

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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MEETING DATE: 7/1/2010

SUBJECT: 6/10/2010 + 6/17/2010 CONTINUED  
HEALTH CARE WHAT SOME people  
AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: can get away with

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: PAUL ADOLPH, PHILLIPS  
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SPECIFIC ISSUE: HEALTH CARE

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: YES April 30 1999

Ed Labore: "water"

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April 30, 1999

Re: PAUL PHILLIPS  
DOB: 4-26-59

# 4

Dear Dr. Ruggieri,

I had a chance to evaluate Paul Phillips who came to see me at your suggestion on April 26. This 45 year old white male, apparently legally blind, came in concerning his painful right hand. He describes it as beginning in 1991 when he was working at St. Joseph's Hospital in Idaho. He was working in laundry he says moving about 6-8 tons of laundry a day at work, working a good 16 hour days 6 days a week for a four year period. Suddenly one day without any specific injury his arm became painful and he shortly could not use it anymore he states. He has had multiple workups and evaluations and treatments. I would estimate somewhere between 20-25 physicians have evaluated and attempted treatment for this involving physicians in Lewiston, Idaho, WY, and then of course in Portland, OR and Walla Walla. These evaluations included an MRI done in October ordered by a Dr. Steven Tupper and read by Frank Bachman, which is my opinion are totally over-read and they are sending way too much detail than the findings. He makes a long story about his problem is a difficult diagnosis and has seemed very frustrated on this going clear back to 1991 and including or multiple evaluations and treatments.

However, there is one very definite finding that is present and that is he has marked tenderness and pain in the metacarpal sesamoid joint of his right thumb. Obviously others have recognized this as his present problem in the office with a thumb pain splint. I don't know if that was ordered by yourself or some time before he saw you. Most of his complaints center on the distal forearm then radiating up on the dorsal radial aspect of the wrist and thumb. I explained to him that based on this one time exam his history and what seems out of proportion to that one single problem. I would not be comfortable based on this one time examination suggesting that is his major problem although it could be. I recommended that he be more specific about what his symptoms are, keep a diary and we will talk again in three weeks. If his symptoms more consistent with that perhaps this does warrant surgical

In this case I definitely would recommend a fusion rather than an arthroplasty since in my experience it is much more reliable for giving pain relief and that is his chief