

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, December 2, 2014**

BOARD BRIEFING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Commissioner Jules Bailey was excused.

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

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B.1 LPSCC - Board Briefing on FY2015 Budget Note BN #3 – Briefing on Feasibility Assessment: Mental Health Jail Diversion. Briefing Pertaining to a Budget Modification Requesting \$100,000 for a Feasibility Assessment for Mental Health Jail Diversion from General Fund Contingency. Presenters: Lore Joplin, Principal, Lore Joplin Consulting.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD BRIEFING ON FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT, MENTAL HEALTH JAIL DIVERSION.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AS THE BOARD MAY RECALL, THERE IS AN ANTICIPATION OF SOME WORK GOING FORWARD, INCLUDING A COLLABORATIVE LOOK AT THE PROGRAM IN BAER COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF ATTENTION AS A COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATING MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE. SO AFTER YEARS AND YEARS OF HEARING FROM GROUPS LIKE THE CORRECTIONS GRAND JURY, YEAR AFTER YEAR, THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES HAVE BECOME THE DEFAULT ASYLUM AND TREATMENT CENTERS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL IN OUR COMMUNITY, THIS BOARD TOOK THAT ACTION IN THE LAST BUDGET SESSION AND WE HIRED LORI JOPLIN OF LORI JOPLIN CONSULTING AND SADLY WE'RE WITHOUT ABBEY STAMP TODAY. I HOPE SHE'S FEELING BETTER, WHEREVER YOU ARE, I'M SURE YOU'RE LISTENING, THERE'S A RED BALLOON FLOATING IN THE BUILDING SORT OF SYMBOLIZING ABBEY FOR OUR MEETING TODAY. BUT WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED THROUGH WITHOUT HER, AND I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN YOU, LORI. WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ADO, WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE US TO YOUR FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT.

Ms. Joplin: GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. CHAIR

AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M LORI JOPLIN, I'M WITH JOPLIN CONSULTING. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY TO PROVIDE THE BRIEFING ON THE BEGINNING OF THE JAIL DIVERSION FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT. ABBEY WASN'T HERE, ABLE TO JOIN US THIS MORNING, SO I'M GOING TO PINCH IT FOR HER PIECES. BUT I WANT TO START OUT JUST TALKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE. SO THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP FROM A BUDGET NOTE FOR THE 2015 BUDGET TO LOOK AND DO AN ASSESSMENT OF KIND OF WHERE THE COUNTY IS IN TERMS OF ITS JAIL DIVERSION FOR DEFENDANTS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. THERE WAS A SITE VISIT, SOME FOLK FROM THE COUNTY WENT TO BAER COUNTY, TEXAS, TO LOOK AT THEIR JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS. NOT NECESSARILY TO REPLICATE IT, BUT TO LOOK AT PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES THAT MIGHT BE GLEANED FROM THIS YOU. AND WE'RE LOOKING AT OTHER PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTY AND AS WELL AS PART OF OUR LITERATURE REVIEW ON THIS. I'LL TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT. EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A COUGH, SO I'VE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP THAT DOWN.

Ms. Joplin: SO THERE WAS \$100,000 SET ASIDE IN GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS AND CONVINCE STAKEHOLDERS TO COMPLETE THE ASSESSMENT. WE'RE TO LOOK AT THE CURRENT JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS, WHAT'S OUT THERE FOR THIS POPULATION, WHAT'S AVAILABLE, WHAT IS THE CAPACITY. AND LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY NEED THE SERVICES. DO WE HAVE PEOPLE IN THE JAIL THAT ARE THERE FOR REASONS THAT -- IF NOT FOR THEIR MENTAL HEALTH STATUS, WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO THE COMMUNITY. DO WE HAVE PEOPLE IN THERE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION IF NOT FOR THEIR MENTAL HEALTH STATUS. ARE THERE PEOPLE, WHAT DO THE NUMBERS LOOK LIKE AND THOSE ARE PEOPLE IN THE FRONT. SO PRETRIAL DETAINEES, AND PROBATIONERS RECEIVING TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS AND BEING HELD IN THE JAIL. WE WOULD LOOK AT THOSE NUMBERS AND ALSO LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO SUSTAIN THESE NUMBERS. WHAT'S AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY, WHAT ARE THE RESOURCES BEING INVESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THIS POPULATION. THE LAST PIECE THERE IS LOOK AT POTENTIAL SAVINGS, IF YOU WERE ABLE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JAIL. ARE THERE ANY POTENTIAL SAVINGS, ARE YOU ABLE TO REACH CRITICAL MASS OR ANY KIND OF COST SHIFT THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO OCCUR.

SO THAT'S THE HIGH LEVEL REVIEW OF WHERE WE ARE GOING WITH THIS. FEEL FREE FOR INTERRUPT ME AS YOU GO IF WE HAVE QUESTIONS. I WAS SELECTED AS THE PREAPPROVED CONTRACTOR PROCESS FOR THIS PROCESS. THERE'S ONGOING CONSULTATION WITH COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND ABBEY STAMP OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL. ONE OF THE REASONS THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IS THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF GOING ON AROUND MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW. THE LOSS OF INITIATIVES, AND IT'S REALLY

IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ALIGNED AND THAT THEY ARE WORKING TOGETHER AND NOT AT CROSS-PURPOSES. AS TO ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT AS WE WORK ON THIS PROJECT IS TO MAKE SURE IT'S IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE OTHER WORK THAT'S GOING ON. WE'VE MADE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO DO THAT.

Ms. Joplin: ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THAT PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF DOING THAT, AND YOU HAVE SUCH A GREAT HISTORY AND SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION. SO I'VE BEEN ABLE TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE BOTH FROM THE CITY AND ACROSS THE COUNTY AND PROVIDERS IN THE COMMUNITY. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED, WILLING TO COLLABORATE, WILLING TO PROVIDE INPUT. I'M GOING TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT HOW THAT'S GOING AS I MOVE FORWARD. YOU WILL SEE THERE'S A BUDGET MODIFICATION COMING TO YOU ON THURSDAY FOR A VOTE. AND THEN WE -- THIS PROJECT STARTED IN THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER AND WILL HAVE A FINAL REPORT DUE ON JANUARY 30th. SO IT'S A QUICK TIME FRAME BUT WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH RECOMMENDATIONS BY THAT JANUARY 30th DATE. THAT'S KIND OF OUR TIME FRAME. ANYTHING THAT I'M MISSING, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK?

Commissioner Shiprack: IT SOUNDS REALLY GOOD TO ME SO FAR.

Ms. Joplin: OKAY. SO THE PROJECT STATUS UPDATE. I HANDED OUT A MAP AND THIS IS A SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MAP. THIS IS BASICALLY, WE'RE USING THIS AS FRAMEWORK TO HELP TALK ABOUT THE SYSTEM WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS PROJECT. AND OUR MAIN FOCUS, YOU'LL SEE THE MAP BREAKS OUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INTO FIVE INTERCEPTS. INTERCEPT 1 IS THE BEGINNING PHASE, REALLY FOCUSED ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. SO THAT ARREST PHASE AND WHETHER OR NOT SOMEONE GETS TAKEN TO JAIL OR TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, THAT PIECE. AND INTERCEPT 2 IS THE INITIAL DETENTION AND COURT HEARING. WHAT HAPPENS, IS THEY ARE RELEASED ON THEIR OWN RECOGNIZANCES, RELEASED ON PRE-TRIAL SUPERVISION, WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT INITIAL PHASE. INTERCEPT THREE IS THE COURT PROCESS, WHILE INTERCEPT 4 IS THEY ARE STARTING THE RE-ENTRY PROCESS BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY. INTERCEPT 5 IS COMMUNITY SUPERVISION. OUT ON PROBATION, POST-PRISON SUPERVISION AND THE WORK THAT HAPPENS THERE. THIS IS MOSTLY FOCUSED ON INTERCEPT 1 AND 2. FROM THE FIRST CONTACT WITH POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BOOKING AND WHAT HAPPENS AT RECOGNIZANCE RELEASE AND PRETRIAL RELEASE. AND AGAIN ON INTERCEPT 5, WHAT HAPPENS WITH TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS WITH PROBATION AND SUPERVISION. SO 1, 2 AND 5. WE REALLY JUST USE THIS AS A FLAMEWORK FOR OUR CONVERSATION. SO THIS -- THE PROJECT --

ABBEY AND I TALKED A LITTLE ABOUT CONVERSATIONS THAT YOU'VE HAD AS A BOARD PROPOSAL ABOUT HAVING A SHARED VALUE OF DIVERSION,

DIVERTING THE RIGHT PEOPLE FROM JAIL. WE KNOW SOME PEOPLE NEED TO BE HELD IN THE JAIL FOR PUBLIC SAFETY REASONS, AND WE HAVE -- MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS VERY PROGRESSIVE AND FORWARD-THINKING AROUND HAVING A PRETRIAL ASSESSMENT TOOL IN PLACE, AND USING THOSE TOOLS TO MAKE DECISIONS. BUT THERE'S ALSO FOLKS WE KNOW WE CAN DIVERT FROM JAIL AND NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT PUBLIC SAFETY. SO THAT NOT ONLY SAVES US MONEY BUT IT HELPS THOSE FOLKS BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE COMMUNITY. WE KNOW FROM THE RESEARCH THAT IT ACTUALLY REDUCES THEIR CHANCES AT RECIDIVISM THE LESS TIME THEY STAY IN JAIL OR PRISON. THAT'S A VALUE WE HAVE AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT.

Ms. Joplin: SO THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROJECT IS, WE ARE CONDUCTING A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS. WE'RE INTERVIEWING 24 PEOPLE, WE HAVE 20 INTERVIEWS, SOME ARE GROUP INTERVIEWS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY, DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, PROVIDERS IN THE COMMUNITY, A WIDE RANGE OF FOLKS. WE'RE ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH THOSE INTERVIEWS. I DON'T WANT TO GUESS -- WE DON'T HAVE A PRELIMINARY THEME YET BUT IT'S REALLY FASCINATING. AFTER WE'RE HALFWAY THROUGH I SEE THEMES BUBBLING UP, WHICH IS VERY EXCITING. I'M JUST AMAZED AT HOW MUCH WORK IS GOING ON OUT THERE. THERE'S A BIG COMMITMENT AND A LARGE INVESTMENT OF RESOURCES AND GRANTS THAT HAVE COME INTO THE COUNTY. SO IT'S A REALLY OPPORTUNE TIME TO REALLY TAKE A LOOK AND MAKE SURE THOSE ARE ALL IN ALIGNMENT AND SEE IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC GAPS THAT CAN MEET THIS POPULATION THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING.

THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS WHEN I'M TALKING WITH THEM, I'M ASKING WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE TO CURRENTLY DIVERT INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS FROM THE JAIL, WHAT ARE THE MAIN STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM HERE AND HOW IT WORKS TODAY. ARE THERE SERVICE GAPS THAT YOU SEE? FOR EXAMPLE, DO YOU SEE SERVICE GAPS, DO YOU SEE PEOPLE THAT NEED SOMETHING THAT THEY AREN'T ABLE TO GET IT. AND THEN WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR FILLING THOSE GAPS. ANOTHER QUESTION IS WHAT ARE -- ARE THERE ANY POLICY CHANGES, HIGH LEVEL SYSTEM POLICY CHANGES THAT COULD IMPROVE THE SYSTEM. AND THE WAY THINGS WORK. SO THOSE ARE THE OVERVIEW OF THE QUESTIONS. WE ARE ALSO CONCURRENTLY DOING A LITERATURE REVIEW, A BRIEF LITERATURE REVIEW. THE PURPOSE IS REALLY TO LOOK AT WHAT IS THE RESEARCH OUT THERE AROUND EFFECTIVENESS OF JAIL DIVERSION, IN TERMS OF RECIDIVISM, REDUCING RECIDIVISM, IMPACTING MENTAL ILLNESS AND WHAT ARE THE COST BENEFITS, EFFECTIVENESS. AND THEN ALSO FOR FOLKS BEING HELD IN THE JAIL, WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS ON THEIR MENTAL HEALTH STATUS WHILE THEY ARE IN JAIL. IN ADDITION, WE'RE LOOKING AT BEST PRACTICES.

SO THERE WAS A TRIP TO BAER COUNTY BUT THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT ARE DOING SIMILAR WORK AND HAVING SUCCESS. WE'RE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT PROGRAMS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. CONNECTICUT HAS BEEN DOING MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION OUT OF THEIR JAILS, THEY ARE A CENTRALIZED STATE. THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR HEALTH DIVERSION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THERE'S A PROGRAM UP IN SEATTLE, MULTIPLE PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. WE'RE LOOKING AT THOSE REALLY TO SEE IF THERE ARE PRINCIPLES OR SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES WE CAN LEARN FROM, AND GLEAN OUT OF THAT WORK. SO WE'RE WORKING ON THE INTERVIEWS, WE'RE WORKING ON THE LITERATURE REVIEW. AND THEN JUST LAST WEEK WE STARTED MEETING WITH THE COUNTY FOLKS TO START DOING THE DATA ANALYSIS, DATA COLLECTION.

Ms. Joplin: WHAT KIND OF DATA DO WE HAVE AVAILABLE. WE IDENTIFIED THREE POPULATIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON, AND THOSE INCLUDE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN ASSESSED BY PRETRIAL BUT ARE STILL IN THE JAIL. WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THOSE FOLKS. WHY ARE THEY STILL IN JAIL. WHAT ARE THE DECISIONS ABOUT KEEPING THEM IN JAIL. OFTEN THEIR ASSESSMENT SCORE WAS HIGHER THAN THE AGREED-UPON CUTOFF SORROW IT COULD BE A CHARGE-BASED DECISION. SO THERE ARE LOTS OF REASONS WHY THEY CONTINUE TO HOLD THEM IN THE JAIL. WE WANT TO KIND OF PARSE THAT OUT, ARE THERE FOLKS THEY CONTINUE TO HOLD BECAUSE OF THE MENTAL ILLNESS OR THEY ARE SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS AND WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE AND WHAT CAN WE LOOK AT IN TERMS OF THAT POPULATION.

Commissioner Smith: MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION QUICKLY. THEN THE ABILITY FOR AN INMATE TO GO AND GET HOUSING, IS THAT AN ISSUE CONSIDERED ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE STILL KEPT IN THE JAIL OR NOT?

Ms. Joplin: I THINK -- THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE TRYING TO EXPLORE THAT DOES COME UP. AND I THINK -- I MEAN, IT'S DEFINITELY AN ISSUE. YOU HAVE FOLKS THAT DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO, SO DO YOU KEEP THEM IN THE JAIL OR DO YOU RELEASE THEM. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS AS WE DO THE DATA COLLECTIONS THAT WE'LL BE COLLECTING. WHY IS IT IF THEY MET ALL THE OTHER CRITERIA BUT WERE STILL HELD, WHY IS THAT? I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE HOUSING ISSUE AS WE'VE BEEN DOING THE INTERVIEWS. LOW BARRIER, THE NEED FOR NO BARRIER HOUSING. THAT'S DEFINITELY COME UP THROUGH THE CONVERSATION.

SO THERE'S THAT POPULATION. AND THEN THERE'S ANOTHER POPULATION THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT, WHICH ARE FOLKS WHO WERE NOT SELECTED FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S CLOSED STREET SUPERVISION PROGRAM, AND TO LOOK AT -- WHAT WERE THE CRITERIA USED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR

NOT YOU WERE ACCEPTED. FOR THOSE NOT ACCEPTED, WERE THERE ISSUES OF MENTAL ILLNESS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THAT REFUSAL TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. WE'RE TRYING TO COLLECT DATA AND DO ANALYSIS AROUND THOSE POPULATIONS SO WE CAN IDENTIFY WHAT DO THE NUMBERS LOOK LIKE, WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE, AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO INCREASE CAPACITY OR RESOURCES, IF THAT'S WARRANTED TO PROVIDE THEM SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY.

Ms. Joplin: SO THAT'S THE DATA COLLECTION GROUP. ONCE WE GET THOSE THREE PIECES OF DATA, THOSE THREE COMPONENTS DONE, WE WILL BE CONVENING AND SET OF STAKEHOLDERS TO LOOK AT THOSE AND REVIEW THAT INFORMATION, AND DEVELOP SOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO BRING BACK TO YOU BY THE JANUARY 30th DATE. SO IT'S A QUICK TIMELINE AND WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO. EVERYONE'S OUT THERE WORKING ALREADY ON THESE PIECES SO THAT'S KIND OF THE QUICK OVERVIEW. OF WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW. ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Shiprack: MADAME CHAIR, IF I COULD MAKE A COMMENT. PART OF THE STRENGTH OF THIS EVALUATION OFFER TO ME THAT WE HAVE THAT IS SPECIFIC, REALLY, LORE, TO YOU AND YOUR SERVICE, THAT IS YOU HAVE A NATIONAL REACH. AND IT'S SO HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO DIP INTO OTHER PROGRAMS AROUND THE COUNTRY, BECAUSE MULTNOMAH COUNTY ISN'T UNIQUE IN HAVING THIS PROBLEM. IT'S A PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN DEFINED OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AS WE'VE SORT OF GAZED INTO THE PROBLEM, WE'VE SORT OF FORGOTTEN THAT OUR REAL ASSIGNMENT HERE IS TO FIND A SOLUTION, NOT TO CONTINUE TO GAZE AT THE PROBLEM. SO I THINK THAT FIRST JUST GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIP INTO THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THE PROBLEM IS BEING ADDRESSED. AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SORT OF PICK OUT THE BEST IN TERMS OF HOW THEY FIT IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND BRING THEM -- AND BRING THEM INTO PRACTICE.

THE ADVANTAGE THAT WE'VE GOT TO TALK ABOUT, THERE IS A REAL LIGHT BEING SHOWN ON THE ISSUE STATEWIDE, SO THE LEGISLATURE IS VERY MOTIVATED TO ADDRESS THIS, AS WELL. AND SPECIFICALLY TO LOOK AT COMMUNITY BASED TREATMENT MODELS. AND JUST A COMMENT, ASIDE FROM THIS BRIEFING, WHEN WE HEAR FROM OUR FOLKS IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH, THEIR COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FROM PROGRAMS LIKE NAMI, FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT WE HEAR ABOUT IS THAT WE HAVE A RECOVERY MODEL. AND TREATMENT WORKS.

SO IF WE WERE TO NOW MERGE THOSE SYSTEMS TOGETHER, WHAT WE END UP WITH IS A PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TREATMENT WORKS AND SENDS FOLKS -- INSTEAD OF AN EMERGENCY DISCHARGE AT 2:00 A.M., YOU JUST GET PUT BASICALLY ON THE STREET, WHAT THIS DOES IS IT BRINGS INTO THE JAIL THE CAPACITY THAT THEY NEED

IN THEIR DISCHARGE PLANNING, FOR EXAMPLE TO RELEASE SOMEONE INTO HOUSING, AS COMMISSIONER SMITH JUST POINTED OUT. AND WE HAVE ALSO NOW IMPROVED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE. WE'RE REALLY AT A TIPPING POINT MOMENT IN TERMS OF SERVICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PROBLEM, AND IN TERMS OF HAVING REALLY A STATEWIDE WILL TO MOVE FORWARD.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE PRESENTATION THIS MORNING. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN IDENTIFYING THE TOOLS THAT WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY DIVERSION OPTIONS. AND THE QUESTION THAT I HAD WAS, DO WE CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW -- THE MONEY THAT WE'RE GOING TO USE FOR THIS, THIS IS NOT COMING OUT OF ANY EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET, THIS IS MONEY THAT WE PUT INTO CONTINGENCIES TO DO THIS ASSESSMENT TOOL, CORRECT?

Ms. Joplin: THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. THERE WAS \$100,000 SET ASIDE AND THIS CONTRACT IS \$62,000 OF THAT.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY, GOOD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

Vice-Chair McKeel: THANK YOU. CHAIR? AND THIS MAYBE -- LPSCC IS DOING THE DATA ANALYSIS?

Ms. Joplin: IT'S COMING FROM MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAD DISCUSSED, THE DATA IS STILL PRETTY SILOED IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO COLLECT IT. IT'S COMING FROM DCJ, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IT'S COMING FROM -- AND THEN WHAT WE'LL DO IS COME BACK TOGETHER AND CAN WE MAKE THE CONNECTION WITH SOME OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DATA, SO THAT PIECE HE IS TRYING TO -- THE MOST COMPLICATED PIECE IS MOVING FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY DATA AND MAKING SOME CONNECTION WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Vice-Chair McKeel: OKAY, THAT'S GREAT. I ALSO LIKE THAT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING LOOK AT THE HIGH-LEVEL POLICY CHANGES THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE MADE, I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO US. AND I'M ALWAYS INTERESTED IN HOW WE GO UPSTREAM OF THIS ISSUE. SO I'M SURE THAT WILL BE A PART OF YOUR ANALYSIS, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: AND JUST TO CLARIFY THE TIME LINE, YOU SAID YOU WILL BE FINISHED WITH THIS BY THE END OF JANUARY?

Ms. Joplin: YES.

Chair Kafoury: EXCELLENT. GOOD NEWS. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? NO? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'VE GOT TO LET YOU GET BACK TO WORK.

Ms. Joplin: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL POUNDED]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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