

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
January 4, 2011
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR**

I. BOARD BRIEFING

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

**B.1 Briefing on Sex Buyer Accountability & Diversion Program.
Presenters: JR Ujifusa, Asst. District Atty.; Joslyn Baker,
Collaboration Specialist, DCJ; Molly Murdock, RN; Gary Nielsen,
Program Director, LifeWorks NW.**

Commissioner McKeel provided an introduction and presented statistics against the myth that prostitution is a victimless crime. She introduced the presenters and thanked everyone who made the Sex Buyer Accountability and Diversion Program (SBAD) possible. She has supported this effort as a way to combat human trafficking. In recent years, Portland has gained a reputation as a hub for sex trafficking. She announced that the first john school will launch Saturday, January 8th, 2011, for people arrested and charged with purchasing sex.

The presenters spoke of the goals SBAD hopes to achieve, including reducing recidivism and demand, as well as fund other programs to benefit victims of sexual exploitation. In similar programs, the recidivism rate decreased by up to 40%. They described SBAD as a program that attempts to deal with the demand side of the sex industry. It is for offenders who have violated ORS 167.007 by paying or offering or agreeing to pay a fee or receiving or offering to receive pay to engage in sexual conduct or sexual contact. The john school will be operated by LifeWorks Northwest and allows first-time offenders to clear their record if they attend the one-day john school and remain arrest free for six months. Ms. Murdock spoke about the john school curriculum. Offenders will hear presentations from survivors of prostitution; about the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases; and Portland Police will speak to them about the dangers both prostitutes and johns face. The fines paid by the offenders will fund the SBAD program and offer financial support for services benefiting human trafficking survivors.

The speakers responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by:
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Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
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