

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

BOARD BRIEFING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran and Commissioner Loretta Smith and Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson present.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. AS IT IS TUESDAY, WE'RE HERE FOR A BOARD BRIEFING. WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE OUR FRIENDS FROM THE GATEWAY CENTER TO TALK ABOUT THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE. [LAUGHTER]

Rose Bak: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. I'M ROSE BAK. I'M JOINED BY MARTHA STRAWN MORRIS, DIRECTOR, GATEWAY CENTER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES, TIFFANY IS A PARTICIPANT AND JOHN IS A DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION SERVICES HERE TO GIVE YOU A BRIEFING ON THE GATEWAY CENTER. LONG BEFORE WE CREATED THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES THE CITY AND COUNTY PARTNERED ON ANOTHER PROJECT, THE GATEWAY CENTER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES SINCE 2010 IT HAS SERVED AS A ONE-STOP SERVICE CENTER. THEY SERVE AS A CRITICAL ANCHOR IN OUR CONTINUUM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES. SURVIVORS WHO VISIT THIS GATEWAY CENTER CAN ENGAGE IN SAFETY PLANNING SERVICES, OBTAIN A RESTRAINING ORDER, RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, OBTAIN ASSISTANCE WITH FINANCES OR EMPLOYMENT, SEEK LEGAL SERVICES AND MUCH MORE. IT'S REALLY A NATIONAL MOTELS FOR SERVICES.

THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A PARTNER IN THE GATEWAY CENTER SINCE INCEPTION. OUR COMMITMENT INCLUDES PROVIDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE, I.T. SUPPORT, SECURITY FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FUNDING FOR SEVERAL SERVICE COMPONENTS INCLUDING A POSITION FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, FUNDING FOR CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES, FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND FUNDING AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT POSITIONS FOR LGBT SURVIVORS. MARTHA AND HER TEAMWORK CLOSELY WITH ME AND MY TEAM AND DCHS, AND WITH THE JOINT OFFICE TEAM. AS THE DIRECTOR MARTHA PROVIDES LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY INCLUDING SPEARHEADING OUR SYSTEM'S MOVE TO COORDINATED ACCESS FOR HOUSING, PARTICIPATING IN OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY RE SCREW ECONOMY MY AND ON THE COORDINATING

BOARD FOR HOME FOR EVERYONE. KRISTIN AND SHE ARE VERY ACTIVE PARTNERS IN OUR WORK. TODAY MARTHA WILL TELL YOU ABOUT THE GREAT WORK HAPPENING AT THE GATEWAY CENTER INCLUDING OUR RECENT OUTCOME DATA AND INFORMATION ON OUR PARTNERSHIPS AND SERVICES AND AN UPDATE ON PENDING RENEWAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY. JOHN WILL TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES AND HOW LEGAL NEEDS WORK DIFFERENTLY IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POPULATION. FINALLY TIFFANY WILL SHARE A POWERFUL STORY OF HER EXPERIENCE MOVING THROUGH OUR SERVICE SYSTEM.

Martha Strawn Morris: CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, GOOD MORNING. I'M REALLY PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND THIS TIME WITH YOU TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE GATEWAY CENTER. I'M GOING TO SHARE BRIEFLY ABOUT THE HISTORY, A LITTLE BACKGROUND. THE BULK OF MY PRESENTATION WILL BE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON CURRENTLY OR IN THE PRESENT THEN FINISH WITH A GLIMPSE AT THE FUTURE FOR THE GATEWAY CENTER. BUT BEFORE I START I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ROSE FOR THE KIND INTRODUCTION AND KICKING US OFF, ALL AROUND BEING A TERRIFIC PARTNER. THANK YOU. FIRST A BRIEF HISTORY. THE NOTION OF A ONE-STOP SHOP FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS BORN IN SAN DIEGO IN 2001 SPEARHEADED BY A PROSECUTOR THERE.

PRETTY QUICKLY THE LOCAL FAMILY COORDINATING COUNCIL HERE NOTICED IT AS AN IDEA AND ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF ONE STOP SHOP OF IDEA PUTTING DIFFERENT SERVICES TOGETHER IN ONE SPACE. THEN IN 2008, COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN SECURED AN INVESTMENT FROM THE CITY TO HAVE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO LOOK WHETHER IT WAS VIABLE AND WOULD BE BENEFICIAL LOCALLY. THE FEASIBILITY STUDY LARGELY AGREED THAT OUR COMMUNITY WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY SUCH A CENTER, SO BASED ON THOSE POSITIVE ASSESSMENTS THE CITY MADE A LARGE INVESTMENT IN 2009 TO START UP WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE GATEWAY CENTER. AT THAT TIME IT WAS STILL CALLED THE DB1 STOP SHOP T. THEY HIRED ME AND NOT TOO LONG AFTER WE IDENTIFIED THE FACILITY ON 102ND AND EAST BURNSIDE OWNED BY THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY MADE THAT BUILDING, A LARGE BUILDING, 11,000 SQUARE FEET, AVAILABLE FOR US TO OPERATE IN. WE HAD TO REMODEL IT. IT WAS FORMERLY A RESIDENTIAL CENTER FOR CHILDREN. TO MAKE IT A VIABLE OFFICE SPACE WE MADE LARGE INVESTMENTS IN THE REMODELS, SO THAT TOOK TIME AS WELL AS FORMING PARTNERSHIPS AND FIGURES OUT HOW THE SERVICES WERE GOING TO RUN WE WERE NOT ABLE TO OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2010.

THAT WAS ALMOST EIGHT YEARS AGO NOW. MOVING ON, I'M GOING TO TALK MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE SERVICES LATER IN THE PRESENTATION, BUT RIGHT NOW I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THEM WITH A BROAD BRUSH. I CAN THANK MY PARTNERS. MOST PEOPLE ORIGINALLY COMING INTO THE CENTER

FOR WHAT I THINK OF AS SAFETY SERVICES, SAFETY SERVICES INCLUDE RESTRAINING ORDERS, DANGER ASSESSMENT, SAFETY PLANNING AMONG OTHERS. THESE SERVICES ARE SAFETY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON A DROP-IN FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. WE COULD NOT PROVIDE SAFETY SERVICES WITHOUT THE ADVOCATES FROM NAYA, BRADLEY ENGLE, IRCO, SELF-ENHANCEMENT, INC., AND THE YWCA.

Martha Strawn Morris: THEY COME TO OUR BUILDING TO WORK AS WE CALL THEM NAVIGATORS WHEN WORKING IN OUR CENTER. THEY ARE OUR FRONT LINE SAFETY SERVICE STAFF. THE GATEWAY CENTER IS ALSO PROUD TO HOUSE A VARIETY OF WRAP-AROUND AND STABILITY SERVICES INCLUDING THERAPEUTIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS, THREE TYPES OF LEGAL SERVICE, ACCESS TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICE, HOUSING, ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, ACCESS TO OREGON HEALTH PLAN AND FOOD ASSISTANCE ON SITE. THE GATEWAY CENTER WOULD NOT BE THE GATEWAY CENTER WITHOUT IMPACT NORTHWEST. LIFE WORK NORTH WEST, OREGON DEBT OF HIEWPT SERVICES LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON, OREGON CRIME VICTIMS LAW CENTER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DISABILITY AWARENESS RESOURCE TEAM, MIC CIRCUIT COURT AND POLICE BUREAU.

I THANK MY PARTNERS FOR THE ENERGY AND SPIRIT THEY BRING TO THE WORK AT THE GATEWAY CENTER. WE'RE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND HAVE A DROP-IN CHILD CARE. I WANT TO THANK VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CHILD RELIEF NURSERY FOR CHILD CARE WE CAN RELY ON. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK RIDE SHARE AND LYFT AND FOOD BANK FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR KITCHEN STOCKED. NOW THAT YOU HAVE HAD BRIEF BACKGROUND I'M GOING TO SHARE SOME SPECIFIC DATA. FIRST HOW PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT THE CENTER. THEY LEARN ABOUT THE CENTER IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. THE BIGGEST CHUNK, 34% PARTICIPANTS, TELL US THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE GATEWAY CENTER FROM A SERVICE PROVIDER. SO I THINK THIS INDICATES A HIGH LEVEL OF STORM STICK VIOLENCE CONSCIOUSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY, PROVIDERS THAT DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE THAT'S NEEDED. WE ALSO GET A LOT OF REFERRALS FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SO WE'RE A TRUSTED SERVICE PROVIDER FOR MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

BUT THE THIRD LARGEST CATEGORY OF REFERRALS COME FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE 23% THAT'S INDICATED ON THAT RED PIECE OF THE PIE TRANSLATES INTO 378 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS THAT LEARNED ABOUT THE GATEWAY CENTER FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVENTION. IN THAT WAY I CONSIDER US AN EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM AND WE KNOW THAT PUBLIC SAFETY INTERVENTIONS ARE COSTLY AND OFTEN INDICATE A HIGH LEVEL OF DANGER. I'M VERY GLAD WE'RE THERE FOR POLICE TO SEND FOLKS TO. WE DRAW WIDE VARIETY OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN TERMS OF

RACE. I WON'T READ ALL THE NUMBERS. YOU CAN SEE 20% OF OUR PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFY AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN. 14% IDENTIFY AS LATIN, 11% IDENTIFY AS MULTI RACIAL. OVER ALL MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE WE SERVE ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR.

Martha Strawn Morris: THOUGH IT'S NOT CLEAR ON THIS SLIDE APPROXIMATELY 7% OF OUR VISITS REQUIRE SERVICES AND LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH. IN 2017 WE PROVIDED SERVICES IN 25 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. IN TERMS OF AGE, THOSE BETWEEN 20 AND 50 YEARS MAKE UP MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF WHO WE SEE, BUT IN 2017, ALMOST 500 UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS WERE OVER 50 YEARS OLD. WE SERVE MEN AND WOMEN, THOUGH FAIRLY CONSISTENT WITH STATISTICS REGARDING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE WE SERVE FAR MORE WOMEN THAN MEN. TURNING TO HOW MANY PEOPLE COME TO THE CENTER, WE COUNT BOTH VISITS TO THE CENTER, SHOWN ON THE LEFT, AND UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS WHO OFTEN VISIT MULTIPLE TIMES ON THE RIGHT. YOU CAN SEE IN 2017 WHEN YOU COMBINE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF VISITS WE HAD ALMOST 11,000 VISITS TO THE CENTER BY 4600 PLUS INDIVIDUALS. IN TERMS OF HOW THIS LOOKS DAY-TO-DAY, WE SEE AN AVERAGE OF 37 ADULT SURVIVORS FOR SERVICES EACH DAY.

IF YOU ADD THE CHILDREN AND SUPPORT GROUP VISITORS THE AVERAGE GOES UP TO 46 PEOPLE A DAY. WE ALSO WELCOME PRETTY HIGH NUMBERS OF SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING THOSE SEEKING SERVICES, SO THE CENTER IS A PRETTY BUSY AND BUSTLING PLACE PRETTY MUCH EVERY DAY. SPEAKING OF PLACE, I'M NOW GOING TO TAKE YOU ON A SHORT VISUAL TOUR OF THE CENTER, THE PHYSICAL SPACE. WE WORK HARD TO BUILD A SPACE THAT FEELS WELCOMING AND SORT OF SOFT AROUND THE EDGES, IF YOU WILL. THE TOP PICTURES HERE ARE OUR TWO MAIN WAITING SPACES. WE CALL THEM THE LIVING ROOM AND THE DEN. BELOW THE LOWER PICTURE ON THE RIGHT IS ONE OF OUR FOUR INTERVIEW ROOMS. THE INTERVIEW ROOMS ARE WHERE ALL FIRST TIME VISITORS WILL FIRST SIT DOWN WITH THEIR NAVIGATOR ADVOCATE. WE HAVE A HELP YOURSELF PARTICIPANT KITCHEN. WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO LEAVE BECAUSE THEY ARE HUNGRY. CRISIS AND FEAR CAN WORK AS A HUNGER SUPPRESSANT SO IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR A PERSON TO ARRIVE, SETTLE IN FOR SERVICES AND DISCOVER THAT THEY ARE HUNGRY.

THE CHILDCARE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US. WE REALLY ARE GRATEFUL TO THE CHILDREN'S LEVY FOR THAT SUPPORT. I SHOULD HAVE SAID EARLIER. WE ALSO HAVE TWO CHILDREN'S THERAPY AND SUPPORT SPACES AND WE SHARE A PLAYGROUND WITH THE HEAD START WHICH IS ALSO ON OUR CAMPUS. WE OPERATE A SATELLITE COURTROOM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT. THIS IS WHERE PARTICIPANTS CAN APPLY FOR RESTRAINING ORDERS IN OUR BUILDING. THERE ARE MORE RESTRAINING ORDERS APPLIED FOR AT THE

GATEWAY CENTER THAN IN THE DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE. NOW FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR SERVICE MODEL, THIS IS A FINAL DATA SLIDE AND IT SHOWS THE SERVICES THAT FIRST TIME VISITORS ASK FOR WHEN THEY COME IN. OR THIS IS HOW THEY DESCRIBE WHAT BROUGHT THEM HERE THAT DAY.

Martha Strawn Morris: THIS IS COLLECTED FROM A CHECK-IN FORM THAT'S FILLED OUT AT THE FRONT DESK. THE CHECK-IN FORM INCLUDES A LIST OF POSSIBLE SERVICES. THE FORM SAYS WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO DO HERE TODAY. THEN THE TOP OF THE LIST SAYS I'M NOT SURE WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE MY OPTIONS AND WE TRANSLATE THAT AS I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AN ADVOCATE. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH A NAVIGATOR. THERE'S ALSO A BOX TO INDICATE DIRECTLY THAT YOU WANT ADVOCACY SERVICES. WHEN YOU COMBINE THOSE TWO, 58% OF OUR FIRST TIME VISITORS BASICALLY COME IN THE DOOR ASKING TO MEET WITH AN ADVOCATE. THE NEXT BIGGEST ASK IS FOR RESTRAINING ORDERS FOLLOWED BY THE OTHER SERVICES THAT YOU CAN SEE HERE. SO I THINK WE'RE MOST KNOWN FOR ADVOCACY AND RESTRAINING ORDERS THEN WE'RE ABLE TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT ELSE IS AVAILABLE AND CONNECT THEM WITH ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTER, THIS IS DONE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM OF FOUR. THAT INCLUDES ME, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS MANAGER AND AN OFFICE MANAGER. SO WE'RE THE FOUR CITY EMPLOYEES THAT HUB TO ALL THE OTHER AGENCIES. THIS IS A LIST OF RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE CONSIDER TO BE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG OTHERS. I THINK WE HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AT MANAGING A LARGE OPERATION WITH A SMALL TEAM OF WORKERS. SO AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, WE DON'T DO APPOINTMENTS FOR FIRST TIME VISITORS BUT WORK ENTIRELY ON A DROP-IN BASIS. WE DECIDED EARLY THAT IF SOMEONE HAD TO SCHEDULE AND WAIT FOR AN APPOINTMENT THEY MAY CHANGE THEIR MINDS ABOUT ACCESSING SERVICES IN THE INTERVENING TIME. WE WANTED TO BE AVAILABLE WHEN PEOPLE WERE READY TO TALK. WE ALSO DON'T PUT A TIME LIMIT ON THAT INITIAL CONVERSATION. IT'S A BIT OF A JUGGLING ACT TO PREDICT WAIT TIMES WHEN YOU'RE WORKING ON A DROP-IN OPEN-ENDED MODEL AS WE DO. ALSO WORKING ON THIS FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS WITHOUT TIME RESTRICTIONS MEANS WE CAN FREQUENTLY HIT CAPACITY WITH OUR NAVIGATOR SERVICES. IF WE HAVE TOO MANY PEOPLE WAITING OR WAIT TIMES ARE GETTING TOO LONG WE HAVE TO CLOSE OUR DOORS TO DROP-IN VISITORS. WE CALL THOSE CAPACITY CLOSURES. THEY HAPPEN MORE THAN I WOULD LIKE.

SO THEN ONCE A NAVIGATOR IS PROVIDED ALL THE REQUIRED SAFETY SERVICES, THEY START TO HELP THE SURVIVOR THINK ABOUT STABILITY OR WRAP-AROUND NEEDS. AND ALL OF THE SERVICE PARTNERS IN OUR BUILDING USE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LENS AND ARE EXPERTS IN DOMESTIC

VIOLENCE DYNAMICS. I THINK THIS EXPERTISE SEPARATES THEM FROM OTHER HELPERS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT DO NOT FOCUS SO EXCLUSIVELY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE THERAPEUTIC SERVICES THAT DV SURVIVORS NEED TO BE FREE OF STRICT BILLING REQUIREMENTS. BILLING REQUIREMENTS TYPICALLY REQUIRE AN ACCOMPANYING DIAGNOSIS, AND THERE'S GOOD REASONS NOT TO HAVE TO DIAGNOSE A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO SERVE THEM. FOR EXAMPLE WE KNOW DIAGNOSIS ARE FREQUENTLY USED AGAINST SURVIVORS IN CUSTODY DECISIONS.

Martha Strawn Morris: WE'RE TRULY GRATEFUL THAT YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS SUBTLE NEED AND FUNDED OUR MENTAL HEALTH POSITION OUTSIDE THOSE TYPES OF STRICT REQUIREMENTS. SO THANK YOU FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH POSITION. THOSE KINDS OF DIFFERENCES ARE PRESENT IN PRETTY MUCH ALL OF OUR SERVICES BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DIVE TOO DEEPLY INTO THEM. JOHN WILL TALK MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE LEGAL IMMIGRATION SERVICES WHEN I CONCLUDE TODAY. I'M GOING TO WIND DOWN MY TALK BY INTRODUCING OUR ADVISORY COUNCIL TALKING BRIEFLY ABOUT COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORTS. TALK ABOUT THE CITY-COUNTY IGA, AND A FEW THINGS WE MAY SEE IN THE FUTURE. BEFORE WE START I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN PLAY THIS VIDEO. THESE ARE WORDS OF AUDRA REID, A SURVIVOR. I'M GRATEFUL TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAFE DIALOGUES AND MATT JOHNSTON WHO MADE THIS RECORDING AND MADE IT AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE. SO THANKS TO THEM. AS FAR AS HELPFUL, THE GATEWAY CENTER RESOURCE CENTER WAS INVALUABLE, PRICELESS TO ME. AS A SUPPORT NETWORK IN EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS. IF I HAD HAD THAT KIND OF AVAILABILITY TO RESOURCES EARLIER THAN I WAS ABLE TO ACCESS THEM I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE LEFT THAT RELATIONSHIP ABOUT 15 YEARS SOONER THAN I DID. I STAYED BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF SUPPORT. I DIDN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF NETWORK TO FALL BACK ON.

I DIDN'T HAVE ANYBODY TO SAY, I WILL HOLD YOUR HAND ALL THE WAY EVERY STEP OF IT. WHICH IS WHAT I GOT AT THE GATEWAY CENTER. SO DEFINITELY WE NEED MORE RESOURCES LIKE THAT. THE GATEWAY CENTER OPERATES WITHIN THE TERMS OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OR IGA BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. THE IGA ESTABLISHES AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO HELP SET POLICY AND PRIORITIES FOR THE CENTER. THE GROUP MEETS QUARTERLY. THE TWO GOVERNMENT LIAISONS CURRENTLY COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN LEAD THE ADVISORY COUNCIL. I USUALLY BRING UPDATES AND OFTEN ASK FOR HELP IF I'M STRUGGLING WITH A PARTICULAR ISSUE OR NEEDING ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO EVOLVE THE CENTER. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE MISTAKE THAT LEFT OUT REPRESENTATIVE SANCHEZ'S TITLE. SHE'S DIRECTOR OF FAMILY SERVICES AT NAI. WE JUST HEARD THIS NEWS THAT PATRICIA ROJAS IS GOING TO THE JOINT OFFICE TO BE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE WILL STILL BE ABLE TO BE AND ADVISORY COUNCIL BUT THAT CERTAINLY IS EXCITING.

THREE MORE SMALL PARTS. THE GATEWAY CENTER HAS SUPPORTED PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONTINUUM. ROSE MENTIONED I HAVE HELPED LEAD THE COORDINATED ACCESS TO THE HOUSING SERVICES AND CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THAT PROJECT. THE GATEWAY ADVISORY L COUNCIL WAS THE INCUBATOR FOR GUN DISPOSSESSION ORDERS. FOR YEARS WHEN RESPONDENTS WERE ORDERED TO DISPOSSESS THEMSELVES OF THEIR GUNS NOTHING HAPPENED. NOW THERE'S ACCOUNTABILITY AND MANY GUNS ARE SAFELY OUT OF THE HANDS OF ABUSERS BECAUSE OF IT.

Martha Strawn Morris: I'M REALLY PROUD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT THAT EFFORT. IN 2017, WE BROUGHT ON AN ENCORE FELLOW HO HELP STUDY THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY FOLKS SEEKING RESTRAINING ORDERS. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING SUPER HARD. SHE'S INTERVIEWED MORE THAN 50 BOTH APPLICANTS AND STAKEHOLDERS WHO WORK SPECIALLY WITH AN ELDER POPULATION AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING THE RESULTS OF HER STUDY WITH YOU IN THE FALL. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A NEW INVESTMENT IN EMERGENCY SENIOR SERVICES ACROSS THE CAMPUS, WHICH IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COLLABORATE GOING FORWARD. I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR THAT INVESTMENT AS WELL. THIS IS THE NEXT SLIDE, KIND OF BROADLY SHOWS THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS ALONGSIDE THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS. ON THE CITY SIDE THERE'S ME, MY THREE STAFF PEOPLE. WE PAY THE FRONT LINE ADVOCACY STAFF TO BE THERE. WE ALSO PAY FOR SOME LEGAL SERVICES AND OVER ALL OPERATING EXPENSES. THE COUNTY GIVES US USE OF THE BUILDING. SECURITY, A THERAPIST, VICTIM ADVOCATE, ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PERSON MAY NOT BE UP THERE BUT THAT'S TRUE TOO. IT'S JUST BEEN A REALLY GREAT PARTNERSHIP. I FEEL THAT THE INVESTMENTS REALLY COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER AND SUPPORT THE WORK THAT WE DO SO WELL.

IN ADDITION TO THESE CONTRIBUTIONS OUR OTHER PARTNERS SUPPORT THE CENTER IN VARIOUS WAYS BUT ARE NOT REPRESENTED HERE BECAUSE THEY DON'T GET PAID BY EITHER OF THE GOVERNMENTS. THE OREGON CRIME VICTIMS LAW CENTER AND DH SELF-SUFFICIENCY HAVE STAFF BUT WE DON'T PAY THEM TO BE THERE. CERTAINLY REPRESENTS PART OF OUR COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY-WIDE INVESTMENT IN THE WORK. I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT COLLECTIVELY THESE INVESTMENTS ARE CHANGING AND SAVING LIVES. THE CONCERNED IGA IS SET TO EX TIRE JUNE 30. I THANK KIMMEL TON FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE AND RENE FROM COMMISSIONER MEIERAN'S OFFICE FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON DRAFTING THE NEW AGREEMENT WE'RE SET TO ENTER. THEY HAVE BEEN SO THOUGHTFUL AND CONSCIOUS ABOUT THE WORK. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THEIR EFFORTS. THEY ARE JUST SHEER PLEASURES TO WORK WITH. WHILE NOT ALL THE ADDITIONS ARE REFLECTED HERE I WANTED YOU TO SEE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE IGA THAT I BELIEVE WILL ENHANCE AND STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERSHIP.

Martha Strawn Morris: I'M GOING TO CHECK IN MONTHLY WITH MY COUNTY LIAISON. I HAVE HISTORICALLY ALWAYS DONE THIS WITH MY BOSS ON THE CITY SIDE. I BRING DATA AND UPDATES AND SHARE HOPES. HAVING A DEEPER CONNECTION ON THE COUNTY SIDE WILL BRING NEW LEADERSHIP BUT ALSO SUPPORT PRACTICAL FACILITY AND I.T. NEEDS AS THEY COME UP, WHICH CAN BE A LITTLE CONFUSING. I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT ONGOING WORK WITH YOU, COMMISSIONER. THERE WILL BE AT LEAST ONE ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO LIAISONS WITH AN EYE TOWARDS THE BUDGET SEASON, CONNECTING OVER ALL NEEDS FOR THE CENTER.

I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT WE HAVE ADDED LANGUAGE CREATING A SHARED COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE. SOMETIMES WE GET LOST IN THE TRAN SECTIONAL NATURE OF OUR WORK AND IT'S BECOME UNQUESTIONABLY CLEAR IN THE CURRENT CULTURE THAT ALL OF US THAT ARE FIGHTING OPPRESSION MUST BE PART OF A UNITED MOVEMENT. WE MUST ACTIVELY STRUGGLE WITH EQUITY ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY HOW TO ACHIEVE IT. THE NEW IGA ASKS THE CITY AND THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT THESE GOALS WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE GATEWAY CENTER. SIMILAR TO THE IGA, INCLUDING COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, THIS IS OUR GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE, WE'RE WORKING ON ONSITE PARTNER AGREEMENTS. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THEM AND PART OF THE GOAL IS TO COMMIT US ALL TO THE LARGER SOCIAL JUSTICE GOALS AND ALSO SET EXPECTATIONS FOR HEALTHY PARTNERSHIPS.

I'M WORKING VERY, VERY HARD TO ENSURE THAT THE GATEWAY CENTER IS A SAFE AND WELCOMING PLACE FOR ALL. BOTH STAFF AND SURVIVORS ALIKE. I ALSO HAVE MY EYE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW EVALUATION PRACTICE. I WOULD LIKE THE EVALUATIONS TO BE GROUNDED IN THE WELL-BEING OF THOSE WE SERVE. I THINK WE DO A GOOD JOB COUNTING SERVICES BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO MEASURE THE ACTUAL IMPACT WE'RE HAVING. IT WILL BE A FAIRLY BIG LIFT. I THINK I'M UP FOR THE TASK AND I'M HOPING TO GET THAT DONE. FINALLY, SPACE PERMITTING, WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME STRATEGIC EXPANSIONS INTO BRINGING ON SERVICES PARTICULARLY FOR AN EVER GROWING ELDER POPULATION WHO ARE SEEKING SERVICES IN OUR SATELLITE COURTROOM. AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADY AND AMAZING SUPPORT OF THE GATEWAY CENTER AND SURVIVORS THAT WE SERVE. NOW I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MY DEAR PARTNER JOHN HERRERA. HE'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES. YOU'LL HEAR FROM ONE OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, TIFFANY.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR MARTHA? GO AHEAD.

Commissioner Stegmann: NICE TO SEE YOU.

Martha Strawn Morris: NICE TO SEE YOU AS WELL.

Commissioner Stegmann: I WAS CURIOUS BECAUSE OF THE EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FOLKS CAN FILE RESTRAINING ORDERS THERE. I'M WONDERING HOW MANY PEOPLE GO OVER THERE VERSUS COMING TO YOU. OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD BE NICER TO GO TO YOUR CENTERS.

Martha Strawn Morris: RIGHT NOW. THE EAST COUNTY IS OPEN FOR RESTRAINING ORDERS ON MONDAY. JUST ON MONDAYS. SO I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE BREAKDOWN BUT THAT'S SOMETHING I COULD EASILY GET FROM JUDGE MCKNIGHT. WHY DON'T I ASK THE COURT AND GET YOU THE BREAKDOWN NUMBERS.

Commissioner Stegmann: I'M WONDERING IS THERE COORDINATION?

Martha Strawn Morris: YES.

Commissioner Stegmann: OBVIOUSLY IF SOMEBODY SHOWS UP ON A TUESDAY THEY WILL DIRECT THEM TO YOU.

Martha Strawn Morris: PROBABLY TO US. YES.

Commissioner Stegmann: THAT'S THE MAIN THING.

Martha Strawn Morris: WE HAVE TO TALK TO EACH OTHER. WE HAVE TO COORDINATE OUR VIDEO CONFERENCE FEEDS ON MONDAY SO WE TALK AND SEE EACH OTHER. WE COULDN'T PROCESS RESTRAINING ORDERS WITHOUT HAVING AN ONGOING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COURT. THERE'S A LOT OF COMMUNICATION BACK AND FORTH TO GET OUR APPLICATIONS TO THEM, ET CETERA. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS BETWEEN GRESHAM AND COMPARED TO US.

Commissioner Stegmann: OBVIOUSLY WITH MY DISTRICT IN EAST COUNTY I WANT TO MAKE SURE IF SOMEBODY SHOWS UP ON A TUESDAY HOW DO THEY GET FROM EAST COUNTY TO YOUR CENTER? MAYBE WE CAN TALK OFF LINE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO ACCESS THE IMPORTANT SERVICES WITHOUT HAVING BARRIERS.

Martha Strawn Morris: I AGREE. I TOTALLY SUPPORT THAT AS A GOAL.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR NRA? THANKS. GOOD MORNING.

John Herrera: GOOD MORNING. CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS AMAZING PROJECT. MARTHA, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING US TO THE GATEWAY CENTER A YEAR AGO. IT HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS EXPERIENCE FOR US.

Chair Kafoury: I'M SORRY, PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

John Herrera: THIS IS JOHN HERRERA, DIRECTOR OF THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES. A YEAR AGO MARTHA WAS ABLE TO BRING IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES TO COMPLEMENT THE SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE VICTIMS AT THE GATEWAY CENTER. WE STARTED THINKING THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE ANOTHER SERVICE FOR LATINOS AND THERE WILL BE HAVING A PRESENCE IN THE EAST SIDE OF THE TOWN, HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MORE LATINOS. IT WAS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE. AN AMAZING MIX OF PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE THAT WE HAVE SEEN AND SERVED. IT'S TREMENDOUS. WE HAVE SEEN PEOPLE FROM BOLIVIA, CHINA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EGYPT, GUATEMALA, INDIA, IRAQ, PAKISTAN, MEXICO, MYANMAR, RUSSIA AND U.S. CITIZENS ALSO. WE HAVE SERVED IN THIS IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES CAPACITY CLIENTS THAT COME WITH A RANGE OF ISSUES SEEKING FOR REGULAR LEGAL STATUS, PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM, DV VICTIMS, THAT IS GOING TO BE CHANGED NOW WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DECISION. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN HANDLE IT DIFFERENTLY. FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE WANTING TO BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN THAT COME TO THE GATEWAY CENTER DOING A RESTRAINING ORDER BUT ALSO SEEING AN ATTORNEY.

THERE THAT CAN HELP WITH THIS OTHER SERVICE. IT'S A FULL PACKAGE OF SERVICES FOR THE SURVIVORS. WE HAVE SERVED MINORS ALSO AS VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS. WE HAVE SEEN, LIKE, 81 CLIENTS IN A YEAR WITH CONSULTATION. THE GREAT PARTNERSHIP THAT MARTHA PUT TOGETHER WAS THAT NOT ONLY WE'RE DOING CONSULTATION BUT WE ALSO ARE DOING THE CASE WORK DIRECTLY. WE'RE FILING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CLIENTS. WE REPRESENT THE CLIENTS WITH THEIR CASES FROM THE STARTING TO THE ENDS. CASES ARE GOING TO STAY WITH US IN OUR OFFICES FOR TEN YEARS OR MORE BECAUSE THAT'S THE TIMELINE FOR TO BE APPROVED. ONCE WE GET THE CASE IT'S OURS UNTIL THE END OF THE PROCESS. WE HAVE ACCEPTED 23 CASES IN OUR OFFICE. 20 TO 25.

WE HAVE PENDING 16. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SURPASS THAT GOAL, WHICH IS GREAT. WE HAVE REFER IF WE SEE DENIED WE REFER OR PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS OR RELIEF WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND WHAT THEY SHOULD DO TO KEEP SAFETY AND KEEP THEIR FAMILIES TOGETHER. THERE HAVE BEEN AN AMAZING WAY TO USE THE RESOURCES FROM THE LANGUAGES. WE USE THE ARABIC AND CANTONESE AND MANDARIN AND RUSSIAN. OBVIOUSLY OUR STAFF IS BILINGUAL. SPANISH AND ENGLISH, BUT WE USE THE LINGUA AND SOME RUSSIAN INTERPRETATION WHEN AVAILABLE. THERE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS, TREMENDOUS SERVICE FOR THE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY. THIS IS NOT ONLY ABOUT LATINOS COMING TO SEEK HELP BUT ALSO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, ENTIRE MIGRANT COMMUNITY AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY THAT ARE DESPERATE. ONLY IN A COUNTRY BEING CALLED

HOME BUT ALSO SURVIVORS. SO ON TOP OF BEING TRAUMATIZED FROM LIVING OUR OWN COUNTRIES COMING TO THE SITUATION THAT A PARTNER OR STRANGER HAS BECOME AN ABUSER. SO WE PRAY FOR YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT PROJECT. MARTHA HAS BEEN AN AMAZING PARTNER AND IS ALWAYS WELCOME FOR SUGGESTIONS AND HOW TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICES. WE ALSO ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE THIS PARTNERSHIP AND THE BENEFIT OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS AND MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES THAT NEED THIS SERVICE. THAT'S MY PRESENTATION. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME?

Martha Strawn Morris: COULD YOU JUST TELL THE COMMISSIONERS HOW OFTEN THE DOMESTIC SURVIVORS THAT YOU SEE ARE IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS AND MAY QUALIFY FOR REPRESENTATION OF REMOVAL RESOURCES?

John Herrera: WE HAVE OFTEN SEEN NEW ARRIVALS THAT COME THROUGH THE GATEWAY CENTER SEEKING ASYLUM OPTIONS. WE MAY SAY THAT A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE, 10 TO 15% OF THE CLIENTS COMING INTO THE GATEWAY ARE ALSO SEEKING ASYLUM IN COURT. PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE REMOVED FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Martha Strawn Morris: MOST ARE NOT.

John Herrera: MOST ARE NOT. BECAUSE THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES AND GET ABUSED AND THEY SEEK THE RESTRAINING ORDER FROM THE PARTNERS THAT THEY ARE LIVING WITH OR WERE LIVING WITH AND ARE SEPARATED. THEY COME INITIALLY TO SEEK THAT PROTECTION TO GET THEM AWAY FROM THAT PARTNERSHIP THAT IS CAUSING THE PAIN, THE SUFFERING. THEY GET THE EXTRA SERVICE, WHICH IS THE LEGAL SERVICE.

Martha Strawn Morris: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION, MADAME CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR CLIENTS USE OR THE CLIENTS WHO ARE AT THE GATEWAY CENTER ARE NEW IMMIGRANTS?

John Herrera: NEW IMMIGRANTS? I MAY SAY IT'S TOTALLY 10 TO 15% WHAT WE SEE. MOSTLY ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY.

Martha Strawn Morris: I WOULD GUESS OVER ALL ABOUT 10% BASED ON WHEN WE CERTAINLY ALL OF THOSE FOLKS THAT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE A SERVICE

IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE I WOULD ASSUME ARE FAIRLY NEW. I HAVEN'T COLLECTED IT AS A SPECIFIC DATA POINT. I'M GUESSING 10%.

Commissioner Smith: THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE THE NEW IMMIGRANTS THAT SPEAK A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE FROM DIFFERENT PLACES. IF THEY HAVE BEEN HERE 10, 15 YEARS. WE DO HAVE TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION, INTERPRETIVE SERVICES FOR THEM. Martha Strawn Morris: YES. 7% OF OUR CASES REQUIRE SERVICES IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE THAN ENGLISH.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. SO I'M WONDERING, MIGHT BE MORE OF A QUESTION FOR OUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE. WHEN YOU FILE A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST SOMEONE AND THAT'S ISSUED, DOES THAT SHOW UP ON THAT SECOND PARTY'S -- LIKE AS A CRIME? WOULD IT ELEVATE IF THAT SOMEBODY IF THEY WERE UNDOCUMENTED? I'M WONDERING HOW DO RESTRAINING ORDERS INTERACT WITH THE ENVIRONMENT RIGHT NOW AND ACTIVITY OF ICE?

John Herrera: PROTECTION THAT A JUDGE GIVES TO SOMEONE WHO FEEL THAT THEY ARE IN DANGER. THAT IS ONLY RESTRAINING THAT PERSON TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THAT PARTY THAT IS AFRAID. VIOLATION OF THE RESTRAINING ORDER BECOMES A CRIME, SO THAT'S WHEN IF SOMEONE VIOLATES THAT ORDER IS WHEN IT BECOMES A CRIME AND THAT WILL BE IN THE PERSON'S RECORD.

Commissioner Stegmann: I SEE. AND WHAT ADVICE DO YOU OFFER FOR THE MOST LIKELY WOMEN THAT IS THERE FEAR FOR THE WOMEN TO FILE A RESTRAINING ORDER BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS IN THE COUNTRY?

John Herrera: ABSOLUTELY. YES.

Martha Strawn Morris: THEIR NAMES WILL APPEAR ON DOCKETS, BOTH PARTIES WILL APPEAR ON DOCKETS. SO TO THE EXTENT IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARE LOOKING AT COURT DOCUMENTS -- WE HAVE ONLY HEARD OF IT SO FAR HAPPENING AROUND CRIMINAL ARRAIGNMENT DOCKETS BUT THEY COULD WALK INTO A COURTHOUSE AND LOOK AT CIVIL DOCKETS ALSO. THAT FEAR, IT'S SO PALPABLE IN THE COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW. EVERY SENSE OF INTERFACING WITH A PUBLIC INSTITUTION, REALLY WITH ANY OF THEM. I HAVE HEARD IRCO ADVOCATES EVEN TALKING ABOUT THEIR OWN CLIENTS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CASE MANAGING NOT WANTING TO ANSWER THE PHONE WHEN THEY'RE ADVOCATES CALL. THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IS VERY, VERY AFRAID RIGHT NOW.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: SO I ACTUALLY HAD A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT SOME OF YOU REFERRED TO. IT MAY BE EARLY TO MAKE THIS JUDGMENT BUT BASED ON WHAT ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS SAID TODAY ABOUT ASYLUM NOT BEING GRANTED FOR THOSE FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WHICH TO ME IS JUST A DECISION THAT DOESN'T REFLECT THE PROSECUTION BASED ON GENDER AND THE VIOLENCE WOMEN FACE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. I'M CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU FEEL THE IMPACT WILL BE ON THE COMMUNITIES THAT YOU'RE SERVING THERE IN TERMS OF THEIR ABILITY TO FIND A PATH TO STAY IN THIS COUNTRY BASED ON THAT?

John Herrera: AT THE GATEWAY, WE SAY THIS DECISION WILL AFFECT NEW ARRIVALS. PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING ASYLUM AT THE BORDER BASICALLY. WE HOPE THIS IS GOING TO BE APPEALED AND SOMEONE WILL MAKE A REVERSE DECISION AND THE JUDGES CAN DO SOMETHING IN THE MEANTIME WHILE THIS IS PENDING IN LITIGATION. I THINK WE HAVE TO BECOME CREATIVE AS ATTORNEYS TO PRESENT THE CASES THAT IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THE JUDGES THAT BEING A VICTIM IS ALSO BELONGS TO A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP, THAT IT HAS TO BE PROTECTED AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN THOSE COUNTRIES ARE NOT PROTECTING THOSE VICTIMS. ATTORNEYS HAVE TO START USING MORE WAYS TO PRESENT THESE CASES IN A WAY THAT THE JUDGE CAN PROBABLY APPROVE. BUT AS A DECISION IT'S TERRIBLE BECAUSE IT SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD THAT UNITED STATES IS NOW -- THE PRESUMPTION OF FLEEING FROM SOMEWHERE AND YOU NEED TO LISTEN. THE PRESUMPTION IS THAT YOU ARE NOT A VICTIM AND YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE HEARD. THAT PRETTY MUCH IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. HOPEFULLY IMMEDIATELY WE CAN SEE SOMETHING THAT CAN FIX THIS, BUT WE'RE IN THE EARLY STAGES.

Martha Strawn Morris: FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE OTHER IMMIGRATION RELIEVES NOT RELATED TO ASYLUM THAT ARE VERY SPECIFIC TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS. NOTHING ABOUT WHAT JEFF SESSIONS SAID YESTERDAY OR TODAY IMPACTS THE RELIEF OR VISAS. IT'S THAT SMALLER SUB GROUP OF ASYLUM SEEKERS THAT ARE IMPACTED. IT'S TERRIBLE. TERRIBLE.

John Herrera: THE ASYLUM SEEKERS ARE DESPERATE IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE COMING TO THE BORDER SEEKING PROTECTION. AS MARTHA MENTIONED, THE RELIEF FOR PERSONS WHO ARE MARRIED OR WERE MARRIED TO A U.S. CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT, THOSE ARE FOR MORE ESTABLISHED IMMIGRANTS. THE TVS COULD BE SOMETHING THAT COULD BE A LITTLE BIT OF HELP FOR NEW ARRIVALS IF THIS THEY ARE TRAFFICKED INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR ANY REASON SUCH AS LABOR OR SEX. THE GREAT OF THIS IS THAT GOVERNMENT, GOOD GOVERNMENT ARE PUTTING IN RESOURCES FOR CONTINUED HELPING. TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THESE SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THE MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE THIS PROJECT.

Commissioner Smith: MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION. COULD THOSE I ASYLUM SEEKERS SEEK HUMANITARIAN PAROLE?

John Herrera: BEING ALSO TARGET BY THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE WANTING TO RESTRICT EVERY WAY TO LET PEOPLE INTO THE UNITED STATES. EVERYONE SHOULD PRESENT A GOOD ARGUMENT WHY HUMANITARIAN SHOULD BE AWARDED TO SOMEONE. THOSE ARE REALLY RESTRICTED. FOR ASSAULT ON THE BORDER, WHAT THEY NEED IS TO TALK TO ATTORNEYS FIRST THING TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT A CASE. THAT'S WHY THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO BECAUSE ATTORNEYS ARE NOT FREE AT ANY COST. ORGANIZATIONS LIKE VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO GOING TO THE BORDER AND TRYING TO MEET WITH CLIENTS. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH THIS RECENT TRANSFER PEOPLE. 123 IMMIGRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THAT FEDERAL PRISON. THAT'S A HORRIBLE SITUATION THAT WE'RE WORKING ON WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO. WE HAVE TO DO CONSULTATION WITH DETAINED PEOPLE, SEE WHAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO DO. CASE BY CASE IS HOW IT WORKS.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I HAVE A QUESTION. THE LAST SESSION, THE LEGISLATURE PASSED EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER. I'M WONDERING IF THAT'S ANOTHER MEANS TO HELP FOLKS WHO NEED RESTRAINING ORDERS IN TALKING WITH YOUR CLIENTS ABOUT THAT AS AN OPTION.

Martha Strawn Morris: YEAH. WE HAVEN'T HAD AN APPLICATION SPECIFICALLY AT THE GATEWAY CENTER, BUT WE'RE WATCHING FOR THEM AND HAVE EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS TO DO THOSE APPLICATIONS. IF IT'S OUTSIDE OF THE CONTEXT OF AN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLATION SITUATION WE'RE NOT SURE BECAUSE WE'RE SUCH CLOSE PARTNERS WITH THE COURT IF SOMEBODY SAID I'M HOPING TO GET EMERGENCY PROTECTION –

Rose Bak: IRPO.

Martha Strawn Morris: WE WOULD HELP FACILITATE THAT. WE'RE VERY INTERESTED AS A COMMUNITY IN SUPPORTING SAFETY. WE HAVEN'T SEEN ONE YET. WE'RE WAITING.

Chair Kafoury THANK YOU.

Tiffany Eagleton: I'M TIFFANY EAGLETON. I'M A PAST PARTICIPANT IN THE GATEWAY CENTER. MY JOURNEY STARTED IN 2013, AND THAT CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER THAT I HAD TO REVISIT THERE A FEW TIMES. SEVERAL TIMES. I WASN'T GOING TO DO NOTES, BUT SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE PRETTY IMPORTANT THAT I REMEMBER. THE FIRST THING I WANT TO SAY IS THAT IT WAS A PLACE THAT A FRIEND TOLD ME ABOUT AND I WENT TO. IT WAS THE FIRST PLACE I HAD FELT SAFE WHILE I WAS WITHIN THE BUILDING.

THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS. TRYING NOT TO CRY. SO IT'S A LOCKED FACILITY. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE BEEN THERE OR NOT. HAS A SHERIFF ON SITE AS WELL AS POLICE ON THE SAME CAMPUS. THERE I RECEIVED SEVERAL SERVICES. AS WELL AS SERVICES ALSO GAVE ME OTHER RESOURCES TO OTHER PLACES. IT TOOK A LOT OF TIMES YOU HEAR A VILLAGE TO HELP, BUT I FEEL LIKE IT TOOK ALL OF PORTLAND TO GET ME WHERE I AM TODAY. THE GATEWAY CENTER WAS AN AMAZING PART OF THAT. SO I WAS CONSIDERED A HIGH LETHALITY CASE. I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO BE ALIVE TODAY. I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE. I REALLY DO OWE THAT TO MARTHA AND THE OTHER PEOPLE AT THE GATEWAY CENTER. THAT MEANS THAT I WAS REFERRED TO DIVERT. THE DVRU POLICE HELPED ME. THE ONLY REPERCUSSIONS MY ABUSER FACED OFFICIALLY WAS BECAUSE OF THAT TEAM HELPED ME WITH THAT. YWCA, DOA HOME FREE, THEY LATER HELPED ME ACCESS RAFFAELE HOUSE. I WAS THE FIRST RCT RECIPIENT.

Chair Kafoury: WHAT'S RCT?

Tiffany Eagleton: OH. REVERSE COORDINATION TEAM WHERE WE BROKER OUR LONGER TERM HOUSING SERVICES. TIFFANY WAS THE FIRST PERSON SELECTED FOR LONGER TERM HOUSING SERVICES. THE D.A., ADVOCATES AND THE D.A.S THEMSELVES, LEGAL AID, THE OREGON CRIME VICTIMS LAW CENTER, DHS, A FEW DIFFERENT RESTRAINING ORDERS. ALSO GOT TO ACCESS THE ON-SITE COURT THERE. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY ON THAT PART, MY ABUSER WAITED FOR ME AT THE COURTHOUSE. SO I AM SO GRATEFUL THAT THEY HAD THE COURTHOUSE THERE WHERE HE COULDN'T GET TO ME. THAT WAS AN AMAZING RESOURCE THAT THEY HAVE THERE. THE CHILD CARE, ONSITE FAMILY RELIEF NURSERY, SUPPORT GROUPS FOR MY CHILDREN AND TEENS. PARENTING SUPPORT GROUPS, LIFE WORKS NORWEST FOR INDIVIDUAL THERAPY. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT LATER AS I STARTED TO REBUILD THROUGH VOA HOME FREE.

THEY ALSO HELPED ME GET OUT OF DEFERMENT DUE TO MY EX ABUSER AND FINANCIAL CONTROL AROUND THAT. ABUSE SO THAT I COULD START FULL-TIME SCHOOL AGAIN, WHICH I'M STILL GOING TOO. HOPING TO GET A MASTER'S IN THAT. ALSO SAFE ACCESS TO THE PORTLAND POLICE AND SHERIFFS WHILE I DID SEVERAL DIFFERENT REPORTS THERE AT GATEWAY CENTER AND THE SECURITY. HELP WITH FOOD, CLOTHES, HYGIENE PRODUCTS. IT TOOK ME TO A PLACE WHERE I WAS ACTUALLY HOMELESS IN MY TRUCK AND HE WAS FINDING ME AND SO THEY EVEN HELPED WITH A SHOWER A COUPLE OF TIMES. THEY ALSO HELPED ME GAIN ACCESS TO THE 24 HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE WHICH I'LL CALL SAFETY PLANNING. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THE FOUR CURRENT GATEWAY STAFF MEMBERS, MARTHA, KARINA, SCOTT AND AMANDA, ALSO THE FORMER EMPLOYEES, DIANA, LEE, WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING ME GET SAFE.

THEY HAVE BEEN THERE WITH ME THROUGH THIS WHOLE JOURNEY. THROUGH CRISIS AND JUST NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM. I THINK SOMETHING THAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES VERSUS MAYBE OTHER SYSTEMS IS THAT THEY WALKED BESIDE ME AND THEY CHEER LEADED. THEY DIDN'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO. THEY DIDN'T SHAME ME WHEN MY ABUSER COERCED ME BACK INTO BEING WITH HIM AT CERTAIN TIMES. THEY HELPED JUST PICK ME BACK UP AND HELPED ME ON MY JOURNEY. THAT WAS AMAZING. WHAT IT'S DONE IS IT'S HELPED ME BE ABLE TO BUILD MY AGENCY WHO I AM TODAY. MY SELF-ESTEEM, SELF-WORTH. I ACTUALLY HAVE A LIFE TODAY THAT'S FULL OF -- I'M SORRY. THIS PLACE MEANS SO MUCH TO ME. I HAVE A LIFE FULL OF CHOICES. PART OF MY STORY ALSO IS THAT MY -- OH, GOSH. THANK YOU. I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ADDICTION THAT I ENDED UP HAVING BUT MY ABUSER DID COERCE ME INTO THE BEGINNING OF THE ADDICTION. I WAS VERY ASHAMED OF THIS AND SCARED TO TELL ANYONE.

Tiffany Eagleton: IN 2015 I HAD BUILT SUCH A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ADVOCATES AT THE GATEWAY CENTER, PARTICULARLY THESE ONES THAT WERE FROM VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA HOME FREE THAT WERE REALLY AMAZING WITH MY CHILDREN AND ME. I WAS ABLE TO TELL HER THAT I NEEDED HELP. I KNEW THAT EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T HER JOB AND SHE DIDN'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT RECOVERY OR ADDICTION BUT SHE WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS SAFE AND PROBABLY THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT I TRUSTED LEFT IN MY LIFE. I WAS HOMELESS. LIVING IN MY TRUCK. MY ABUSER KEPT FINDING ME, STALKING ME. I HAD THREE WINDOWS BROKEN OUT. HAD TO MOVE EVERY DAY. IT WAS REALLY SCARY. THAT'S WHERE THE ABUSE AND THE ADDICTION TOOK ME. THAT WAS ALSO BY TELLING HER AND LET OUT THE SECRET THAT HE ALSO USED AGAINST ME AND CONTINUED THAT FEAR CYCLE. FROM THAT POINT FORWARD I HAVE BEEN CLEAN AND SOBER SINCE THAT DAY. I HAVE THREE AND A HALF YEARS, AND REBUILDING MY LIFE. IT LOOKS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, AND IT'S BEEN ABUSE FREE. ADDICTION FREE.

I CONTINUED INTO SCHOOL AND GOT AN INTERNSHIP AT THE GATEWAY CENTER, WHICH WAS AMAZING TO BE ABLE TO GIVE BACK AND BE A PART OF. NOW I AM A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RECOVERY MENTOR, WHICH IS A NEW POSITION. I'M SO GRATEFUL. I REALLY OWE IT TO GATEWAY AND ALL OF THE ADVOCATES THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE I'M A SIS GENDER WOMAN AND I'M WHITE. ALL THE DOORS I HAD TO KNOCK ON I KNOW FELLOW SURVIVORS THAT HAVE DIFFERENT IDENTITIES THAN I DO AS WELL AS PARTICIPANTS OF MINE I KNOW THAT IT CAN BE AND IS MUCH HARDER. I ALSO JUST WANT TO SAY THE SERVICES THAT ARE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC ARE AMAZING. THAT GATEWAY OFFERS ALL THOSE KINDS OF THINGS AND GIVES WRAP-AROUND SERVICE. I THINK THAT THAT'S ALL I HAD. I WANT TO SAY SO MUCH MORE BUT I'M VERY NERVOUS. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: DOING A GREAT JOB.

Tiffany Eagleton: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE OF SERVICE. THIS IS AN AMAZING -- ALL WOMEN LIKE THIS. I JUST HAD TO POINT THAT OUT. WOW! SO EMPOWERED RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: YOU HAVE A FAN CLUB UP HERE. WE ARE WITH YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. I LOVE THAT YOU'RE GIVING SO MUCH THANKS TO YOUR TEAM, BUT IT'S YOU. YOUR STRENGTH. YOU WERE ABLE TO PERSEVERE. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL AS A SOCIAL WORKER. I'M THANKFUL ACTUALLY FOR THE REST OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU WILL BE OUT THERE WITH YOUR VOICE AND YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR EXPERIENCE IN HELPING PEOPLE WHO HAVE WALKED IN SIMILAR SHOES THAT YOU HAVE. KNOW YOU HAVE THIS TEAM RIGHT HERE. FIVE OF US. WE'RE BEHIND YOU.

Tiffany Eagleton: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Meieran: I JUST HAVE TO START BY THANKING TIFFANY AS WELL FOR BEING SO INCREDIBLY BRAVE AND FOR SHARING YOUR STORY HERE AND DOING IT. SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE NERVOUS, NOT DOING IT. IT WAS AMAZING. SO POWERFUL. YOU HAVE OVERCOME SO MUCH AND HAVE SO MUCH STRENGTH AND YOU'RE A ROLE MODEL. YOU MENTIONED KIDS. YOUR KIDS. YOU'RE THERE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO MAKE IT THROUGH. I'M JUST SO APPRECIATIVE OF THAT YOU ARE DOING THIS WORK AND YOU'RE OUT THERE. THANK YOU FOR SHARING TODAY. I KNOW HOW HARD IT MUST HAVE BEEN. YOU JUST KNOCKED IT OUT OF THE PARK. IN GENERAL I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THIS UPDATE TODAY. I AM PRIVILEGED TO SERVE ON THE GATEWAY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND I DO LOOK FORWARD WITH THIS IGA TO STRENGTHENING AND BUILDING THAT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE DIRECTOR THERE. GATEWAY IS TRULY AN AMAZING MODEL OF COORDINATED, COMPREHENSIVE AND JUST TRULY INNOVATIVE SERVICES. DELIVERY MODEL.

I DID HAVE THE PLEASURE OF TOURING GATEWAY JUST WHEN I FIRST STARTED IN THIS JOB, WHICH WASN'T THAT LONG AGO REALLY, AND I WAS SO STRUCK BY HOW MUCH IS GOING ON AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT THERE. YOU MENTIONED THE HOMINESS. IT TRULY IS JUST A PLACE WHERE YOU WALK IN AND YOU FEEL JUST A SENSE OF COMFORT AND SAFETY. IT REALLY IS A MICROCOSM OF ALL THESE BIGGER SYSTEMS LOCATED IN ONE PLACE. I LOVE THIS PHILOSOPHY IN GENERAL. THEY DO IT SO WELL, BEING LOCATED IN ONE PLACE TO MEET PEOPLE'S NEEDS IN A MORE SEAMLESS WAY. I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE COURTROOM. TIFFANY EXPLAINED WHY EXACTLY THAT IS SO IMPORTANT. IT'S NOT JUST THE CONVENIENCE OF

HAVING IT THERE, IT'S TRULY THE SAFETY OF HAVING IT THERE. THAT WAS REMARKABLE TO SEE. AS WE APPROACH THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOW NEGOTIATE ARNOLD RENEW THE IGA WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND, I'M REALLY GLAD THAT WE'RE TAKING TIME TO REVIEW THE WORK THAT HAPPENS AND BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT THOSE COMMITMENTS WE MAKE MOVING FORWARD. MY OFFICE AND A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO RENE IN MY OFFICE WHO HAS BEEN WORKING SO DILIGENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY ON THIS. MARTHA, SHE REALLY IS A JOY TO WORK WITH. I'M JUST GOING TO SAY THAT.

Commissioner Meieran: EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED HARD BEHIND THE SCENES INCLUDING KIM, THE CHAIR'S OFFICE, ROSE, JUST ALL OF YOU. IT REALLY HAS BEEN A TEAM EFFORT. I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE IN PARTICULAR OF CLARIFYING EXPECTATIONS, LOOKING AT THOSE AND FOCUSING ON MEANINGFUL IMPACTS AND MEASURING THAT. INSTITUTIONALIZING ELEMENTS OF GATEWAY SO THEY ARE SUSTAINABLE MOVING FORWARD. THIS WORK IS SO IMPORTANT AND THE STRUCTURE THAT UNDERPINS IT IS UNIQUE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY. I REALLY AM APPRECIATIVE OF THE EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THE WORK DOESN'T EBB AND FLOW DEPENDING WHO IS IN OFFICE AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THAT IT'S REALLY SECURE THROUGH THOSE LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS. I'M GRATIFIED TO SEE THAT EFFORT. AGAIN, THANK YOU REALLY TO MARTHA AND JUST FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE WORK YOU DO EVERY DAY. TO JOHN FOR THE WORK YOU DO PARTICULARLY WITH THE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY IN A TRULY MEANINGFULLY, CULTURALLY SPECIFIC WAY. AGAIN, TO TIFFANY FOR SHARING HER STORY.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THANK YOU ALL. YOU HELP SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AS WITNESSED HERE TODAY YOU ALL WERE VERY GOOD AT IDENTIFYING WHAT YOU DO AND HOW YOU DO IT. I WANT TO THANK YOU, ROSE, MARTHA, JOHN, TIFFANY FOR BEING COURAGEOUS TO TELL YOUR STORY. WHEN YOU SAID THAT I AM LUCKY TO BE ALIVE I THINK THAT FOR ME THAT HIT HOME. HOW REALLY, TRULY AFRAID SOME WOMEN ARE ABOUT THEIR PARTNERS. HAVE TO BATTLE A DRUG ADDICTION AT THE SAME TIME TOO. IT'S A HUGE DEAL. AS THE CHAIR SAID, YOU HAVE SOME FANS AND SUPPORTERS UP HERE. TO THE WOMEN WHO YOU WORK WITH AT THE GATEWAY CENTER, I REMEMBER MY FIRST INTRODUCTION BACK IN 2010 WHEN WE STARTED THIS, ONE OF THE LAST APPROPRIATIONS THAT I DID LUCINDA WHITEN WAS THE TWO-WAY TV. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE SAME ONE. YOU'VE PROBABLY UPGRADED BY NOW. THE IDEA OF SAYING THAT THIS IS A SAFE PLACE FOR WOMEN TO GO AND HAVING THAT AND TO HAVE THAT CONTINUE, I THINK IT'S GREAT. KEEP DOING THE GOOD WORK IN HELPING OUR MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS WHO ARE REALLY COURAGEOUS TO EVEN COME INTO YOUR CENTER. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE BRIEFING TODAY. TIFFANY, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY

WITH US, FOR YOUR BRAVERY, HONESTY AND YOUR GRACE TODAY. THE CHAIR IS RIGHT. YOU HAVE FIVE FANS ROOTING FOR YOU. I APPRECIATE THE COMMITMENT THAT YOU'RE HAVING TO TAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND REALLY GIVE IT BACK IN SO MANY WAYS TO OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK WE'LL ALL BE STRONGER FOR THAT. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. MARTHA, JOHN, THANK YOU GUYS FOR BEING HERE TODAY. IT'S BEEN GREAT. I JUST APPRECIATE THE UPDATE. I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO ACTUALLY REPRESENT THE DISTRICT THAT GATEWAY CENTER IS IN BOTH IN-HOUSE DISTRICT 47 AND NOW DISTRICT 3 AT THE COUNTY. I HAVE HAD MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT THE CENTER AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE COMMITMENT TO WOMEN AND SURVIVORS OF DV, AND I THINK THAT GIVING US AN UPDATE ON YOUR PLANS FOR LOOKING AT SOME OF THE STRUCTURES IN PLACE, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, THE PARTNER AGREEMENTS YOU HAVE. THEN RECOMMITTING TO RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ARE REALLY IMPORTANT. I JUST APPRECIATE THAT COMMITMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE UPDATES AS THAT WORK GOES FORWARD.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. MY COLLEAGUES SAID IT ALL SO WELL. I REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH TO ADD OTHER THAN I THINK WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOW UNFORTUNATELY IT'S TYPICALLY WOMEN THAT ARE VICTIMIZED, THIS IS REALLY A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. YOU ALL ARE WORKING ON A SPECIFIC TYPE OF VIOLENCE BUT IT'S SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT. TEAM TIFFANY. THIS IS GREAT. YOU ARE JUST GOING TO CHANGE AND YOU PROBABLY ALREADY HAVE SO MANY WOMEN'S LIVES BECAUSE OF YOUR VULNERABILITY TO SHARE YOUR STORY. THAT'S JUST SO TREMENDOUS. I'M SORRY FOR THE THINGS YOU'VE HAD TO EXPERIENCE, BUT I THINK THAT THERE'S GREATER REASON MAYBE WHY YOU DID SO YOU CAN HELP OTHERS. YOU ALL ARE PART OF THAT JOURNEY. ROSE, THANK YOU FOR THE TREMENDOUS WORK YOU DO IN THE DEPARTMENT, THE IMMIGRATION AND LEGAL SERVICES, YOU ALL HAVE FIGURED OUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO MEET THOSE BARRIERS AND TEAR THEM DOWN AND HAVING THAT ONE STOP AND JUST REALLY BEING SO THOUGHTFUL ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO PREVENT A WOMAN OR SCARE HER AWAY FROM MAKING THAT FIRST STEP. YOU'VE TORN DOWN THOSE BARRIERS. I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND YOUR KINDNESS AND MAKING THIS A PRIORITY FOR WOMEN AND MEN IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR THE WORK.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING TODAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT YEAR HOPEFULLY BEFORE NEXT YEAR BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING ANOTHER BRIEFING NEXT YEAR ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE. THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING

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Martha Strawn Morris: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE NOTHING ELSE ON OUR AGENDA TODAY SO WE ARE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:12 a.m.

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