

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Commissioner Diane McKeel was excused.

Also attending was Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

B.1 Board Briefing: Future of Oregon Families - Report from Concordia University and Trillium Family Services. Sponsor: Chair Cogen. Presenters: Gary Withers, Vice President, External Affairs of Concordia University; and, Kim Scott, President and CEO of Trillium Family Services.

Mr. Scott provided the introduction and explained that their Scenario Planning report highlights the key findings and objectives of a three day event led by Concordia University and Trillium. This event convened over thirty leaders from the business, nonprofit, education, judicial, and human services sectors to consider how to better prepare today to serve Oregon's most vulnerable families in the future.

Mr. Withers spoke about drivers and uncertainties affecting the future of Oregon families that were identified by event participants. Some of the drivers included scarcity of resources; looming public debt; lack of innovative public and private leadership; and lack of cheap energy. Uncertainties included whether new leadership will emerge, without special interests; the changing role of government; and America's role in the world.

Mr. Scott discussed the different scenarios identified by event participants. The participants predicted what would happen at a macro level across the state, and to vulnerable families. The four scenarios considered whether or not Oregon is in control of its own fate by 2025, and whether the economy is in good or bad condition.

Mr. Withers explained that the summit was the first step in creating a vision that can help families in Oregon, but it wasn't intended to be final solution. He spoke about the next steps event participants are taking to continue the process, such as engaging other leaders and working toward developing a broader, statewide vision for change.

Messrs. Scott and Withers responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by:
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