

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, November 27, 2018**

BOARD BRIEFING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. With Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioner Meieran present. Commissioner Loretta Smith and Jessica Vega Pederson were excused.

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

B.1 Briefing on State's funding of Juvenile programs. Presenters: John Casalino, Chief DDA (MCDA), Lori Fellows, Senior DDA (MCDA), Dr. Dan Leonhardt (CARES Northwest), Judge Nan Waller, Judge Susan Svetkey.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27. THIS IS A BOARD BRIEFING FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. FIRST A BRIEFING FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE ON THE STATE FUNDING OF JUVENILE PROGRAMS. GOOD MORNING.

Rod Underhill: GOOD MORNING. ROD UNDERHILL YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANKS, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. WE'RE GOING TO TALK TODAY AS CHAIR KAFOURY MENTIONED OUR JUVENILE UNIT AND FUNDING AS RELATES TO THE STATE AND A GENERAL OVERVIEW. WITH RESPECT TO OUR JUVENILE UNIT WE HAVE 24 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THIS FISCAL YEAR 2019. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S JUVENILE TRIAL UNIT IS OUR SECOND LARGEST DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S PROGRAM OFFER WITH A BUDGET OF RIGHT ABOUT \$3.5 MILLION. THE UNIT PERFORMS THREE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS. DEPENDENCY, WHICH WE'LL SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT TODAY, LITIGATION OF CHILD PROTECTION CASES, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, LITIGATION OF CASES WHERE ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF THE CHILD NECESSITATES EFFORT TO BE MADE TO FREE THE CHILD FOR ADOPTION, FINALLY DELINQUENCY, PROSECUTION OF YOUTHS WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CRIMES. THE DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION WORK HAS BEEN FUNDED PRIMARILY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DHS, OF THE STATE. VIA THREE CONTRACTS THAT TOTAL NEARLY \$2 MILLION OF THAT 3.5 MILLION THAT I REFERENCED. HERE IN THE RECENT PAST FOLLOWING A GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE, LEGISLATION AND A FEW YEARS' WORTH OF WORK WE FIND OURSELVES IN A POSITION WHERE DHS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL -- ANNOUNCED SOMETIME AGO THEY WILL BE MOVING THE DEPENDENCY AND TPR WORK CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY US TO ESSENTIALLY A STATE ORGANIZATION BEGINNING JULY 1 OF 2019.

AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE'LL NO LONGER BE PROVIDING THE FUNDING OF THAT ABOUT 2 MILLION PER YEAR. WE'RE GOING TO SPEND TIME FOCUSING PRIMARILY ON THE TITLE 4-E. IT HAS INVOLVED WORKING CLOSELY WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SO DHS AGAIN, AND OTHER AGENCIES TO PROTECT CHILDREN WHO COME TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES AS A RESULT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

Rod Underhill: DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING CHILD PROTECTION CASES I, THE DEPENDENCY CASES. WORKING WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND PARTNERS TO FASHION A PLAN TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE CHILD AND MITIGATE THE DANGERS WHICH BROUGHT THE CHILD TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COURT IN THE FIRST PLACE. IN 2017, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THROUGH THEIR JUVENILE UNIT AND THE WORK BEING DONE BY INDIVIDUALS THERE ADVOCATED FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHILDREN AT ABOUT CLOSE TO 2100 COURT HEARINGS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEPENDENCY WORK, WHAT DO WE DO AND WHY, WHERE DO WE SEE THINGS DEVELOPING RELATIVE TO THE FUNDING I REFERRED TO OR REDUCTION, WE'LL HEAR FROM FIRST THREE MEMBERS FROM MY OFFICE. I WANT TO INTRODUCE THEM IN ORDER OF SEATING. JOHN CASALINO IS FURTHEST TO MY RIGHT SEATED AT THE TABLE. MR. CASALINO IS A SENIOR DEPUTY IN THE OFFICE SOON TO BE CHIEF DEPUTY WITHIN ABOUT A WEEK OR SO. JOHN IS A 20-YEAR MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, OBTAINING HIS J.D. FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY IN 1996. LORI FELLOWS WAS HIRED BACK IN 1990 BY THE OFFICE AND SO SHE'S BEEN WITH US ABOUT 28 YEARS.

SHE COMES FROM MORE LOCAL, AS FAR AS FROM A SCHOOLING STANDPOINT, THAN MR. CASALINO, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON FOR UNDERGRADUATE, LEWIS AND CLARK FOR HER LAW DEGREE. FINALLY JUST IMMEDIATELY BEHIND ME BUT WILL BE TAKING MY SPOT IN A MOMENT IS CHUCK SPARKS, CHIEF DEPUTY WITH THE OFFICE. HE HAS BEEN WITH US FOR ABOUT 33 YEARS. COMES VIA UNIVERSITY OF OREGON FOR BOTH UNDER GRADUATE AND HIS LAW DEGREE. COMBINED YOU'LL HEAR FROM INDIVIDUALS WITH ABOUT 81 YEARS' WORTH OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA. MOST OF WHICH -- MOST OF WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THROUGHOUT THOSE ILLUSTRIOUS CAREERS. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO HEAR FROM FORMER MULTNOMAH COUNTY PRESIDING JUDGE BUT CURRENTLY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE NAN WALLER. SHE HAS AGREED TO MAKE COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE WORK THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DOES IN THIS AREA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF IT. THEN ALSO WE'LL HEAR FROM CARES NORTHWEST MEDICAL DIRECTOR DR.DAN LEONHART -- I LOST WHERE HE WAS. PROBABLY SEATED RIGHT BEHIND ME. THEY WILL BE JOINING THE GROUP HERE IN ORDER. WITHOUT FURTHER REMARKS FROM ME I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THESE

EXPERIENCED LAWYERS TO TALK ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE DO AND WHY WE DO IT.

John Casalino: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. TODAY I WANTED TO ALERT YOU TO A FUNDING CHANGE THAT WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT HOW THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE COORDINATES CHILD PROTECTION EFFORTS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CHILDREN. I KNOW OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS YOU'LL HEAR ABOUT BUDGET CUTS TO VARIOUS IMPORTANT COUNTY PROGRAMS. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING WILL BE LOST TO A NUMBER OF THESE PROGRAMS. I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT OUR JUVENILE DEPENDENCY PROGRAM IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE WILL BE FACING SUCH A CUT. SO FOR TODAY MY GOAL IS TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE IMPORTANT WORK WE DO AND THE NEED FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFICE TO CONTINUE DOING T. AS MR. UNDERHILL SAID I'M JOHN CASALINO. ALTHOUGH I COME FROM AFAR I'M A LONG TIME RESIDENT AND FIRST TIME PRESENTER. [LAUGHTER] I'M CURRENTLY THE HEAD OF OUR CHILD ABUSE UNIT. FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS I HAVE WORKED WITH FAMILIES WHO HAVE HAD THEIR CHILDREN BEATEN, BURNED, SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AND MURDERED. I PROSECUTED THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HURT THOSE CHILDREN AND AS YOU ALL KNOW, I KNOW YOU HAVE A BROAD BASE OF EXPERIENCE, AS YOU ALL KNOW OFTENTIMES THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HURTING CHILDREN ARE THE PEOPLE THAT IS CLOSEST TO THEM. FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE STATISTICS, RIGHT, IN 2017, 93% OF THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS IN OREGON WERE INVOLVING FAMILY MEMBERS. 76% WAS INVOLVING MOTHERS AND FATHERS. THE SECOND THING THAT I HAVE DONE FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS, BY THE WAY, IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO STAND? I HAVE CHRONIC BACK PROBLEMS. OKAY. THE SECOND THING --

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE A MICROPHONE -- WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO HEAR YOU FOR THE AUDIO.

John Casalino: OKAY.

Chair Kafoury: YOU WANT TO THROUGH THE AUDIENCE TO TAKE QUESTIONS LIKE PHIL DONAHUE?

John Casalino: CAN YOU PROVIDE ME WITH SOME CARDS, PLEASE. THE SECOND THING THAT I HAVE DONE IS BE INVOLVED IN DEPENDENCY WORK. DEPENDENCY WORK IS WHERE WE WORK WITH JUDGES TO MAKE SOUND DECISIONS TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF CHILDREN IN NONCRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT AS A SOCIETY THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK WE CAN DO INVOLVES PROTECTING CHILDREN AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES THROUGH THESE DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS. NOW, WHAT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IS THERE ARE THREE POINTS TO

BE MADE. ONE, DEPENDENCY WORK IS VERY IMPORTANT. JUST AS I TALK I WANT YOU TO REALIZE IF WE CAN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ARE MORE REACTIVE, SOMETHING HAS ALREADY OCCURRED, AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE GETS INVOLVED. DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS ARE MORE PROACTIVE.

John Casalino: THAT'S WHERE A CHILD IS AT RISK OF HARM AND THE COURT GETS INVOLVED. THE COURT GETS INVOLVED TO MAKE SAFE DECISION SOS WE CAN BE PROACTIVE AND PROMOTE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN BY GETTING THEM THE SERVICES THEY NEED, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BUT ALSO GET PARENTS' SERVICES WHERE THEY CAN CURE THOSE DEFENDANT SITS TO BETTER AND MORE SAFELY PARENT. THE THIRD THING -- I'M SORRY, THE SECOND THING THIS PRESENTATION WILL COVER IS THAT THE STATE AS YOU KNOW THERE'S A FUNDING SHIFT, THE STATE LAWYER, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS ITS OWN IN REPRESENTING THEIR CLIENT, DHS, BUT THAT IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR LOCAL, COUNTY INPUT WHERE MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CHILDREN ARE CONCERNED. THE THIRD POINT IS THAT D.A. INVOLVEMENT, CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WHICH I WILL TALK ABOUT, HELPS CHILDREN STAY SAFE AND STRENGTHENS FAMILIES. NOW, I HOPE THE FOURTH POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT I HOPE THAT I WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE TO TALK TO ALL OF YOU AGAIN EITHER ALONE OR AS A GROUP, TALK TO YOUR STAFFERS, TO CLEAR UP ANY QUESTIONS OR THINGS THAT I DID NOT COVER. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE DEVOTED 13 YEARS OF MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER. BEFORE THAT I WAS EXTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROSECUTION AND SERVICES.

I DON'T WANT MY FIRST TIME PRESENTING TO ACT AS A MISSTEP SO YOU DON'T GET ALL THE INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED TO MAKE THESE IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL DECISIONS SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DEPENDENCY, THE FIRST PART THAT WE SHOULD START IS THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE IN THE CODE WHERE IT ACTUALLY ENSHRINES THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN. THIS IS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE. IN THE OREGON REVISED STATUTES IN THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY CODE IT SIMPLY SETS IT OUT. CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE, EMOTIONAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM SUBSTANTIAL NEGLECT OF BASIC NEEDS. I WANT TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT ALL THE ACTIONS OUR OFFICE TAKES IS TO ASSIST CHILDREN IN MAINTAINING AND GAINING THESE RIGHTS. NOW, WHEN A PARENT DOES NOT ALLOW THEIR CHILD TO HAVE THESE RIGHTS, THAT'S WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT DEPENDENCY AND THE STATE STEPS IN. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT. DEPENDENCY WORK. IT'S WHEN A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FAILS THOSE DUTIES, IS NOT A SAFE PARENT. THE JUVENILE COURT MAY DETERMINE IT'S IN THE BEST INTERESTS FOR THE STATE TO STEP IN. AGAIN, I WANT TO STRESS THAT THESE ARE NONCRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. IT'S WHERE A COURT IF THOSE DEFICITS ARE PROVE IN A PARENT'S CAPACITY WILL ORDER SERVICES. THESE SERVICES ARE DESIGNED TO EXPAND PARENTAL

CAPACITY. AN EXPANSION OF PARENTAL CAPACITY PRODUCES OVERALL BETTER HEALTH OUT COMES WHICH I WILL TALK ABOUT, WILL PRODUCE CHILDREN WHO CAN GROW UP TO BE EDUCATED AND FORM THEIR OWN SAFE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS JUST TO GIVE YOU A QUICK EXAMPLE ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH DEPENDENCY WORK, LET'S SAY A BOYFRIEND SEXUALLY ABUSES MOTHER'S CHILD. MOM BECAUSE OF FAMILY STRESSORS, MAYBE SHE HAS FINANCIAL INSECURITY, MAYBE SHE HAS HER OWN HISTORY OF SEXUAL ABUSE.

John Casalino: MAYBE THERE'S A D.V. COMPONENT. THAT MOTHER ISN'T PROTECTIVE. SHE'S ALLOWING THAT PERSON AROUND HER CHILD. DEPENDENCY, THE COURT WILL STEP IN AND PREVENT FURTHER RISK OF HARM TO THIS CHILD. ANOTHER EXAMPLE. A SINGLE FATHER HAS A DRUG PROBLEM OR DRUG CHALLENGES. HE LEAVES HIS FIVE AND SEVEN-YEAR-OLD AROUND HIS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, HE NEGLECTS TO TAKE THEM TO SCHOOL. AGAIN THE STATE STEPS IN IN A NONCRIMINAL SETTING TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SAFETY FOR THE CHILDREN AND PROVIDE PROGRAMMING SO THOSE CHILDREN'S DEFICITS OR I SHOULD SAY EDUCATION CAN BE PUT BACK ON TRACK AND A PARENT'S OWN PARENTAL CAPACITY CAN BE EXPANDED. IN THIS SLIDE, I'M NOT GOING TO READ MY SLIDES. I KNOW YOU ALL CAN QUICKLY LOOK AT THEM, BUT IN THIS SLIDE I WANT TO REALLY STRESS TWO POINTS. ONE, BECAUSE CHILD ABUSE IS SUCH A COMPLEX PROBLEM, IT DEMANDS MANY PERSPECTIVES. IT DEMANDS PEOPLE FROM THE MEDICAL FIELD, IT DEMANDS PEOPLE FROM DHS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THE OREGON LEGISLATURE WAS PRETTY SMART ABOUT IT. IN 1989 THEY ESTABLISHED THAT ALL OF THE 36 COUNTIES SHOULD HAVE A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM. THIS MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM WOULD TACKLE THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF CHILD ABUSE. SINCE THAT TIME THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS EVOLVED INTO A SYSTEM WHERE WE COMMUNICATE, COORDINATE AND COLLABORATE WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS SO THAT WE CAN TRY TO TACKLE THESE COMPLEX ISSUES.

WHEN I SAY THAT WE HAVE EVOLVED, THE SECOND POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT OUR SYSTEM IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS SOMEWHAT UNIQUE. WE ACTUALLY HAVE A D.A. THAT IS NOT ONLY INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL SIDE OF THINGS BUT ALSO IN THE DEPENDENCY SIDE. IT'S THE SAME D.A. THAT D.A. THEN BECOMES MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE FAMILY DYNAMICS. THAT D.A. CAN MAKE DECISIONS WHERE HE CAN BE MORE CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND HE CAN BE MORE TRAUMA INFORMED. OTHER COUNTIES ARE LOOKING AT THIS MODEL. I KNOW WASHINGTON, CLACKAMAS, MARION HAVE CONTACTED ME AND SAID HOW DO YOU DO IT? THEIR LAWYERS KEEP UP A SHIELD BETWEEN THE DEPENDENCY AND THE CRIMINAL WORK. WE KNOW SINCE THE EARLY '90S THAT THIS COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION NOT SILOING OF INFORMATION AS WE ALL KNOW IN GOVERNMENT, THAT'S WHERE CHALLENGING THINGS CAN HAPPEN WHEN WE SILO INFORMATION. WHEN WE SHARE IT WITH PARTNERS FROM MANY

PERSPECTIVES THAT'S WHERE WE CAN ACTUALLY STEP IN AND DO WORK THAT CAN PROTECT AND SAVE CHILDREN. I WANT TO STRESS TO ALL OF YOU IN THIS NEXT SLIDE WHAT GUIDES US AT THE D.A.'S OFFICE ARE THESE THINGS. ONE, WE ACT FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY THE THE CHILD. WE LOOK AT THE REASONABLENESS OF DHS'S ACTIONS AND YOU'LL THEY'RE WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE WITH DHS. WE LOOK AT THE PROGRESS OF THE PARENTS BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING SERVICES TO CORRECT ANY UNSAFE BEHAVIORS. FINALLY, WE BALANCE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD. SO NOW I HAVE BEEN TALKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DEPENDENCY AND MR. UNDERHILL HAS TALKED TO YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR TWO UNITS.

John Casalino: I FEEL I NEED TO SPEND SOME TIME ON THAT. WITHIN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WE HAVE AN MDT UNIT. THAT'S FOUR UNITS THEIR JOB IS TO PROSECUTE CASES OF PHYSICAL, SEXUAL ABUSE, TO COORDINATE AND APPEAR IN DEPENDENCY CASES IN A NONCRIMINAL SETTING. THEY ARE BASED OUT AT 1202ND 102 AND BURNSIDE. IT'S CO-HOUSED WBS THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE. 14 CHILD ABUSE DETECTIVES, THERE SOMETIMES IS 11, AND FOUR D.A.S. IT'S THAT COORDINATED RESPONSE THAT WHEN SOMETHING KOHL'S INTO THE HOTLINE THEY CAN CROSS REPORT IT IS IMMEDIATELY, WALK IT DOWN TO THE COPS AND GET A D.A. INVOLVED SO WE CAN MAKE DECISIONS UP FRONT THAT WILL BETTER SERVE THE FAMILY, BETTER SERVE THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUR D.A.S DRIVE TO THE JUVENILE COURT ON 68TH AND GLISAN, TO THE COURTHOUSE DOWNTOWN. INTERESTING FACT RKT IN 2017 THEY DROVE OVER 4,000 MILES BETWEEN COURT APPEARANCES. AS MR. UNDERHILL MENTIONED, THERE ARE THAT MANY COURT APPEARANCES INVOLVING SAFETY DECISIONS FOR CHILDREN IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. NOW, THE OTHER THING THAT -- THE OTHER UNIT IS THE JUVENILE UNIT. SEVEN LAWYERS WORK AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT UNIT HANDLES THE BULK OF DEPENDENCY WORK. SOME CASES DO NOT RISE TO A CRIMINAL LEVEL.

SOME CASES DO NOT HAVE A CRIMINAL CASE AND A COMPANION DEPENDENCY CASE. THE MAJORITY OF THE SAFE ADVOCACY IS IN THE JUVENILE UNIT. THAT'S HANDLED BY THE SEVEN ATTORNEYS LOCATED AT 68TH AND GLISAN. THEY ALSO HAVE TO TRAVEL DOWNTOWN FOR COURT APPEARANCES WHEN THEY ARE ADVOCATING FOR CHILD SAFETY. NOW, I THINK I WOULD BE MISSING A CHANCE IF I'M IN FRONT OF SOME POLICY MAKERS AND POLICY DECIDERS IF I DID NOT GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF THE BIGGER PICTURE. THIS IS HOW BIG THE PROBLEM IS IN THE UNITED STATES 3.4 MILLION REFERRALS TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. IF WE LOOK AT OREGON IN 2017, 80,000 REFERRALS TO DHS. AS YOU KNOW, THESE ARE CHILD ABUSE REPORTS THROUGH THE HOTLINE. THERE'S A STRONG NETWORK OF MANAGER TO REPORTERS AND WE HAVE A POLICY THAT ENCOURAGES VOLUNTARY REPORTS. THAT'S WRITTEN INTO THE LAW. THAT'S BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET IN TO EVALUATE CHILD

SAFETY. NOW, ALSO I HAVE OUTLINED THAT THERE WAS LAST YEAR 11,000 VICTIMS. I PUT THAT OTHER FACT ON THE BOTTOM TO SHOW YOU THAT YOU CONTRAST THAT THROUGHOUT THE U.S. THERE WAS OVER 13,000 CHILDREN WITH CHILDHOOD CANCER.

John Casalino: THAT SHOULD FRAME HOW LARGE THE PROBLEM IS. WE COULD SAY IT'S A PROBLEM IN ANOTHER ROOM I MIGHT SAY A CHALLENGE BUT TO BE CANDID WITH YOU IT IS A PROBLEM. THIS NEXT GRAPH, JUST TO SHOW YOU THE PREVALENCE OF CHILD ABUSE IN THE UNITED STATES, I LIKE THIS CHART BECAUSE IT SHOWS TO YOU THAT CHILD ABUSE RIVALS OBESITY IN YOUNG CHILDREN. THIS IS WHY IF YOU GO BACK TO WHAT I MENTIONED ABOUT A COORDINATED APPROACH TO CHILD ABUSE AS NEEDED, TAKING IT BACK CLOSER TO HOME WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FACTS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE ARE THE LARGEST COUNTY WITH THE MOST REPORTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT. TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE OF THE 80,000 REPORTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT, ABOUT 41,000 OF THOSE ARE IN MULTNOMAH, WASHINGTON, CLACKAMAS AND MARION. THIS IS WHY THESE NUMBERS ARE TELLING. WE NEED A LOCAL, INDEPENDENTLY ELECTED VOICE TO CONTINUALLY ADVOCATE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CHILDREN. YOU'LL BE HEARING ME TALK ABOUT THIS IS NOT SOMETHING WE WANT TO GIVE UP ON AND LET THE STATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BE THE ONLY PERSON AT THE TABLE WHO THEIR JOB AS YOU'LL HEAR AS ANY OTHER LAWYER'S JOB WOULD BE IN THAT CAPACITY IS TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THEIR CLIENT. THE LAST SLIDE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT. THIS IS A SLIDE THAT TALKS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF CHILD MALTREATMENT ON YOUNG CHILDREN. IT ACTUALLY ALTERS THEIR BRAINS. NOW, I'M SURE THROUGH ALL OF YOU BECAUSE BY NATURE OF YOUR POSITION YOUR EXPERTISE MUST BE A MILE WIDE.

SO YOU ARE AWARE OF THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES STUDY, A STUDY DONE BY KAISER, LEAVE IT TO THE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO COME UP WITH A STUDY. THEY FOUND SOMETHING SERIOUS AND STARTING. ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES CORRELATE WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT CHILDHOOD AND UP INTO ADULthood. THERE'S A HIGH CORRELATION WITH NEGATIVE OUT COMES. SERIOUS EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS, HEALTH RISK BEHAVIORS, SOCIAL PROBLEMS. I CAN GO ON ABOUT IF YOU HAVE AN A-SCORE, AN ACE COULD BE CHILD ABUSE, A DEATH IN THE FAMILY. IF YOU HAVE AN A SCORE OF FOUR YOU'RE FOUR OR SIX MORE TIMES LIKELY TO BECOME AN INTRAVENOUS DRUG USER. THIS IS WHY WE MUST STOP AND BE PROACTIVE ONLY BY BEING PROACTIVE AND FUNDING DEPENDENCY WORK THIS IS AN INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN TODAY THAT MEANS THEY WILL NOT BECOME THE NEXT CHRONICALLY ILL ADULTS WITH COMPLEX, EXPENSIVE NEEDS. DEPENDENCY ALLOWS US TO BUILD HEALTHY CHILDREN WHO BECOME EDUCATED AND WORKING ADULTS AND RAISE THEIR OWN HEALTHY FAMILIES. LOOKING AT THE TIME I'M GOING TO MOVE A LITTLE MORE QUICKLY. NOW WE'RE BACK TO HOW IT WORKS IN MULTNOMAH

COUNTY. OUR OFFICE HAS ALWAYS TAKEN A STAND AND BEEN INVOLVED IN DEPENDENCY WORK. OTHER COUNTIES HAVE NOT HAD IT SO. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE, STRUCTURE, AND EXPERTISE OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE WE HAVE BEEN THE ONES WHO HAVE APPEARED IN DEPENDENCY, ADVISED DHS, I'LL USED THE WORD PROSECUTED THE PETITION. WE'RE THE ONES THAT COORDINATE CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION EFFORTS. IN OTHER COUNTIES THE A.G. OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MAY BE THE ONE THAT HANDLES THESE DEPENDENCY CASES. I'M GOING TO TALK TO YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT. BUT BEFORE I DO, AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF THIS YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO LOOK AT THE PARTIES TO A DEPENDENCY CASE. REMEMBER I USED THAT EXAMPLE OF SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED. NOW LET'S JUST TURN IT TO A SEXUAL ABUSE OR PHYSICAL ABUSE. IN A DEPENDENCY CASE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PARTIES. THERE'S THE CHILD WHO IS REPRESENTED BY AN. ATTORNEY. THE PARENTS, THEY ARE REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS. SOMETIMES THE COURT APPOINTS A CASA OR COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE. THERE'S DHS, WHICH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AT LEAST IN MOST OF THEIR HEARINGS THEY HAVE APPEARED WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY AND THERE'S THE STATE REPRESENTED BY 9 MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THAT'S BY STATUTE THAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE IS A PARTY TO A DEPENDENCY CASE. WHY IS THAT AND HOW IS THAT IMPORTANT? IT'S BECAUSE EVERY PARTY HAS INTERESTS. IF YOU HAVE NOT GOTTEN IT FROM WHAT I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT, THE PRIMARY INTEREST FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICE WILL ALWAYS BE CHILD SAFETY. OTHER PARTIES SAY A PARENT --

Commissioner Meieran: YOU SAID BY STATUTE THE D.A. IS THE PARTY TO THE DEPENDENCY CASE. YOU MENTIONED IN OTHER COUNTIES IT'S THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE DOJ, SO BY -- I THINK I'M MISSING -- IS IT BY STATUTE THAT IT IS THE D.A.? IF SO, THEN WOULDN'T THAT BE THE CASE FOR OTHER COUNTIES AS WELL?

John Casalino: OKAY. SO NO, I APPRECIATE IT. THE D.A. IS A STATUTORY PARTY. OTHER COUNTIES MAY HAVE ELECTED BECAUSE OF FUNDING STREAMS, BECAUSE OF HISTORICAL PRACTICE, THEY CAN'T STAFF IT TO HAVE THE D.A. APPEAR IN DEPENDENCY CASES, SO THEY HAVE ALLOWED OR CHOSEN NOT TO APPEAR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES HAS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS APPEARED IN THEIR STEAD. IT'S JUST AS THIS IS YOUR DAILY LIFE. IT'S A CHOICE OF RESOURCES, RIGHT? SO OUR COUNTY HAS BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE RESOURCES AND MADE CHOICES ABOUT FUNDING THAT WE WILL NOT LET LOCAL CHILDREN'S INTERESTS BE REPRESENTED BY THE STATE. NOW, I HAVE TO BE CANDID. AS YOU KNOW, YOU'LL HEAR, IN THE PAST WE HAVE HAD A CONTRACT WITH DHS TO APPEAR IN DEPENDENCY CASES AND WE MANY TIMES OUR INTEREST IN CHILD SAFETY ALIGN, BUT WHEN THEY DON'T, WE ALERT DHS, AND THEY HAVE THEIR OWN.

>> ATTORNEY, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, REPRESENT THEM. WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE HEARING ABOUT IS THIS FUNDING CHANGE HAS OCCURRED, NOW THE DHS IS ELECTING TO HAVE DOJ REPRESENT THEM IN ALL DEPENDENCY CASES. I'LL TALK TO YOU WHY THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE FOR THEM T. BUT JUST TO THEM.TO TALK ABOUT CHILD ABUSE AND MAYBE A LITTLE BIT OF AN OVERVIEW OF THE COURT SYSTEM. ON THE RIGHT SIDE IS THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING. ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE IS THE DEPENDENCY PROCEEDING. SO IN A PERFECT WORLD, WHEN THERE'S AN INCIDENT OF ABUSE, EITHER A 911 CALL OR A CALL TO THE HOTLINE, THAT HOTLINE CALL AT CHILD WELFARE GETS CROSS REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. LAW ENFORCEMENT HOPEFULLY WILL CONTACT THE D.A.'S OFFICE.

John Casalino: OUR COORDINATED APPROACH BETWEEN DHS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEDICAL WILL IF THINGS ARE WORKING WELL BE INVOLVED EARLY IN THE CASE. IN A PERFECT WORLD WHEN ABUSE GETS REPORTED IT GETS CROSS-REPORTED, MEDICAL WOULD THEN TREAT THE CHILD. YOU'RE AWARE OF THINGS LIKE CARLY'S LAW WHERE A CHILD WHO HAS PHYSICAL ABUSE MUST BE SEEN BY A DESIGNATED MEDICAL PROVIDER. IN A PERFECT WORLD, THE CHILD GETS TREATMENT. THAT'S OFTEN AND YOU'LL HEAR FROM DR. LEONHARDT, THEY ARE IN CONSTANT CONSULTATION WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE. WHEN WE'RE AWARE OF A CASE ABOUT MEDICAL DECISIONS AND PROGNOSIS. JUST AS AN ASIDE, CARES NORTHWEST IF YOU WERE TO ASK PEOPLE ON THE STREET, NOT MANY PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF THEM. BUT IF YOU ASK ANYONE ON STREET ABOUT THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY PEOPLE KNOW, RIGHT? THAT'S THE ORGANIZATION THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR TREATING NEGLECTED PETS. CARES NORTHWEST IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE ORGANIZATION THAT TREATS, EVALUATES, NEGLECTED CHILDREN. IT'S MY GOAL AND AGAIN THIS IS WHERE I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE ME UP ON IT AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT MORE, THAT WE WILL ELEVATE THE PROFILE OF CARES NORTHWEST IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK AT LEAST TO THE LEVEL OF THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY.

NOW, AS I SAID MEDICAL WILL TREAT THE CHILD, THERAPISTS WILL COUNCIL THE CHILD, SOCIAL SERVICE WILL WORK WITH THE FAMILY, POLICE ARE INVESTIGATE, PROSECUTORS MAY PROSECUTE. THERE MAY BE COORDINATION I WANT YOU TO FOCUS BRIEFLY ON LEFT-HAND SIDE. THAT'S THE DEPENDENCY WORK. RIGHT NOW THE D.A. APPEARS ALONGSIDE DHS AT THE PRELIMINARY WHEN CHILDREN ARE BROUGHT INTO CARE WHEN THEY FIRST APPEAR IN FRONT OF A JUDGE. RIGHT NOW THE D.A. IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS INVOLVED IN CHILD PLANNING. HOW ARE WE GOING TO COORDINATE THIS CASE? DO WE HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROVE THESE CHILDREN ARE AT RISK OF HARM? A DIFFERENCE WITH CRIMINAL COURT IS WE HAVE TO PROVE THAT BY A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE. IN CRIMINAL COURT IT'S BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. WE'LL WORK WITH DHS, AND WE'LL HAVE -- WILL APPEAR AT PRETRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES. WE'LL BE THE ORGANIZATION THAT WILL APPEAR AT TRIAL, WILL CROSS-EXAMINE

WITNESSES, WILL MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE IF WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH TO PROVE THAT THESE CHILDREN ARE AT RISK OF HARM. WHAT THE CHANGE WILL BE IS THAT DHS WILL NOW HAVE THEIR LAWYER, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AT EVERY STAGE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

John Casalino: IT REMEMBER I MENTIONED THAT WE OFTEN SOMETIMES DON'T AGREE. THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE DHS WANTS TO RETURN A CHILD TO AN UNSAFE HOME. WE WOULD DISAGREE. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN DHS THINKS A PARENT'S PROGRESS HAS BEEN LONG ENOUGH IN THEIR DRUG TREATMENT. THEY WANT TO DISMISS A CASE. IT'S THAT WE WOULD USE OUR EXPERTISE AND WE WOULD ASK JUST TO SEE A LITTLE BIT MORE PROGRESS AND THAT'S AT THOSE JUNCTURES WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE TO GET DOJ TO ADVOCATE FOR THOSE INTERESTS BECAUSE AS YOU'LL HEAR, DOJ HAS A LAWYER-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH DHS THAT WE DO NOT.

I'LL TALK ABOUT THAT. SO COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, BACK TO WHY DOES OREGON GRANT THE STATE PARTY STATUS SEPARATE FROM DHS. HERE'S THE SLIDE ON IT. STATE AND DHS, WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE. PARTIES THROUGH THEIR LAWYERS ADVOCATE FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS. TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, IN A PHYSICAL ABUSE CASE, THERE'S PHYSICAL ABUSE AND MAYBE AGAIN BECAUSE OF CERTAIN SITUATIONAL FACTORS MOM MIGHT BE -- WE'LL USE A MOTHER-FATHER. FATHER IS THE ABUSER. MOM MAY NOT BE PROTECTIVE BECAUSE OF DV CONCERNS, DRUG CONCERNS. FINANCIAL INSTABILITY. THE PARENTS WILL ARGUE THROUGH THEIR LAWYER THAT THAT CHILD SHOULD BE RETURNED HOME. THE CHILD, WHO IS PHYSICALLY ABUSED, WHO HAS BRUISES PROSECUTE HEAD TO TOE, THEIR OWN LAWYER WILL ARGUE THAT IF THE CHILD SAYS I WANT TO BE HOME WITH DAD, THE CHILD'S. ATTORNEY IS DUTY BOUND TO ARGUE THAT THAT CHILD BE RETURNED HOME. DHS MAYBE FOR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, PERHAPS FEELING PRESSURE THAT THEY HAVE TOO MANY FOLKS IN FOSTER CARE, PRESSURE THAT MAYBE THEY CAN COBBLE A SAFETY PLAN TOGETHER, THEY MIGHT ARGUE THAT THE CHILD COULD BE RETURNED HOME.

THE D.A., WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRIMINAL SIDE, CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, HISTORY, WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE AT THE TABLE POTENTIALLY THAT SAYS THAT CHILD SHOULD NOT BE RETURNED HOME RIGHT NOW. KEEP THAT CHILD WITH A FAMILY MEMBER BEFORE THE PARENTS CAN GET MORE SERVICES. THIS IS A VOICE THAT MAY GO AWAY BECAUSE OF THIS FUNDING CHANGE. SO TO GET MORE DIRECT ON WHAT WILL CHANGE, JULY 31, DHS WILL DISCONTINUE FUNDING TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE. WE'RE GOING TO LOSE THIS TITLE 4-E13-Z FUNDING FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ALBRIGHT. THAT'S FEDERAL FUNDING. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO LOSE GRANTS FROM DHS. I PUT THAT NUMBER AT 620,000. PLEASE DO NOT -- I BELIEVE THAT'S IN THE BALLPARK. FULL DISCLOSURE, I AM NOT THE FINANCE GUY. BUT WHAT I WILL TELL YOU, IT'S A SIZABLE CHUNK TO OUR BUDGET. WHAT'S HAPPENING IS DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ACROSS THE STATE WILL NOW BE MORE DEPENDENT

ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTY FUNDING. LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT. POTENTIAL REASONS WHY. ONE, THERE WAS A TASK FORCE REPORT ON DEPENDENCY REPRESENTATION THAT RECOMMENDED THAT DOJ REPRESENT DHS TO ADDRESS THE AGENCY'S CHALLENGES. I DON'T KNOW HOW FAMILIAR YOU ARE WITH THAT REPORT BUT BASICALLY, THE CONCLUSION WAS DHS SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN LAWYER AT THE TABLE JUST LIKE THE CHILD, JUST LIKE THE MOTHER, THE FATHER, THE GUARDIAN. SOME OF THOSE REASONS ARE WELL KNOWN. DHS HAS BEEN CHRONICALLY UNDER STAFFED, THERE'S BEEN HIGH CASE WORKER TURNOVER.

John Casalino: THIS IS IN THE NEWS QUITE OFTEN. IN FACT, RECENTLY, ON NOVEMBER 25TH, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE ON OREGON LIVE, AGAIN I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU IN ANOTHER SETTING, BURIED. THE STATE HIDES OWE CHILDREN DIE ON OREGON'S WATCH. CASE AFTER CASE OF CHILDREN DYING OR BEING LEFT IN FOSTER HOMES WHEN THEY WERE STARVED OR ABUSED MADE CHILD WELFARE A CENTRAL ISSUE IN THE ELECTION. TURNOVER AMONG CASE WORKERS IS HIGH. THE DEPARTMENT COMPLETED JUST 11% OF ITS CHILD WELFARE INVESTIGATIONS ON TIME THIS SUMMER. FAR SHORT OF THE FEDERAL STANDARD OF 90%. KEEP IN MIND WHY THIS IS GOING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS STILL THE LAWYER TO DHS. IT'S JUST THAT THEY ARE NOT APPEARING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY ON ALL STAGES OF A DEPENDENCY CASE. SO I WANT TO TALK TO YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS CLIENT REPRESENTATION MODEL. DOJ IS NOT A STATUTORY RECOGNIZED PARTY IN THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY CASE. THEY ARE THE LAWYER FOR DHS. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, DOJ HAS AN. ATTORNEY CLIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH DHS. THAT MEANS THINGS THAT THEY SAY TO EACH OTHER ARE PRIVATE. THAT. ATTORNEY CLIENT RELATIONSHIP ALSO EXISTS WITH CHILD'S. ATTORNEY, PARENTS'. ATTORNEY, THEIR LAWYERS ACT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS -- I SHOULD SAY NOT THE BEST INTERESTS, THE STATED INTERESTS OF THEIR CLIENT. SO IF YOU CAN THINK, AND I THINK I HAVE SOMETHING HERE ABOUT BAR ETHICS REQUIRE THAT DOJ MUSKT ADVOCATE TO REPRESENT THE POSITION OF THEIR CLIENT? DOJ IN COURT WILL ADVOCATE FOR THAT AND THAT DOESN'T ALWAYS SQUARE WITH CHILD SAFETY DECISIONS. I KNOW THAT'S HARD -- YEAH. YEAH.

Commissioner Meieran: I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR FLOW. GOING BACK TO MY QUESTION BEFORE ABOUT HOW IN OTHER COUNTIES THE WHETHER IT'S FOR FUNDING REASONS OR WHATEVER DOJ IS BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CHILD.

John Casalino: FOR DHS, NOT FOR THE CHILD.

Commissioner Meieran: WHO IS REPRESENTING THE CHILD IN THOSE COUNTIES?

John Casalino: THEY HAVE A CHILD IS APPOINTED AN. ATTORNEY SO THAT CHILD WILL HAVE AN. ATTORNEY TO ADVOCATE FOR THEM. BUT AGAIN, THAT CHILD, THIS IS REALLY NOT TO GO TOO FAR DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE, DURING REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN THERE USE THE TO BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPRESS WISHES AND BEST INTERESTS WHERE A LAWYER WOULD SAY I'M ACTING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD. THAT HAS SHIFTED. NOW A LAWYER WILL ACT WITH THE EXPRESS WISHES OF THE CLIENT. IF A THREE-YEAR-OLD IS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE EVEN THOUGH THAT THREE-YEAR-OLD WAS BADLY BURNED PAY THEIR PARENT AND THE THREE-YEAR-OLD SAYS I WANT TO GO BACK TO MY DAD, THAT CHILD'S. ATTORNEY WILL ADVOCATE THAT THAT CHILD SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DAD. EVEN BEFORE HE'S GOTTEN ANY SERVICES. ANGER MANAGEMENT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. THAT IS THE EXPRESS WISHES OF THE CHILD.

Chuck Sparks: GOOD MORNING, CHUCK SPARKS FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICE. I WANT TO FOLLOW UP. LOGICALLY THE QUESTION COULD BE WHY CAN'T WE DO IT THE WAY OTHER COUNTIES DO IT BECAUSE DOJ SEEMS TO BE DOING FINE THERE. THE ANSWER IS WITH NO CRITICISM OF DOJ, WHAT WE HAVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY INCLUDES THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE POLICE AGENCIES AND WE'RE IT SIGHTED AT THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE SO WE'RE IMMEDIATELY IN THE CASE. IN OUR COUNTY WE HAVE ACHIEVED WHAT AMOUNTS TO THE GOLD STANDARD AND EVERYONE ELSE AROUND THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO BE AT OUR LEVEL BUT THEY ARE NOT. WHERE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STEPS AWAY, IT LEAVES THE AGENCY IN CHARGE OF ALL OF CASE PLANNING AND THAT COULD BE GOOD OR BAD. THERE ARE SOME AMAZING CASE WORKERS AND SOME WHO MAYBE AREN'T SO GOOD. THERE'S GOOD PLANS AND SOME OKAY PLANS AND SOME FRANKLY TERRIBLE PLANS. WHEN THERE'S NO LOCAL VOICE TO CHECK DHS'S WORK, AND DOJ IS THERE TO DO WHAT DHS TELLS THEM TO DO. DOJ DOESN'T CORRECT THEIR WORK, THEY REPEAT THE PLAN DHS WANTS. WHEN HAVE COUNTY NOT BEING REPRESENTED BY THE D.A.'S OFFICE THE CHILDREN ARE IN A MUCH DIFFERENT AND POORER POSITION THAN THE CHILDREN IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Lori Fellows: I'M LORI FELLOWS, SENIOR DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. I SUPERVISE OUR JUVENILE UNIT. PRIOR TO THAT I SPENT 14.5 YEARS IN OUR CHILD ABUSE UNIT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE 36 COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE A VAST MAJORITY HAVE VERY SMALL D.A.'S OFFICES AND VERY SMALL NUMBERS OF CHILD WELFARE CASES. THERE WAS A YEAR TWO YEARS AGO WALLOWA COUNTY HAD TWO DEPENDENCY CASES. IT'S NOT WORTH IT IN SOME OF THE SMALLER COUNTIES FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICES TO HAVE STAFF THAT ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND TRAINED IN THIS AREA. CONTRAST TO THE LARGER AREAS WHERE WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED THAT THESE CASES AND HAVE DEVELOPED AN EXPERTISE THAT'S TRULY THE GOLD STANDARD IN THE STATE. WE NOT ONLY DO IN THE WORK HERE WE MENTOR OTHER COUNTIES. WE SIT ON POLICY BOARDS, ON LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES DOING POLICY

WORK FOR STATEWIDE ISSUES AS WELL AS LOCAL ISSUES. SO I THINK THERE'S JUST A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY AND THE EXPERTISE THAT A D.A.'S OFFICE CAN OFFER. WITH HAVE THAT LEVEL OF EXPERTISE WE HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS THAT THE OTHER COUNTIES DON'T HAVE AND HAVE NOT DEVELOPED. THINKING ABOUT A COUNTY LIKE CLACKAMAS OR WASHINGTON COUNT, THEY ARE MORE LIKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY. CLACKAMAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARION COUNTY AND MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THOSE COLLEAGUES IS THEY ARE ALL LOOKING TO THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONS TO GET MORE LOCAL FUNDING TO CONTINUE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS WORK. WE'RE NOT THE ONLY COUNTY COMING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASKING TO STAY INVOLVED IN THIS WORK.

Lori Fellows: I THINK ALL OF THE BIG COUNTIES ARE LOOKING AT THAT BECAUSE WE ALL BELIEVE THAT NOT ONLY WE HAVE THE EXPERTISE BUT THAT THE CITIZENS AND THE FAMILIES IN THOSE COMMUNITIES REALLY DESERVE THAT INDEPENDENT, LOCALLY ELECTED VOICE AT THE TABLE THAT IS NOT CONSTRAINED BY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAWYERS HAVE AN ETHICAL OBLIGATION TO REPRESENT WHAT THE AGENCY WANTS, NOT THE CASE WORKER, NOT THAT CASE BUT WHAT THE AGENCY WANTS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WITH DHS, THERE ARE A LOT OF HARD WORKING PEOPLE THERE BUT THEY HAVE HAD A FAIR BIT OF CHAOS. SOMETIMES DECISIONS ARE MADE ON THINGS OTHER THAN THAT CASE. THEY RECENTLY SETTLED A LAWSUIT ABOUT HOTELING CHILDREN. THAT TRICKLES DOWN TO CASE WORKERS PLACING CHILDREN IN PLACES OTHER THAN SAFETY FOR THE CHILD. THAT'S WHERE IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT VOICE NOT RESTRAINED BY THE ATTORNEY CLIENT RELATIONSHIP.

Commissioner Meieran: SORRY TO BELABOR THIS. SO FOR THE CASES WHERE FOR OTHER COUNTIES WHERE THERE ISN'T THE D.A. INVOLVEMENT YOU SAY LIKE AN ATTORNEY IS APPOINTED FOR THE CHILD AND THEY HAVE THE STANDARD OF LOOKING AT NOT NECESSARILY THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS BUT THE CHILD'S EXPRESSED WISHES, SO THE D.A. TAKES THAT ROLE OR -- I'M CONFUSED, THE CHILD HAS AN ATTORNEY.

Lori Fellows: THE CHILD HAS REPRESENTATION. EVERY CHILD HAS AN ATTORNEY IN THIS CASE. IF YOU HAVE A CHILD BEING SEXUALLY ABUSED AT HOME BUT WANTS TO GO HOME THAT'S WHAT THEY WILL ADVOCATE FOR. THERE ARE TIMES THEY ADVOCATE FOR THINGS THAT ARE NOT SAFE FOR THEIR CLIENTS BUT THAT'S THEIR ETHICAL OBLIGATION.

Commissioner Meieran: WILL YOU PRESENT HOW HAVING THE D.A. INVOLVED RESULTS IN IMPROVED OUT COMES FOR THE KIDS OR FOR DIFFERENT -- HAVE DIFFERENT RESULTS?

Lori Fellows: WE CAN CERTAINLY BRING YOU EXAMPLES OF CASES WHERE --

Commissioner Meieran: NOT JUST INDIVIDUAL CASES BUT DATA.

Lori Fellows: WE CAN CERTAINLY GO BACK AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO IN GATHERING THAT DATA FOR YOU.

Chuck Sparks: I THINK TO THAT POINT, COMMISSIONER, THE BASELINE WOULD BE WE'RE INVOLVED IN EVERY CASE THAT MATTERS. DOJ REALLY HAS NOT BEEN BECAUSE WE ARE THE LAWYERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE UNIQUE POSITION OF BEING ABLE TO FILL THE ROLE OF REPRESENTING DHS, BUT WE'RE NOT TIED TO THEM IN AN ATTORNEY CLIENT RELATIONSHIP. IN MY 33 YEARS HAVE INVOLVED THAT SLICE OF WORK. IN ADDITION TO THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION TO COME FROM. THAT I HAVE ALWAYS ASKED AS A PARENT WHAT WOULD I WANT FOR MY CHILD, NOT WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AGENCY, WHAT'S THE SALEM POLICY. WE NEED TO BE CLEAR, WE'RE NOT HERE TO CRITICIZE DHS. SOME OF MY MOST IMPORTANT AND DEAREST PROFESSIONAL FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES BUT YOU HAVE DHS DECISION MAKING DRIVEN BY POLICY DECISIONS AND FUNDING DECISIONS, TRAINING DECISIONS MADE IN SALEM, AND YOU HAVE CASE PLANS THAT ARE NOT ALWAYS A GOOD FIT. SOMETIMES PERILOUSLY NOT A GOOD FIT FROM THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE SCREENING FORWARD. WE'RE INVOLVED AND THE AGENCY MAY SAY WE THINK WE CAN CHECK OUT OF THIS ONE. WE SAY NO, WE'RE GOING TO GET A DETECTIVE AND MOVE FORWARD ON THIS. I WOULD SAY IT'S ABOUT A THIRD OF THE TIME WHEN I HAVE GONE TO COURT THE DHS PLAN HAS MADE SENSE AND I AGREED WITH IT. A THIRD OF 9 TIME LARGELY IN AGREEMENT WITH OVER ALL PLAN BUT THERE ARE IMPORTANT CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE. THEN ANOTHER THIRD OF THE TIME WE ARE STRONGLY IN DISAGREEMENT. WE BRING OUR INDEPENDENT VOICE TO THE TABLE.

John Casalino: SO I KNOW WE HAVE INVITED SOME FOLKS THAT WHAT I WAS PLANNING TO DO IS GIVE YOU CASE EXAMPLES AND SHOW HOW OUT COMES HAVE CHANGED WITH US BEING INVOLVED BUT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO DR. LEONHARDT FROM CARES NORTHWEST. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR US OR --

Chair Kafoury: WE'LL LISTEN TO THE OTHER TESTIMONY AND CALL YOU BACK UP.

John Casalino: OKAY.

Dan Leonheart: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF. I'M DR. DAN LEONHEART, TRAINED AT CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND FOR 11 YEARS HAVE BEEN WORKING AS A CHILD ABUSE PEDIATRICIAN AT CARES NORTHWEST AND CURRENTLY THE MEDICAL

DIRECTOR. I PREPARED SOME REMARKS TO READ BECAUSE I'M A DOCTOR, NOT A PUBLIC SPEAKER. SO CARES IN CASE YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR IS A MEDICAL CLINIC WHERE CHILDREN ARE REFERRED FOR MEDICAL EVALUATIONS AND FORENSIC INTERVIEWS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. LAST YEAR WE EVALUATED ALMOST 1,000 CHILDREN FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. TO PUT THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE WE SEE A CLASSROOM OF KIDS, I DROPPED MY 7-YEAR-OLD OFF TODAY AS HIS FIRST GRADE CLASS. WE'LL SEE THAT CLASSROOM EVERY WEEK THROUGHOUT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Dan Leonheart: DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT A CHILD HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF ABUSE IS OFTEN COMPLEX AND REQUIRES A TEAM APPROACH. FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE CONFIRMED VICTIMS DETERMINING HOW TO KEEP THEM SAFE FROM FUTURE HARM BECOMES THE SHARED PRIORITY OF A GROUP OF DEDICATED AND SKILLED TEAM MEMBERS. IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THIS COLLABORATION OCCURS VIA THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. IN MEDICINE, CONTINUITY OF MEDICAL CARE IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE. CONTINUITY OF MEDICAL CARE HAVING THE SAME PHYSICIAN OR TEAM OF PHYSICIANS WHO FOLLOW A PATIENT THROUGHOUT THEIR ILLNESS REDUCES RATE OF MEDICAL ERRORS, ENHANCES THE QUALITY OF CARE AND THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE. I THINK IT'S THE SAME PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY OF CARE THAT MAKES THE CURRENT MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROCESS SO SUCCESSFUL. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF A CASE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS INVOLVED IN THE DECISION MAKING WITH MAYOR MOUNT GOAL BEING THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD AND OF THE COMMUNITY. AS THE CASE PROCEEDS TO CRIMINAL TRIAL OR DEPENDENCY TRIAL OR BOTH, AS THE CASE IS PASSED OFF TO DIFFERENT DHS CASE WORKERS, THE CONSTANT PRESENCE IS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

IF CHILD SAFETY IS THE PRIMARY FOCUS FOR THIS PROCESS, TO ME IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO MINIMIZE THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN WHAT I WOULD CONSIDER THE MOST IMPORTANT COURT PROCEEDINGS, THE PROCEEDINGS AROUND CHILD SAFETY OR DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY IS OFTEN HIGHLIGHTED IN THE NEWS, BAD OUT COMES CAN INCLUDE DEATH. I CAN TESTIFY ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE REGARDING THE SUCCESS OF THIS MODEL. I THINK I WANT TO JUST GIVE ONE VOICE AND THE EXPERIENCE OF A CHILD THAT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS PROCESS WORKS. NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL, MADELEINE, NOT HER REAL NAME, THE DAUGHTER OF SOME PROFESSIONALLY PROMINENT PARENTS WHO WAS SEEN FOR BRUISING REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY HER BROTHER. TESS AT THE TIME OF THE PRESENTATION THERE WAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CAUSE OF THE BRUISING WHICH LED TO THE IDEA THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION TO KEEP HER SEPARATE FROM HER FAMILY. IN MY VIEW HER CURRENT LIVING SITUATION WOULD HAVE CONTINUED TO PUT HER AT GREAT RISK OF HARM. THE DEA BASED ON OUR SYSTEM WAS INVOLVED IN THAT

DISCUSSION AT ALLEGE EARLY POINT IN THE CHILD'S CASE DUE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S EXPERTISE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS MORNING THEY SAW THE NEED TO PROTECT MADELEINE. THE D.A. ADVOCATED FOR THE COURT TO GET INVOLVED AND SUCCESSFULLY MOVED HER TO A DIFFERENT LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

Dan Leonheart: AFTER A MONTH SHE STARTED REVEALING THE TORTURE SHE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO FOR YEARS. FOOD 2KE7RY VACATION, BEATINGS, CON FEINTMENT TO CLOSE EFFORTS. OVER TIME SHE TRANSFORMED FROM A MALNOURISHED, RESERVE CHILD TO A VIBRANT, HEALTHY NINE-YEAR-OLD NOW PART OF A FAMILY. HOWEVER, WITHOUT THIS CURRENT SYSTEM THAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT TODAY THAT IS IN PRAYS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WITHOUT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S INVOLVED IN THIS CASE EARLY ON I WORRY MADELEINE WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN HER CHANCE TO BE EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY HEALTHY AND THRIVE. AS A CHILD ABUSE PEDIATRICIAN AND AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND AS A FATHER OF TWO LITTLE BOYS, I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE AND URGE SUPPORT AND TALK ABOUT JUST EMPHASIZE THE SUCCESS OF THE MULTNOMAH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THEIR WORK TO PROTECT VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF 24 COMMUNITY. I'LL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS? THANK YOU FOR COMING. THANKS FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO. I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO GO OUT AND VISIT A CARES NORTHWEST IF YOU HAVE NOT YET.

John Casalino: UP NEXT IF WE COULD WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE HONORABLE JUDGE NAN WALLER.

Judge Nan Waller: GOOD MORNING, JUDGE NAN WALLER. I AM A JUDGE WHO HAS AS A JUDICIAL OFFICER BEEN ON THE JUVENILE BENCH FOR CLOSE TO 30 YEARS. BEFORE THAT I REPRESENTED CHILDREN AND PARENTS IN DEPENDENCY CASES. DURING THAT ALMOST 30 YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT EVOLUTION IN JUVENILE COURT FROM A PARENTS PATRIAI MODEL TO A DUE PROCESS MODEL. I WENT TO JUVENILE COURT, SOMEBODY INTRODUCED THEMSELVES TO ME AND SAID, SO ARE YOU A LAWYER? I THOUGHT, THIS IS REALLY FAMILY FRIENDLY. THEY HAVE A WELCOMING COMMITTEE. I SAID YES, I AM. THEY SAID WE DON'T LIKE LAWYERS OUT HERE. THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN. CHILDREN ARE NOW REPRESENTED BY WELL QUALIFIED LAWYERS WHO AT TIMES REPRESENT THEIR EXPRESS INTERESTS WHEN THEY ARE OF CONSIDERED JUDGMENT. OTHERWISE IF THEY ARE TOO YOUNG FOR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THEY REPRESENT THEIR BEST INTERESTS. PARENTS ARE REPRESENTED. DHS WAS NOT REPRESENTED AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB AND IF YOU ASK ANY JUDICIAL OFFICER ON THE BENCH THEY WOULD SAY THAT THE WORK AT THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND ULTIMATELY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE

COMMUNITY BENEFITED FROM THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE BEING REPRESENTED AS A PARTY BY THE D.A.'S OFFICE. THE TASK FORCE THAT CAME ABOUT WAS A RECOGNITION IN MANY PARTS OF THE STATE THERE WERE NOT THE D.A.'S OFFICE WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO APPEAR AT DEPENDENCY CASE SOS THEY HAD WITHDRAWN AND THERE WAS A PIECEMEAL DOJ BEGINNING TO REPRESENT IN SOME PLACES. THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE THAT WORKED OVER A COUPLE OF SESSIONS CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT DHS NEEDED TO BE REPRESENTED.

Judge Nan Waller: I DON'T THINK ANYONE DISAGREES WITH THAT, HAVING JUDGES THAT WERE VERY CONCERNED VERY DHS PRESENT WITH NO LAWYER BY THEIR SIDE THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW BY DHS. HAVING SAID THAT, THOUGH, THERE'S GREATLY A BENEFIT TO HAVING DHS REPRESENTED AND HAVING A D.A. REPRESENTING THE STATE IN DEPENDENCY CASES. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. ONE YOU'VE HEARD A LOT OF DISCUSSION SOMETIMES THERE'S A DISAGREEMENT. OFTENTIMES THERE'S AGREEMENT BUT THERE ARE IMPORTANT TIMES WHEN THERE'S DISAGREEMENT FROM HAVING A LAWYER WHO FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF NOT ONLY THE CHILD AND SAFETY OF THE CHILD UNFETTERED BY THE POLICIES AND RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES WHICH IS SOMETIMES VERY IMPORTANT DECISION VERSUS TO BE MADE BY DHS BASED UPON THEIR REGULATIONS, WHICH OF COURSE ARE THE REGULATIONS ARE INTENDED TO HAVE CONSISTENT RESULTS BUT SOMETIMES IN THE INDIVIDUAL CASE IT'S NOT THE RIGHT DECISION. THE REGULATION DOESN'T NECESSARILY LEAD TO THE RIGHT DECISION. HAVING A LAWYER WHO CAN POINT THAT OUT. CHILDREN'S LAWYERS AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE SOMETIMES DISAGREE. PARENTS' LAWYERS AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE SOMETIMES DISAGREE.

IT'S THROUGH THAT DISAGREEMENT AND THE SURFACING OF THE DISAGREEMENT THAT JUDGES ARE ABLE TO MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT ARE THE SAFEST, THAT WE GET THE MOST INFORMATION THAT WE SEE THE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF WHAT IS GOING TO BE SAFE FOR A CHILD. THAT'S WHAT JUVENILE COURT IS ALL ABOUT, ABOUT SAFETY IN ALL DEFINITIONS OF THE WORD. SOMETIMES IT'S OVER 30 YEARS I HAVE HAD CASES WHERE DHS SAID LET'S FORGE AHEAD. THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAS BEEN ABLE TO LOOK AT THE CASE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE HISTORY OF THE PARENTS AND SAY, THIS IS A CASE WHERE WE'RE NOT SURE THAT WE DO NEED TO BE INVOLVED. THE STATE DOES NEED TO BE INVOLVED. I THINK IT'S HAVING THAT VARIETY OF PERSPECTIVE, EACH PARTY HAVING A ROLE, EACH PARTY BEING REPRESENTED THAT GIVES JUDGES THE WEALTH OF INFORMATION TO MAKE SOME OF THE HARDEST DECISIONS FOR A JUDGE TO MAKE. I THINK THAT THE WORK OF THE JUVENILE COURT, AND I HAVE DONE A LOT OF THINGS ON THE BENCH. I THINK I HAVE FILLED ABOUT EVERY ROLE ON THE BENCH, BUT THE WORK OF THE JUVENILE COURT HAS THE LONGEVITY LASTING IMPACT ON THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE

DECISIONS MADE ABOUT CHILDREN AND WE HAVE SEEN SO MANY REPORTS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CHILDREN'S LIVES THROUGH THE JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM ARE NOT WELL MANAGED, THAT WE END UP WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE FACED FAR TOO MUCH TRAUMA AND HAVE OUT COMES THAT ARE DIFFICULT FOR THEM AND ULTIMATELY DIFFICULT FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND CERTAINLY IF WE'RE TALKING BOTTOM LINE FROM A FISCAL STANDPOINT THAT ARE EXPENSIVE FOR ALL OF US.

Judge Nan Waller: CHILDREN WHO MY GREAT FROM DEPENDENCY COURT INTO DELINQUENCY COURT INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WHICH BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER REASON WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE D.A. IN THE COURTROOM. WE HAVE MANY CASES AND WE HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE EARLY ADOPTERS IN THIS COUNTY OF LOOKING AT CROSSOVER CHILDREN. CHILDREN WHO ARE BOTH INVOLVED IN THE DEPENDENCY SIDE OF THE COURT AND THE DELINQUENCY SIDE OF THE COURT. DOJ IS NOT GOING TO REPRESENT AT THE TABLE ON THE DELINQUENCY SIDE OF THE COURT. WE SAW THAT THERE WAS A GREAT NEED FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN DELINQUENCY AND DEPENDENCY CASES WHEN CHILDREN WERE DUAL INVOLVED IN THOSE SYSTEMS. WE END UP SOMETIMES WITH THIS. WHERE EACH SIDE WAS SAYING THE DEPENDENCY, DHS, JUVENILE DEPARTMENT WERE EACH SAYING NOT OUR KID. TEMPERATURES YOUR KID. WITH HAVE WHAT I CALL THE ROLLING STONE OF CHILDREN WHO WOULD GO FROM SYSTEM TO SYSTEM NEVER REALLY GETTING THE HELP AND TREATMENT THAT THEY NEEDED. THE CROSSOVER SYSTEM HAS THE ABILITY OF THE DELINQUENCY LAWYER AND THE DEPENDENCY LAWYER TO BE HELPING COORDINATE PLANNING FOR THAT CHILD AND FAMILY WHICH IS CERTAINLY IMPORTANT.

YOU HEARD ABOUT THE MDT CASES AGAIN HAVING A LAWYER WHO IS PARTICIPATING BOTH IN THE DEPENDENCY CASE AS WELL AS THE ADULT PROSECUTION IS IMPERATIVE. BOTH IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT THE CHILD IS SAFE BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF HELPING DEVELOP A PLAN ON THE CRIMINAL CASE FOR THOSE CASES WHERE THE RIGHT THING IS FOR THE CHILD TO BE IN A POSITION TO BE ABLE TO BE RETURNED AND STAY WITH THE PARENT IN THE COMMUNITY SAFELY, HAVING A LAWYER INVOLVED IN BOTH SIDES OF THE CASE WILL ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE PLAN THAT ALLOWS THAT TO HAPPEN. I CAN THINK OF NUMEROUS INSTANCES WHERE THAT HAS OCCURRED. SO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE HAD THE D.A.'S PERSPECTIVE IN THE CASES ON THE DEPENDENCY SIDE OF THE COURT AND THINK THAT IT IS A GOOD IDEA IN TERMS OF CHILD SAFETY AND WELFARE THAT THERE CONTINUE TO BE THAT ABILITY TO HAVE THAT PERSPECTIVE REPRESENTED. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS? YES.

THANK YOU, JUDGE WALLER. I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THAT CROSSOVER INTERSECTIONALITY BECAUSE IT SEEMS THERE'S A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OR CAN BE CROSSOVER WITH THE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM AND THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. I'M NOT SURE TO WHAT EXTENT THE D.A.'S OFFICE IS INVOLVED IN THAT. I JUST KNOW BECAUSE I PERSONALLY KNOW A KID RIGHT NOW WHO HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH THAT WHO IS JUST KIND OF ABANDONED BY DRUG INVOLVED MOM AND 15 YEARS OLD AND HAS HER OWN BABY WHO IS IN NOW THE DEPENDENCY -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT -- IN ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. SHE HAS BOUNCED AROUND AND HAS GOTTEN LOST AND THERE'S NO ONE THAT SEEMS TO REPRESENT HER INTERESTS AT ALL. SO --

Judge Nan Waller: A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE COURT, THE D.A.'S OFFICE, THE DEFENSE BAR ALL WORKED WITH GEORGETOWN TO DEVELOP A CROSSOVER PROTOCOL WHERE WE HAVE THE CONTINUITY BETWEEN THE TWO CASES OF LAWYERS INVOLVED, WE EXPECT CASE WORKERS AND JUVENILE COURT COUNCILORS TO COME TO THE DECLINING SIP AND DEPENDENCY CASE. WHAT YOU DON'T WANT IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS THAT AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH EACH OTHER. SO THE D.A.'S OFFICE AS OPPOSED TO DOJ, WHO IS REPRESENTING DHS, CAN BE AT BOTH -- WE WOULD HOPE THEY WOULD BE AT IN THE FUTURE BOTH CASES, THE DELINQUENCY AND DEPENDENCY. THE GOAL IS TO COME UP WITH ONE PLAN THAT MEETS THE MANDATES OF EACH SYSTEM. KEEPS THE CHILD SAFE AND RATHER THAN HAVING COMPETING PLANS FOR WHAT THE CHILD AND FAMILY SHOULD DO HAS A CONSISTENT PLAN. IT'S LESS CONFUSING AND MUCH MORE RESPECTFUL OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. WE END UP WITH LESS DISPUTE ABOUT WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT, WHICH WE OFTEN -- IT OFTEN IS BOTTOM LINE WHO IS GOING TO FIND PLACEMENT, WHO IS GOING TO A NEW COMMISSIONER MEIERAN HAVING BEEN ON YOUTH WITH SPECIALIZED NEEDS WORK GROUP THAT WAS A LOT OF THE DISCUSSION WE WERE HAVING, CHILDREN WHO MOVE FROM ONE SYSTEM TO ANOTHER AND END UP IN THE WORST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS, BEING ABANDONED, NOT HAVING THE RIGHT KIND OF PLACEMENT. I THINK THAT THERE IS THAT ABILITY WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE BEING INVOLVED IN BOTH CASES TO HAVE THAT PULLING TOGETHER THE PLANNING THAT'S GOING ON. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT CONTINUE. I THINK WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN PREVENTING THE PING PONGING BETWEEN SYSTEMS AND SOMETIMES FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS.

Lori Fellows: MY OFFICE AND MY UNIT PROSECUTES ALL DELINQUENCY CASES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE CROSSOVER PRACTICE MODEL DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH GEORGETOWN IS AIMED AT A NUMBER OF THINGS LIKE THE JUDGE TALKED ABOUT. IT TRIES TO REDUCE OUT OF HOME PLACEMENTS FOR KIDS. WE VERY MUCH TRY TO NOT DRAG KIDS THAT ARE IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM FURTHER INTO THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. THE STATISTICS, I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME, CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN

CHILD WELFARE INVOLVED HAVE A MUCH HIGHER LIKELIHOOD OF BECOMING DELINQUENT YOUTH. WHAT WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE HAPPEN IS WHAT JUDGE WALLER TACKLED ABOUT BEFORE. HISTORICALLY THE MINUTE THAT CHILD GOT A DELINQUENCY CASE THE DHS, NOT MY KIDNEY MORE, IT'S JUVENILE JUSTICE. JUVENILE JUSTICE WOULD SAY, KIND OF DEPENDENCY. IF A KID HAS BEEN IN THE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM AND STARTS TO PICK UP SOME DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR THAT DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THEY ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. THAT'S IS NOT A YOUTH THAT NECESSARILY NEEDS TO BE IN A YOUTH AUTHORITY HOME AS OPPOSED TO A DHS HOME.

Lori Fellows: BY GETTING THE SYSTEMS TO WORK TOGETHER, KEEPING DHS INVOLVED CAN REALLY WORK TO NOT DRAG THAT YOUTH FURTHER DOWN THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. THAT'S ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE CROSSOVER MODEL IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE YOUTH IN THE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM ARE GETTING THE SERVICES THEY NEED EVEN IF THEY ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY SUPERVISED BY THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT AND CHILD WELFARE THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO SHIFT THEM OVER TO THE DELINQUENCY SIDE. WE CAN DEAL WITH BOTH ON A MORE COORDINATED WAY THAT KEEPS REALLY IN SOME WAYS THE FOREFRONT OF THE DEPENDENCY CASE. THAT'S OFTEN WHAT'S LEADING CHILDREN INTO THE DELINQUENCY ACTIVITY. WE HAVE A ONE-FAMILY ONE JUDGE RULE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY SO THE JUDGE THAT HAS THE DEPENDENCY CASE ALSO WILL HAVE THE DELINQUENCY PROBATION. THEY DO REVIEWS ON THE CASES TOGETHER SO THAT DHS IS THERE, THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT IS THERE, MY OFFICE IS THERE. MY OFFICE HAS THE EXPERTISE TO KNOW BOTH SYSTEMS, TO KNOW WHAT THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES ARE.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TIME FOR ONE MORE QUESTION FROM COMMISSIONER STEGMANN.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I'M NOT SURE MAYBE THIS IS A QUESTION FOR YOU, JUDGE. ALSO IN YOUR PRESENTATION YOU MENTIONED IF A CHILD A THREE-YEAR-OLD SAYS I WANT TO GO WITH THE DAD, WHO IS ABUSIVE, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW CAN THE COURT -- CAN YOU CLEAR THAT UP FOR ME?

Judge Nan Waller: I THINK THAT THE LEVEL OF CONSIDERED JUDGMENT, WHICH IS THE LANGUAGE USED, WHEN IS A CHILD ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS WITH CONSIDERED JUDGMENT. THERE'S NOT A BRIGHT LINE. CHILDREN ARE DIFFERENT. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS. SHE SAID IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S MOVING DOWN A LOT. I HAVE NOT EVER HAD A LAWYER IN FRONT OF ME REPRESENTING A THREE-YEAR-OLD'S EXPRESS INTERESTS. HAVING SAID THAT I HAVE HAD LAWYERS WHO HAVE EXPLAINED WHAT THEY BELIEVE THEIR CHILD WANTS AND NEEDS, AND THEN ALSO FOR A THREE-YEAR-OLD OR A BABY SAYS AND THIS IS WHAT IS IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS. BUT IT'S A MOVING

LINE. WE CERTAINLY HAVE CHILDREN WHOSE EXPRESS INTERESTS ARE BEING REPRESENTED AT AN EARLIER AGE AND QUITE FRANKLY ONE OF THE REASONS IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE D.A.'S OFFICE INVOLVED. CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE AND CHILDREN WE ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO COME TO COURT. WE TRY TO DO IT IN A CHILD FRIENDLY WAY. BUT A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO ABUSE AND NEGLECT, THE ABILITY TO HEAR SOMEBODY EXPRESSING WHAT THEY WANT TO HAVE HAPPEN AND ADVOCATING FOR THEIR NEEDS IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS. SO AS A JUDGE I WANT A LAWYER WHO IS GOING TO BE FOR A NINE-YEAR-OLD OR AN 11-YEAR-OLD I HAD A VERY SERIOUS CASE THE OTHER DAY.

Judge Nan Waller: THE LAWYER DID THE RIGHT THING. THEY WERE EXPRESSING WHAT THEIR CLIENT WANTED TO HAVE HAPPEN AT AGE 11. VERY, VERY SERIOUS SITUATION. THANK GOODNESS THERE WAS A D.A. THERE WHO WAS ALSO ABLE TO SAY AND THIS IS WHY THIS IS NOT A SAFE SITUATION RIGHT NOW. WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE. THAT WAS A CASE WHERE PROBABLY DHS IN TERMS OF SOME OF THEIR POLICIES AND RULES WAS IN A DIFFICULT POSITION. I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO THE FACTS OF THE CASE IT'S STILL ONGOING BUT I THINK IT IS NOT ALWAYS AT AGE THREE THAT A LAWYER IS EXPRESSING BUT CERTAINLY WE WANT LAWYERS TO REPRESENT THEIR CHILD. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I WAS PRACTICING WHEN LAWYERS WEREN'T DOING THAT AND CHILDREN WERE -- I COULD SEE CHILDREN WHEN I WAS FIRST ON THE BENCH CHILDREN GOING LIKE THIS AS THEIR LAWYER WAS TALKING AND YOU THOUGHT, GREAT, THIS IS NOT PROCEDURAL JUSTICE. THIS CHILD IS NOT FEELING REPRESENTED AND HAVING THEIR WANTS AND NEEDS EXPRESSED. SO I THINK THAT THERE'S A REASON WHY THE AGE HAS MOVED BACK.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING. THIS IS NOT A DECISION WE'RE MAKING TODAY. I THOUGHT IT US WHAT IMPORTANT AS THIS LEGISLATION AND CHANGE IN POLICY MOVES FORWARD AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT WE HAVE AN IDEA WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY AND WHAT THE -- HOW THE EFFECTS OF A DECISION AT THE STATE LEVEL COULD AFFECT US LOCALLY. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE. ANYONE WHO HAS COME TODAY WOULD BE HAPPY TO COME CHAT WITH EITHER OF YOU MORE IN DEPTH IN YOUR OFFICE.

B.2 Briefing on the Diane Wade House. Presenters: Abbey Stamp, Executive Director, LPSCC; Monta Knudson, Executive Director, Bridges to Change; Erika Prueitt, Director, DCJ.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, I'LL START TALKING THEN ABBEY WILL MAYBE BE HERE BY THE TIME I GET FINISHED. OUR NEXT ITEM IS A BRIEFING ON THE DIANE WADE HOUSE. THIS IS I THINK OUR FIRST OFFICIAL BOARD BRIEFING ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH PEERS, WITH STAFF, WITH PEOPLE, FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY, POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS. THIS IS REALLY AN EXCITING PROGRAM. WE'RE GOING TO BE JOINED THIS MORNING BY COUNTY STAFF AND OUR PARTNERS AT BRIDGES TO CHANGE TO TALK ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND THIS NEW HOUSE. THEY ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE PROGRAMMING IN PARTICULAR. I REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AGAIN THAT THIS HAS BEEN -- YOU CAN COME UP.

MONTHS OF HARD WORK INCLUDING HUNDREDS OF HOURS BY FOLKS AT LPSC C, DOJ, AND EMPLOYEES AT MENTAL HEALTH ADDICTION. I WANT TO THANK MONTA, BRIDGE TO CHANGE, WHO IS GOING TO BE RUNNING THIS HOUSE. WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE. WE KNOW THE EFFECT IT HAS ON THE LIVES OF WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE KNOW THERE CONTINUES TO BE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THERE HAS NOT REALLY BEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE THIS WITH A FOCUS ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. I'M PERSONALLY REALLY INVESTED IN MAKING SURE THAT THIS SUCCEEDS AND I WANT TO THANK THE WOMEN THAT HAVE TURNED OUT TODAY TO TALK ABOUT IT TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT. I THINK YOU ARE ALL THE REASONS THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE SO SUCCESSFUL. THANKS.

Abbey Stamp: THANK YOU FOR THAT, CHAIR KAFOURY. GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD I'M ABBEY STAMP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL. IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO LAUNCH THIS BRIEFING FOR YOU TODAY. ON THE PROGRESS AND THE STATUS OF THE WORK OF THE DIANE WADE HOUSE. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT AND THANK MY STAFF FOR FILLING IN AND FOR REALLY CARRYING THE TORCH AT THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND CHALLENGING WORK CONTINUES. I APOLOGIZE FOR MY SETUP TODAY BUT IT'S WHAT IT TAKES. I'M GOING TO JUST TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND THEN PASS THE BATON TO MY COLLEAGUES. I WANTED TO REMIND FOLKS THAT THIS IS ABSOLUTELY A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT AS THE CHAIR MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, WITH BRIDGES TO CHANGE AND OF COURSE ALSO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. UNFORTUNATELY THEY ARE ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY BUT I WANT TO THANK EBONY CLARK FOR HER INCREDIBLE DEDICATION AND WORK WITH US ON THIS EFFORT PARTICULARLY AS SOME OF THE CLIENTS WILL BE REFERRED THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES DIVISION. SO TO GROUND OUR CONVERSATION THIS MORNING AS A REMINDER THIS IS COMPLETELY FUNDED BY THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE GRANT THAT WE WERE PROVIDED. THANK YOU, MACARTHUR FOUNDATION, THE SAFETY JUSTICE CHALLENGE IS AN EFFORT TO REDUCE INCARCERATION BY CHANGING THE USES JAILS. IT NAILS

DOWN THE WORK WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. AS A REMINDER THE SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE TENTACLES REACH FAR AND WIDE. SINCE THIS SLIDE WAS PRODUCED THERE ARE AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF JURISDICTIONS, I BELIEVE 12 MORE THAT ARE RECEIVING MACARTHUR FUNDING AS THE FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO POUR HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO REFORMING THE WAY AMERICA THINKS ABOUT ITS JAILS. THE METRO TRAFFIC CONTROL ARTHUR SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE WORK CONTINUES TO UNFOLD IN ADDITION TO THE WORK AROUND THE LAUNCH AND OPENING OF THE DIANE WADE HOUSE.

Abbey Stamp: SEVERAL REDUCTION STRAT WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED OBSTACLES AND ARE FIGURING OUT HOW TO WORK THROUGH THOSE ENSURING WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING TO ENSURE OUR JAIL POPULATION IS ADEQUATELY MANAGED AND THAT RIGHT FOLKS ARE BASED IN THE COMMUNITY APPEARED THE RIGHT FOLKS WHEN NEEDED ARE IN JAIL WHEN THAT IS IMPORTANT TO DO. WE HAVE NOT YESTERDAY HEART ABOUT THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT. I'M REALLY HOPING TO HEAR SOON. BOTH FINGERS, TOES, EVERYTHING CROSSED TO MAKE SURE WE GET THOSE FUNDS TO SUPPORT A COMPONENT OF THE DIANE WADE HOUSE. IT WILL HAPPEN NO MATTER WHAT. WITH WOULD LOVE THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCE TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. WE DO PLAN TO OPEN THE DIANE WADE HOUSE NEXT MONTH, OF COURSE LET YOU ONISHA AND MONTA TALK ABOUT THE STATUS OF THAT WORK. THE LAST THING I WANTED TO SAY BEFORE, I'LL BE THE SLIDE DRIVER BUT I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE COLLEAGUES ANSWER QUESTIONS AND SPEAK MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY VOICE IN THIS PROCESS. IT'S BEEN A REAL HONOR TO HAVE THESE HARD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OREGON AND GENTRIFICATION AND RACE AND RACISM AND OPPRESSION. REALLY DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND ALLOWING POLICY MAKERS TO SLOW DOWN AND ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY VOICE AND UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS WORK. SPECIAL THANKS TO AIN ADDITION YA FOR BEING SUCH A PATIENT CHAMPION AS WE DO THIS WORK TOGETHER. IN THE LISTENING SESSION REALLY LAUNCHED OUR HOLD UP, WE NEED TO SLOW DOWN AND DO THIS WEIGHT. RIGHT. WE WANT THE COMMUNITY VOICE IN THIS PROCESS AND THAT WILL CONTINUE TO UNFOLD. I WANT TO STOP AND PASS THE BATON TO JOHN MCVEIGH FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE TO TALK MORE ABOUT NUTS AND BOLTS.

John Mcveigh: GOOD MORNING. I'M JOHN MCVEIGH, A SENIOR MANAGER WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. HOW WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS SO FAR IS OUR PRIMARY UNIT, WHICH IS OUR WOMEN AND FAMILY SERVICES UNIT, A UNIT THAT PROVIDES GENDER SPECIFIC SERVICES TO WOMEN AND FAMILIES INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THEY ARE GOING TO BE THE PRIMARY REFERENCE TO THE DIANE WADE HOUSE BUT THEY ARE ABOUT EIGHT BLOCKS AWAY SO THEY WILL BE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE STAFF THERE, THE CLIENTS THERE. SO WE'RE VIEWING THIS AS A VERY

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT SO IT'S NOT JUST A HOUSING SITE THAT WE REFER FOLKS TO. WE'LL BE DOING COORDINATED CASE MANAGEMENT, SUPPORTING STAFF AND CLIENTS. BECAUSE THE PROGRAM IS NOT ONLY A RESIDENTIAL SITE SO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SITE BUT ALSO IT WILL PROVIDE DAY PROGRAMMING FOR CLIENTS WHO MAY NOT LIVE THERE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE OFFERING AS WE BRING THIS UP IS THE HEAT CURRICULUM FOR WOMEN. SO THAT CURRICULUM IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR CLIENTS WHO ARE FROM AFRICAN-AMERICAN BACKGROUND AND DEALS NOT ONLY WITH COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL ISSUES BUT ALSO A LOT OF CULTURAL ISSUES. WHEN WE HAVE APPLIED THAT WITH OUR PROGRAMS FOR MALES USUALLY IN OUR GANG PROGRAMS, THAT'S ACTUALLY BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE HAD HIGH RATES OF ENGAGEMENT AND CLIENTS HAVE REALLY BENEFITED FROM THAT CURRICULUM SO WE'RE EXCITED TO OFFER THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE DIANE WADE HOUSE. PART OF WHAT WE'LL ALSO BE DOING IS WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE PRIORITIZING THE REFERRALS TO THE HOUSING PROGRAM SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'LL BE LOOKING AT IS PRIORITIZING IT REFERRALS TO THE PROGRAM BASED ON IF THE CLIENT IS AFRICAN-AMERICAN, WE'RE ALSO REALLY LOOKING AT JAIL DIVERSION SO ONE EVER THE MAJOR PIECES THAT WE'RE HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS IS TAKING WOMEN WHO MIGHT HAVE GONE INTO CUSTODY ON EITHER A SANCTION, NEW CHARGES, ET CETERA, DIVERTING THEM TO THE DIANE WADE HOUSE. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT HISTORY OF TRAUMA AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AS WELL AS HIGH RISK ON WHAT OUR WOMEN'S RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT, SO IT'S A RISK ASSESSMENT WE YOU. THAT'S HOW WE'LL ACTUALLY BE PRIORITIZING A LOT OF THE REFERRALS. THEN AS PART OF THAT REFERRAL PROCESS ALSO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'LL BE DOING IS WE'LL BE STAFFING ALL OF THOSE CASES ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH THE STAFF, SO PART OF THE REFERRAL PROCESS WILL BE HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH THE TREATMENT TEAM ABOUT WHO IS COMING IN SO THAT EVERYBODY IS PREPARED. THAT THOSE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE AN ONGOING CASE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION.

Abbey Stamp: COULD YOU SAY JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT THE REFERRAL SYSTEM.

John Mcveigh: SURE. WE'RE ALSO WORKING CLOSELY WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS. AS YOU KNOW, THE CLIENTS DON'T GENERALLY FALL INTO DISTINCT DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORIES. SO MANY OF THE CLIENTS THAT WE'LL BE WORKING WITH ALSO ARE INVOLVED WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS. THEY MAY BE COMING FROM AID AND ASSIST OR THEY MAY BE COMING FROM THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG SYSTEM. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT WITH THE AID & SIFT IS LOOKING AT DIVERTING WOMEN FROM JAIL AND HAVING A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM TO GO. RIGHT NOW SOME WOMEN WHO ARE ON THE AID AND ASSIST CAN'T BE RELEASED FROM JAIL BECAUSE THERE'S NOT A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM TO GO. THIS WILL PROVIDE AN OPTION SO THAT WE CAN DIVERT FOLKS WHO ARE PENDING NEW

CHARGES TO ACTUALLY BE PLACED HERE AND TO STABILIZE. IF THEY ARE CONVICTED, THEN DCJ WILL HAVE BEEN PART OF THAT CASE PLANNING SO WE'LL HAVE A MUCH CLEANER CASE PLAN STARTING FROM THE BEGINNING. EVERYONE WILL HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM WITH THAT CLIENT. IF THE CLIENT IS CONVICTED THEY COULD STILL CONTINUE TO STAY THERE. THEN THERE WILL BE SIX ALCOHOL AND DRUG BEDS. SOME OF THE CLIENTS MAY BE DCJ, SOME MAY NOT BE. FOUR OF THE ROOMS? ARE THERE FOUR ROOMS THERE? SIX. THERE'S ALSO SIX ROOMS AND WHEN THE FACILITY WAS BEING DESIGNED ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAD BASICALLY ASKED BECAUSE IS TO HAVE SOME ROOMS FOR WOMEN WHO MAY NEED -- WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COPE IN A MORE COMMUNAL ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR TRAUMA ISSUES, ET CETERA. SO THE FACILITY HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS EITHER FROM AID AND ASSIST OR FROM DCJ CLIENTS AS WELL.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, JOHN. I HAD A QUICK QUESTION IN TEMPLES THE AID AND ASSIST REFERRALS. THE ONLY SITUATION I'M FAMILIAR WITH AID AND ASSIST IS WHEN PEOPLE ARE NOT ABLE TO ASSIST IN THEIR OWN DEFENSE AND THEN THEY ARE TYPICALLY SENT TO THE STATE HOSPITAL. YEAH. STATE HOSPITAL. ARE THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE SENT TO THE STATE HOSPITAL OR IS THIS A DIFFERENT POPULATION?

John Mcveigh: THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE GOING TO THE STATE HOSPITAL. CORRECT. BUT THIS WOULD BE -- IF THEIR ACUTE LEVEL IS MANAGEABLE IN THE COMMUNITY THEY WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR A PLACEMENT HERE.

Abbey Stamp: IF I MAY ADD ONE ADDITIONAL COMMENT, WHEN WE LOOKED AT SOME OF THE WOMEN WHO WERE IN JAIL WHO WERE GOING THROUGH THE AID AND ASSIST DETERMINATION PROCESS, IT WAS FOUND THAT THERE WERE SIX PEOPLE, WOMEN, AT ANY GIVEN TIME WHO WERE ACTUALLY IN JAIL WAITING FOR THAT RAPID ASSESSMENT TO HAPPEN LOCALLY BUT COULD NOT BE AS JOHN SAID STABILIZED IN THE COMMUNITY SO THEY MAY HAVE GONE TO THE STATE HOSPITAL BUT OTHERS DON'T. WE DON'T WANT FOLKS TO HANG OUT IN JAIL BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION. WE WANTED TO PROVIDE A SOUND AND SAFE ALTERNATIVE. I'M GOING TO LOB THE BALL OVER TO MONTA AT THE END OF THE TABLE.

Monta Knudson: THANK YOU. HELLO. GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL. BRIDGES TO CHANGE IS INCORPORATING THIS -- PROGRAM INTO OUR ORGANIZATION. SORRY. MONTA KNUDSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BRIDGES TO CHANGE. ALSO BRIDGES IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PEER RAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE. WE HAVE 145 EMPLOYEES AND ABOUT 141 HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE. SO WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON WHAT WE LIKE TO CALL SERVING OUR OWN

PEOPLE. LEADING INTO THAT, AS WE WERE PRESENTED WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DIANE WADE PROGRAM, BRIDGES TO CHANGE AS AN ORGANIZATION THROUGH OUR OWN STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS HAS NOT HISTORICALLY SERVED PEOPLE OF COLOR WELL. THIS CAME OUT NOT ONLY IN OUR OWN ASSESSMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ONISHA MIGHT TALK ABOUT OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE FOLKS WEREN'T GETTING SERVED TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY THAT WERE COMING THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS.

Monta Knudson: SO WE REALLY DOUBLED DOWN AND WANTED TO ADDRESS THIS AND SERVE PEOPLE OF COLOR WELL WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION. A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAD GOING ON SIMULTANEOUSLY WAS LOOKING AT THIS PROJECT WAS WE GOT A GRANT THROUGH THE MEYER FOUNDATION TO JUST DO SOME DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION WORK. AT THE SAME TIME WORKING WITH CONSULTANTS TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR POLICIES, PUT TOGETHER A COMMITTEE TO WORK ON OUR RACIAL EQUITY POLICY. WE WERE ABLE TO INCORPORATE THAT WORK INTO KIND OF DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT THE DIANE WADE PROGRAM WOULD LOOK LIKE AT BRIDGES TO CHANGE. THIS WORK HAS BEEN DIFFICULT. IT'S BEEN EYE-OPENING. I WOULD SAY THE BIGGEST DRIVER THAT WE'RE USING TO DO THIS WORK WELL IS HUMILITY. REALLY TAKING A LOOK AT HOW TO PROMOTE CHANGE WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION, PROMOTE CHANGE WITHIN THE SYSTEMS IN WHICH OUR CLIENTS ARE PRESENTED WITH. SO I THINK ONE OF OUR BIGGEST ADDITIONS TO BRIDGES TO GET THIS WORK STARTED WAS WE FOUND THE MOST EFFECTIVE VOICE WE COULD IN THE COMMUNITY, ONISHA, TO HELP LEAD AND GUIDE US AND CREATE THIS PROGRAM. SHE'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT. CONSTRUCTION AND OPENING PLAN.

SO THIS WAS OUR FIRST BIGGER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT BRIDGES. WE HAVE ABOUT 45 HOMES IN FIVE COUNTIES WITHIN THE STATE. THIS WAS A BIGGER PROCESS FOR US. WE WERE OVERAMBITIOUS WITH OUR TIMELINES TO GET IT DONE WITH OUR FIRST TIME AND A NAVIGATING CHANGES OF ZONING, PERMITTING, CITY CODE, SO OUR DATE HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY PUSHED FORWARD A ALSO BIT. RIGHT NOW OUR PLAN TO OPEN THE ACTUAL DIANE WADE SITE IS ABOUT THE THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY. WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO ADDRESS THAT RIGHT NOW IS WE HAD ANOTHER LARGER 5,000 SQUARE FOOT HOME THAT IS GOING TO BE SERVING PREGNANT WOMEN AND WOMEN WITH CHILDREN, SO WE PAUSED THAT PROGRAM TO USE THAT HOME TO START TAKING WOMEN INTO THE DIANE WADE PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 15TH. SO WE'LL START A SLOWER ROLLOUT OF WOMEN COMING INTO THE PROGRAM THAT WILL GET OUR STAFF ABLE TO GET ACCLIMATED WITH SERVING THE WOMEN AND UP AND GOING. SO RIGHT NOW THE PLACE IS TORN APART. THINGS ARE BEING BUILT. ALL HANDS ON DECK GETTING THAT GOING. WE'RE SUPER EXCITED. WE VALUE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH

AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A WHOLE AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OUTCOMES OF THIS PROGRAM.

Abbey Stamp: THANK YOU. ONISHA?

Onisha Cochran: FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR KAFOURY FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PROJECT AND THANK YOU TO DCJ, MENTAL HEALTH, THE MACARTHUR GRANT. IT HAS BEEN A JOURNEY. VERY SCARY. YOU WOULD THINK THAT BRIDGES TO CHANGE WOULD BE THE WRONGEST CHOICE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROGRAM TO GO IN BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT WHATEVER DOUBTS WE HAD ARE ALL REMOVED. BRIDGES TO CHANGE HAS BEEN ABOVE AND BEYOND IN THEIR BEHAVIOR AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING, EVEN GOING AS FAR AS TO MAKING SURE WE HAVE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL MENTORS TO ONBOARD US AND PROCESSES THAT OUR WHITE DIRECTORS DON'T UNDERSTAND. I THINK THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS TO SAY I DON'T KNOW IN THE MOST HUMBLEST WAY BUT I WANT TO KNOW AND THAT'S WHAT I HAVE GOTTEN.

FOR SITTING FOR THE INTERVIEW CAN CHAIR KAFOURY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING SHE SAID IS WE WANT TO GET THIS RIGHT AND THE EASIEST WAY IS TO SAY THAT WE DON'T KNOW. ALSO AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE TO SAY WE REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO TRUST WHAT'S SAFE BUT WE'RE TRYING, AND FROM WHAT WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR IS THAT TO BE HEARD IN THOSE UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS AND ACTUALLY SEE THE CHANGE BE IMPLEMENTED IN REAL LIFETIME EVERY WEEK, EVERY MONTH IT GETS BETTER. OUR COMMUNICATION WITH DCJ, AID AND ASSIST, THE DIRECTORS AND PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT THEM HAVE BEEN SO KIND TO MY STAFF, TO MYSELF, AND I THINK THAT THE COMMUNITY IS EXCITED IN THE MOST. IT'S LIKE A RUMBLE OF EXCITEMENT IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN OPEN TO DIANE WADE STAFF HAVE BEEN DILIGENT IN TALKING TO THE WOMEN WHO ARE LIVING ON THE STREET, GOING TO TPI, GREYHOUND, TALKING TO MOTHERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR CHILDREN. GETTING THEM PREPARED FOR THIS PROGRAM THAT IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR THEM BY THE COMMUNITY.

THE IN-HOUSE CURRICULUM THAT WE ARE WORKING ON IS VERY CULTURALLY SPECIFIC TO THE CLIENTS THAT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVE. WE HAVE SPOKEN OPENLY ABOUT THE TREATMENT CENTERS AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ARE NOT CREATED FOR PEOPLE THEY KNOW ARE COMING IN SO WE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ALL THE WAY DIFFERENT. EVERYBODY ON MY STAFF HAVE BEEN A PART OF DEVELOPING A CURRICULUM THAT THEY WISH THEY WOULD HAVE HAD WHEN THEY WERE GOING THROUGH RECEIVING PROGRAMMING OF THIS KIND WHEN THEY FIRST GOT INTO RECOVERY, AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A SLOW INFLUX LIKE MONTA WAS TALKING ABOUT,

AND JUST MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY THAT COMES IN THERE IS TREATED WITH RESPECT, WITH KINDNESS, WRAP-AROUND SERVICES, HOUSING SPECIALIST HAS BEEN GOING TO EVERY LONG TERM HOUSING PROGRAM GETTING CONTACT NUMBERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE HANDOFF PROGRAMS THAT ARE READY TO RECEIVE THESE WOMEN WHEN THEY COME IN GATHERING CLOTHING AND HYGIENE. EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN THINK OF THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT THESE WOMEN WE HAVE BEEN DOING AND WE FEEL FULLY SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER, CHAIR KAFOURY, BY EVERYBODY AT THE TABLE AND ESPECIALLY BY BRIDGES TO CHANGE. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SOMEBODY DO AS GREAT AS SHE HAS JUST WITH -- SHE CALLS IT CULTURAL AGILITY, A NEW WORD SHE INTRODUCED ME TO. I REALIZE NOW IT GOES BOTH WAYS. WE'RE SUPEREXCITED FOR THIS PROGRAM TO BE OPENING AND SUPEREXCITED FOR DECEMBER 15TH.

Abbey Stamp: SO THAT'S ALL OF THE CONTENT WE HAVE FOR YOU ALL. I KNOW THAT ONISHA BROUGHT HER STAFF FOR QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: I WOULD LIKE THE STAFF TO STAND UP SO WE CAN GIVE YOU APPLAUSE AND THANK YOU FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE] DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. I'M REALLY EXCITED BECAUSE THIS IS OCCURRING IN MY DISTRICT. SO WELCOME. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. HOW MANY WOMEN WILL BE -- THERE'S 38 BEDS? SO HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE QUEUED UP SO THAT WHEN YOU OPEN WILL ALL 38 BEDS BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY?

Onisha Cochran: NOT IMMEDIATELY. WE UTAHN TO -- WELL, 15 SINCE WE'RE OPENING UP ON DECEMBER 15TH, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MAXIMUM OF 15 WOMEN AT THAT TIME. THEY WILL BE DCJ FOCUSED ONLY BECAUSE IT'S TAKEN SO LONG BECAUSE OF CONSTRUCTION DELAYS BUT THOSE 15 WOMEN WHEN OUR HOUSE OPENS IN FEBRUARY WE'LL TAKE THOSE 15 WOMEN WITH US AND THEN WE'LL CONTINUE TO TAKE WOMEN IN FROM THE OTHER -- THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND AID AND ASSIST.

Commissioner Stegmann: I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET A AT IS WHAT IS THE NEED VERSUS THE CAPACITY? IS THIS JUST LIKE A SMALL DROP OR IS THIS LIKE REALLY GOING TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE NEED?

Onisha Cochran: I BELIEVE THAT THE 38 BEDS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN HAS A PRIORITY AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN WAITING IN JAIL THAT THE NEED IS GOING TO BE MET. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE DOUBTS THAT THE BEDS WILL BE HERE BUT WE HAVE SEVERAL WOMEN AND SEVERAL AGENCIES THAT ARE JUST WAITING. WE HAVE SEVERAL WOMEN DOWN AT TPI HANGING AROUND GREYHOUND JUST WAITING WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE A BETTER PLAN FOR THEIR LIVES IF THEY HAD SOMEWHERE SAFE. THEN ALL THE

BEAUTIFUL WOMEN THAT ARE HERE THAT ARE GOING TO BE OFFERING DAILY WRAP-AROUND SERVICES. THIS HOUSE IS GOING TO BE STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY WITH ME OR SOMEONE LIKE ME WILL BE CONSTANTLY THERE GIVING THOSE WOMEN THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED. I THINK THAT THE NEED -- WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SOLVE ALL OF THE ADDICTION IN PORTLAND, BUT I THINK WE'LL MAKE A GOOD DENT INTO THE WOMEN NOT GETTING THOSE SERVICES.

Commissioner Stegmann: THAT'S FANTASTIC. MONTA, YOU AND I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS. ARE THINGS PROGRESSING WITH THE PERMITTING AND ZONING SO THOSE CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN OVERCOME?

Monta Knudson: NO BARRIERS REMAIN.

Commissioner Stegmann: EXCELLENT.

Monta Knudson: EXCEPT FOR A BIG WATER MAIN LINE AND WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT. WE GOT IT COVERED.

Commissioner Stegmann: VERY GOOD. SO HOW WILL SUCCESS BE MEASURED?

Abbey Stamp: ALL OF US QUESTION. I LOVE THAT QUESTION. WE HAVE PART OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THIS FIRST OF ITS KIND THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS A LOT OF INTEREST, HOW CAN WE HELP. SO THANKS TO COMMISSIONER MEIERAN AND HER SUPPORT HELPING LAUNCH ONE OF MICHELLE FISCHBACH STAFF, WE HAVE KYLE -- SORRY. ALWAYS HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING HIM. KYLE SCHWAB IS FULLY FUNDED BY MACARTHUR, IS A DATA ANALYST AND SO MUCH MORE HELPING US CREATE MORE OF AN EVALUATION PLAN. WHAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED IS THAT WE NEED QUANTITATIVE DATA AND QUALITATIVE. THERE ARE A LOT OF STORIES TO BE TOLD HERE. THE QUANTITATIVE SIDE ARE THINGS LIKE HOW MANY OF THE WOMEN WHO HAVE RESIDED AT THE DIANE WADE HOUSE HAVE AVOIDED JAIL? HOW MANY DAYS HAVE BEEN SAVED?

ARE WE SUCCESSFUL EXITING OFF PROBATION, REDUCING SANCTIONS PERIOD, THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN COUNT. THE MORE QUALITATIVE SIDE IS REALLY ABOUT EXACTLY YOUR FORMER QUESTION, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, AROUND WHAT GAP IS THIS FILLING. WHAT WAS THE EXPERIENCE. WERE YOUR NEEDS MET THROUGH THIS SERVICE IN TERMS OF SUCCESSFUL EXIT OUT OF THIS SYSTEM IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. SO THAT'S UNDER DEVELOPMENT. I WILL ADD THAT THROUGH THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION THERE ARE FOLKS CHOMPING AT THE BIT, HOW CAN WE HELP. LET'S GET SOME VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT MONEY, FOLKS REALLY JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW CAN WE HELP. SO SOME OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH MACARTHUR STRATEGIC ALLIES ARE UNDER WAY TO HELP SUPPORT THOSE EVALUATION PROCESSES.

Commissioner Stegmann: FANTASTIC. I'M EXCITED TO HAVE THESE SERVICES OFFERED. I LOVE THE TERM CULTURAL AGILITY. THAT'S AN AMAZING TERM. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO SEE THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.

Commissioner Meieran: I ALSO JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT PRESENTATION AND ACTUALLY COMMISSIONER STEGMANN ASKED ONE OF THE MAIN QUESTIONS I WAS GOING TO ASK. ALSO WANTED TO MENTION CULTURAL AGILITY AND WHAT A REALLY COOL TERM THAT IS. JUST ALL OF YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK AND DEDICATION ON THIS. IT'S SO EXCITING TO HEAR ABOUT AND TO SEE THE STAFF HERE AND TO -- ALSO I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR FOR HER UNWAVERING DEDICATION AS WELL. I'M JUST EAGERLY ANTICIPATING THE OPENING. HEARING MORE ABOUT THIS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY.

Abbey Stamp: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS. WE WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS AS IT OPENS. AS OF TODAY WE HAVE NO MORE BRIEFINGS. SO WE'RE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:45 a.m.

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