

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, May 14, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jules Bailey and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

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

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Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Budget Modification DCM-16-15: Reclassifying a Data Analyst Senior to a Program Supervisor in the DART Applications Support Section.
- C.2 BudMod DCHS-54-15: Reclassification of a Full-time Finance Supervisor to Finance Manager in DCHS.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation. Fill out a speaker form available at the back of the board room and give it to the Board Clerk. Unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer, testimony is taken in the order the forms are submitted.

Board Clerk: IF EVERYONE COULD PLEASE SILENCE THEIR PHONES, IT INTERFERES WITH THE SOUND SYSTEM. PLEASE COME FORWARD AS I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG X. THE LAST MEETING WE HAD AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY I HAD SOME CONCERNS WITH BASICALLY THE RAPE KITS BEING TESTED IN A TIMELY MANNER. AND ALSO THE AMOUNT OF BACKLOGS ON

THESE RAPE KITS. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE IS THAT SOME DETECTIVES HAVE THE ABILITY TO DECIDE WHICH RAPE KITS WILL BE TESTED AND WHICH WILL NOT. NOW, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU'RE CLAIMING THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO KEEP UP WITH THE BACKLOGS AND YOU'RE CURRENTLY OBTAINING A GRANT AT THIS TIME TO TRY TO DO THAT. NOW, AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD SOME BACKLOGGED KITS BACK AS FAR AS 1985 UP TO TODAY'S DATE. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE IS THAT ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES AND THE OVERALL JUDGMENT OF JUDICIAL SYSTEM DNA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS IS A POWERFUL TOOL FOR CONVICTING THE GUILTY AND EXONERATING THE INNOCENT.

Mr. Lightning: WHEN BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE IS COLLECTED AND STORED PROPERLY IT CAN HELP INVESTIGATORS IDENTIFY SUSPECTS IN CURRENT CASES. THE SEEMINGLY UNRELATED CASES CAN BE PUT TOGETHER, AND EVEN HELP RELATE CASES DECADES OLD. THE DIVISION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS BASICALLY WITH VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN INITIATING THESE FUNDS THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO OBTAIN A GRANT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AT THIS TIME TO HAVE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR STEVE MARCH TO DO A COMPLETE AUDIT ON ANY AND ALL DNA TESTING IN WHY THESE BACKLOGS ARE SUCH A HIGH NUMBER AT THIS TIME. I WANT TO MAKE SURE, IF THERE ARE PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN THE JAIL SYSTEM THAT ARE INNOCENT, THAT WHEN THESE TESTS ARE DONE, WHEN THEY ARE EXONERATED, THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL HAVE THE ANSWER ON WHY THESE TESTS WERE NOT CONDUCTED.

AGAIN, I'M ASKING FOR A FULL AUDIT FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY STEVE MARCH AT THIS TIME. WHEN WE START RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THESE TESTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE EXONERATED, CURRENTLY IN JAIL, MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL HAVE TO ANSWER TO THAT ON WHY THEY FELT THEY COULD NOT GET ADEQUATE FUNDING TO KEEP THESE BACKLOGGED CASES FROM GOING BACK AS FAR AS 10, 15, 20 YEARS. I HAVE NOT HEARD IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OF ANYBODY ASKING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD FORENSIC LAB TESTING. CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, IF I'M WRONG I APOLOGIZE. BUT OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A TREMENDOUS BACKLOG IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE AND NEEDS TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Ruiz: I FEEL LIKE I'M AUDITIONING FOR "AMERICAN IDOL" HERE. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU WANT TO SING, WE ARE OKAY WITH THAT.

Mr. Ruiz: HERE WE GO. I'M NOT GOING TO SING. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE TIME TO SPEAK TO YOU. MY NAME IS RICKY RUIZ, SOON TO BE SENIOR AT WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT A PROJECT CALLED SNAKE COURT. BEFORE I DO, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING THE COUNTY PROGRAM. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS AND TOMORROW'S MY LAST DAY. I WILL BE MOVING TO THE CITY OF GRESHAM WORKING WITH JOE WALSH DOING POLICY WORK. JUST A SHOUT-OUT, A THANKS TO EVERYBODY THAT WAS WORKING WITH THAT PROGRAM. THANKS TO THAT I'M HERE TODAY, WORKING FOR THREE YEARS, SO THANK YOU. I FIRST CAME HERE TO THE COUNTY IN 2013. THE PROGRAM HAS INDEED OPENED MANY DOORS TO OPPORTUNITIES.

LIKE I MENTIONED, MY LAST DAY WITH THE COUNTY WILL BE TOMORROW, I'LL BE MOVING TO THE CITY OF GRESHAM. SO GOING BACK TO SNAKE COURT, THIS PROJECT CAME ALONG WITH AN IDEA THAT POPPED IN MY HEAD JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. WHILE GOING ON THE RUN, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I STOPPED TO TAKE A BREAK AND I NOTICED LITTLE KIDS JUMPING THE FENCE OF A LOT THAT IS APPROXIMATELY 29,000 SQUARE FEET. I REMEMBER AS A KID I USED TO JUMP THAT FENCE TO PLAY SOCCER THERE.

WE WERE ABLE TO CONVINCE PEOPLE AND ABLE TO GAIN THE NEEDED SUPPORT TO FULLY LAUNCH THIS PROJECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE WERE ABLE TO GET SUPPORT FROM MANY ORGANIZATIONS. WE APPLIED FOR TWO GRANTS, ONE FOR \$15,000 FROM THE U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION. AND ANOTHER ONE THROUGH THE PORTLAND TIMBERS AND WE GOT THAT, AS WELL. HOPEFULLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE IT LOOKS LIKE TO BE THE END OF SUMMER, WE WILL HAVE IT BE BUILT FOR THE KIDS TO USE IN THE SAFE ZONE AND HAVE THEM PLAY THE SPORT OF SOCCER THERE. THIS SNAKE COURT WILL BE LOCATED AT VANCE PARK OFF 82nd BETWEEN PARK AND DIVISION. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT. AND EVERYBODY THAT SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. MY COUNTY TIME IS OVER SO NOW IT'S CITY OF GRESHAM.

Chair Kafoury: OUR LOSS IS THEIR GAIN, THAT'S RIGHT.

Commissioner McKeel: THEY ARE VERY LUCKY.

Chair Kafoury: CONGRATULATIONS, IT'S A GREAT PROJECT.

Mr. Ruiz: THANK YOU.

R.1 Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending MCC Chapters 11, 33, 34, 35 and 36 Relating to Forest Practice Buildings in Commercial Forest Use Zones. Presenter: Lindsey Nesbitt, Senior Planner.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Nesbitt: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M LINDSEY NESBITT, A SENIOR PLANNER, AND THIS IS ADAM BARBER, ALSO A SENIOR PLANNER FOR THE DEPARTMENT. THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A PRETTY SIMPLE STRAIGHTFORWARD CODE AMENDMENT THAT WILL AFFECT OR IMPACT THE RURAL AREA OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY THE COMMERCIAL FOREST USE ZONES, WHICH IS REFERRED TO AS THE CFU ZONE THIS. CODE AMENDMENT COMES FROM STATE LAW THAT WAS ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED IN 2014. SO WE'RE AMENDING OUR CODE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE LAW.

THIS CODE WILL ACT VERY SIMILAR TO HOW WE CURRENTLY TREATING AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS IN OUR FARM ZONE, WHICH MEANS THAT IF A PERSON COMES TO OUR FRONT COUNTER, THE PLANNING COUNTER AND DEMONSTRATES THEY HAVE A VALID FARMING PRACTICE, WE CAN SIGN OFF ON THEIR EXEMPT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT THE FRONT COUNTER. WHICH MEANS THEY DON'T NEED A LAND USE REVIEW OR OBTAIN BUILDING PERMIT, THEY CAN JUST GO AND BUILD. THE IDEA IS TO HELP FACILITATE BUSINESS AND THEIR FARMING PRACTICES WITHOUT HAVING TO GO THROUGH A CUMBERSOME LAND USE AND BUILDING PROCESS. THESE BUILDINGS TYPICALLY AREN'T OCCUPIED BY THE PUBLIC. SO THERE WAS AN INTEREST EXPRESSED IN EXTENDING THIS SAME TYPE OF REVIEW FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE FOREST PRACTICES.

SO WITH THIS CODE AMENDMENT, PEOPLE THAT COME TO THE FRONT COUNTER A DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE A VALID FOREST PRACTICE, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN OFF ON THEIR PERMITS SO THEY CAN BUILD AN ACCESSORY BUILDING TO HELP FACILITATE THEIR FOREST PRACTICES AND THE CFU ZONE. THE ONLY TIME LAND USE REVIEW POTENTIALLY COULD BE REQUIRED IS IF THE PEOPLE HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY ON THEIR PROPERTY, SUCH AS THE FLOODPLAIN OR WETLAND BUFFER. IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE LAND USE REVIEW. BUT ONCE THAT'S COMPLETED THEY STILL WOULD NOT NEED TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT AFTER THAT. ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner McKeel: I DO HAVE ONE QUESTION. SO DOES THE STATE -- WHEN THEY HAVE TO SHOW THEY HAVE A VALID USE -- IS THAT SOMETHING THEY HAVE FROM THE STATE? WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO DO TO SHOW THEY HAVE A VALID USE FOR?

Ms. Nesbitt: THEY CAN DO THAT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. TYPICALLY PEOPLE ARE IN A COMMERCIAL FOREST USE TAX DEFERRAL OR A FARM DEFERRAL. SOMETIMES PEOPLE WILL DEMONSTRATE IF THEY HAVE A BUSINESS THEY CAN SUBMIT SOMETHING THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THEY HAVE A VALID FORESTRY TYPE BUSINESS OR FARMING TYPE BUSINESS. THERE ARE DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS THAT WE USE.

Commissioner McKeel: SO THAT'S NOT A CUMBERSOME PROCESS.

Ms. Nesbitt: NO.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE FIRST READING IS APPROVED AND THE SECOND READING IS THURSDAY MAY 21.

R.2 NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) to Submit an Application to the HRSA Health Infrastructure Investment Program (HIIP) Grant Funding Opportunity. Presenters: Christy Ward, Primary Care Services Director; and, Marc Harris, Health Services Development Administrator.

Mr. Harris: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO REQUEST YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$1 MILLION FOR THE HEALTH RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY. WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PROPOSE TO DO IS TO EXPAND PRIMARY CARE AND PHARMACY CAPACITY AT THE NORTH PORTLAND HEALTH CENTER THROUGH THIS FUNDING. THE RENOVATIONS WILL RESULT IN EIGHT NEW EXAM ROOMS AS WELL AS A LARGER PHARMACY. SO CURRENTLY THE PHARMACY IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND WE'LL BE MOVING IT UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR. AND THEN UTILIZING THAT OPEN SPACE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EXAM ROOMS. RIGHT NOW WE'RE STILL WAITING ON THE FINAL BUDGET ESTIMATES BUT IT'S LOOKING LIKE AN \$850,000 PROJECT. CAPITAL EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY THE GRANT. IT'LL PRIZE TWO PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS, SERVING AN ADDITIONAL 2400 CLIENTS.

Ms. Ward: THIS COMMUNITY AT NORTH PORTLAND CONTINUES TO BE AN AREA OF MANY OF THE PRIMARY CARE CLINICS THAT ARE STILL IN NEED. THIS WILL HELP US SERVE A NEED. WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE PHARMACY WHERE IT'S CURRENTLY SITUATED IN NORTH PORTLAND IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR IN BASICALLY A HALLWAY THAT'S AN ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY. THERE ARE SOME SECURITY CONCERNS JUST IN THE WAY THAT THAT PHARMACY IS SITUATED. SO IN NORTH PORTLAND THE SECOND FLOOR ISN'T VERY WELL UTILIZED. THIS WILL KIND OF ACCOMPLISH A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT THINGS.

Ms. Ward: WE'LL BE ABLE TO EXPAND CAPACITY IN PHARMACY SO THAT WE CAN THEN ALSO EXPAND CAPACITY IN OUR PRIMARY CARE. BUT IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO THINK ABOUT WHAT OTHER SERVICES WE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON THE SECOND FLOOR IN NORTH PORTLAND IN WHAT IS CURRENTLY VACANT SPACE. WE THINK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR US TO BE ABLE TO BRING ON DENTAL SERVICES FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH CURRENTLY DON'T EXIST IN THAT AREA. SO BY PUTTING THE PHARMACY IN AN EXPANDING CAPACITY ON THAT SECOND FLOOR, IT ALLOWS US TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL SERVICES DOWN THE LINE AS WE HAVE FUNDS.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: WHY WOULDN'T YOU PUT THE NEW ROOMS UP ON THE SECOND FLOOR INSTEAD OF MOVING THE PHARMACY?

Ms. Ward: WELL, I THINK THE CURRENT WAIT PHARMACY AGAIN IS SITUATED, WITHOUT HAVING YOU BE ABLE TO SEE --

Commissioner Smith: I'M FAMILIAR WITH IT, I'VE BEEN THERE.

Ms. Ward: SO AS THEY COME IN FROM THE PARKING LOT THERE IS THAT -- PEOPLE ARE WALKING BY CONTINUALLY AS FOLKS ARE EITHER DROPPING OFF A PRESCRIPTION OR HAVING COUNSELING ABOUT THE USE OF THOSE PRESCRIPTIONS. AS WELL WE HAVE HAD SOME ONGOING CONCERNS JUST ABOUT THE SECURITY IN THE EVENT THAT SOMEBODY CAME THROUGH THAT SIDE DOOR AND YOU KNOW, WANTED TO BREAK IN OR SOMETHING. I THINK THAT THE SECURITY GUARD ISN'T ABLE TO BE ABLE TO SEE WELL IN THAT SPACE AND I THINK IT'S SOMEWHAT PROBLEMATIC.

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR, THANK YOU. AND THERE'S NO MATCH REQUIRED FOR THIS.

Ms. Ward: NO.

Commissioner McKeel: WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THIS TO GO INTO EFFECT?

Mr. Harris: IT'LL BE IN THE FALL ON A NOT AGGRESSIVE TIMELINE, WE THINK ALL RENOVATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE SPRING OF 2017. WE COULD PROBABLY DO IT A LITTLE QUICKER BUT THAT WILL BE THE FURTHEST IT WOULD TAKE.

Commissioner Smith: SO IN THE INTERIM WILL THERE BE PHARMACY SERVICES WHILE YOU ARE CREATING SPACE ON THE SECOND FLOOR?

Ms. Ward: YES, THERE CURRENTLY IS. THERE ARE PHARMACY SERVICES CURRENTLY THERE. AS THEY STAGE THIS THEY WOULD CREATE THE PHARMACY ON THE SECOND FLOOR, MOVE THE CURRENT PHARMACY AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS SOME OF THE OFFICE SPACE THAT WE HAVE THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY USING IN THE PRIMARY CARE SITE WILL THEN MOVE INTO THE OLD PHARMACY SPACE AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO CREATE THOSE EIGHT NEW EXAM ROOMS.

Commissioner Smith: SO THERE WILL BE NO LAPSE IN SERVICE IN TERMS OF PHARMACY SERVICES.

Mr. Harris: OR PRIMARY CARE, BOTH.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: I APPRECIATE YOU LOOKING AT THE DENTAL SERVICES. ARE YOU LOOKING AT PUTTING IN SOME OPROTORIES?

Ms. Ward: IT'S JUST DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT, WE CERTAINLY SEE THERE'S OPPORTUNITY. I THINK THAT THAT IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING ON OUR RADAR THAT WOULD BE FOR US TO PROVIDE FULL DENTAL SERVICES. IT IS OUR ONLY PRIMARY CLINIC THAT DOES NOT HAVE DENTAL SERVICES AVAILABLE CURRENTLY OUTSIDE OF L.A. CLINIC AND OUR SCHOOL BASE SITE.

Chair Kafoury: EARLIER THIS YEAR WE AUTHORIZED A BUNCH OF NEW DOLLARS FOR EXPANSIONS ALL OVER THIS COUNTY. TELL ME WHAT THE PLANS WERE AT THAT POINT FOR THE NORTH PORTLAND CLINIC AND WHY DID WE NOT TALK ABOUT THIS AT THAT POINT.

Ms. Ward: WHAT WE WERE LOOKING AT THAT TIME WAS CURRENT FOOTPRINTS AND WHAT WE COULD PUT INTO THAT SPACE. WE DID ADD ONE ADDITIONAL PROVIDER IN THAT LOCATION WHICH WE HAVE HIRED. THIS ALLOWS US TO HAVE ADDITIONAL SPACE WHERE WE CAN BRING ON ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS. YOU KNOW, WE'RE OUT OF EXAM ROOMS, HONESTLY. BY ADDING EIGHT NEW EXAM ROOMS THIS ALLOWS US TO THEN EXPAND THE CAPACITY. WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WE WERE LOOKING AT WAS AGAIN, CURRENT FOOTPRINTS AND NOT DOING ANY CONSTRUCTION AT THAT TIME. THIS OPPORTUNITY JUST IN THERE BEING CAPITAL FUNDING THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO PUT OUT THERE OURSELVES, SEEMED LIKE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND THE RIGHT SITE TO DO IT.

Chair Kafoury: SO THIS PROJECT WILL ONLY GO FORWARD IF YOU RECEIVE THIS GRANT?

Ms. Ward: YES. WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT NEXT STEPS IN TERMS OF COMING BACK AND ASKING FOR THAT FUNDING IF WE WEREN'T TO GET IT.

Chair Kafoury: AND THE ONGOING COST OF PROVIDING NEW SERVICES, WHEN WILL THAT COME BEFORE US TO DISCUSS?

Ms. Ward: SO WE WOULD BRING THAT FORWARD IF WE HAD THE APPROVAL OF THAT BECAUSE WE WOULD NEED -- KNOWING THERE IS A 6-12 MONTH DELAY IN BEING ABLE TO HIRE PROVIDERS, WE WOULD NEED TO BRING THAT FORWARD ONCE BUT GOT THE APPROVAL TO DO THIS PROJECT. WE DO KNOW IN THE PREVIOUS WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE IT WOULD NOT COST US MONEY TO ADD TEAMS, THAT WOULD BE REVENUE GENERATING, IT WOULD BE A POSITIVE FOR US.

Commissioner Smith: MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. WE'RE GOING TO ADD EIGHT NEW EXAM ROOMS AND ONLY ONE NEW DOC.

Ms. Ward: AT LEAST TWO NEW DOCS.

Commissioner Smith: AND EIGHT EXAM ROOMS, IS THERE A HOPE WE'RE GOING GET SIX MORE DOCS IN THERE?

Mr. Harris: THE PRIMARY CARE TEAM HAS SIX, TWO DOCTORS WOULD TYPICALLY HAVE SIX EXAM ROOMS. THEY WOULD OPEN UP MORE CAPACITY FOR THE EXISTING TEAMS. IT'S A BONUS OF GETTING A FULL PRIMARY CARE TEAM SPACE AND HAVING TWO OTHER EXAM ROOMS THAT OPENS UP OTHER CAPACITY, AS WELL.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE NOI IS APPROVED.

Ms. Ward: THANK YOU.

Mr. Harris: THANKS.

R.3 NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) to Apply for the Healthy Families Oregon Grant Funding Opportunity for up to \$2.5 Million per Year. Presenters: Rachael Banks, Healthy Families Manager; and, Marc Harris, Health Services Development Administrator.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3.

Mr. Harris: GOOD MORNING AGAIN, MARC HARRIS, MANAGER OF HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVES. WE'RE HERE TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$2.5 MILLION A YEAR FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES OREGON PROGRAM. IT'S COME THROUGH LIKE OUR STATE PROGRAM ELEMENT NOT AS A COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION, HOWEVER HEALTHY

FAMILIES WITH THE EARLY LEARNING DEPARTMENT, THEY DECIDED TO AT THE RESTRUCTURING EARLY LEARNING TO CLOSER TIE HEALTHY FAMILIES IN THE HUBS TOGETHER. WHAT THAT RESULTED IN WAS A COMPETITIVE RFP PROCESS FOR THE NEW BIENNIUM. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE RESPONDING TO WITH THIS. RACHAEL BANKS WILL GIVE YOU A LITTLE MORE BACKGROUND ABOUT THE REQUEST MEANS AND HOW WE GOT THERE AND WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO GO.

Ms. Banks: I SHOULD START BY SAYING GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM IS AROUND PARENT ATTACHMENT, STABLE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. AND IT USES AN EVIDENCE-BASED MODEL THAT UTILIZES HOME VISITS AND FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS. WE DO THAT THROUGH CONTRACT WITH FOUR COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES AT THIS POINT. SO IRCO, IMPACT NORTHWEST, INCITE PARENTING PROGRAMS AND ALBINA HEAD START IS OUR NEW CONTRACT. WE DO THAT BOTH TO CATER TO CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES AS WELL AS HAVE A BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES. WE OPERATE THE WELCOME BABIES SCREENING PROGRAM THAT'S AT SIX OF OUR HOSPITALS, MAJOR MATERNITY WARDS WHERE WE SCREEN FAMILIES FOR ELIGIBILITY AND LINK THEM WITH OUR COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES. THIS OPPORTUNITY WOULD ALLOW US TO MAINTAIN EXISTING SERVICES AS WELL AS EXPAND TO ANOTHER TEAM AND A HALF.

NINE ADDITIONAL HOME VISITORS AND THEN THE REQUIRED SUPERVISION, AS WELL. IT ALSO WOULD ALLOW TO US PROVIDE COST-OF-LIVING ACROSS THE PROGRAMS WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO THROUGH FUNDING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. IT WOULD ALSO ALLOW TO US ADD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION FOR THE TEAMS AND FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THEM AS IT IS THE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY INCREASES AND THE ACUTITY OF WHAT FAMILIES ARE DEALING WITH INCREASES AS WELL. AS SO THAT'S THE BULK OF WHAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THERE. I'LL JUST TELL YOU THAT WE'VE HAD A GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH ELM IN TERMS OF WE'VE REALLY ALIGNED OUR SERVICE POPULATION WITH EARLY LEARNING MULTNOMAH WORK AND ALIGNED THE GOALS IN TERMS OF THE EARLY LEARNING GOALS AND ALSO MAKING SURE OUR KIDS ARE ENTERING KINDERGARTEN READY TO THRIVE. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU ALL MAY HAVE.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. I NOTICED THAT IT'S A 25% MATCH.

Commissioner McKeel: IT SAYS THE MATCH IS MET THROUGH COUNTY GENERAL FUND. IS THAT IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR, THE MATCH?

Ms. Banks: YES. WE'VE ALWAYS SUBSTANTIALLY INVESTED IN HEALTHY FAMILIES AND IN FACT HAVE PUT MORE THAN THE 25% MATCH SO THAT IS IN THE BUDGET.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED.

R.4 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming May 2015 as Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: David Hidalgo, Mental Health Director and Neal Rotman, Community Mental Health Program Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Mr. Hidalgo: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS DAVID HIDALGO AND I AM THE DIRECTOR FOR OUR COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION. TODAY I AM JOINED BY A TEAM OF SUPPORTERS TO HELP BRING THE MENTAL HEALTH PROCLAMATION FORWARD. INCLUDING NEAL ROTMAN, VICKY SCOTT, AND ASHA KHANVILKAR, AS WELL AS OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY BEHAVIORAL MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR MANDY KUBISCH. SO TODAY WE'RE HERE TO BRING FORWARD FOR YOUR APPROVAL A MENTAL HEALTH PROCLAMATION. THIS IS A PROCLAMATION THAT WE BRING FORWARD EVERY MAY FOR THE PAST 65 YEARS IN THIS COUNTRY MAY HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AND MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. AND WE ALSO IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS HAVE ALSO CELEBRATED MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. AND THIS YEAR THE MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA IS THE ORGANIZATION THAT SPONSORS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, HAS FOR THE PAST 65 YEARS. THEY TYPICALLY SELECT A THEME TO GO AHEAD AND CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH. THIS YEAR THE THEME IS CHANGING THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S A VERY FITTING THEME GIVEN ALL THE WORK WE'VE DONE TOGETHER IN OUR COMMUNITY AROUND MENTAL HEALTH.

AS WE KNOW, MENTAL HEALTH, LIKE ANY OTHER HEALTH CONDITION, IS ONE THAT ANY HUMAN, ANY INDIVIDUAL IN OUR COMMUNITY CAN EXPERIENCE. WE ALSO STILL KNOW THAT THE RESEARCH TELLS US THAT AT ANY GIVEN POINT IN A YEAR, ONE IN FIVE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY WILL EXPERIENCE A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION. FOR THAT REASON WE ENCOURAGE AND WANT TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT PREVENT WORKS, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IS EFFECTIVE AND RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE. AND IN FACT EXPECTED. SO BEFORE I HAND IT OFF TO OUR TEAM OF SUPPORTERS HERE SO WE CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THE COMMUNITY, AND ALSO TO HEAR FROM OUR SPECIAL GUESTS THE VOICE OF PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE OUR SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY AND TO HELP US UNDERSTAND A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ABOUT HOW WE CAN THINK ABOUT OUR PERSPECTIVE ON MENTAL HEALTH, I'D LIKE TO FIRST THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS OUR BOARD AND LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE

COLLABORATIVE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO TOGETHER IN OUR COMMUNITY TO POSITIVELY CHANGE THE WAY THAT ALL OF US THINK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO NEAL AND WE WILL CONTINUE FORWARD FROM THERE.

Mr. Rotman: EXCUSE ME FOR A SECOND. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, I'M NEAL ROTMAN, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS DEMONSTRATED A TRUE CONCERN FOR THE WELLNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE BOARD THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES THAT PROVIDE CRISIS SUPPORTS, CULTURALLY SPECIFIC TREATMENT SERVICES, AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES FROM CHILDHOOD TO OUR OLDER ADULT POPULATION. AS A MANAGER OF THE PROGRAMS I WITNESS FIRSTHAND THE EXCELLENT WORK THESE PROGRAMS PROVIDE THROUGH SERVICES THAT HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT FOR THOUSANDS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS EACH YEAR.

IN THE AREA OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS LIKE ESA, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS HAVE DEMONSTRATED WONDERFUL SUCCESSES IN PROVIDING EARLY INTERVENTION, COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT AND SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES. TODAY'S PRESENTATION ALLOWS ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR NEWEST IN ADDITIONTIVE. AGAIN, WITH THE BOARD SUPPORT WE HAVE ADDED A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION COORDINATOR WORKING DILIGENTLY TO ENSURE THAT WE OFFER TRAINING TO EDUCATE AND PREPARE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH, FIRST AID AND SUICIDE PREVENTION. SHE IS ALSO ENSURING OUR COUNTY PROGRAM AND EMPLOYEES SHOULD RECEIVE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO RESPOND RESPONSIBLY TO A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. I'M HAPPY TO INTRODUCE MANDY.

Ms. Kubisch: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION COORDINATOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND DICTIONS WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT'S TRULY AN HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY. THIS YEAR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS HAS REMAINED VERY DEDICATED TO TRAINING STAFF SO THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO CARRY OUT IMPORTANT WORK THEY DO WHILE AT THE SAME TIME EXPANDING OUR REACH. WE HOSTED MORE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN CRISIS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE TRAINED COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH VARYING BACKGROUNDS AND REASONS FOR SEEKING TRAINING. WE HAVE PROVIDED TRAINING TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUCH AS PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND PARTNERS

WHO HAVE LOVED ONES LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WE HAVE PROVIDED TRAINING TO FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY, ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS, PROGRAMS SERVING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, YOUTH PROGRAMS, HOUSING PROGRAMS, HEALTH CLINICS, SUN SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS INCLUDING DAVID DOUGLAS, GRESHAM-BARLOW, MESD, PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND REYNOLDS. WE HAVE REACHED OUT AND PROVIDED TRAINING TO COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AS WELL AS ORGANIZATIONS SERVING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPANDING THIS REACH EVEN FURTHER IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

Ms. Kubisch: IN THE LAST YEAR WE ALSO TRAINED TRAINERS AND APPLIED TO A SITE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAIN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SO THEY CAN TRAIN WITHIN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY NETWORKS. WE HAVE JOINED WITH CLACKAMAS AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES TO LAUNCH A REGIONAL WEBSITE CALLED GET TRAINED TO HELP, MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS TO ALL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK BOTH LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY TO DECREASE STIGMA AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO GET TRAINED ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION. BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2015, WE PROJECT THAT WE WILL HAVE TRAINED OVER 650 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THIS WILL BE OVER A 100% INCREASE FROM INDIVIDUALS TRAINED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 WE PROJECT AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE OF NEARLY 20%. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCEREST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT IN DECREASING STIGMA AND HELPING TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION. THANK YOU.

Mr. Hidalgo: THANK YOU, MANDY. WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF MUSICAL CHAIRS GOING SINCE WE'RE A LARGE TEAM TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE THAT.

Mr. Hidalgo: SO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE BELIEVE AROUND CELEBRATING MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY IS TO REALLY HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ACCESS OUR SERVICES, THE PEOPLE WHO CAN TALK TO US ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT WORKS IN MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND HOW IT BENEFITS RECOVERY. BECAUSE WE KNOW RECOVERY IS EXPECTED FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS JUST LIKE OTHER HEALTH CONDITIONS. SO TODAY WE HAVE ASHA KHANVILKAR WHO IS A PARENT OF A YOUTH IN OUR ESA PROGRAM, EARLY ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT ALLIANCE PROGRAM. I'M VERY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HERE WITH US TODAY. PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY.

Ms. Khanvilkar: GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU, ESA FOR GIVING ME THE SUPPORT TO COME AND SHARE, THIS OPPORTUNITY. YOU ARE DOING TWO THINGS FOR ME. ONE

IS LOOKING AFTER MY SON AND THEN ALLOWING ME TO REPRESENT THE ENTIRE PARENT COMMUNITY, THAT'S QUITE A TASK FOR ME TODAY. THE MAIN THING I WANT TO SAY IS THE MOMENT YOU HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH CHILD, FOR ME HE'S STILL A CHILD THOUGH HE'S 18, IT TAKES TIME FOR YOU TO ACCEPT THAT SOMETHING DIFFERENT IS HAPPENING TO YOU. YOU FEEL THAT HE'S A TEENAGER AND THINGS ARE NORMAL AND THEN YOU IGNORE. THEN YOU START TO SEE WEIRD BEHAVIOR AND DIFFERENT BEHAVIOR AND THEN YOU SEE THE WHOLE HOUSE SUDDENLY CHANGE, THE WHOLE HOUSE FEELS SICK, THE FAMILY FEELS SICK BECAUSE NOBODY'S SLEEPING OR EATING RIGHT AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE COMMUNICATING CORRECTLY. THEN YOU ARE SHOPPING FOR TREATMENT. THE FIRST THING YOU DO IS GO TO A PHYSICAL PRACTITIONER, YOUR PHYSICIAN. THEN YOU GET A REFERRAL AND GO TO PSYCHIATRIC. IT'S QUITE A JOURNEY. HE WAS IN HIS SENIOR CLASS, AND BY THE TIME WE DISCOVERED ESA, IF ONLY WE ARE PART OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WAS FEELING THAT ONLY IF I HAD THIS INFORMATION EARLIER, TWO THINGS CAME TO MY MIND AS PARENT. HOW CAN I EASE THE PAIN OF MY CHILD? AND HOW COULD I AVOID THIS SITUATION IF I HAD THE INFORMATION THAT ESA EXISTS IN THE SAME COUNTY AS WE ARE A PART OF. HE WENT TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL COULD NOT PROVIDE TO ME. OF COURSE GOING ESA, YOU REALIZE, OH, WELL, THERE IS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

Ms. Khanvilkar: TODAY HE'S MUCH HEALTHIER, HAPPY, ALMOST COME TO NORMAL. COMPLETE NORMALCY IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT AT THIS STAGE BUT I'VE SEEN HIM GO FROM A DULL BOY TO SOMEBODY WHO'S PERFORMING WELL IN HIS COLLEGE. I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR ESA THAT. AS A PARENT AND CLIENT OF ESA, EARLY INTERVENTION, COULD IT HAVE PREVENT WHAT HAD WE WENT THROUGH? PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT IT. WHEN YOU GO TO THE COUNTY YOU REALIZE THAT EVERY SECOND PERSON IS THERE SUFFERING FROM THE SAME THING THAT YOUR CHILD IS. THEN WHY IS THERE THIS GAP BETWEEN INFORMATION THAT IS THERE, A PRACTICE THAT IS BEING CONDUCTED AND PEOPLE WHO CAN ACQUIRE AND BENEFIT. SO I'D REALLY BE HAPPY IF THERE IS MORE WORK DONE IN PROMOTING AND LOOKING AT THE PREVENTION PART AND EARLY INTERVENTION. YOU KNOW? SO IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL. THE TEAM HE SAW, YOU KNOW, IT LOOKS AS IF I'M BATTLING THEM BUT IT'S SO GREAT. THE WHOLE TEAM, THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, THE COUNSELOR, THE CRIST, THE COORDINATOR, IT'S JUST LIKE BEING IN A DREAM. I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING MORE PERFECT THAN WHAT IS THERE. I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR ME. I WISH MANY MORE YOUTH AND PARENTS CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Hidalgo: YOU'D LIKE TO ASK BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT PRESENTER, THAT YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Smith: NO QUESTIONS BUT THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY.

Mr. Hidalgo: I ALSO REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR STRENGTH AS A PARENT, ASHA. THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE PERSONALLY AND THE HELP YOU PROVIDED TO YOUR SON. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE. I THINK WE'VE SEEN THAT EARLY PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION DOES WORK. WE KNOW IT WORKS FOR YOUTH. WE KNOW THAT'S WHERE WE SHOULD BE. I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE EARLY PREVENTION FOR OTHER MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS JUST LIKE THE CONDITIONS THAT WE PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR WITH EARLY PSYCHOSIS IN ESA.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK HAS A COMMENT.

Commissioner Shiprack: I WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL, ASHA, SO ARTICULATE. I REALLY CAN UNDERSTAND FROM A MOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE WHAT THAT IT IS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND SO THAT MAKES ME FEEL EVEN MORE PROUD JUST AS PARTICIPANT IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT PROVIDED THIS PROGRAM. SO THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR SHARE YOUR STORY.

Ms. Khanvilkar: I JUST WANT TO ADD I THINK IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY PARENT WHO GOES THERE. THAT'S WHY I'M ALWAYS READY AND MOST WELCOME TO BE PART OF ANY TIME YOU NEED SOMEONE TO SPEAK. THE MORE WE SPEAK ABOUT IT, THE MORE AWARENESS, AND I WANT PEOPLE TO BE OPEN AND SHARE SO THAT WE HELP OUR CHILDREN, THAT'S ALL. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Commissioner McKeel: I DO HAVE TO COMMENT, CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHARING, TOO. I THINK YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT COMING FORWARD AND TALKING ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE ARE SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE EDUCATION AROUND THIS IS HUGE. AND YOU KNOW, I'M ALWAYS ABOUT GETTING ON THE PREVENTION AND THE EARLY INTERVENTION SIDE OF THINGS. SO I THINK THAT YOUR COMMENTS ARE JUST VERY, VERY ON THE MARK ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT AS POLICYMAKERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: I ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING WITH US THE DIFFICULTIES YOU EXPERIENCED AND YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK HAVING BEEN THROUGH WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH, BEING ABLE TO SHARE WITH US TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER FOR THE NEXT PERSON COMING ALONG. I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THE NEED FOR MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMUNITY IN THE SCHOOLS AND WHEREVER THEY CAN BE REACHED. IN

THIS UPCOMING BUDGET I'VE PUT IN ADDITIONAL DOLLARS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR KIDS BECAUSE I JUST THINK THAT GETTING THEM CONNECTED AND EARLY AS YOU TALK ABOUT, AND PEOPLE IN THEIR SCHOOLS CAN LET THE FAMILIES KNOW WHAT THE BEST PROGRAMS ARE. NOT EVERY CHILD IS GOING TO NEED THE LEVEL OF ESA. BUT WHATEVER LEVEL THEY GO NEED OF TREATMENT IT'S IMPORTANT WE HELP THEM FIND IT.

Ms. Khanvilkar: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Mr. Hidalgo: OUR NEXT PRESENTER IS VICKY SCOTT. SHE IS A PEER MENTOR HERE LOCAL WITH OUR YOUTH MOVES PROGRAM.

Ms. Scott: AWESOME, GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME BE HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU THIS MORNING. IT'S A REAL BIG HONOR. AT ONE OF MY LOWER POINTS MY COLLEGE ADVISOR, A WOMAN I DEEPLY RESPECT SAID, 'VICKY, YOU CAN NOT PRAY AWAY CHEMICAL IMBALANCE. YOU ARE NOT DEFINED BY YOUR DIAGNOSIS EVEN IF IT FEELS SUFFOCIATING AND PARALYZING.' AS I'VE JOURNEYED THROUGH MY OWN TREATMENT AND INTO RECOVERY AND WORKING WITH YOUTH AND FAMILIES, WE ARE WORD RING TRUER AND LOUDER WITH EACH PASSING DAY. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES INVITE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO RECOGNIZE THAT MENTAL ILLNESS IS JUST THAT, AN ILLNESS, SOMETHING THAT CAN BE TREATED. I REALIZE THAT RECOVERY, THAT'S WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS. RECOVERY SAYS I WILL EMBRACE THESE SERVICES BUT I WILL NOT BE DEFINED BY MY ILLNESS OR MY DISORDER. I WILL USE IT TO BE MORE COMPASSIONATED AND SYMPATHETIC AND EMPATHETIC. GOING THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IS NOT FUN OR EASY BUT IT IS WORTH IT. YOU LEARN THAT YOU ARE A PERSON OF VALUE. YOU HAVE A VOICE WORTH LISTENING TO.

Ms. Scott: A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO GO AND DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS FOR YOU AND YOU FOR THEM. IT'S ON THE ROAD FOR TREATMENT AND SERVICES WHERE YOU LISTEN TO THE STORIES OF LOVE AND OF LOSS. THE STORIES WHERE YOUR FAMILY PARTNERS SHARE SHE HAS A HARD RELATIONSHIP WITH HER MOTHER. AND THE THERAPIST SAYS THAT CHEMISTRY CLASS WAS HARD FOR HER, TOO. JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU WANT TO GIVE UP AND THAT YOU HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH THESE PEOPLE YOU REALIZE YOU, TOO, HAVE A HARD RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR MOTHER. YOU REALIZED THAT CHEMISTRY WAS CHALLENGING FOR YOU, AS WELL, AND YOU, TOO, SHAMELESSLY LOVED TAYLOR SWIFT. THAT'S WHEN YOU REALIZE IT IS NO LONGER ME VERSUS THEM BUT IT IS US AND THAT WILL MAKE ALL OF THE DIFFERENCE. SO THANK YOU.

Mr. Hidalgo: THANK YOU, VICKY. ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM A PEER PERSPECTIVE FOR VICKY, THAT SHE HAS THE CHANCE TO ANSWER THOSE FOR YOU, TOO.

Commissioner Bailey: THANK YOU. YOU'RE NOT ALONE. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING YOUR STORIES BECAUSE I THINK EACH OF US UP HERE AND EACH OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE COULD TELL A STORY ABOUT HOW MENTAL ILLNESS HAS CFU AFFECTED THEM OR SOMEONE VERY CLOSE TO THEM. THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE STRUGGLING THROUGH THESE ISSUES. AND YOUR COURAGE IN COMING FORWARD AND GIVING A VOICE TO THAT IS IMPORTANT TO SO MANY PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

Mr. Hidalgo: VICKY, I APPRECIATE ALSO REALLY YOU BRINGING A PEER PERSPECTIVE TO THE TABLE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT STRUCK ME THAT YOU SAID IS THAT IT IS WORK. RECOVERY IS WORK. JUST LIKE MANAGING ANY OTHER HEALTH CONDITION WE HAVE TO TRACK MEDICATIONS THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE, WE FOLLOW UP WITH OUR DOCTOR. IT IS EXACTLY THE SAME PATHWAY IN WORKING THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY. AND IT DOES REQUIRE SUPPORS. IT REQUIRES OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AS YOU MENTIONED, COMMISSIONER BAILEY, OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO HELP YOU ALONG THE WAY. AND WHOM WE ARE ALL TOUCHED BY. ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT OVER THE LAST COUPLE YEARS IS THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING PEER-BASED SERVICES IN INDIVIDUALS WITH A LIVED EXPERIENCE IN OUR TREATMENT SYSTEM. AND HOW THAT CHANGES THE WAY WE ALL THINK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH, HOW THE TREATMENT SYSTEM THINKS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. AND WHAT VALUE THE VOICE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A LIVED EXPERIENCE BRING TO US AND TO OUR SYSTEM. SO I'M VERY THANKFUL THAT YOU ARE HERE TO SHARE THAT WITH US TODAY, TOO.

Mr. Hidalgo: WITH THAT, IF THERE'S NOT ANY OTHER QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO HAVE NEAL ROTMAN READ THE PROCLAMATION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BEFORE YOUR VOTE? I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. SOMETHING YOU SAID REALLY STRUCK HOME WITH ME. I WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON MY TAPESTRY, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS. JUST RECITING OVER AND OVER AGAIN, IT'S HOW WE FEEL, WHICH IS THAT YOU ARE A PERSON OF VALUE AND YOU HAVE A VOICE WORTH LISTENING TO. REALLY POWERFUL WORDS, THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED.

BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. WE NOW COME TO THE TIME ON OUR BOARD AGENDA FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS. ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF ORDER?

Commissioner McKeel: WE ARE CELEBRATING A NEW MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY IN DISTRICT 4, SEAN HAS A LITTLE BABY GIRL BORN ON MAY 8th. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. AND ALSO THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF OUR DIAPER AND BABY WIPE DRIVE TO BENEFIT SNOWCAP CHARITIES. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED. THE BARREL IS SITTING OUT IN THE LOBBY FOR ONE MORE DAY IF YOU WANT TO BRING SOME DIAPER AND BABY WIPES, SO THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE ARE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21a.m.

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