SO THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED, WHO ARE AT RISK OF TRANSMITTING HIV TO THEIR PARTNERS AND WHO ARE NOT ACCESSING THE MEDICAL CARE AND MEDICATIONS THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE LONG-TERM WITH POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, AND 63% OF THE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV ARE MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN AND BISEXUAL MEN, AND THIS, THIS -- THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE DISEASE, AND ARE JUST PROPORTIONALITY IMPACTED, AND THIS IS DUE TO DISCRIMINATION AND HOMOPHOBIA. WE ESTIMATE 56,000 NEW INFECTIONS EACH YEAR IN THE U.S. ONE IN FOUR OF THE NEW INFECTIONS ARE AMONG YOUTH, AGES 13-24. THIS IS AN ALARMING STATISTIC, AND A CALL TO ACTION FOR US TO DO MORE WITH OUR YOUTH POPULATIONS. SIMPLY, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED, AND CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW THE CDC ESTIMATES THAT ONE IN 32 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN AND ONE IN 16 AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH HIV SOMETIME IN THEIR LIFETIME. THIS IS AN APPALLING STATISTIC. AND A TRUE CALL TO ACTION. WE NEED TO DO MORE. WE CAN DO MORE FOR THESE COMMUNITIES, AND CAP IS TRYING, AND WE NEED TO DO MORE OURSELVES. SO, I WANTED TO ECHO THAT. SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OREGON? WE ESTIMATE 7,000 PEOPLE, OREGONIANS ARE LIVING WITH HIV OF THAT, ABOUT NO LESS THAN 1300 ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE INFECTED, SO THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WE NEED TO REACH WITH TESTING TO GET THEM LINKED INTO COMPARE. 55% OF THE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV RESIDE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE ABOUT 280 NEW HIV INFECTIONS EACH YEAR IN OREGON. LASTLY, I WANT TO SHARE THAT WE HAVE ABOUT 39% OF THE NEW DIAGNOSED PEOPLE ARE LATE TESTERS. THESE ARE PEOPLE AT THE TIME OF THE HIV TEST OR WITHIN A YEAR RECEIVE A AIDS DIAGNOSIS. THIS MEANS THAT THEY HAVE PROBABLY BEEN LIVING WITH IT FOR SEVERAL YEARS, PROBABLY TRANSMITTING TO OTHER FOLKS, AND NOT GETTING THE CARE THAT THEY NEED. SO, THEY TEND TO HAVE POOR OR LONG-TERM HEALTH OUTCOMES. INCIDENTALLY, OREGON HAS A HIGHER LATE TESTER RATE THAN -- OF A LATE TESTER AVERAGE. SO THAT GOES TO GETTING TO ZERO, WHICH IDEA OF ZERO, HIV INFECTIONS AND ZERO AIDS RELATED DEATHS. HOW DO WE DO THAT GIVEN THE STATE AND WHY IS THIS MOMENT DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE? SO, I'M GOING TO TALK A BIT ABOUT THE CHANGES IN HIV AND THE LANDSCAPE THAT MAKE THIS GOAL, THIS LOFTY GOAL A REALISTIC GOAL FOR US. THE FIRST IS THAT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, A STUDY CAME OUT THAT SHOWED CAN GET PEOPLE DIAGNOSED AND LINKED INTO MEDICAL CARE ON MEDICATIONS FOR HIV AND SUPPORT THEM SO THEY CAN STAY IN CARE AND TAKE THEIR MEDICATIONS AS PRESCRIBED, WE CAN LOWER THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION BY 96%. IT'S HUGE. THIS HAS BEEN HAILED AS TREATMENT AS PREVENTION, AND ONE OF THE MAIN STRATEGIES WE'RE TRYING TO EMPLOY TO REALLY GET TO THIS ZERO NEW INFECTIONS. SHORTLY AFTER THAT, A STUDY CAME

OUT, IN THIS MODEL, AND THERE IS A PICTURE OF ONE UP ON THE SCREEN. AND THIS IS A WAY OF LOOKING AT HOW WE ARE DOING IN THE BATTLE AGAINST HIV AND WHERE WE CAN USE THIS, THIS TO, TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE WANT TO PUT OUR RESOURCES. THE WAY THIS WORKS, THIS IS A U.S. MODEL. IT SHOWS OF THE 1.1 MILLION AMERICANS LIVING WITH HIV, THE FIRST COLUMN ON THE LEFT, 82% ARE CURRENTLY DIAGNOSED. SO, THEY KNOW THAT THEY HAVE HIV THEN 66% OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE LINKED TO HIV CARE. STEPS DOWN AGAIN, 37% ARE RETAINED IN THE CARE. THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT TO STAY ENGAGED. 33% ARE PRESCRIBED AND TAKING ANTI-RETROVIRALS, AND WE GET TO THE LAST COLUMN, 25% ARE VIRALLY SUPPRESSED. THIS IS THE KEY. THIS IS -- IF WE CAN GET PEOPLE SUPPRESSED, THIS IS WHERE WE SEE A REDUCTION IN 96% REDUCTION OF TRANSMISSION. OUR GOAL IS TO ADDRESS THIS AND MAKE IT MORE OF A PLATEAU, TO RAISE THE BARS, RIGHT. SO, ONE OF THE OTHER GAME CHANGERS IS THE NATIONAL HOOD RIVER STRATEGY, SO FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER THE U.S. DEVELOPED A STRATEGY A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, AND THIS REALLY -- A LOT OF THE STRATEGIES POINT TO SOME OF THE STEPS, GETTING PEOPLE TEST AND HAD GETTING THEM INTO COMPARE AND MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED AND THE SUPPORT IN THAT THEY NEED TO STAY ENGAGED IN CARE. THE FINAL AGAIN, IS THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND AS EVERYONE KNOWS, AS THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ROLLS OUT, THE IDEA IS THAT MORE PEOPLE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE MEDICAL CARE AND INSURANCE THAT THEY NEED. THIS MEANS IDEALLY MORE PEOPLE WILL BE GETTING DIAGNOSED FOR HIV BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO TESTING, AND THAT THEY CAN THEN GET LINKED TO THE CARE AND MEDICATIONS THEY NEED SO WE CAN GET TO ZERO.

>> WHAT IS THE COST OF MEDICATION TO VIRALLY SUPPRESSED HIV, AND HOW MUCH OF IT HAS BEEN, IT IS COVERED BY INSURANCE, YOU KNOW, IN A TYPICAL SITUATION?

>> SURE. THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. THE COST OF MEDICATIONS CAN VARY GREATLY DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF INSURANCE SOMEONE HAS, AS WELL AS THE MEDICATIONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT MEDICATIONS WITH DIFFERENT COSTINGS. LUCKILY, IN OREGON, WE HAVE AMAZING AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WHICH WE CALL CARE ASSISTS THAT, OFTEN, HELPS TO OFFSET PEOPLE'S CO-PAYS, AND THE MEDICATIONS THAT PEOPLE HAVE. WITHOUT GOING TOO FAR INTO IT, RIGHT NOW IN OREGON, WITH THE TRANSITION OF GETTING PEOPLE FROM THEIR CURRENT HEALTH INSURANCE INTO OHP THROUGH RECOVER OREGON, WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV ARE TRANSITIONED ON-TIME SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE A LAPSE IN COVERAGE. AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE OF SEVERAL DIFFERENT ISSUES, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE WILL BE SEVERAL FOLKS LIVING WITH HIV WHOSE INSURANCE WILL END IN JANUARY, AND THEY WILL NOT HAVE INSURANCE FOR A MONTH OR TWO, WHICH MEANS

THAT THEY WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO CARE OR TO THE MEDICATIONS. MEDICATIONS CAN BE OUT-OF-POCKET. 13,000, AND UP TO 30,000 A YEAR, AND THERE ARE OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO SPEAK MORE TO MEDICATIONS AFTER I TALK.

>> THAT'S HELPFUL, JUST A BALLPARK, IT'S REALLY EXPENSIVE.

>> YES.

>> WHILE WE ARE ON THAT QUESTION TRACK, I AM JUST REALLY CURIOUS WHY DO YOU THINK THAT OREGON IS -- HAS SO MANY LATE TESTERS?

>> YEAH, AND REALLY WE HAVE A HIGHER THAN AVERAGE, THE NATIONAL PARK AVERAGE IS QUITE HIGH, AND A LARGE PART OF WHY WE THINK THAT WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH LATE TESTERS IS STIGMA. IT IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL. IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND IN DIFFERENT RURAL AREAS, SO STIGMA IS A HUGE BARRIER FOR MANY TO GET ACCESS TO TESTING. I THINK WHERE WE'RE HOPING THAT THERE WILL BE MORE TESTING IN PRIVATE HEALTH CARE SETTINGS, SO THERE IS THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT WE, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS NOT REACHED OVER THE YEARS, AND WE CONTINUE TO TRY TO REACH. THEY ARE FOLKS THAT DON'T THINK THAT THEY NEED TO GET TESTED, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO WALK THROUGH THE DOORS OF SOME OF OUR PLACES, AND THEY ARE CAUGHT WHEN THEY GET INTO URGENT CARE OR EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND THEN THEY GET TESTED AS A SERIES OF TESTS, AND THAT'S A LATE DIAGNOSIS. SO, WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND WORKING WITH THE HEALTH CARE SETTINGS TO DO MORE SCREENINGS, WE'RE HOPING THAT WE CAN REDUCE THE NUMBERS, AND OF COURSE, WE NEED TO ADDRESS STIGMA AND MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO TESTING.

>> THANK YOU.

>> YES.

>> SO, THIS LEADS TO THIS, WHAT CAN WE DO AND WHAT CAN YOU DO, AND WHAT CAN EVERYONE IN OREGON DO. THE FIRST IS TO GET TESTED. EVERYONE HAS AN ACTIVE STATUS, WHETHER IT'S NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE, EVERYONE HAS ONE, AND WE NEED FOLKS TO GET TESTED TO LEARN THEIR STATUS. SO, KNOWING THE STATUS IS REALLY GOING TO GO IS A LONG WAY, IN US ENDING THIS EPIDEMIC. IF PEOPLE TEST POSITIVE, WE NEED TO GET ENGAGE AND HAD STAY IN CARE, SO, WE, AS A COMMUNITY, NEED TO SUPPORT THESE FOLKS AND IN KEEPING THEM IN CARE, THINGS LIKE HOUSING, PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES ARE THINGS THAT WILL SUPPORT PEOPLE, TO STAY ENGAGED AND STAY ON THEIR MEDICATIONS. IF WE CAN DO THAT, WE CAN END THIS EPIDEMIC. SO, I WANTED TO BRIEFLY SHOW A VIDEO THAT WE MADE. IT'S

ABOUT A MINUTE, AND IT REALLY KIND OF SUMMARIZES ALL THAT I HAVE TALKED ABOUT IN A VERY SIMPLE AND POWERFUL MESSAGE THAT WE WANT PEOPLE TO SEE. IT TALKS ABOUT HOW AN HIV TEST CAN END THIS EPIDEMIC. [PLAYING VIDEO]

>> BEFORE WE INTRODUCE THE NEXT SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE COMMISSIONERS DOWN TO OUR, OUR FACILITY TO GET YOUR FREE HIV TEST AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THAT VIDEO IS FOR ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS, TESTING FOR ALL THAT WE DO, AND OFTEN, LIKE THEY SAID, THERE ARE A LOT OF AGENCIES THAT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING, OR LOCAL FUNDING THAT HAVE RESTRICTIONS ON WHO WE CAN TEST, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO IS DECIDED THAT WE REALLY, IF WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO GET A TEST, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PROVIDE IT, SO WE STARTED A PROGRAM WITH OUR OWN PRIVATELY RAISED DOLLARS TO TEST ANYONE WHO WALKS IN OUR DOORS, AND IT'S OUR TESTING FOR ALL PROGRAM. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO COME AND GET A TEST AND FIND OUT THEIR STATUS. ON MY PART OF THE PRESENTATION, I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH OUR MISSION, TO PREVENT HIV INFECTIONS, SUPPORT AND EMPOWER PEOPLE INFECTED AND AFFECTED BY HIV AIDS, AND ELIMINATE HIV-AIDS RELATED STIGMA. NOW I WANT TO INTRODUCE TWO COMMUNITY MEMBERS. STEVE AND MATTHEW, WHO ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH YOU.

>> HI, I AM STEVE, AND I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN, TO THE MEMBERS ON THE WORLD AIDS DAY, I AM A MEMBER OF POSITIVE FORCE NORTHWEST. IT IS A SELF LED GROUP OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV-AIDS, AND WE WANT TO EMPOWER A POSITIVE COMMUNITY AND ELIMINATE AIDS STIGMA THROUGH EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH HIV IN JULY OF 1996. I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AIDS IN MAY OF 2006. I WANT TO ADDRESS A COUPLE OF PROGRAMS THAT THE CASCADE AIDS PROJECT HAS, THAT HELP EMPOWER PEOPLE TO BECOME MORE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. ONE OF THOSE IS WORKING CHOICES THAT IS LED BY HEATHER SELLECK, A GREAT PROGRAM. THE OTHER IS POSITIVE DIRECTIONS AND, AND THEY HAVE CLASSES TAUGHT BY [INAUDIBLE]. THESE ARE GREAT PROGRAMS. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE IN PROGRAMS, SUCH AS HOME FORWARD OR THE RIGHT TO WORK PROGRAM WITH SOCIAL SECURITY, THAT'S JUST TO NAME A COUPLE, THAT PEOPLE FEEL THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROGRAMS WITHOUT FEELING LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO BE PUNISHED, THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE A RECOURSE FOR TRYING TO BECOME A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY A GOOD EXAMPLE WOULD BE IF YOU LIVE IN A TAX CREDIT BUILDING AND YOU LIVE ALONE, YOU ARE NOT

ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL FULL TIME TO RETRAIN TO GET BACK IN TO SOCIETY TO BECOME A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY WITHOUT BEING PUNISHED BY THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU ARE ON. AND THERE IS NO TRANSITION PHASE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER AGENCIES GET MORE INVOLVED IN THAT TO MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE FOR EVERYBODY.

>> IS THAT A FEDERAL --

>> THE TAX CREDIT IS FEDERAL. AND SO IS THE RIGHT FOR PROGRAM WITH SOCIAL SECURITY, OBVIOUSLY. YOU GOT THE SNAP PROGRAMS, AND EVERYBODY HAS THEIR OWN GUIDELINES, SO WHENEVER YOU TRY, YOU ARE GOING TO GET BOOTED OFF OF SOMETHING, AND PERSONALLY, I WOULD NOT, FOR ME, MYSELF, I WOULD NOT CARE ABOUT LOSING MY FOOD STAMPS IF I WAS ABLE TO GO TO WORK AND TRY TO RETRAIN TO GET OFF OF THESE PROGRAMS. I DON'T MIND TRANSITIONING AND LOSING A BIT AS I GO, AND I BECOME MORE SELF SUFFICIENT. THE PROBLEM IS, A LOT OF THESE PROGRAMS GO, OK, YOU HAVE JUST MADE \$300 TOO MUCH, AND NOW YOU ARE KICKED OFF THE PROGRAM AND YOU DON'T GET TO GO BACK ON, SO I FEEL LIKE PEOPLE ARE BEING PUNISHED FOR TRYING, AND SO, AGENCIES ARE, ACTUALLY, DISABLING PEOPLE AND MAKING THEM INCAPABLE OF BECOMING A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

>> SO IS THERE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF THE RYAN WHITE MONEY? WE ADMINISTERED THOSE FUNDS THROUGH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHICH IS FEDERAL DOLLARS. ARE THERE THINGS THAT WE COULD DO TO, TO CHANGE SOME OF THE RULES THROUGH THE MONEY?

>> I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S CHANGE BUT RESTRUCTURE. FOR INSTANCE --

>> YOU DON'T HAVE TO, HAVE TO GET ONE SERVICE, YOU HAVE TO, YOU KNOW, GIVE AWAY ANOTHER SERVICE?

>> YEAH. WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME TRANSITION PHASE. FOR INSTANCE, LIKE IF SOMEBODY IS GOING OFF OF, OF -- IF SOMEBODY WOULD LIKE TO MOVE OUT OF A TAX CREDIT BUILDING TO BETTER THEMSELVES, TO GET INTO A PRIVATE APARTMENT COMPLEX OR HOUSING, A LOT OF THE PROGRAMS DON'T ALLOW YOU TO SAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO MOVE, SO MAYBE IF THE RYAN WHITE COULD HELP OUT WITH ENABLING SOMEBODY TO MOVE INTO A DIFFERENT POSITION TO WHERE THEY CAN MAYBE GO TO SCHOOL FULL TIME AND GET OUT OF A TAX CREDIT BUILDING, SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

>> GOOD MORNING, I AM MATTHEW HIGGINSON. I HAVE BEEN HIV POSITIVE NOW FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS. I AM HERE REPRESENTING POSITIVE FORCE NORTHWEST. WE ARE A GROUP LED BY PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS AND OUR SUPPORTERS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR THE, FOR THE -- EXCUSE ME, FOR THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN AND CONTINUE TO GIVE. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION HOW IMPORTANT PEERS ARE IN NAVIGATING SERVICES THAT LEAD TO EMPOWERED, HEALTHIER PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV. AND THE IMPORTANCE, IT IS TO OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH. WITH THE HELP OF OUR PEERS, MORE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV ARE GUIDED TO IMPORTANT SOURCES TO HELP DIRECT THEM THROUGH THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND RECEIVE HOUSING SERVICES GIVING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES A SAFE, CLEAN PLACE TO LIVE, HELPING TO REDUCE OUR OVERALL HOMELESS POPULATION. MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE ALSO RECEIVING THE CORRECT EDUCATION ABOUT HIV THAT HELPS ELIMINATE, THAT HELPS TO ELIMINATE MORE OF THE STIGMA PERTAINING TO THIS DISEASE, WHICH RESULTS IN PEOPLE BEING TESTED ON A REGULAR BASIS. THIS REDUCING HIV INFECTIONS IN OUR OVERALL COMMUNITY. AGAIN, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> YOU ARE WELCOME.

>> CHAIR, I HAD A QUESTION. I WAS INTRIGUED BY, OR FRIGHTENED BY THE NUMBERS AROUND THE YOUTH, AND I AM CURIOUS WHAT, WHAT ARE SOME EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES OR WHAT ARE SOME STRATEGIES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE FURTHER INVESTMENT TO TARGET YOUTH EDUCATION?

>> ABSOLUTELY. YES, THE, THE STATISTICS AROUND INFECTION RATES AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ALARMING. IT IS A NATIONAL TREND, AND IT IS A TREND THAT IS PANNING OUT IN OREGON, AS WELL. I THINK PEER EDUCATION TENDS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES WHEN IT COMES TO REACHING YOUNG PEOPLE. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TALKING ALREADY WITH EACH OTHER AND, AND YOU KNOW, SO, TRUST EACH OTHER FOR THAT INFORMATION. I THINK IT HAS A DIFFERENT IMPACT COMING FROM A PEER. SO, I THINK MORE PROGRAMS LIKE THE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND CAP, WITH HEALTH WORKERS, SOME OF THE PROGRAMS WE'RE DOING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND TRAINING PEER DARCYS, OUR SEX EDUCATION LAW IN OREGON IS LENDING ITSELF TO PAVING THE WAY FOR SOME OF THIS PEER EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS. I THINK WE NEED TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE MORE BY GIVING THEM THE INFORMATION, MENTORING THEM ON HOW TO DO EFFECTIVE

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH, AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THAT WITH THEIR PEERS, TO BE EFFECTIVE, AND THEN SOCIAL MEDIA IS A HUGE ONE, REALLY, WORKING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA, WORKING WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO REACH THEIR PEERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND USE THAT AS A MECHANISM FOR GETTING EDUCATION OUT THERE, TO REDUCE THE STIGMA.

>> I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING IN, FOR PRESENTING AND, AND SHARING AND, AND ONE OF THE FIRST TIMES I EVER WALKED INTO THE McCOY BUILDING WAS, WAS VERY, VERY LONG TIME AGO. MY FRIENDS AND I WENT, WENT THERE TO GET HIV, GET OUR HIV TEST. AND I DON'T THINK AT THAT POINT I EVEN HAD ANY AWARENESS OF WHAT THE COUNTY DID. IT WAS SO, SO LONG. BUT, WOULD LOVE TO COME AND GET TESTED, AND WHATEVER KIND OF EDUCATION AND OUTREACH, HOWEVER WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT, I WOULD LOVE TO HELP GET THE MESSAGE OUT, AND ESPECIALLY IF WE CAN HELP GET IT OUT TO THE LATINA COMMUNITY, TO MY COMMUNITY, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THERE IS A STIGMA, AND WE JUST -- WE ALL NEED TO BE AWARE. WE ALL NEED TO KNOW, SO, I WOULD LOVE TO TAKE YOU UP ON THAT.

>> ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU AND ANY OF YOU TO COME ON DOWN TO HAVE A TOUR. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TEST YOU, SO WE WILL CONNECT AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

>> AND JUST SO YOU KNOW, EVERY YEAR I DO A RESOLUTION, AND THIS IS MY THIRD YEAR, KNOWING YOUR STATUS, AND I GET AN HIV TEST DONE, AND TO KNOW THE STATUS, TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN AND YOUNG GIRLS TO, TO GO OUT AND GET TESTED, SO I WOULD, I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE CHAIR IN ANY ACTIVITY AROUND KNOWING YOUR STATUS IN THE FUTURE. THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner Smith: AND THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, THIS IS SO AMAZINGLY DIRECT AND REALLY SIMPLE THAT PARTICIPATING, BY GETTING TESTED HAS AN ENORMOUS PUBLIC HEALTH POTENTIAL, SO I'M REALLY PROUD OF OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND KIM, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. I THINK THAT, THAT, YOU KNOW, WE SHOULDN'T -- CHERRELL, THANK YOU. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO. WE SHOULD NOT BE RESTING ON OUR LAURELS. WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT THE LOW HOUSING INCOME TAX PROGRAM THAT EXCLUDES PEOPLE WHO BEGIN TO EARN OVER A CERTAIN LIMIT, OR, OR WHO, WHO GO BACK TO SCHOOL FULL-TIME IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR OWN, OWN CAPACITY BECAUSE REALLY, IT SEEMS LIKE POVERTY AND, AND,

AND HIV ARE A TERRIBLE COMBINATION AND, AND, UM, THAT, THAT, THAT SO MUCH OF THIS, SO MANY OF THESE HEALTH PROBLEMS AND SO MUCH TO SPARE, DWELLS IN POVERTY. SO, OUR ABILITY TO, TO REESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC BASE IS A HUGE PART OF OUR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE, AS WELL, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY TO PETER, RIGHT HERE, WE UNDERSTAND ABOUT, ABOUT TRANSITIONING INTO, INTO EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP HERE. IT CONTINUES TO, HE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THE GOOD WORK THAT THE COMMUNITY EXPECTS, SO WE HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF, OF CONFIDENCE IN THE CASCADE AIDS PROJECT, AND YOUR WORK AND, AND IT'S, IT'S REALLY, REALLY DELIGHTFUL TO HAVE YOU PRESENTED TO US TODAY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> CHAIR, MAY I? THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUE'S SENTIMENTS, AND ANY OUTREACH WORK YOU ARE DOING ABOUT THAT WOULD BE VERY, I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO HELP WITH THAT IN ANY WAY AND, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS WORK IS ON A PERSONAL LEVEL. MY SON WORKS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION, SO I KNOW HOW HARD YOU ALL WORK AROUND THIS ISSUE. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> JUST ONE NOTE, AS EVERYONE IS GETTING READY TO SORT OF FOLD UP AND, AND ROLL OUT, ON, ON THURSDAY, WE WILL BE READING A PROCLAMATION AND VOTING ON THE PROCLAMATION DURING OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. SO, THERE IS MORE TO COME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>> B-3, BOARD BRIEFING ON LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.

>>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MADRIGAL AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M KAREN SCHILLING, YOUR PLANNING DIRECTOR, AND WITH ME ARE JOANNA AND LINDSEY, TWO OF OUR SENIOR PLANNERS. JOANNE FOCUSING ON TRANSPORTATION, AND LINDSEY ON THE CURRENT PLANNING PROGRAM. WE ARE HERE THIS MORNING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, ABOUT THE, THE PLANNING PROGRAM, SO INCLUDING LAND USE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION, AND CODE COMPLIANCE, WHICH REALLY ARE VERY INTEGRATED EFFORTS IN OUR PROGRAM, AND THIS IS, THIS IS, IN PART, IN

RESPONSE TO, TO THE BUDGET NOTE THIS YEAR, REQUESTING US TO BACK AND TALK TO US ABOUT HOW TO UPDATE OUR RURAL AREA PLANS, AND TODAY'S BRIEFING IS STRUCTURED, TO GIVE YOU A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR WHAT THE PLANNING PROGRAM PROVIDES, OVERALL, AND WE'LL COME BACK NEXT WEEK AND TALK TO YOU ABOUT HOW WE, WE CAN RESPOND TO THAT BUDGET NOTE, AND HOW WE MIGHT UPDATE OUR RURAL AREA PLANS IN THE FUTURE. SO, WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO JOANNE AND LINDSEY TO WALK THROUGH THE PRESENTATION WITH YOU.

>> SO, GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS AND, AND JUST, JUST QUICKLY GIVE AN OVERVIEW, AND WE'LL START OFF WITH A QUICK INTRODUCTION, AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO LINDSEY, WHO WILL GO OVER THE PLANNING AND PLANNING PROCESSES AND, AND TURN IT BACK TO ME TO TALK ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS AND, AND THE CHANGES OCCURRING, AND WE'LL TURN IT BACK TO KAREN TO CLOSE IT OUT WITH THE NEXT STEPS.

>> SO, JUST QUICKLY, NOT TO PUT YOU IN THE SPOT THIS MORNING, BUT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO START THINKING ABOUT, ABOUT, ABOUT, AND ASKING YOU WHY YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WHAT IS IT ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT YOU LOVE AND APPRECIATE?

>> THE PEOPLE.

>> GREAT.

>> ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS?

>> YOU ARE IN MY DISTRICT. [LAUGHTER]

>> EXACTLY. THE BEAUTY OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE. SO, A LOT OF THINGS CAN COME TO MIND ON WHY PEOPLE COME AND LIVE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I KNOW FIVE YEARS AGO, I AM A PACIFIC NORTHWEST GIRL, BORN AND RAISED -- NOT BORN, BUT RAISED HERE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. I MOVED HERE TO PORTLAND BECAUSE I LOVE THE CITY, BUT ALSO LOVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD FEEL OF PORTLAND, AND THE, THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT IT HAS. IT REALLY IS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE. I MEAN, EVERY DAY, WE GET TO EXPERIENCE THE LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREA HERE IN THE STATE OF OREGON THAT ALSO HAS BOTH RURAL AREAS AND, AND AGRICULTURAL FORESTRY AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES. IN ADDITION, NOT ONLY WOULD THE LOCAL OFFERINGS, WITHIN AN HOUR, WE CAN BE AT THE COAST, MOUNT HOOD, CENTRAL OREGON, THE COLUMBIA GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA, AND NOT TO MENTION EVEN WITHIN 20 MINUTES, WE CAN BE HERE AT THE BEAUTIFUL SAUVE ISLAND. THIS PROVIDES CHOICES FOR FOLKS OF WHERE TO LIVE AND WORK NOT ONLY IN THAT ACCESSING THE BEAUTIFUL GEMS OF THE STATE OF OREGON, BUT ALSO, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF MULTNOMAH

COUNTY. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, THIS CAN ALSO CREATE CHALLENGES WITH THE STARK, URBAN AND RURAL INTERFACES, YOU CAN SEE HERE IN THE SLIDE, WITH THE LEFT-HAND SIDE SHOWING THE, THE URBAN DENSITIES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE REALLY SHOWING THE RURAL OPEN SPACES OF THE COUNTY. THIS PROVIDES CHALLENGES IN BEING ABLE TO PRESERVE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY AREAS OF THE RURAL AREA BUT ALSO, WITH THE CHALLENGE OF WHERE THE COMMUNITY DECIDES TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY. SO, AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO LINDSEY, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THE LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM AND THE ROLE WE PLAY IN PRESERVING THE NHL AREAS AND GUIDING LAND USES.

>> ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, JOANNA. GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS.

>>> SO, I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE WHO, THE WHAT, THE WHY, AND THE WHEN OF LAND USE PLANNING AND OUR PROGRAM. WE'LL START OFF WITH THE WHY. LAND USE PLANNING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. A GREAT PLACE TO START IS TO TALK ABOUT OUR MISSION OF LAND USE PLANNING, WHICH IS TO CONSERVE AND PRESERVE THE FARMLANDS AND FOREST LANDS, THAT WE ALL LOVE ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND MAKE THIS SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY. OUR MISSION FOLDS IN NICELY WITH OUR VALUES. THIS IS JUST A VERY SHORT, ABBREVIATED LIST OF OUR LAND USE PLANNING VALUES THAT WERE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD BOTH IN 1999 AND AGAIN IN 2007. SO, OUR VALUES, OF COURSE, ARE TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE AND PROTECT WILDLIFE STREAMS, SCENIC VIEWS, THE BEAUTIFUL GORGE, FOREST LANDS, AND FARM AND NURSERY PRODUCTION, AND WE DO THIS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR ZONING ORDINANCE AND OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OUR RURAL AREA PLANS, WHICH I WILL TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT. AS MENTIONED BY, BY JOANNA AND, AND AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTY IN THE STATE. WHAT'S MORE INTERESTING ABOUT THAT IS THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE SMALLEST COUNTY IN LAND AREA. THEN PARTICULAR TO OUR LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM IS THAT 60% OF THE COUNTY IS RURAL. OUR LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM SERVES ABOUT THAT, 60% OF THE LAND, OF THE COUNTY, WHICH, WHICH SERVES ABOUT 12,000 RESIDENTS. THE COUNTY IS BROKEN UP. WE HAVE BROKEN UP THE COUNTY INTO, INTO RURAL PLAN AREAS, WE HAVE, WE HAVE THE SAUVE ISLAND PLANNED AREA, AND THE WEST HILLS PLANNED AREA BECAUSE THERE IS SO MANY UNIQUE, DIFFERENT AND UNIQUE AREAS AND FEATURES OF OUR, OF OUR COUNTY. THEN, OF COURSE, THE COUNTY ALSO IS BROKEN UP INTO THE WEST, THE SANDY RIVER PLAN, AND IT IS EAST OF THE SANDY RIVER PLAN, AND THEN THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE. A BIT OF WHO WE ARE. I THINK THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE IT IS THAT PLANNING CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO FOUR, FOUR, FOUR AREAS, WHICH ARE, ARE CURRENT AND LONG RANGE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, AND CODE COMPLIANCE. SO, OUR CURRENT PLANNING PROGRAM, WE HAVE THREE

LAND USE PLANNERS IN ONE, AND ONE SENIOR PLANNER, WHO WORK WITH THE CONSTITUENTS, APPLICANTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND DEVELOPERS. THEY OFTEN COME TO THE FRONT COUNTER OR CALL US UP ON THE PHONE AND ASK WHAT THEY CAN AND CAN'T DO WITH THEIR PROPERTY, AND THEY ASK HOW TO GET THROUGH THE LAND USE PROCESS. SO, OUR CURRENT PLANNERS WORK WITH ALL OF THESE PEOPLE IN THE, AND THE APPLICANTS, AND TO HELP EXPLAIN OUR ZONING CODES AND ORDINANCES, AND HELP TO FIND THAT BALANCE BETWEEN THEIR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVING AND MAINTAINING THE RURAL CHARACTER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE CURRENT PLANNING STAFF ALSO PREPARES AND DECIDES LAND USE APPLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS BEFORE, BEFORE THE, THE HEARINGS OFFICER. THE LONG RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM STAFFS ONE SENIOR PLANNER AND ONE LONG RANGE PLANNER, AND THEY FOCUS ON, ON, ON IMPROVING AND UPDATING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, THE RURAL AREA PLANS, AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THEY ALSO SERVE AS A STAFF LIAISON TO THE NINE-MEMBER PLANNING COMMISSION, AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLES THAT THE LONG RANGE PLANNING STAFF PROVIDES IS, IS THEY, THEY PARTICIPATE ON THE REGIONAL LEVEL, SPECIFICALLY, WITH MTAC AND MPAC, WHICH ARE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES THAT MAY MAKE DECISIONS IN THE REGIONAL AREA. EVEN THOUGH THE MAJORITY OF OUR BOUNDARY IS OUTSIDE OF THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY AND OUTSIDE OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA, IT STILL IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THE COUNTY'S VALUES AND MISSIONS AND GOALS ARE MAINTAINED. THEN, OF COURSE, WE HAVE OUR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM. OUR TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT HAS ONE SENIOR PLANNER AND TWO TRANSPORTATION PLANNERS, AND THEY PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FOR, FOR NOT ONLY THE RURAL AREA, BUT THEY ALSO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FOR, FOR OUR URBAN AREAS OF TROUTDALE, WOOD VILLAGE AND FAIRVIEW. AND THEY ENSURE THAT, THAT DEVELOPMENT, WHEN DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS, OUR ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS REMAIN SAFE AND, AND WORKING EFFECTIVELY. THEY ALSO PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND SECURING FUNDING TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE CONSTRUCTED. ONE OF THE MAIN WAYS THAT IT, THAT, THAT WE CAN SECURE FUNDING IS THROUGH, THROUGH APPLYING FOR GRANTS, AND THEN OBTAINING GRANTS. THEY ALSO SERVE AS, AS, AS -- THEY ALSO STAFF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE AND, AND PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN REGIONAL POLICY-MAKING FOR, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN, AND AT A REGIONAL LEVEL, AND ON THE SLIDE WE HAVE A PICTURE OF, OF THE, OF THE ACTIVE, THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM THAT WE ALSO STAFF. OUR CODE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM IS A VERY WELL ESTABLISHED AND REPUTABLE PROGRAM. IT'S A VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM. SOME PEOPLE CAN VIEW THIS PROGRAM AS A BIT SOFTER, A BIT WEAK, BUT WE

HAVE HAD GREAT SUCCESS OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS WITH VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AND, AND VERY, VERY FEW CASES, WE HAVE HAD, TO ISSUE CITATIONS OR, OR TAKE THEM TO, TO, OR, OR TAKE IT TO COURT TO HAVE, TO HAVE, TO BRING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE. AND I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT WE HAVE HAD A FEW CONVERTS ALONG THE WAY OF FOLKS WHO WEREN'T NECESSARILY WANTING TO COMPLY, BUT AFTER COMING INTO COMPLIANCE, THEY FELT THAT OUR PROCESS WAS VERY FAIR AND VERY REASONABLE. SO, A BIT ABOUT WHAT WE DO. WE TOOK AN AVERAGE OF, OF -- THIS SLIDE JUST SHOWS AN AVERAGE OF, OF, OF PUBLIC CONTACT THAT WE HAVE HAD OVER THE PAST THREE FISCAL YEARS. SO, YOU REMEMBER WHEN I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE 60% OF THE COUNTY IS RURAL, AND THAT WE SERVE THE POPULATION OF 12,000. WELL, ON AVERAGE, WE RECEIVE ABOUT 7,030 PHONE CALLS A DAY, AND THESE ARE JUST CALLS THAT COME INTO THE MAIN LINE, THEY DON'T INCLUDE THE CALLS THAT WE RECEIVE AT OUR INDIVIDUAL EXTENSIONS. SO, ON AVERAGE, WE'RE, WE'RE TALKING WITH ABOUT 7,000 PROPERTY OWNERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY EACH YEAR, AND THEN, AND IN ADDITION, WE HAVE ABOUT 2,000 FOLKS THAT COME INTO THE FRONT COUNTER, AND ASK QUESTIONS, SO THAT'S A 9,000, 9,000 PEOPLE WE'RE TALKING WITH, WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT PART, OR A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF, OF THE POSITION IN THE COUNTY. WE HOLD PREAPPLICATION MEETINGS, AND THOSE ARE MEETINGS THAT WE MEET WITH APPLICANTS, BEFORE THEY SUBMIT THEIR LAND USE APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT. WE WALK THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS, AND THEY HAVE A ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH STAFF, AND THEY CAN ASK QUESTIONS, AND WE JUST REALLY -- WE HELP THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS BEFORE THEY SUBMIT THEIR LAND USE APPLICATION. WE HOLD ABOUT, ON AVERAGE, 134 OF THOSE EACH YEAR WITH THE THREE CURRENT PLANNERS. THE SLIDE SHOWS THE APPLICATIONS THAT WE RECEIVED, AND THE APPLICATIONS THAT WE HAVE PROCESSED IN THE PAST THREE FISCAL YEARS. THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT NUMBERS BECAUSE NOT ALL APPLICATIONS THAT WE RECEIVE ARE DECIDED. IN SOME CASES THEY ARE WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT READY OR, OR THE APPLICANT HAS LOST FUNDING, AND IN SOME CASES, OR MOST CASES, THE APPLICATIONS ARE WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY APPROVABLE APPLICATIONS AND, AND SO, WHEN THEY COME IN, OUR STAFF TAKES A LOOK AT THEM, AND WE WORK WITH THE APPLICANT. WE IDENTIFY AREAS OF, OF HOW OR WHY THE APPLICATION MAY NOT BE APPROVED AND WORK WITH THE APPLICANT. THEY WILL WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION, AND MAKE CHANGES TO IT, AND RESUBMIT IT TOWARDS AN, TOWARDS, TOWARDS, TOWARDS -- TO, TO RECEIVE A, A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF IT.

>> Commissioner Smith: WILL YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT --  
>> OF SOMETHING THAT --

>> Commissioner Smith: THAT'S SUBMITTED BUT NOT COMPLETELY -- IT DOES NOT GO AS A --

>> OK. I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT AN EXAMPLE. I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY FOR THE SIX MONTHS, AND IN THE SIX MONTHS I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY -

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>> Commissioner Smith: THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE YOU PRESENTING THEN.

>> I CAN PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE FOR YOU. WITH TRANSPORTATION, WE REVIEWED LAND USE APPLICATIONS, AND THERE IS INSTANCES WHERE THE ACCESS CAN'T BE FULLY FLUSHED OUT BECAUSE ESPECIALLY OUT IN THE WEST HILLS WHERE THERE IS A LOT OF BLIND CURVES, AND SO SOMETIMES, THE APPLICANTS HAVE TO WORK WITH A TRAFFIC ENGINEER IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE SAFE ACCESS, AND SO SOMETIMES, THAT, THAT PROCESS CAN TAKE A BIT LONGER THAN USUAL, AND SO THEN, THE REALM OF, OF THE 150 DAYS THAT WE HAVE TO GET THE APPLICATION REVIEWED, AND SO SOMETIMES, THE APPLICANT WILL JUST CHOOSE TO WITHDRAW IT, FLUSH OUT THE SAFE EGRESS AND INGRESS, AND COME BACK AND APPLY WITH THE DEMONSTRATION THAT THERE IS A SAFE ACCESS POINT.

>> Commissioner Smith: BECAUSE THERE WAS INFORMATION THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW THAT THEY HAD TO HAVE FOR THE APPLICATION, BUT THEY USUALLY COME BACK.

>> RIGHT.

>> OK.

>> YEAH.

>> THANK YOU, JOANNA. APPRECIATE IT.

>> SO ON AVERAGE WE ARE REVIEWING AND PROCESSING 100 APPLICATIONS EACH YEAR WITH THE THREE CURRENT PLANNERS. THE MOST COMMON APPLICATIONS THAT WE RECEIVE ARE GRADING, EROSION CONTROL AND FLOOD PLAIN. THESE ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DIRT AND THE SOIL STAYS WHERE IT NEEDS TO STAY SO THAT IT DOESN'T POLLUTE OUR WATER BODIES, AND THEN WE RECEIVE QUITE A FEW NATIONAL SCENIC AREA APPLICATIONS, AND ANY APPLICATION, THIS INCLUDES ANY APPLICATION IN THE, THE NSA AREA, CAN BE A GRADING, EROSION CONTROL, CONDITIONAL USE TYPE OF PERMIT. THEN, WE ALSO PROCESS A LOT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS, AND THOSE ARE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN PERMITS. WE HAVE OVERLAYS FOR HABITAT, WILDLIFE HABITAT, FOREST, CANOPY, AND WATER RESOURCES, AND SO WE WORK WITH THE APPLICANT TO, TO FIND THAT BALANCE ON THEIR PROPERTY

OF WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD BEST, BEST OCCUR WHILE STILL PRESERVING AND TRYING TO, TO MAINTAIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COUNTY. AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE CODE IS, IS WRITTEN IN BLACK AND WHITE, BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS CLEAR OF -- IT'S VERY RARE THAT WE'LL HAVE THE SAME QUESTION ASKED TWICE, SO WE DO A LOT OF CODE INTERPRETATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS, AND THOSE ARE MADE AT THE PLANNING DIRECTOR LEVEL, AND THEN CAN BE APPEALED TO A HEARINGS OFFICER. SO, PREVIOUSLY WE TALKED ABOUT, WE PROCESS 100 APPLICATIONS EACH YEAR, SO WE TOOK A THREE-YEAR AVERAGE. YOU KNOW, I WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW WE, WE WILL WORK WITH THEM TO REVISE THE APPLICATIONS, AND SO WE HAVE A GREAT APPROVAL, APPROVAL, A GREAT APPROVAL RATING. WE'RE APPROVED ON AVERAGE 96% OF OUR LAND USE APPLICATIONS AND, AND ON AVERAGE, FOUR OF THEM ARE, ARE, 4% ARE DENIED EACH YEAR. SO, WE'LL TALK A BIT ABOUT, ABOUT WHERE THE PLANNING AUTHORITY COMES FROM, OR WHERE, WHERE WE'RE GETTING -- WHERE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE FOUNDATION OF THEM. SO, IN 1973, THE STATEWIDE PLANNING GOALS WERE ESTABLISHED, AND THEY WERE ESTABLISHED TO, TO PROTECT FOREST AND FARMLAND FROM URBAN SPRAWL, AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THEN TO HELP, HELP, THE GOAL WAS TO MAINTAIN THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND OPEN SPACES, AND THAT MAKE OREGON AND SPECIFICALLY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY. AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATEWIDE PLANNING GOALS, EACH OF THE JURISDICTIONS AND COUNTIES WERE REQUIRED TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MULTNOMAH COUNTY ADOPTED THEIR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN 1977. THEY WERE ONE OF -- WE WERE ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTIES TO ADOPT OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE PLAN HAS NOT HAD A LOT OF ATTENTION, SINCE 1977. WE HAD A FEW -- WE HAVE HAD A FEW UPDATES SINCE THE ADOPTION IN THE 1980. WE DID A REFORMATTING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND IN 1983 AND 1989, WE DID SOME MINOR UPDATES BASED UPON THE ITEMS THAT CAME DOWN FROM, FROM THE LEGISLATION, ABOUT, ABOUT FARMLANDS AND FOREST LANDS. IN, IN 1992, THE BOARD DISTRICTED STAFF TO ADOPT THE FOUR RURAL, RURAL AREA PLANS I TALKED ABOUT, EAST AND WEST OF THE SANDY, AND THE WEST HILLS AND SAUVE ISLAND. AND, AND SO, FROM 1996 TO 2 ON YOUR SIDE, STAFF ADOPTED THE RURAL AREA PLANS AND CONTINUED TO, TO, TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN. I FORGOT THE ANIMATION. OK. SO, QUESTION INCLUDED THIS SLIDE BECAUSE, BECAUSE IT SHOWS ALL THE LAYERS THAT, THAT ARE INVOLVED IN LAND USE PLANNING. BUT, IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE AS, AS -- IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD AS SHOWN ON THIS SLIDE. BASICALLY, I LIKE TO SAY THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE SLIDE BEST DEMONSTRATES OUR LONG RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM, AND THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE DEMONSTRATES OUR CURRENT RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM. SO, ALL OF OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS, BASICALLY, FILTER DOWN FROM LEGISLATURE WHERE THE LAWS ARE CREATED, AND THE STATE AGENCIES DRAFTED THE

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THE LAND USE LAWS. SO PLANNING WILL WORK WITH, STAFF WILL WORK WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REWRITE THE CODE TO, TO BEST MEET THESE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS, BUT STILL MAINTAIN THE VALUES OF THE, OF THE, THE VALUES AND MISSION OF THE COUNTY, SO STAFF -- AND THEN, AND THEN TO MAINTAIN THE VALUES AND MISSIONS OF THE COUNTY, AND THEN TO MAKE SURE THAT, THAT, THAT THE ZONING CODE AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WE'RE ADOPTING COMPLIES WITH, WITH, FINDS THE BALANCE OF BOTH THE STATE LAW AND THE DIRECTION THAT WE WANT TO TAKE WITH THE COUNTY. ONCE THAT CODE IS WRITTEN, WE WOULD SWITCH OVER TO THE RIGHT SIDE, WHICH IS THE CURRENT RANGE PLANNING, AND THE CURRENT PLANNERS IMPLEMENT THE CODE, AND THEY WORK WITH THE PUBLIC TO, TO MAKE SURE THAT, THAT THOSE LAWS ARE UPHELD. THEN THE PLANNING PROCESS IS, IS MOST APPLICATIONS OR DECISIONS ARE MADE AT THE STAFF LEVEL, WHICH CAN BE APPEALED TO THE HEARINGS OFFICER. IF MORE DISCUSSIONS REQUIRE THE HEARINGS OFFICER WILL MAKE THAT DECISION, WHICH CAN BE, BE THEN APPEALED TO THE LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS, AND DECISIONS FROM THE LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS COULD BE APPEALED TO [INAUDIBLE]. IT'S JUST A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM, AND I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO JOANNA, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS.

>> SO, NOW THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE INTERNAL WORKINGS OF THE PROGRAM, I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE WITH THIS SLIDE THAT WE ARE OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. THE SLIDE REALLY REFLECTS OUR FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, AND IT'S JUST A SAMPLING OF THE FOLKS THAT WE WORK WITH AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES THAT WE WORK WITH, AND JUST QUICKLY, HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THEM, AS LINDSEY MENTIONED, WE'RE AT THE REGIONAL TABLE. WE ARE WORKING WITH METRA, AND THE REGIONAL PARTNERS. COMMISSIONER McKEEL'S INVOLVEMENT, AND COMMISSIONER SMITH'S INVOLVE, AND STAFF'S INVOLVEMENT AT CPAC AND [INAUDIBLE]. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS AT THE EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. WE DO WORK WITH OUR EAST COUNTY CITIES OF GRESHAM, WOOD VILLAGE, FAIRVIEW AND TROUTDALE, AND ALSO WITHIN THE URBAN POCKET AREAS THAT REMAIN WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. IN ADDITION, I WILL HIGHLIGHT THE COLUMBIA GORGE COMMISSION, WHICH IS A REALLY UNIQUE BISTATE PLANNING EFFORT THAT, THAT INVOLVES A LOT OF JURISDICTIONS TO PRESERVE THE BEAUTY OF THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA. OUR PRINCIPLES WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WITH REYNOLDS, WITH, WITH, LEADING THE SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROGRAM AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH SWEET BREYER AND TROUTDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IN ADDITION, INTERNALLY, WE WORK WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN IMPLEMENTING THE EQUITY LENS, DOING HEALTH IMPACT ANALYSIS AND ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. SO, REALLY, EMPHASIZING

THAT WE ARE OUT THERE. WE ARE PARTNERING AND WE ARE COORDINATING WITH A LOT OF DIFFERENT AGENCIES.

>> WHOSE LOGO IS THE CASTLE?

>> IT IS THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. [LAUGHTER]

>> OK.

>> SO, JUST REAL QUICKLY, AS LINDSEY MENTIONED, THE STATE OF OREGON HAS BEEN PLANNING SINCE THE 1970s, AND WE HAVE HAD OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND REALLY, YOU KNOW, IT'S THE MAIN LAND USE PLANNING DOCUMENTS THAT WE HAVE FOR THE COUNTY, AND THERE HASN'T REALLY BEEN A LOT OF CHANGES TO IT. BUT OUTSIDE OF THAT, THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN OCCURRING AROUND US. JUST TO QUICKLY HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE, THE MEASURES 37 AND 49 HAD OCCURRED IN 2004 AND IN 2007. REALLY, ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND TO PROPERTY RIGHTS HERE IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AND NOT TO MENTION URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY AND EXPANSIONS OCCURRING IN EAST COUNTY WHERE A LOT OF, A LOT OF AREAS FOR GRESHAM WERE, WERE ANNEXED AND WHERE OUR JURISDICTION WAS CHANGED OVER TO THE CITY. AND IN ADDITION, JUST THE CHANGE IN THINKING IN PLANNING WHERE NOW WE ARE LOOKING AT 50 YEARS OUT WITH THE URBAN AND RURAL RESERVES AND THE RECENT ADOPTION OF THAT. ALSO, JUST MOST RECENTLY, YOU GUYS ARE, ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE CHANGING OF THE COUNTY LINE, A HISTORIC MOMENT WHERE WE EXCHANGED LAND AND MOVED IT INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY. AND ALSO, JUST LOCALLY HERE, AT THE COUNTY, THERE IS NEW POLICIES AND INITIATIVES THAT, THAT WE'RE WORKING TO, TO IMPLEMENT, INCLUDING THE EQUITY LENS, THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, AND THE NATIONAL HAZARDS PLAN AND FOOD ACTION PLAN, SO THERE ARE A LOT OF CHANGES OCCURRING AND, AND SO, WE THINK THAT, THAT NOW IS, IS THE RIGHT TIME TO, TO MOVE FORWARD, AND SO WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO, TO KAREN TO GO OVER TO THE NEXT STEPS.

>> SO, HOPEFULLY, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, YOU HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE PLANNING PROGRAM DOES OVERALL, AND TO UNDERSTAND A BIT ABOUT HOW OUR GUIDING DOCUMENTS ARE, ACTUALLY, SOMEWHAT OUTDATED. SO, WITH SOMETHING LIKE THE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK PLAN, WHEN IT WAS ADOPTED 30 YEARS AGO, A LOT HAS CHANGED IN THAT AMOUNT OF TIME FOR, FOR ALL OF US AND, AND LIKEWISE, WE THINK THAT WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR RURAL AREA PLANS. I THINK THAT YOU ARE ALL AWARE THAT WE ARE WORKING ON THE SAUVE ISLAND UPDATE TO THE RURAL AREA PLAN RIGHT NOW, AND MAKING, MAKING, STARTING TO MAKE GOOD PROGRESS ON THAT. BUT, WHAT I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO DO IS JUST, JUST SAY WHAT, WET YOUR APPETITE

FOR NEXT WEEK WHEN I WILL BE BACK TO TALK ABOUT WHAT OUR STRATEGY WOULD BE TO, ACTUALLY, UPDATE OUR RURAL AREA PLAN AND COMP PLAN AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

>> Commissioner Smith: I JUST HAVE A COMMENT.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS FOR AREA 93. I THINK THAT IS THE BEST PUBLIC, PUBLIC KIND OF TRANSACTION THAT HAPPENED BETWEEN TWO COUNTIES WHO, WHEN IF WE LOOK AT THIS, MAYBE A COUPLE, LOOKED AT THIS A COUPLE YEARS AGO, WE COULD NOT CONCEIVE THAT AREA 93 COULD HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED OVER TO WASHINGTON COUNTY. AND, AND I KNOW THAT, THAT THE CHAIR DID A GREAT JOB OF, OF REALLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, KAREN AND KIM. THIS IS, THIS IS GREAT. I ALWAYS LIKE TO, TO, TO TALK ABOUT AREA 93. AS YOU KNOW, I AM GOING TO -- I AM STILL -- I HAVE ONE MORE MEETING FOR IMPACT AND, AND I WILL BE THE CHAIR FOR TWO MORE WEEKS. BUT, EVERY MEETING, I ALWAYS TALK ABOUT THAT. TALK ABOUT THAT PARTNERSHIP THAT, THAT WE HAVE WITH AREA 93. IT WAS JUST GREAT, GREAT. I HOPE WE CAN DO OTHER THINGS WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT WOULD BE JUST AS SUCCESSFUL, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, BUT THIS IS A GOOD ONE, A GOOD EXAMPLE.

>> THANKS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CHAIR.

>> YES.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS PRESENTATION, AND JOANNA, YOUR BEGINNING WAS JUST A GREAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IT WAS WONDERFUL ABOUT WHY WE LIKE TO LIVE HERE. CERTAINLY, JOANNA, YOU TALKED ABOUT THIS. SHE'S AMAZING, AND ANNE CAN EXPLAIN ANYTHING THAT COMES UP AND, AND THAT'S NOT EASY WITH THE FOUR JURISDICTIONS, AND LINDSEY, YOU'VE ONLY BEEN HERE SIX MONTHS BUT YOU'VE BEEN AN AMAZING HELP ALREADY.

>> YES.

>> I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THESE NOW, IT CAN COME LATER, BUT, I DID HAVE, ON THE CODE

COMPLIANCE, IT'S STILL COMPLAINT DRIVEN, RIGHT? CODE COMPLIANCE IS STILL COMPLAINT DRIVEN? IS THAT CORRECT?

>> RIGHT, IT'S COMPLAINT DRIVEN, OR, INITIATED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER.

>> RIGHT.

>> EXACTLY.

>> WE DON'T GO OUT PATROLLING FOR --

>> RIGHT, RIGHT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AND THE OTHER ONE WAS ON THE, THE APPROVAL BUSINESS SLIDE WHERE YOU HAD APPLICATIONS APPROVED WHERE 96%, WHICH I THINK IS A GREAT STATISTIC. I JUST HAD, HAD A QUESTION, A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AROUND THAT. DO YOU HAVE ANY, ANY DATA AROUND, AROUND HOW THE, LIKE THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IT TOOK TO APPROVE THESE APPLICATIONS? AND, AND, AND ALSO, AROUND THE, THE AVERAGE COST TO THE APPLICANT FOR, FOR, FOR THE APPLICATIONS.

>> SURE.

>> YOU CAN GET BACK TO ME.

>> WE CAN BRING THAT BACK TO YOU, ABSOLUTELY. WE HAVE THAT. WE JUST HAVEN'T CRUNCHED THE NUMBERS FOR THIS.

>> YEAH, YEAH. AND THANK YOU, KAREN, FOR ALL YOUR WORK, TOO.

>> YOU BET.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANKS FOR COMING IN.

>> THANK YOU.

>> B-4, BOARD BRIEFING ON PASSAGE ASSESSMENT FOR A, FOR COUNTY ROAD CULVERTS.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. CHAIR MADRIGAL AND COMMISSIONERS. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ROY IWAI, I AM THE WATER QUALITY PERSON FOR THE ROAD SERVICES. THANKS FOR HAVING ME THIS MORNING TO BRIEF YOU ON THIS PROJECT THAT WE RECENTLY COMPLETED. THIS IS A PROJECT USING ONE-TIME ALLOCATION FUNDS FROM THE BOARD LAST YEAR TO FURTHER THE, THE WATERSHED HEALTH OBJECTIVE FOR THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. BEFORE WE BEGIN ON THE REPORT, LET ME SHARE ONE SLIDE ABOUT MY PROGRAM IN CASE THERE ARE FOLKS OUT THERE WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH WHAT WE DO. INTERNALLY, WE ASSIST PROGRAMS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION WITH A STRATEGY TO MINIMIZE AND AVOID IMPACTS TO WATER QUALITY. THESE ARE PROGRAMS LARGELY DRIVEN BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS TO CONTROL STORM WATER RUNOFF FROM ENTERING THE STREAM, AND WE PREVENT POLLUTANTS FROM GETTING THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE AND FINDING STRATEGIES TO TREAT THEM ONCE THEY ARE THERE. WE FOCUS ON EROSION CONTROL. OUR SECOND FUNCTION IS TO WE WORK WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS TO, TO SHARE SCIENCE AND RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE STREAMS AND HELP THE FISH IN THEM. THESE ARE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES LIKE SALMON. THOSE ARE THE STREAMS THERE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT. SO, AS I MENTIONED, THE NEXUS THAT WE HAVE HERE BETWEEN A WATER QUALITY PROGRAM AND ROADS IS THAT THE WATERSHED HEALTH INITIATIVE, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT FUNDING THAT WE GOT LAST YEAR, AND WE HOPE TO, TO DESCRIBE HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS AND, AND WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THAT IN THE FUTURE. I REALIZE THE CULVERTS BY THEMSELVES ARE BORING, JUST PIPES THAT CARRY THE WATER, BUT, THIS IS REALLY ABOUT, ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE STREAMS AND THE FISH THAT DEPEND ON THEM, AND SO LET ME DESCRIBE A BIT ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACT OF THESE CULVERTS ARE IN THE STREAMS, AND GET INTO THE PROJECT, ITSELF, AND WHAT ARE THE GOALS, THE FISH BARRIERS AND DESCRIBE WHERE WE ARE GOING WITH THAT. I WILL DESCRIBE A FEW EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS BRIEFLY THROUGH THE PRESENTATION BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THAT'S AN INTEREST OF THE BOARD. IF THERE ARE FURTHER QUESTIONS AFTER THE PRESENTATION, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO GET INTO THAT. I AM GOING TO KEEP THAT PART A BIT BRIEF.

>>> SO, WE HAVE OUR ROADS BUILT OVER THE STREAMS, AND MANY TIMES THE STREAMS GO UNRECOGNIZED, IF YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE IN THE FOREST, WE KNOW WHAT A STREAM LOOKS LIKE, BUT IN THE LOWLANDS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THAT MAY NOT BE THE CASE. WE FIND THAT SOMETIMES THEY ARE CHANNELIZED, AND THE STREAMS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, AND THERE MAY BE A SEASONAL STREAM RUNNING THROUGH SOMEONE'S BACKYARD OR THE CULTURAL LAND. WE ALSO FIND THAT A STREAM IS OVERGROWN WITH VEGETATION, WITH BLACKBERRY OR IVY, AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE IS THE STREAM AT ALL. SO, THE QUESTION IS, DO THESE STREAMS HAVE VALUE? AND TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, I DID A

FISH SURVEY WITH SOME STATE GRANT MONEY BETWEEN 2010 AND 2012. OUT IN THE FIELD, MORE THAN ONCE, A LANDOWNER ASKS ME, ARE THERE FISH IN THE STREAM? THERE IS NO FISH IN THAT DITCH. I HAVE TO ADMIT, SOMETIMES THESE STREAMS LOOK LIKE DITCHES, BUT IN MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF TIMES, WE -- WELL, IN ALL BUT A HANDFUL OF TIMES, WE DID FIND FISH. WE FOUND COHO LIVING IN PEOPLE'S BACKYARDS, AND ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF FISH. IN FACT, WE HAD 13 DIFFERENT NATIVE FISH THAT WE FOUND ALL TOGETHER. YOU MAY RECOGNIZE IN THE LEFT JUVENILE COHO HERE WITH NATIVE CUT THROAT TROUT, THE COHO ARE ENDANGERED FISH, AND ALSO WE HAVE CHINOOK STADIUM, AND STEELHEAD LISTED ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IN THE COUNTY. MINNOWS ARE ALSO IMPORTANT AND UNRECOGNIZED. BUT HERE'S FOUR EXAMPLES TO THE RIGHT. THESE ARE IMPORTANT FISH FOR FIR-EATING BIRDS AND LARGER ADULT PREDATORY FISH. IN THE BOTTOM LEFT CORNER, WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF A FRESH WATER MUSSEL, ORGANISMS THAT ARE THE MOST ENDANGERED. WE HAVE TWO SPECIES. ONE IN JOHNSON CREEK, AND THIS IS A PHOTO OF A WESTERN PEARL SHELL THAT COULD LIVE UP TO 100 YEARS OLD, AND THIS EXAMPLE HERE IS PROBABLY APPROACHING THAT HERE. NEXT WE HAVE A WESTERN BROOK LAMPREY, AND THESE ARE OLDER THAN DINOSAURS, UNIQUE, AND TWO AMPHIBIANS LISTED AS STATE SENSITIVE SPECIES. THE FROGS AND SOUND MATTERS. NOW, WE REALIZE THAT THERE ARE MANY THREATS TO FISH, NOT JUST CULVERTS, AND MANY OF THESE THREATS, ALL OF THESE THREATS ARE BEING WORKED ON BY OUR PARTNERS WHERE WE HAVE STREAM CHANNELIZATION, AND WE HAVE VEGETATION REMOVED FROM THE STREAM AND, AND WE HAVE EROSION ISSUES IN THE URBAN AND RURAL AREAS, AND WE HAVE IMPACTS FROM STORM WATER THAT MAY LEAD TO THE PREMATURE DEATH OF SALMON. THIS IS WHERE SALMON ARE ON THE OCEAN GOING TO THE STREAMS AND ENCOUNTERING HIGH CONCENTRATIONS, THE POLLUTANTS ARE TOO MUCH, AND THEY CAUSE SEIZURES, AND THEY CAN DIE WITHIN MINUTES OR HOURS. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN AS MUCH AS IT DOES IN THE PUGET SOUND AREA BUT IT IS A CONCERN FOR US. WE ALSO HAVE -- THIS IS A DISCHARGE. AS I MENTIONED, ALL THESE ISSUES ARE BEING DEALT WITH THROUGH OUR PARTNERS DURING THE STREAM RESTORATION, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT. GIVEN THESE IMPACTS, WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE HIGH QUALITY FISH AREAS THAT REMAIN. THIS IS WHERE WE HAVE THE, THE OVERHAND CANOPY TO PROVIDE SHADE FOR THE FISH, AND THE UNDERWATER STORM VEGETATION, TO PROVIDE THE HABITAT, THAT THE FISH NEED AND BEAVER DAMS, THAT PROVIDE A GREAT HABITAT FOR REARING COHO. SO, AS I MENTIONED, WE HAVE THESE STREAMS, THAT ARE IMPORTANT, AND WE HAVE FISH THAT ARE IMPORTANT, AND THE CULVERTS IN BETWEEN THEM, AND THEY DISCONNECT THESE STREAM HABITATS. I THINK THAT IT'S BECAUSE WE HAVE IMPAIRED STREAMS THAT IT MAKES THE STREAMS, OR THESE, THESE HEALTHY HABITATS IMPORTANT, AND BY CONNECTING THEM, WE CAN INCREASE THE POPULATIONS OF THE FISH THAT WE HAVE AND, AND I

THINK THAT THIS IS, EVEN, OUR PRIMARY EQUITY CONCERN HERE, IT'S THAT BY INCREASING THE NUMBERS OF SALMON THAT FOLKS CAN CATCH, THAT, THAT, THAT, THAT ALLOWS US TO, TO KIND OF MORE BROADLY DEMONSTRATE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING THE SERVICE ACROSS THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR NATIVE AMERICANS, WHO RELY ON THOSE FISH, AND THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO THOSE FISH, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES THAT RELY ON THOSE FISH, AS WELL. ONE WAY THAT, THAT THE STREAM REACHES, THE JUMP HEIGHT SHOWN IN THE LEFT PICTURE WHERE A FISH CANNOT MAKE THE JUMP INTO THE CULVERT, AND WE HAVE LOW FLOW ISSUES WHERE A CULVERT IS TOO WIDE AND THE FLOW IS TOO SHALLOW AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR, AND TIMES WHY IT IS TOO NARROW, AND DURING TIMES OF FLOODING, THE VELOCITY IS TOO HIGH AND THE FISH CANNOT PASS THROUGH. OCCASIONALLY, WE HAVE CULVERTS THAT ARE PLUGGED WITH DEBRIS OR SEDIMENT, AND THAT'S A PHYSICAL -- SEDIMENT, AND THAT PREVENTS THE FISH FROM GOING UP THE STREAM. THE CULVERTS HAVE THAT IMPORTANCE FOR FISH BUT ALSO HAVE A HUMAN COMPONENT, AS WELL. THE CULVERTS CAN GET BLOCKED BY DEBRIS FROM BEAVER DAMS, AND EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW THAT BEAVERS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ECO-SYSTEM, THEY PROVIDE THE HABITAT FOR COHO AND OTHER NATIVE FISH, BUT, THERE ARE SOME CASES WHEN THE BEAVER DAMS BLOW OUT AND PLUG THE CULVERTS, AND WE HAVE TO SEND OUR CREWS OUT THERE TO UNPLUG THEM. THAT IS A RISK OF FLOODING FOR THE UPSTREAM NEIGHBOR, AND THEN POTENTIALLY, IN A CATASTROPHIC SENSE, A ROAD COULD BLOW OUT AND CAUSE FLOODING OR PROPERTY DAMAGE FOR THE DOWNSTREAM NEIGHBOR, AS WELL, AND THERE IS SOME EQUITY CONCERNS. IT'S NOT QUITE AS, AS, AS STRAIGHTFORWARD AS THE NUMBERS OF FISH. WE DO HAVE DEBRIS THAT WE CAN USE, BUT THOSE ARE NOT FOOLPROOF, AND THEY LIMIT THE PATCHES OF WOOD NEEDED FOR FISH HABITAT. WE DO HAVE EROSION CONCERNS ON THE UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM SIDE, AND THAT CAN LEAD TO CONCERNS FOR THE UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM NEIGHBORS IN A COMMUNITY. SO, THE SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LIST THAT WAS MISSING, IN MY OPINION, IS THE, AS A FISH BIOLOGIST WAS THE EXTENT OF PASSABILITY, HOW PASSIBLE IS THE CULVERT OR WHAT IS THE DISCONNECT THAT THE CULVERT IS CAUSING? AND TO DO THIS, WE RELIED ON A MORE QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT, AND WE DID THIS USING THE SWIMMING AND JUMPING ABILITIES OF A SIX-INCH TROUT, THIS IS A STANDARD THAT THE STATE OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON USES TO ASSESS HOW PASSIBLE A CULVERT IS. SO, TO ESTABLISH THEIR RULES FOR FISH PATCHES AND DESIGN. WE DON'T USE THE FISH, BUT WE USE THE MEASUREMENTS FROM THE CULVERTS AND THE ABILITIES OF THE FISH, AND WE ARE ABLE TO ASSESS THE DEGREE OF PASSABILITY. OVERALL, WE FOUND 119 CULVERTS THAT PASS FISH, OR THAT ARE ON FISH STREAMS, AND 45% OF THOSE WERE CONSIDERED FULL BARRIERS. THAT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT SIMPLY NO FISH CAN PASS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT, THAT, LIKE ADULT STEELHEAD HAVE REALLY GOOD JUMPING AND

SWIMMING ABILITIES SO THEY MAY BE ABLE TO PASS CERTAIN BARRIERS, BUT BY THE SIX-INCH FISH STANDARD WAS CONSIDERED A, A 45% WERE FULL BARRIERS, AND 40% WERE CONSIDERED PARTIAL BARRIERS, SO AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR, THESE CULVERTS AS SHOWN ON THE LEFT MAY HAVE LOW FLOW AND CAN'T PASS FISH. AND THEN 12% WERE NO BARRIERS. AND AS A FISH BIOLOGIST, THAT IS A REALLY SAD NUMBER TO THINK THAT, THAT 85% IS, IS A BARRIER OF SOME KIND. SO, WHERE DID THESE BARRIERS OCCUR? I HAVE SPLIT THIS INTO TWO TYPES OF STREAMS. ONE KIND OF STREAM HAS FISH THAT GO UP TO SEA AND RETURN TO THE WATER TO SPAWN LIKE SALMON, STEELHEAD AND SEE-RUN CUT THROAT, AND THERE IS SOME STREAMS WITH RESIDENT FISH ONLY, WHERE THERE IS NATURAL BARRIERS LIKE A WATER FALL THAT PREVENTS THE MIGRATION OF THE SALMON OR OTHER FISH, AND THEREFORE, ONLY HAVE NATIVE CUT THROAT OR MINNOWS OR OTHER NATIVE FISH THAT ARE RESIDENT. THE EAST COUNTY HAS QUITE A FEW MORE STREAMS THAN THE WEST COUNTY. THAT'S REFLECTED HERE. THE FISH REACHES 13 MILES, HABITAT BLOCK THERE, AND TEN MILES OF HABITAT BLOCK FOR RESIDENT FISH IN THE EAST COUNTY. AND IN THE WEST COUNTY, JUST TWO MILES IN, AND ONE MILE RESPECTIVELY FOR THE FISH STREAMS AND RESIDENT FISH STREAMS. THE KEY STREAMS HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU IN THE NEXT SLIDE, I HAVE A MAP TO DESCRIBE WHERE THOSE ARE, IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE WATERSHEDS. AND, AND ON THE WEST SIDE, WE HAVE THE MCCARTHY CREEK AND THE ADJACENT STREAMS THAT DISCHARGE TO THE MULTNOMAH CHANNEL. AND THEN ALSO, WE HAVE SOME HEAD WATER TRIBUTARIES FOR THE TUALATIN RIVER IN THE WEST HILLS. AND THEN SOME, SOME WATERSHEDS OF SIGNIFICANCE IN THE EAST SIDE, WE HAVE BEAVER CREEK, JOHNSON CREEK, AND GORDON CREEK. THESE ARE THREE WATERSHEDS WITH SALMON RUNNING. THEN WE ALSO HAVE SMALLER STREAMS IN THE GORGE AND THE LOWER SANDY, AND LARGELY, THOSE ARE JUST RESIDENT FISH ONLY. BUT, AGAIN, THESE ARE SIGNIFICANT FOR FOLKS THAT ARE LIVING THERE AND ALSO FOR THE FISH THAT ARE THERE, AS WELL. SO, WHEN I LOOK AT THE PHOTO REPLACEMENT, THERE IS SOME DESIGN ALTERNATIVES THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, AND PRIMARILY, IT'S, IT'S A CULVERT REPLACED WITH A BRIDGE, AND HERE'S AN EXAMPLE HERE FROM JOHNSON CREEK AT 282nd THAT WE DID. AND ALSO WE CAN DO AN ARCH CULVERT OR A STREAM SIMULATION CULVERT WHERE THE STREAM GRAVELS ARE CONTINUOUSLY RUN THROUGH THE UNDERPASS. WE RECENTLY BUILT A CULVERT LIKE THIS ON STEVENS CREEK FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND. ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE A CULVERT, THAT IS STEEP, YOU CAN INSTALL A CULVERT WITH THESE, AND THAT ALLOWS THE FISH POOLS TO JUMP INTO. TWO WAYS THAT WE CAN ALSO RETROFIT A CULVERT IS BY INSTALLING THEM IN A CULVERT THAT EXISTS OR BY RETROFITTING WITH OUTLET, STEPPED POOLS SO THE FISH HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO, TO MAKE THAT JUMP HEIGHT. SO, NOT ALL CULVERTS ARE EQUAL. SOME HAVE LARGER HABITAT GAINS THAN OTHERS. THEN THAT MEANS THAT THE CULVERT IS LOWERED DOWN IN A SYSTEM, AND SOME ARE HIGHER-UP IN THE SYSTEM. WHEN IT

COMES TO FUNDING, THE STATE PRIORITIES REALLY, REALLY POINT TOWARDS THOSE THAT HAVE LARGE HABITAT GAINS AND, AND FOR US, THAT REALLY MEANS BEAVER CREEK CULVERTS AND GORDON CREEK CULVERTS ON THE EAST SIDE. THAT MONEY IS SLIM, BUT I WILL TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THAT. TO FIND FUNDING FOR THESE CULVERTS, THEY HAVE RELATIVELY SMALL GAINS, THESE ARE NOT GOING TO BE OUR STATE PRIORITIES, BUT THEY ARE GOING TO BE LOCAL PRIORITIES, SO WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO FIND LOCAL FUNDING FOR THOSE, AND THAT'S GOING TO REQUIRE US TO PARTNER CLOSELY WITH OUR LOCAL PARTNERS, SUCH AS METRO, THE STORM WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, AND OUR LOCAL WATERSHED COUNCILS. CULVERT CONDITION IS ALSO A FACTOR, WHETHER YOU HAVE A CULVERT THAT'S PASSING FISH OR NOT. ALL CULVERTS WILL HAVE A LIFE EXPECTANCY, AND WE FIND THAT RUST IN OUR STEEL CULVERTS ARE THE LARGEST CONCERN. WE HAVE A LOT OF CULVERTS THAT ARE, ARE IN GOOD SHAPE, FAIR SHAPE, BUT ALSO A FEW IN POOR SHAPE, AND THOSE ARE GOING TO BECOME A RISK, AND OF COURSE, WE HAVE A CULVERT FAILURE BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION, THAT COULD BE REALLY CATASTROPHIC FOR PEOPLE LIVING UPSTREAM, AND POTENTIALLY, DOWNSTREAM IF A ROAD COULD WASH OUT BEHIND THE WALL OF WATER THAT GETS BACKED UP BEHIND THE ROAD-FILL. ONE OTHER FACTOR IN CULVERT PRIORITIZATION IS PRIVATE CULVERTS, AND THERE ARE MANY OF THESE OUT THERE. THIS EXAMPLE HERE FROM KELLEY CREEK, ONE OF THE MAJOR TRIBUTARIES OF JOHNSON CREEK, THE YELLOW DOT IS A CULVERT THAT WE HAVE ON RICHIE ROAD, AND WE SEE UPSTREAM, THERE ARE SEVERAL CULVERTS ON PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS. SO, IF WE ARE TRYING TO WORK ON THIS CULVERT, SAY, IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD WANT TO WORK IN THIS WHOLE REGION TO CONSIDER ALL THESE CULVERTS TOGETHER SO WE CAN ACHIEVE THE HABITAT GAINS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO REALIZE WITH THIS ONE CULVERT. IT'S IMPORTANT HERE TO REALIZE THAT WE HAVE TO RELY ON OUR LOCAL PARTNERS. THIS YEAR, THIS IS GOOD NEWS, THE JOHNSON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL WAS ABLE TO LEVERAGE THE FUNDING THAT WE PUT FORWARD FOR OUR STUDY TO GET A GRANT TO LOOK AT CULVERTS IN JOHNSON CREEK WATERSHED, SO THEY USED OUR, OUR FUNDS AS A MATCH. THEY HAVE NOW THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND GRESHAM AS PARTNERS, AND WE'LL BE LOOKING AT A PRIORITIZATION FOR CULVERTS, WATERSHED-WIDE IN JOHNSON CREEK, SO WE'RE REALLY LINKED IN WITH THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS REALLY GREAT NEWS.

>> IF A LANDOWNER HAS, HAS A CULVERT OR MAYBE THEY ARE DOING ROADWORK OR WHATEVER, WHAT, WHAT -- AND THEY WANTED TO, TO CONNECT WITH US, WHO SHOULD THEY CALL? WHAT SHOULD THEY DO?

>> THEY SHOULD PROBABLY CALL ME, FIRST OF ALL. [LAUGHTER]

>> I AM THE WATER QUALITY PROGRAMMER, BUT I CAN CONNECT THEM WITH THE COMMUNITY GROUPS, SUCH AS THE WATERSHED COUNCIL IS THE PRIMARY GROUP THERE.

>> AND IF THEY HAVE A -- MY PARENTS DON'T LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT THEY HAVE, YOU KNOW, A WINTER CREEK. AND IF LANDOWNERS WANT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR CREEK AND THEIR LAND, ARE THERE RESOURCES FOR THEM? AGAIN, DO THEY CALL YOU OR DO THEY CALL OTHER FOLKS?

>> YEAH, THEY CAN CALL ME, AND I WILL PUT THEM IN CONTACT WITH DIFFERENT FOLKS. THE EAST MULTNOMAH, IF THEY ARE IN THAT COUNTY.

>>> THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION HAS A GREAT PROGRAM CALLED STREAM CARE WHERE THEY WILL COME TO THE LAND, AND REMOVE ALL THE INVASIVE WEEDS, PLANT WITH NATIVE VEGETATION FOR A CERTAIN BUFFER AND MAINTAIN THAT FOR FIVE YEARS FOR FREE. THEY ALSO HAVE DIFFERENT COST SHARE PROGRAMS FOR DIFFERENT AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES, AND THEY ARE NOW LOOKING AT GETTING INTO THE CULVERT AREA, AS WELL. SO, THAT'S A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP THAT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT HASN'T BEEN FULLY REALIZED YET. WE'RE LOOKING FOR THAT IN THE FUTURE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CAN I ADD A QUESTION. WHEN WE ARE LOOKING ON A CULVERT LIKE THIS SLIDE WE HAVE UP HERE, SO HOW DO WE OUTREACH TO THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS?

>> IN THIS EXAMPLE, THIS IS THE JOHNSON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL SO WE WOULD BE WORKING WITH THEM AND THEY WOULD DO THE OUTREACH.

>> THE CONSERVATION FOLKS DO THE OUTREACH WITH THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS? IS THAT RIGHT?

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION, CHAIR MADRIGAL. OKAY, CAN YOU HELP ME UNDERSTAND, WHAT IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ROLE? I SEE THAT WE PAID FOR ONE-TIME ONLY MONEY TO DO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE CULVERTS. ARE WE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THOSE? WHAT ARE WE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND WHAT DO WE GENERALLY PAY FOR WITH, WITH GENERAL FUNDS OR OTHER GRANTS?

>> RIGHT. SO, THE ROAD SERVICE MAINTAINS AND OPERATES THE CULVERTS AS PART OF HOW WE DO BUSINESS.

>> OK.

>> THIS IS PAID FOR THROUGH THE ROAD FUND. SO, IF WE ARE TRYING TO REPLACE THIS CULVERT, THEN WE NEED TO EITHER PAY THAT OR ATTEMPT TO PAY THAT THROUGH OUR VERY LEAN BUDGET IN ROADS, OR ELSE LOOK FOR GRANT FUNDING TO HELP PAY FOR THAT.

>> Commissioner Smith: DO WE HAVE A SCHEDULE LIKE IN THE MAINTENANCE, AND THE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT? WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO DO SO MANY CULVERTS A YEAR, AND WE BUDGET WE, AS IN THE DEPARTMENT, YOUR DEPARTMENT, BUDGETS HOW MANY CULVERTS YOU ARE GOING TO DO EACH YEAR, IS THAT, IS THERE A SCHEDULE?

>> THERE IS A SCHEDULE, BUT WE DO HAVE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLAN. THAT'S THE LIST THAT LISTS OUT ALL THE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE PLANNED TO DO, IN THE PLANNING PERIOD.

>> Commissioner Smith: WITHIN THE CULVERT AREA OR JUST OVERALL?

>> THERE IS A LIST FOR CULVERTS.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK. OK. THANK YOU.

>> THERE IS NO TIME LINE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT, EXCEPT IN A BROADER SENSE. THAT'S REALLY BECAUSE OF THE CHALLENGE OF FINDING MONEY TO DO THAT.

>> Commissioner Smith: YEAH. THANK YOU.

>> SO, LET ME SUMMARIZE WITH ONE LAST SLIDE. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PRIORITIZATION, PRIORITIZATION HAS A LOT OF COMPONENTS, YOU KNOW. WE LOOK AT IT IN TERMS OF THE HABITAT GAIN AND THE PASSABILITY, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT THE CULVERT CONDITION, AND WE NEED TO GET PRIVATE CULVERTS TO LOOK AT IT AS A WATERSHED-WIDE PIECE. WE'LL BE WRAPPING THAT UP, IN THE SHORT-TERM, THOUGH, UNTIL WE CAN PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THOSE, WE CAN DO THESE RETROFITS AND WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE. THEY HAVE A LOT OF EXPERTISE. NOT ALL CULVERTS CAN BE, BUT WE CAN FIND LOW-COST OPPORTUNITIES, WE LIKE TO DO THAT. IT MAY BE 20 OR 30 YEARS BEFORE WE GET DO A CULVERT, AND IF WE CAN PROVIDE PASSAGE, THAT BENEFITS THE FISH BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE POPULATIONS ARE ON THE DECLINE. IN THE LONG-TERM, THEN, THE GRANT FUNDING, AND TRYING TO FIND A STRATEGY HERE TO, TO PAY FOR THESE CULVERTS, IS GOING TO BE TOUGH BECAUSE THESE ARE

LOCAL PRIORITIES, AND THEY ARE GOING TO REQUIRE LOCAL DOLLARS. THE BOARD PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET US MONEY TO DO THESE SMALL CULVERTS, SO, WORKING WITH METRO, THE STORM WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, AND THE WATERSHED COUNCILS, THIS IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH, BUT WE HAVE TO WORK CLOSER AND TRY TO FIND THAT MONEY. IF YOU NEED MORE DETAILS ON WHERE THE CULVERTS ARE IN YOUR WATERSHEDS, THAT'S IN A REPORT, AND THAT'S POSTED ONLINE ON THE WATER QUALITY WEBSITE, PART OF THE ROAD SERVICES, ON THAT PAGE, AND I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT FISH OR OTHER THINGS NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

>> Commissioner Smith: SO WE HAVE 119 CULVERTS?

>> YES.

>> Commissioner Smith: AND IT TAKES US 20 YEARS TO GO BACK TO A CULVERT?

>> WELL, THAT'S JUST AN EXAMPLE.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK.

>> THE CULVERTS HAVE BEEN IN THE GROUND FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, SOME DATING BACK TO THE 1930s AND 1940s, SO, WE KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME THAT ARE IN WORSE CONDITION THAN OTHERS. SO, THEY MAY NEED ATTENTION MORE QUICKLY THAN OTHERS. BUT, THAT IS THE CULVERT CONDITION PART. SO, THAT'S GOING TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN KIND OF MONEY TO REPAIR THOSE. SO, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIND FISH PASSAGE MONEY IF THERE IS NOT FISH PASSAGE.

>> Commissioner Smith: WE LOOK AT THESE CULVERTS BEFORE 20 OR 30 YEARS. WE MAY NOT FIX THEM TO THE LEVEL THAT WE WANT TO, BUT WE LOOK AT THESE CULVERTS?

>> THAT'S RIGHT. OFTENTIMES WE HAVE LIKE EROSION CONCERNS OR THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT WE MAINTAIN THROUGH THE ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, BUT THE WAY THAT THEY DETERIORATE FROM RUST, THAT HAPPENS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. SO, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE HAD EVALUATIONS IN THE PAST AND UPDATED THAT, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT, AND TRY TO INTEGRATE THAT NOW INTO THIS IDEA OF, OF FISH PASSABILITY SO THAT WE ARE LEVERAGING CERTAIN FUNDS TO, TO REPAIR CERTAIN CULVERTS AT CERTAIN TIMES FOR CERTAIN REASONS.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR, FOR THIS, THIS. THIS IS VERY FASCINATING TO ME BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF THIS IN MY DISTRICT, BUT THIS IS FASCINATING. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WE DID ALL OF THIS.

>> I APPRECIATE THE QUESTIONS.

>> THANK YOU, TOO, AND FOR CLOSING THE LOOP, YOU KNOW, FOR GETTING ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDING AND COMING BACK AND SHOWING THE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE BOARD AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU DID. THAT'S REALLY GREAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. I JUST HAD A QUICK QUESTION. I FIND THIS FASCINATING, TOO, BUT MOST OF THEM ARE IN MY DISTRICTS. [LAUGHTER] BUT, I DO. I JUST NOTICED THAT THERE IS SOME WORK GOING ON, ON TROUTDALE ROAD AROUND BEAVER CREEK. IS THAT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CULVERTS OR ANYTHING?

>> I WISH THAT I COULD SAY IT WAS, BUT THAT'S A SIDEWALK PROJECT TO IMPROVE A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. BUT, WE WILL BE DOING A PROJECT THERE --

>> WE'RE DOING ANOTHER ONE -- WE JUST DID A SIDEWALK ONE FARTHER UP, AND THIS IS THE SIDEWALK.

>> I AM GLAD YOU BRING THAT UP BECAUSE I WANTED TO MENTION, WE HAVE FUNDING FOR THE BEAVER CREEK CULVERT AT STARK STREET THAT WE GOT THROUGH METRO. WE HAVE PLANS TO LEVERAGE THAT MONEY TO GET MORE GRANT FUNDS TO DO THE ADJACENT CULVERTS UPSTREAM AND DOWN THE STREAM. THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE HAPPENING, I THINK, 2015 AND 2016, IT WILL BE BIG CONSTRUCTION YEARS. WE'RE GOING TO SEE SOME FISH PASSAGES IMPROVEMENT WHILE WE ARE LOOKING FOR FUNDING, SO, WE'RE GOING TO STAY BUSY.

>> A QUICK QUESTION. I LIVE NEAR THE WEST MARLIN PARK, SO I'VE BEEN WATCHING THAT OVER THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS. IT HAS BEEN FASCINATING. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE A BETTER GROUNDING ON IT. I AM CURIOUS WHAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS WITH PARKS BOTH IN PORTLAND, GRESHAM AND, AND IT LOOKED LIKE THERE IS OVERLAP WITH, WITH TUALATIN PARKS AND REC ON THE WEST SIDE IN TERMS OF LOOKING FOR FUNDING OR, OR PARTNERSHIPS.

>> RIGHT, COMPETING FOR FUNDING, I THINK. [LAUGHTER]

>> RATHER THAN LEVERAGING?

>> WE DO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR LOCAL PARTNERS, AND I WOULD SAY PARTICULARLY, LIKE IN JOHNSON CREEK, OR BEAVER CREEK, WE WORK WITH THE CITIES OF GRESHAM AND PORTLAND AND THE WATERSHED COUNCILS

AND THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT, THAT WE, BASICALLY, COORDINATE OUR ACTIONS TOGETHER, SO FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE ARE DOING A CULVERT PROJECT, WE MAY NOT WANT A STAND ALONE PROJECT, BUT WE WANT TO RESTORE THIS, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AND WE ARE GOING TO DO REVEGETATION AND IN-STREAM HABITAT WORK AND REALLY SELL THE PROJECT AS A BIG STREAM RESTORATION THING. SO, WE'RE DOING THAT NOW WITH, WITH BEAVER CREEK INTERESTS AND, AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS DOWN THE STREAM IN JOHNSON CREEK. WITH SOME OF THE FOLKS LIKE PARKS, THOSE FOLKS KIND OF HAVE A DIFFERENT OBJECTIVE TO MAINTAIN THE UPLAND PARKS, SO I DON'T PARTICULARLY WORK WITH THEM, BUT ANYBODY WHO IS DOING STUFF IN-STREAM OR ON THE STREAM SIDE IS A PARTNER WITH ME, AND I HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK TO TRY TO REACH OUT TO THOSE FOLKS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GREAT.

>> THANKS.

>> THANKS VERY MUCH.

>> AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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