

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, September 13, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Jessica Vega Pederson present. Commissioner Loretta Smith was excused and Commissioner Meieran was excused at 10:55 A.M

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

Chair Kafoury: IT IS THURSDAY SEPTEMBER THE 13TH AND WE ARE YOUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Amendment Number 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for NW Cornelius Pass Rd (28604, Amendment 02).
- C.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION # Lib-02-19: Reclassify 3 positions (Library Clerk, Program Coordinator, and Finance Technician)

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. 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: YES MADAM CHAIR. [READS NAMES]. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

INJURED AND PISSED: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSED OFF AND THE LAST TIME I SPOKE HERE WAS MAY 23RD OR MAY 31ST. EXCUSE ME I SPOKE AT CITY HALL MAY 23RD AND TODAY I AM SPEAKING ABOUT THE OHSU HEART TRANSPLANT PROGRAM. THEY SAID THAT THEY ARE HAVING AN INVESTIGATION ON THAT, YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THAT. THEY TOTALLY CLOSED DOWN THE PROGRAM, AND I ONLY HAVE SIX WORDS FOR THAT INSTITUTION. WIFEY TAKES ON THE WHITE WHOPPER. ANYBODY CAN FIND THAT ON THE INTERNET IT'S A VIDEO SEARCH, ITS ADULT THEMED, JUST TO TELL YOU. AND I THINK YOU CAN DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS, I HOPE THAT'LL HELP THE TRANSPLANT PATIENTS. THEY EVEN HAD AN ELEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL THAT'S NEEDING THAT. AND I'M TALKING AT CITY HALL, TRICK OR TREAT IS THE DATE, HALLOWEEN. AND I BELIEVE I WAS EXPLAINING WHAT THE TRICK WAS. IT SAYS HERE, WANTED HONEST ATTORNEY, THOSE HEART TRANSPLANTS MIGHT BE NEEDING ONE TOO. PLUS ED TABOR, ANYBODY CAN LOOK HIM UP ON THE INTERNET, HE'S NOW A POLYGRAPH EXAMINER AND MINUS THE LIARS, THERE'S TWO MINUS SIGNS BETWEEN ED TABOR AND LIARS. AND THEN LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. OF COURSE THAT WOULD TRANSFER TO THE OREGON HEART TRANSPLANT PROGRAM. I WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK. I'LL BE HANDING THIS IN THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Lightning: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY DISRUPT ATTACK DOG. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND AGAIN IS ON THE REAL ESTATE ON HOW THEY DISPOSE OF THEIR PROPERTY. WE HAD A SITUATION WHERE HOMER WILLIAMS BOUGHT A PARKING LOT UNDERNEATH THE BROADWAY BRIDGE, AND THEY WERE GOING TO MOVE A HOMELESS CAMP IN ANOTHER LOCATION ON THE EAST SIDE. THE CITY HAD FULL CONTROL OF IT. THEY WENT IN, AND THEY STARTED BUYING PROPERTY SUCH AS THE MANUFACTURED TYPE MODULAR HOME WHICH HAD BATHROOMS AND SHOWERS IN IT. BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY GOT EVERYTHING ELSE APPROVED ON THE PROPERTY, ON THE EAST SIDE, NOW THE CITY OF PORTLAND SHOULD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO DO THINGS RIGHT. THEY RECEIVED FROM LIGHTNING AN F MINUS ON THIS. ON THE STRUCTURE THEY ARE TRYING TO SELL, THEY PAID \$216,000, THEY TOOK IT TO VARIOUS BUREAUS. THEY TOOK IT TO NONPROFITS, WHICH I THINK WAS INAPPROPRIATE AT THE TIME. ONCE YOU TAKE IT TO A BUREAU AND YOU GET A YES OR A NO, IT NEEDS TO GO BACK TO THE PUBLIC IN AN AUCTION TO LET THE PUBLIC COME IN AND MAKE BIDS ON THIS IN A TRANSPARENT MANNER. INSTEAD THEY DECIDED THAT THEY WANTED TO FLOAT IT BY NONPROFITS, SEE IF THEY WANTED IT, SEE IF THEY DID NOT WANT IT, AND GUESS WHAT. THAT'S NOT THE PROPER PROTOCOL. I WANT IT TO END UP GOING TO THE PUBLIC TO THE TAXPAYERS AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, COST A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY. I WANT TO SEE THE ENO INSURANCE AIRS

THE INSURANCE, AND INVESTIGATORS. THE INSURANCE COMPANY TO SEE IF THERE NEEDS TO BE A PAYOUT DUE TO THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

Lightning: AND LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING EVERY TIME THAT WE DO CERTAIN PROJECTS AND YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN JUST LOSE US MONEY LIKE ON WAPATO, LIKE ON THIS PROJECT THAT THEY ARE DOING AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, GUESS WHAT, THOSE DAYS ARE PAST. WE ARE TALKING FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY ON THE BUDGET. I AM THE ONE PROPOSING THAT WE PUT A PAY FREEZE ON ANY AND ALL YOUR SALARIES AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AT CITY OF PORTLAND. I AM THE ONE PROPOSING THAT WE DO A 50% DISCOUNT ON YOUR COLAS, A 50% DISCOUNT ON YOUR MERIT PAY WHEN YOU DON'T DESERVE MERIT PAY RAISES. IF WE HAVE TO KEEP COVERING YOUR LOSSES AS THE TAXPAYERS, THERE IS A POINT THAT THE PEOPLE NEED TO STAND UP AND SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. WE DON'T WANT MORE TAXES IMPOSED UPON THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE DON'T WANT MORE REGULATIONS IMPOSED UPON THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND GUESS WHAT IF YOU WANT TO SEE A NEW PRECEDENT, PUT IN AT THIS TIME, IN THE FUTURE, THAT'S NOT REPUBLICAN, REMEMBER WHAT THE DEMOCRATS SAID BEFORE HE GOT ELECTED. IF HE GETS ELECTED, THE STOCK MARKET WILL CRASH. AGAIN, TAKE THAT PHRASE AND UNDERSTAND, THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT. 4.2, GDP, ONLY BEING HELD FROM A 5 TO 6% BECAUSE OF BOB MUELLER AND HIS INVESTIGATION BY HILLARY. CONGRATULATIONS BOB MUELLER. YOU HAVE TAKEN OUR ECONOMY DOWN BY ONE PERCENTAGE POINT, THAT'S \$3 TRILLION AND ALSO 5 TO 10 MILLION JOB.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE TESTIFYING HERE, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Lightning: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE GOING TO VOTE FOR IN THE MID-TERM, AND DR. BUEHLER FOR DOCTOR, IT IS YOUR TIME, MY FRIEND.

Kevin Fits: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER, I AM KEVIN FITS, AND I AM WITH THE OREGON MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ASSOCIATION. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE TEN SECONDS AND HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MY FOLKS WITH THE SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES WHO ARE SUFFERING ON THE STREETS AND IN THE JAILS. I AM HERE TO TRY TO IMPRINT IN ALL OF YOUR BRAINS THE IDEA OF PURE RESPITE, AND WHAT I THINK THAT THE QUESTION THAT I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH IS THIS IDEA. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE THIS. IT SAYS CAN, MENTAL HEALTH CRISES BE AVERTED? #PURERESPITE. WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU DO. YOU HAVE A SYSTEM THAT IS WITH US, HERE ON FIRE SYSTEM, AND YOU DO A STELLAR JOB WITH THE RESEARCHER TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE IN PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS, AND I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO IT BUT I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE AT 11. TOO MANY TIMES TO MENTION.

BUT THE CHALLENGE IS THERE IS GAPS IN YOUR CONTINUUM OF CARE. YOU HAVE INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT TEAMS AT CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, CASCADIA, ETC., ET CETERA. THAT HAVE REDUCED CASELOADS TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING THROUGH TERRIBLE, EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL DISTRESS. THERE IS TWO OPTIONS IN YOUR SYSTEM HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS. TAKE SOMEBODY TO JAIL, TAKE THEM TO UNITY, OR SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR HOME. THE CHALLENGE IS, THAT THERE IS GAPS IN BETWEEN THAT.

Kevin Fits: SO IF I AM GOING THROUGH AN EXTREME PSYCHOTIC PARANOID FEARFUL STATE OF MIND, BUT I AM NOT A DANGER TO MY NEIGHBORS OR TO MYSELF, AND I AM ABLE TO FEED MYSELF AND BATHE MYSELF, THERE IS NO OPTIONS FOR ME TO GO AND CHILL OUT AND BE AROUND PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE AND HAVE LIVED THE EXPERIENCE THAT I HAVE TO HELP SUPPORT ME THROUGH THE STORM. AND WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT, MY TINY VOLUNTEER NONPROFIT AND HOPEFULLY A BUNCH OF MY COLLEAGUES IS THE IDEA THAT WE WANT TO CONVINCE YOU THE IDEA OF PURE RESPITE, DOWN THE LINE FROM PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS, A RESPITE FACILITY, VOLUNTARY RUN BY PEOPLE WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IS A VALUABLE INVESTMENT BECAUSE IT COST YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND YOUR EMPLOYEES \$1500 A DAY TO KEEP SOMEBODY IN PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS. THERE IS PEOPLE THERE WHO ARE AGITATED AND IN PAIN AND COMBATIVE, AND THERE MAY BE AN ARGUMENT FOR THAT INTENSIVE LEVEL.

THAT'S NOT MY -- I AM NOT TRYING TO PERSUADE YOU THAT THERE IS NOT BUT THERE IS A NEED FOR SOMETHING STEPPED DOWN FOR THAT, SOMETHING THAT'S VOLUNTARY, AND SOMETHING THAT'S HUMANE AND PROMOTES ACCEPTANCE AND NON-JUDGMENT. COMING OUT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AWOL BEING A SCHIZOPHRENIC AND TRYING TO BE REINTRODUCED TO THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM WAS VERY PAINFUL, AND IT WASN'T UNTIL I MET OTHERS WHO EXPERIENCED SCHIZOPHRENIA, HOMELESSNESS, SEXUAL ASSAULT, THAT I FELT LIKE I AM WITH MY PEEPS AND IT IS MY COMMUNITY AND IT IS LIKE LIFE. SO IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS I WILL TRY TO SELL YOU AND YOUR EMPLOYEES ON THIS, SUPPORT OUR PIECE OF LEGISLATION, WINTER 2019 FOR THREE PURE RESPITES ACROSS THE STATE OF OREGON. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. ON A LIGHTER NOTE THERE WAS A SEVERE -- ALONG WITH THE THUNDERSTORM, WOW, THUNDERSTORM LAST NIGHT, THERE WAS A SEVERE TRAGIC DECISION CRISIS LAST NIGHT. PEOPLE HAD TO EITHER CHOOSE BETWEEN LAURYN LAUREN HILL OR VAN JONES. THE PEOPLE WOULD HELP ME TO LIVE BEYOND ME MEANS HELPED ME TO SEE VAN JONES, AND WOW WAS IT WORTH MORE THAN \$35. THE COMMUNITY RADIO WILL BE RE-AIRING THAT, AND I REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO -- IF YOU EVER

WATCH VAN JONES ON CNN, TAKE THAT TIME YOU ALLOTTED AND FIND THE AUDIO FROM HIS SPEECH PRESENTATION SHARING AND ENCOURAGEMENT LAST NIGHT. SO IT'S BEEN A REALLY KIND OF -- I AM NOT SURE THE EXACT DAY BUT IT HAS BEEN A FULL WEEK. WE FOUND OUT THAT THE RICHER AND CRAZY YOU ARE THE MORE MONEY YOU CAN GIVE TO MR. BUEHLER, WHILE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LEGACY INSTITUTION MAKE BRILLIANT, POWERFUL MORAL DECISIONS TO SUPPORT KAEPERNICK'S KNEELING AND BRING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES SUFFER HARM FROM THE POLICE AT A CRAZY DISPROPORTIONAL RATE.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: AND WHEN KAEPERNICK AND OTHER FOOTBALL PLAYERS CHOOSE TO KNEEL AND NOT SAYING ANYTHING BAD ABOUT THE MILITARY, THEY ARE NOT SAYING ANYTHING BAD ABOUT THE FLAG, THEY ARE SAYING HEY, THE CONSEQUENCES OF RACISM ARE STILL WITH US. SOME THINGS HAVE CHANGED AND GOTTEN BETTER, BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. I AM GLAD TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE IN PORTLAND REAFFIRMING THAT STANCE. IT'S NOT AN ANTI-FLAG STANCE OR ANTI-MILITARY STANCE BUT IT'S A HUMAN RIGHTS AND LET'S DO BETTER STANCE. OTHER THINGS THAT HAPPENED INSIDE PAST WEEK, PEOPLE WHO USED TO -- A PERSON WHO USED TO SIT UP THERE GOT TO SIT ON THE STAGE WITH SENATOR JEFF MERKLEY, SO AMONG THE THINGS TO LISTEN TO ALONG WITH VAN JONES IS, IT'S PROBABLY HELPFUL TO RELISTEN TO THE CONVERSATION MARISSA HAD WITH SENATOR JEFF MERKLEY AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO WAYS TO GET BACK ON TRACK WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT'S A LITTLE BETTER AT FUNDING THINGS THAT ACTUALLY DELIVER CRITICAL SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, INSTEAD OF HAVING AN INSANE FEDERAL SITUATION WHERE WE JUST HAVE LUDICROUS NUMBERS ABOUT USELESS WALLS ON THE BORDER AND TARIFFS HERE AND WHEN. SO AS THE FALL, THAT FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER APPROACHES, PEOPLE NEED TO THINK ABOUT GETTING RESULTS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT, NOT POLITICAL GRANDSTANDING AND STUFF LIKE THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Board Clerk: PLEASE COME FORWARD [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST? GO AHEAD. YOU ARE ON THE END.

C.J Day: ALL RIGHT. MY NAME IS C.J. DAY, A RECOVERING HEROIN AND METH ADDICT. SO I AM GOING TO TOUCH A BIT ON MY STORY BUT I WILL FOCUS MORE ON WHAT IS WORKING FOR ME TODAY AND MY RECOVERY BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT AND DOESN'T GET TALKED ABOUT ENOUGH. THROUGH MY TAKE I'VE BEEN THROUGH PRISON. I HAVE HAD TWO OVERDOSES. I WAS LATER DIAGNOSED WITH SPINAL MENINGITIS BACTERIAL FROM A BAD SHOT OF HEROIN. I'VE BEEN THROUGH TREATMENT SIX TIMES, AND TOWARDS THE END OF MY ADDICTION I WAS A UNION IRONWORKER FOR FOUR YEARS, AND THROUGH THOSE TREATMENTS I WAS ABLE TO PAY FOR

THOSE WITH MY MONEY AND MY INSURANCE. LATER ON I LOST MY LIFE. I LOST MY CAREER. I TOTALED MY CAR THROUGH MY ADDICTION. I HAD NO MONEY LEFT AND NOWHERE TO TURN. SO I HAD NOTHING TO DO BUT CALL FOR HELP AND ASK THE STATE FOR HELP BECAUSE I HAD NOWHERE TO GO, AND NO MEANS OF LIKE GETTING A CURE FOR MYSELF.

C.J Day: THE BEST ANSWER THAT I CAN GET IS A 3.5-MONTH WAIT FOR A TREATMENT CENTER, OR A 13-DAY WAIT FOR DETOX. AND I AM ON MY FIFTH CHANCE OF LIFE. I KNOW I AM NOT A CAT, YOU KNOW. THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE AND HOPE. I CALLED MY COUSIN, TONY WHO IS A PART OF THE FOURTH DIMENSION RECOVERY CENTER, AND I SAID I NEED HELP. I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO OR WHAT TO DO. AND SINCE COMING OUT HERE I WAS HELPED INTO SOBER LIVING. I HAVE GONE TO THE FOURTH DIMENSION AND GOT A MENTOR AND IN THAT THEIR PROGRAM I AM ENROLLED INTO COLLEGE, AND I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A DANCE CHOREOGRAPHER, AND NOW I HAVE A DANCE STUDIO THAT'S \$10 AN HOUR THAT I CAN HELP PEOPLE WITH, AND I HAVE PEOPLE IN RECOVERY WHO COME THERE AND HAVE OUTLETS TO HAVE FUN AND DO THINGS TO GIVE BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY, GIVE SERVICE FOR MYSELF. AND JUST BEING OUT OF MYSELF. AND IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT, I WOULD NOT HAVE THESE THINGS. I HAVE HAD PEOPLE WORK ON MY GOALS AND MY ASPIRATIONS AND STUFF, AND LIKE THEY WILL BRING THEM UP. AND TELL THEM MY GOALS BUT IT GETS PASSED TO THE WAYSIDE. SINCE BEING THERE, EVERY DAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BETTER YOURSELF. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO WORK ON YOURSELF? AND I HAVE GOTTEN SO MANY GREAT THINGS FROM THIS PLACE, JUST IN THE TWO MONTHS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE. I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER. I HAVE GOTTEN TO SPEAK AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY AND I AM HERE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY AT A PLACE LIKE THIS WHEN IT'S USUALLY A JUDGE I AM SPEAKING IN FRONT OF, AND I CAN HAVE A WORD NOW AND MY WORD MATTERS AND I FEEL GREAT TO BE IN THIS ROOM TODAY.

IT'S JUST AMAZING WHAT THAT PLACE HAS DONE. IT HAS BROUGHT A DIFFERENT ASPECT AND TRANSITION IN MY LIFE THAT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I NEEDED. I'VE DONE TREATMENT. I WAS GOING TO MEETINGS. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS NOT WORKING FOR ME. THIS PLACE IS OPEN FROM 3:00 TO MIDNIGHT, MEETINGS ALL DAY. WHEN I AM THERE IT FEELS LIKE A CONSTANT MEETING. THERE IS ALWAYS PEOPLE IN RECOVERY WHO NEED HELP. THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEBODY TALKING ABOUT WHAT THEY NEED HELP WITH, YOU KNOW IS, THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY ARE HAVING IN THEIR LIFE, AND YOU GET A BREAKDOWN AND BE COMFORTABLE WITH THEM SO THAT WAY WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO THE MEETINGS AND STUFF YOU ARE MORE OPEN AND MORE SOCIAL. AND AFTER WE GO FELLOWSHIP, WE GO BOWLING AND WE GO TO BONFIRES, AND IT PUTS THAT FUN AND RECOVERY BACK IN MY LIFE THAT I WAS ALWAYS SEEKING OUT AFTER TREATMENT AND THE

MEETINGS AND STUFF. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO AFTER THEM. NOW WITH THEM I HAVE THAT. THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: SO WE HAVE A LOT OF SPEAKERS TODAY AND EVERYONE HAS WONDERFUL STORIES, AND REALLY IMPORTANT STORIES. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE, SO IF WE COULD NOT CLAP BUT MAYBE LIKE DO THE DANCE MOVE, I DON'T KNOW WHATEVER MAKES YOU HAPPY. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

Abigail Wells: GOOD MORNING. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, I AM ABIGAIL WELLS. I AM HERE TODAY AS A MOTHER, A FAMILY MEMBER, A PROFESSIONAL, AND A PERSON IN RECOVERY. FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR DECLARING THIS RECOVERY MONTH. THAT'S REALLY THE BEGINNING OF A LONG, UPHILL BATTLE, BUT YOU KNOW, THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY IS NOT GOING ANYWHERE. AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS NOT GOING ANYWHERE, IN FACT IT MIGHT, YOU KNOW IS, MORPH AND CHANGE. IT MIGHT BECOME SOMETHING, BESIDES THE OPIOID CRISIS, BUT IT'S HERE TO STAY UNTIL WE START TO MAKE SYSTEM CHANGES.

JUST SOME OF MY BACKGROUND, I WAS GENETICALLY PREDISPOSED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER. I HAD TRAUMA, EARLY ACES SCORES, PRETTY MUCH AN EARLY TRAJECTORY ONTO ULTIMATELY BECOMING AN ADDICT. AND LIKE ALL CHRONIC ILLNESS SAYS YOU, IF LEFT UNTREATED, ULTIMATELY IT WILL PROGRESS, AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED FOR ME. I WENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL BINGE DRINKING TO SUDDENLY, YOU KNOW, I AM USING HALLUCINOGENICS AND MARIJUANA AND IN COLLEGE I STARTED USING METHAMPHETAMINE AND ECSTASY. ULTIMATELY I GOT INTO TEACHING AND WHEN I WAS A TEACHER I ACTUALLY -- BEFORE TEACHING I DISCOVERED OPIOIDS, PRESCRIPTION PILLS, AND QUICKLY PROGRESSED TO HEROIN. SO I WAS A TEACHER USING HEROIN ON MY LUNCH BREAKS AND AFTER SCHOOL AND BEFORE SCHOOL, AND MY LIFE WENT DOWNHILL REALLY QUICKLY. I DID GET INTO A DETOX PROGRAM BUT AT THAT POINT IN TIME THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-UP. THERE WAS NO RECOVERY SUPPORT. THERE WAS NO CASE MANAGEMENT. NOBODY CALLED ME AFTER I LEFT TO SEE HOW I WAS DOING. AND THAT'S PART OF WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE.

THE RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES ARE SO VITAL TO THIS LIFELONG ILLNESS, YOU KNOW, IN A UTOPIA FOR ME, IT'S LIKE HEALTH CARE SETTING, YOU WOULD HAVE EARLY ASSESSMENT. YOU WOULD HAVE YOUR PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR. I TOLD MY PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR THAT I WAS -- I HAD A SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER AND THEY HAVE NEVER ASKED ME. THEY HAVE NEVER FOLLOWED UP WITH ME, AND ONE DAY YOU KNOW, I HAD A SURGERY, AND I ASKED FOR SIX PAIN MEDS BECAUSE I KNEW THAT THAT COULD BE -- PUT ME BACK INTO RELAPSE, AND THEY PRESCRIBED ME 60, YOU KNOW, SO THAT'S A BIG SYSTEM FLAW RIGHT THERE. SCHOOLS, THEY NEED MORE RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS, MORE PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS IN SCHOOLS. AND I IMAGINE IF THEY HAD THAT THERE WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL, IF THAT

EARLY SUPPORT WOULD HAVE, YOU KNOW, PUT ME ON A DIFFERENT PATH. RAPID DIVERSION TO TREATMENT, MY BROTHER -- I HAVE FOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT ARE STILL ACTIVE IN THEIR ADDICTION. MY BROTHER IS ON METH RIGHT NOW, AND HE JUST WENT TO JAIL, BUT HE'S AT A POINT WHEN HE'S IN JAIL THAT HE'S SOBERED UP AND HE'S LIKE SEEKING SUPPORT SERVICES. HE WANTS THEM SO BADLY AM AND THIS IS A TIME IN HIS LIFE WHERE IF THEY WERE THERE IT COULD MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. I WANT TO QUICKLY CLOSE WITH, YOU KNOW, MY DAUGHTERS BOTH HAVE EPILEPSY. IT'S A CHRONIC ILLNESS. WHEN THEY WERE DIAGNOSED THEY WERE SURROUNDED WITH SUPPORT SERVICES. IF IT LOOKED LIKE THAT WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER IT COULD BE A HUGE CHANGE IN THIS COUNTY AND IN OREGON. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING AM.

Jamie Marsh: GOOD MORNING CHAIR. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY THANKING YOU FOR NOT ONLY RECOGNIZING RECOVERY BUT CELEBRATING RECOVERY BY RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS RECOVERY MONTH. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JAMIE MARSH, IN LONG TERM RECOVERY. I HAVE NOT USED DRUGS OR ALCOHOL SINCE JUNE 9 OF 2008. WHAT THAT HAS AFFORDED ME, WHAT THAT HAS ALLOWED ME TO DO IS GO FROM CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, DIAGNOSIS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA, AND I.V. METH ADDICTION AND WANDERING THE STREETS TO BEING A HOMEOWNER, A TAXPAYER, AND A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED FOR OVER A DECADE. SOLIDLY. IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO GO FROM A GED IN JAIL AND A KITCHEN JOB IN PRISON TO BECOMING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A NONPROFIT RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION. IT HAS ALLOWED ME --

Chair Kafoury: YOU ARE DOING GREAT.

Janie Marsh: IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO SUPPORT MY MOTHER IN A TEN-YEAR BATTLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TO BE HER POWER OF ATTORNEY AND NOT MISUSE HER MONEY, BUT TO BE THERE APPROPRIATELY LIKE A FIRST BORN CHILD SHOULD BE. I SPENT HER LAST WEEK OF LIFE IN MY ARMS LAST MONTH AS SHE LEFT ME AND TRANSITIONED FROM THIS LIFE TO THE NEXT. AND THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE FIRST TIME IN 21 YEARS THAT I REUNITE WITH MY TWO YOUNGEST CHILDREN AND BRING MY OLDEST CHILDREN TO REUNITE WITH THEIR BROTHERS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Onesha Cochran: MY NAME IS ONESHA COCHRAN, AND I WAS THE PERSON ON THE STREET IN PORTLAND IN 2001 SNATCHING PEOPLE'S PURSES. I STARTED DOING CRACK COCAINE AT THE AGE OF 13. WE HAVE A POSTER BOARD UP HERE WHERE WE WROTE DOWN THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WE LOST. MY MOTHER AND MY FATHER ARE ON THERE. THEY DIED TO THE DISEASE OF

ADDICTION. OUR PEOPLE ARE DYING A GOOD FRIEND THAT WAS -- THAT I WAS FRIENDS WITH FOR 17 YEARS DIED ON MONDAY FROM AN OVERDOSE. LIKE NO MATTER WHAT I WENT THROUGH EVEN THOUGH I DID 15 YEARS IN PRISON, AND EVEN THOUGH I SUFFERED THROUGH HOMELESSNESS AND PROSTITUTION, BECAUSE I WENT TO TREATMENT, I TRIED TO GET HELP IN PRISON, AND BECAUSE OF MY ATTITUDE, AND THE WAY THAT I WAS BROUGHT UP, AND WHAT WAS A ROLE MODEL FOR ME WITH TWO PARENTS AND A DISEASE OF ADDICTION DOING, LIVING ON THE STREETS MY WHOLE LIFE AND BEING IN THE PENITENTIARY, NOBODY GAVE ME MANNERS. I DIDN'T KNOW SOCIAL SKILLS SO WHEN I WENT TO THE TREATMENT CENTER THEY HAD THESE RULES AND THEY SAID THIS IS WHAT WE NEED YOU TO BE BUT I HAD NEVER SEEN THAT.

Onesha Cochran: BY THE GRACE OF GOD I GOT KICKED OUT OF THOSE PLACES, AND I MET PEOPLE THAT WERE MY PEER SUPPORT, AND THOSE PEER SUPPORT PEOPLE LIKE JANIE, WHO GIVE ME MY FIRST JOB AND ALLOWED ME TO BE A PEER MENTOR FOR OHSU, ALLOWED ME TO GO TO KAISER AND GET PAID BECAUSE NOW THEY WANT A PROGRAM LIKE THE ONE THAT I USED TO WORK AT, AT OHSU, TO GO ON AND GET MY ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AND GET MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND NOW I AM THE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR OF THE DIANE WAY HOUSE. MY OLD PAROLE OFFICER WHO PASSED AWAY USED TO COME IN AND BRING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROGRAM INTO THE PENITENTIARY, I WANT TO THANK YOU DEBORAH, CHAIR KAFOURY, AND THE COMMISSIONERS AND FOR TAKING RECOVERY SERIOUSLY LIKE I AM VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS. I NEVER IN MILLION YEARS THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE A PART OF GOVERNMENT. A PART OF PLEADING TO YOU GUYS AND GETTING INTO POLITICS BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW PEOPLE LIKE ME CAN CHANGE. I AM A LIVING WITNESS, LIKE I LOVE THE PEOPLE THAT I SERVE, AND I KNOW THAT THEY CAN CHANGE, AND I CAN SHOW THEM HOW TO DO IT BECAUSE I LIVE THROUGH IT IN A MAJOR WAY. AND THAT'S ALL THAT WE ARE HERE TO DO TODAY IS TO THANK AND YOU TELL YOU OUR STORIES TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS STUFF REALLY WORKS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Jeffrey Joseph Landen: I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO HER. WHAT WAS THE LAST THING THAT YOU SAID? FOR THE RECORD.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Jeffrey Joseph Landen: GOOD MORNING. I AM JEFFREY JOSEPH LANDEN. WHAT WE LEARN IN THESE RECOVERY ROOMS IS SERVICE. WE USE THE WORD MAXIMUM SERVICE. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT WORD MEANS? I WAS PLAYING IMAGINATION, PURE IMAGINATION, ROUGH -- ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THAT SONG? IMAGINE. HERE WE GO. SO IN AND OUT OF THESE RECOVERY ROOMS THIS IS WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT. SERVICE MEANS THAT WE FIRST LEARNED

THAT WE MAKE CUPS OF COFFEE FOR PEOPLE. WE CLEAN UP AFTER WE EAT. WE START THE MEETINGS. IT'S BUTS AND WE CONTRIBUTE, AND IT GIVES US A SENSE OF BELONGING. AND THEN WE TAKE IT OUT. NOT JUST TO THOSE IN RECOVERY, THOSE OUTSIDE OF RECOVERY. EVERYBODY. IMAGINE THIS. WHAT COULD WE DO, WHAT COULD WE -- IF WE TOOK -- THE WAY THAT WE HANDLE OUR FELLOWSHIPS, TO THE CITIES OF THE WORLD, IN THAT MANNER, THAT WE ALL CAN BE OF SERVICE, IMAGINE WHAT WE COULD DO. WE OFTEN PLAY SMALL IN OUR ROOMS, THAT WE'RE FLAWED, DAMAGED. WE ARE THE PRODUCT OF, THIS IS WHO WE ARE.

Jeffrey Joseph Landen: I AM BIPOLAR. I AM OBVIOUSLY DAMAGED GOODS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, ISAAC NEWTON. GREATEST FIGURES IN THIS WORLD TODAY, SCIENTISTS HAVE DETERMINED WERE BIPOLAR OR SOME DEFECT. IMAGINE THAT WE MAY, PERHAPS, MAY NOT BE THE PROBLEM, BUT THE PLAN. THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER YOU GUYS SOMETHING, THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, HOME FORWARD, ALL THESE AGENCIES THAT STILL SAY THAT WE ARE SO FLAWED. THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO BE OVERMEDICATED. THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO BE IN CAGES LIKE WILD ANIMALS. WE DON'T HAVE TO BE CARDBOARDED ON CEMENT. LY MAYBE WE ARE NOT THE PROBLEM. WE SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND BEHAVIOR -- BEHAVE DIFFERENTLY. I WILL PUT MY NAME IN A HAT. SOME DAY POLITICALLY AT THE OTRC, OLD TIME RECOVERY CENTER. WE JUST STARTED AND I SPEARHEADED THIS. THE POLITICAL ACTIVISM GROUP. YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE OLD TOWN RECOVERY CENTER. IT'S AN AMAZING THING. AND I AM, I AM SAYING TODAY I HAVE A VOICE. I HAVE A VERY STRONG VOICE. I WILL PUT MY NAME IN THE HAT SOME DAY SOON, OR SIMPLY I WANT EXPIRE THOSE AROUND ME, THE YOUNG. THE ENERGIZED. THE FREE THINKING. THE SELF MOTIVATED TO COME AND JOIN ME. THIS IS -- I AM TALKING TO YOU GUYS. YOU GUYS WANT TO COME AND JOIN ME? THIS IS MY EMAIL ADDRESS. YOU TAKE THIS AND SAY, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU. BECAUSE WE HAVE --

Chair Kafoury: DID YOU CURRENT AROUND?

Jeffrey Joseph Landen: THAT'S MY EMAIL ADDRESS. FOR THE RECORD IF YOU GUYS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY EMAIL ADDRESS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I AM SURE THAT I WILL TALK TO YOU. I LOVE WHAT YOU -- THE THINGS THAT I HAVE KNOWN BUT. I'VE BEEN IN PORTLAND FOR FIVE YEARS AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. I DO [INAUDIBLE] AND I LOVE THE SUPPORT I'VE BEEN GIVEN, SO I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS AND PARTICULARLY DEBORAH FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING TONY.

Tony Vezina: I AM TONY [INAUDIBLE], A PERSON IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY, AND FOR ME THAT MEANS THAT I HAVE NOT ROBBED NOBODY, NO PURSES, STOLE NOTHING FROM SAFEWAY, SMOKED NO CRACK IN OVER SIX YEARS, AND I AM

REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. YEAH! FIRST AND FOREMOST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR INVESTING IN THE RECOVERY AND CELEBRATING RECOVERY MONTH. SO YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT SOCIETY AT LARGE SPENDS A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT THE PROBLEM. I AM LOOKING AT THE MEDIA. WE TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM. THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF ADDICTION. AND THE NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT ADDICTION. I DON'T THINK THAT WE SPEND ENOUGH TIME TALKING ABOUT RECOVERY, EVEN IN THE ACADEMIC WORLD, WE TALK ABOUT THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF ADDICTION. I AM FOCUSED ON YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF RECOVERY? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE WHEN PEOPLE RECOVER? I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE ALL THESE PEOPLE HERE TODAY CELEBRATING RECOVERY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SEND A SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION TO ANTHONY JORDAN AND LINDSEY STOVER, SO THEY HAVE COME IN AND FROM THE NONPROFIT SECTOR, THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE IN HELPING US WITH THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND I FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN INUNDATED WITH WORK AND I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT I FEEL THAT THEY ARE WORKING DOUBLE, AND TRIPLE OVERTIME, EVEN THOUGH ANTHONY IS IN AFRICA, I KNOW HE'S BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT.

Tony Vezina: UP ON YOUR DESK I GAVE YOU ANOTHER INVITATION FOR THE WALK FOR RECOVERY. WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE. AND THERE IS SOMETHING OF A RECOVERY MOVEMENT BUILDING IN OREGON, AND I THINK THAT IT'S WONDERFUL AND FANTASTIC. AND BECAUSE YOU KNOW, RECOVERY IS POWERFUL. SO IF YOU ARE IN RECOVERY HERE TODAY WOULD YOU STAND UP FOR ME RIGHT NOW? WHEN PEOPLE FIND RECOVERY WE STAY STANDING. WHEN PEOPLE FIND RECOVERY THEY GO THEIR KIDS BACK. I GOT MY KIDS BACK. YOU FEEL ME? WHEN PEOPLE GET INTO RECOVERY THEY FIND JOBS. THEY GO TO COLLEGE. THEY START NONPROFITS. AND THEY BECOME COMMUNITY LEADERS. AND I SEE A BUNCH OF COMMUNITY LEADERS HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHOWING UP. [APPLAUSE] A LOT OF PEOPLE COULDN'T COME TODAY, AND ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE WHO COULDN'T BE HERE, WE BROUGHT YOU A CARD TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION. WILL YOU BRING IT UP? THESE ARE PEOPLE IN RECOVERY WHO SIGNED THIS BOARD WITH THEIR CLEAN DATE, WHO APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENT AND THE RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES AND THE CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS BUILDING, WHICH IN MY OPINION IS A MODEL THAT CAN BE LOOKED TO ACROSS THE NATION AND ACROSS OREGON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: YOU FORGOT TO MENTION THIS LOVELY, WHATEVER YOU CALL THIS, MAGNET. THE MAGNET YOU GAVE US. 4D MAGNET. THANK YOU.

R.1 Proclamation Proclaiming September 2018 as Recovery Month in Multnomah County. Presenters: Anthony Jordan, MHASD Addictions Manager; Ebony Clarke, Interim MHASD Director; Invited Guests

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R1. GOOD MORNING AND THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT TO SUPPORT THIS MORNING'S PROCLAMATION. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, PROBABLY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE HOPE TO INDIVIDUALS STARTING ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY. THERE ARE ADDICTION COUNSELORS, DOCTORS, NURSES, PSYCHIATRISTS, PEER SPECIALISTS, AND MANY MORE. THEY ARE NOT ONLY HELPING PEOPLE BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY, THEY ARE ALSO PEOPLE STAY THE COURSE. THERE ARE THOUSANDS MORE WHO DON'T WORK IN THE ADDICTIONS FIELD BUT OFFER THEIR OWN UNIQUE STORIES OF RECOVERY. THEY ARE IN AA AND NA MEETINGS, COFFEE SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS LISTENING AND LENDING A HELPING HAND.

AND THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS WHO ARE FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE WORKING TOWARDS A SOBER LIFE. WE KNOW THAT THE ODDS OF RECOVERING ARE BETTER WHEN PEOPLE HAVE THESE BROAD NETWORKS OF SUPPORT. AND WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO TEAR DOWN THE STIGMA THAT PREVENTS PEOPLE FROM SEEKING HELP AND LEAVES THEM TO SUFFER IN SILENCE. I AM REALLY GLAD THAT WE HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO CELEBRATE RECOVERY IN, AND CONTINUE OUR WORK TOWARDS THAT GOAL LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT THERE IS AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY OUT HERE, PEOPLE READY TO HELP. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE COME THIS MORNING AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SHARED YOUR STORIES AND THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS STAFF AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. [APPLAUSE]

Ebony Clarke: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN AND MEIERAN, I AM EBONY CLARKE, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH. FIRST OFF I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE DEONDRE, ONE OF OUR COORDINATORS WITH THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT. WE ARE HONORED TO BE HERE AND BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE IN THE RECOGNITION OF RECOVERY MONTH. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE VALUES IN YOUR COMMITMENT THAT YOU HOLD IN WORKING TO INCREASE THE, TO RAISE AWARENESS AND TO INCREASE THE EDUCATION AROUND THE MENTAL HEALTH AND THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT IN INTEGRATING THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY, OUR CONSUMERS AND OUR PEERS. MOST OF ALL, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CREATING SPACE TO CELEBRATE RECOVERY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT RECOVERY IS REAL.

Deondre Keninjuie: I AM DEONDRE KENINJUIE. I WORK HERE AT THE COUNTY. THE OFFICE CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT. MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION DIVISION. SO NUMBER ONE THANK YOU GUYS FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE, AND I DO WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO THOSE THAT GAVE TESTIMONY EARLIER. YEAH. I WOULD NOT STAND HERE TODAY BEFORE YOU IF IT WASN'T FOR RECOVERY AND THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY. SO IT'S SUPER IMPORTANT

THAT I TALK ABOUT THAT. I AM GOING TO READ OUR THEME FOR THIS MONTH OR THIS YEAR, 2018 THEME, EXPLORES HOW INTEGRATED CARE, A STRONG COMMUNITY, SENSE OF PURPOSE, AND LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS THAT SUSTAIN THE RECOVERY OF A PERSON WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER. SO I WANT TO SAY ONE LAST THING BEFORE WE GO THAT WE ALL TALK ABOUT TONY V. TOUCHED ON IT, THANKS TONY, ABOUT HOW ADDICTION AFFECTS SO MANY PEOPLE, BUT I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT RECOVERY IS AFFECTING PEOPLE'S LIVES, ALSO, ASK A BUNCH OF US WON BE HERE IF IT WASN'T FOR THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY, SO THANK YOU. I WILL BRING UP THE SPEAKERS NOW.

Ebony Clarke: SO COMING UP TO SHARE, HAVE THE COURAGE TO SHARE THEIR STORY, [READS NAMES]

Omi McPhee: THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME AND ALLOWING ME TO TELL MY STORY, I AM OMI MCPHEE. BEFORE I FOUND RECOVERY I'VE BEEN IN JAILS, INSTITUTIONS, HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF USING, I DID NOT EVEN HAVE MY OWN TENT, I WAS KICKED OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S TENTS. YOU NAME IT, I HAVE DONE IT. I STOLE, LIED, CHEATED, ANY AND EVERYONE. I WAS LABELED A JUNKY, A THREAT TO SOCIETY SINCE HITTING WHAT I CALL MY ROCK BOTTOM, I WENT INTO LABOR LOSING MY BABY GIRL. OF COURSE AS A RESULT OF USING. I REMEMBER WAKING UP FROM A COMA ALONE, AFRAID, JUST COLD, VERY COLD, AND THE DOCTOR TELLING ME THAT I AM REALLY SICK, THAT I AM NOT GOING NOWHERE. THAT I HAD ENDOCARDINITIS. A BACTERIA THAT ATTACKED MY ORGANS. I FOUND OUT THAT MRSA IN MY BLOOD, BLOOD CLOTS, A CYST, A SLIPPED DISC AND I WAS REALLY SICK. IT WAS ALL FROM THE RESULT OF USING. BUT I ACCEPTED IT THAT I WAS DYING, THAT THIS DISEASE HAD WON. WHY I CAN. I ALREADY LOST MY KIDS, HOME, MORALS, MY SELF RESPECT, MY DIGNITY. I WAS A HOPELESS DOPE FIEND WITH NOTHING BUT MY OWN GUILT AND SHAME AND SELF PITY. ALL THE EMOTIONS THAT I HAD USED COVERED UP WITH DRUGS, I HAD -- I HAD TO FEEL AGAIN.

I WAS ALREADY DEAD, SPIRITUALLY DEAD, BUT ONE DAY THIS MENTOR FROM OHSU NAMED ONESHA COCHRAN CAME INTO MY HOSPITAL ROOM AND SAT AND LISTENED TO ME. AND SHE TOLD HER STORY. I WAS SHOCKED. I COULDN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH WE HAD IN COMMON AND HOW MUCH SHE HAD BEEN THROUGH AND STILL WAS STANDING AND WORKING NOW AS A MENTOR HOLDING HER HEAD UP HIGH WITH CONFIDENCE AND NOT BREAKING DOWN INTO TEARS AFTER TELLING ME HER PAST. I REALIZED I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE HER. I WANT TO LIVE. FROM THERE ON OUT SHE SUPPORTED ME IN EVERY OBSTACLE AND HARDSHIP THAT I WENT THROUGH, WHETHER IT WAS ADVOCATING FOR ME, BOOSTING MY SELF-CONFIDENCE, PUSHING ME TO BE A BETTER ME. MY MENTOR SPOKE LIFE INTO ME. IT MADE ME WANT TO FIGHT TO LIVE, TO BREATHE ON MY OWN AGAIN. TO WALK WITHOUT IT A WALKER. TO ACTUALLY LIVE. I WENT FROM THE HOSPITAL TO THE NURSING HOME STRAIGHT INTO TREATMENT WITH MY MENTORS, ALWAYS BY MY SIDE. WAS IT

EASY? NO. I WAS KICKED OUT OF TWO TREATMENT FACILITIES. I WAS LABELED AGGRESSIVE. I FELT MISUNDERSTOOD. I THEN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BECAUSE I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO USE AGAIN. ALONG WITH ONESHA AND ANOTHER MENTOR FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THEY STILL STOOD BY MY SIDE AND ADVOCATED FOR ME TO GO INTO A THIRD TREATMENT. AND AN ETHNICALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAM THAT UNDERSTOOD ME AND WORK WITH ME. SAY GRADUATED TREATMENT ON 9-7-17. I WAS ABLE TO GET A JOB IN MY, AND MY OWN PLACE. AND I NOW HAVE MY FOUR KIDS BACK. WHOM I MIGHT ADD I WAS TOLD THAT I WOULD NEVER GET THEM BACK. WITHOUT IT THE HELP OF ALL THESE SERVICES, I KNOW THAT I WOULD NOT BE HERE. NOW IS MY TURN TO GIVE BACK. I AM AN EMPLOYEE WITH BRIDGES OF CHANGE AT THE NEW DIANE WADE HOUSE FOR OUR NOW AFTER FRO ECCENTRIC HOUSE OPENING UP AND I AM PROUD TO SAY MY CLEAN DATE. MY CLEAN DAY IS 1-10-17 AND MY NAME IS [INAUDIBLE] AND I AM A GRATEFUL RECOVERING ADDICT. [APPLAUSE] I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT RECOVERY MONTH IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE IT RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT ADDICTION AND HOW SERIOUS IT IS AND HOW MUCH IT AFFECTS EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Race Hebrard: I AM RACE HEBRARD. THANKS FOR HAVING US, I APPRECIATE IT. I LIKE TO SEE THE IDENTIFICATION AND THE NODS AND TEARS YOU KNOW, FROM YOU GUYS, REALLY UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S GOING ON HERE AND THAT YOU GENUINELY CARE. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PORTLAND. I GREW UP HANGING OUT AT COLUMBIA VILLA, PENINSULA PARK, AND DRUGS SURROUNDED ME, DRUGS WERE IN MY HOME, DISFUNCTION WAS IN MY HOME, AND YOU KNOW, AND AS I GREW UP, I BECAME ADDICTED TO DRUGS VERY YOUNG. I WAS A PRODUCT OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL EPIDEMIC IN 2006 WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL. AND THEN THOSE DISAPPEARED AND MY NEXT CHOICE WAS TO BE A HEROIN ADDICT. IN HIGH SCHOOL I WAS A FULL-BLOWN HEROIN ADDICT. IT TOOK ME TO JAIL AND TREATMENT OVER TEN TIMES, AND DETOX CENTERS, COUNTLESS DETOX CENTERS. EVERYBODY BEING COMPLETELY DONE WITH WHAT I HAD GOING ON BECAUSE NO ONE UNDERSTOOD OR REALLY KNEW WHAT TO DO, OR HOW TO HELP,

YOU KNOW, AND I JUST WANTED TO BE HEARD AND TO BE SEEN BY PEOPLE AND UNDERSTOOD. I STAYED WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE -- I STAYED WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE USING DRUGS, SO WE WERE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT. NONE OF US KNEW WHERE TO GO AND MAYBE THE HOPE WAS NOT THERE. ONE OF THE LAST ATTEMPTS AT GETTING CLEAN, I HAD, I ENDED UP GOING TO HOOPER DETOCK WHERE I MET TEXAS LONGHORNS WILLIAMS WHO TOLD -- TORRENCE WILLIAMS WHO TOLD ME A STORY, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME HIS MESSAGE WAS ABLE TO CUT THROUGH ALL OF THE CONFUSION THAT I HAD, ALL THE DOUBTS THAT I HAD THAT I COULD, THAT I COULD BE CLEAN AND HAVE A PRODUCTIVE LIFE AND BE A MEMBER OF SOCIETY, YOU KNOW, THAT WAS BEYOND MY WILDEST DREAMS. I NEVER KNEW WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE

TO BE A FUNCTIONING MEMBER OF SOCIETY. I NEVER HAD A REAL JOB. I NEVER ATTENDED SCHOOL REGULARLY. I DIDN'T SIT DOWN WITH MY FAMILY FOR DINNER. I DIDN'T DO ANY OF THOSE THINGS, AND I TOOK THAT, AND I RAN WITH IT.

Race Hebrard: I WAS INTRODUCED TO A PROGRAM AT THE RICHARD HARRIS BUILDING WHERE I GOT OUTPATIENT TREATMENT, I GOT TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT WAS NOT COURT ORDERED. AND I FELT LIKE I WAS A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. I GOT TO TAKE THAT ADULT TIME OUT WHERE I SAT AND GOT TO FOCUS ON REAL LIVING SKILLS AND LEARNING HOW TO MAKE FOOD, LEARNING HOW TO PAY BILLS, LEARNING HOW TO SHOW UP FOR THINGS. AND BE A FRIEND AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE THAT UNDERSTOOD, AND IN THAT PROCESS I HAD CASE MANAGERS. I HAD PEER SUPPORT. MENTORS. EVERYTHING THAT THEY CAN OFFER, I UTILIZED AND I HAD THAT RIGHT IN MY HANDS. PEOPLE INSISTED THAT I COULD DO THIS. PEOPLE INSISTED THAT I COULD RECOVER. I WAS 22 WHEN I GOT CLEAN. IT WAS OCTOBER 26, 2013. AND I AM NOW, NOW A FATHER. I HAVE A ONE-YEAR-OLD SON. I AM ENGAGED TO A LOVELY, LOVELY WOMAN WHO WAS ACTUALLY HELPED BY THE STOP COURT PROGRAM WITH VOA, AND SHE IS FOUR YEARS CLEAN. AND I AM FIVE YEARS CLEAN NEXT MONTH. I AM THE FIRST PERSON IN MY FAMILY TO BUY A HOME. I HAVE A JOB THAT I LOVE GOING TO. I HAVE IS A FAMILY THAT I AM OBSESSED WITH.

I CAN'T EVEN TALK ABOUT THE PEACE I FEEL INSIDE FROM THE THINGS I'VE BEEN GIVEN FROM PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO HELP AND REACH OUT AND PULL ME UP FROM WHERE THEY WERE AT ONCE, YOU KNOW AM I WAS HEARD BY PEOPLE. AND SOMEONE SAID IT ABOUT BEING IN COURT OR SOMETHING, THIS IS A REALLY CRAZY EXPERIENCE TO BE SITTING HERE. I WAS JUST TELLING HER, I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE -- SAY THAT AGAIN, SIR? AND WE CAN LAUGH TODAY. WE HAVE FUN, YOU KNOW, I LOVE MY LIFE. I LOVE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND ME WHO AFFECTED MY LIFE, AND I AM GRATEFUL. SO GRATEFUL. GRATEFUL FOR YOU TO COME UP HERE AND HEAR US, TO WANT TO UNDERSTAND, AND I KNOW THAT JUST STATISTICALLY SPEAKING WE ARE ALL AFFECTED BY SOMEONE WHO HAS AN ADDICTION ISSUE. AND WE ARE ALL AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH. EVERYBODY KNOWS SOMEBODY, WHETHER IT'S IN YOUR FAMILY OR FRIEND OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW. SO THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Ronald Ross: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RONALD ROSS, AND I WANT TO START OFF BY THANKING THE CHAIR AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY, AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATED THIS OPPORTUNITY. I WANT TO THANK MISS KEISHA FOR ALLOWING ME TO DO THIS, AND WHERE DID HE GO? OKAY. I AM FROM NEW YORK. I CAME OUT HERE IN 2014, AND WHEN I CAME OUT HERE, I LEFT THE LIFE OF DRUG DEALING, AND STRONG

AND HARD ALCOHOLISM TO COME OUT HERE TO GO TO CONDUCTING SCHOOL. I GRADUATED SCHOOL IN 2015. AND HOMELESS. AND STRUGGLING AT THE TIME WITH MY ADDICTION. I WAS A, THE VERY FIRST ONE OUT OF MY GRADUATING CLASS WITH A JOB ON THE RAILROAD BUT RUINED IT AFTER A NICE OF HARD DRINKING AND CRASHED IN MY CAR AND DIED FOR FIVE MINUTES. I AM THANKFUL FOR THIS BECAUSE THIS COUNTY HAS ALLOWED PEOPLE THAT KNOW ME AND MY ADDICTION TO SAY DAMN, DID THEY CLONE YOU OUT THERE?

Ronald Ross: BECAUSE NOBODY EVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD CHANGE MY LIFE. MY MOTHER USED TO STAY UP NIGHTS WORRYING IF I WAS GOING TO DIE OR NOT. AND I HAVE LOST COUNTLESS COUSINS, FRIENDS, ACQUAINTANCES TO STREET VIOLENCE AND HUSTLING AND DRUG TRAFFICKING. AND I WAS ONCE IN THAT LIFETIME. I AM THANKFUL FOR SAVING MY LIFE BECAUSE NOW I COULD BE A BETTER FATHER, NOT A DAD BUT A BETTER FATHER TO MY SEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER THAT'S BACK HOME. SHE ALWAYS LOOKS AT ME AND ASKS DADDY, WHEN ARE YOU COMING HOME, YOU KNOW? AND I TELL HER, I WILL BE HOME SOON.

AND I KNOW ONCE I GO HOME I COULD DO EVERYTHING THAT I POSSIBLY CAN TO BE A BETTER FATHER IN HER LIFE BECAUSE WHEN I WAS IN HER LIFE ALWAYS A GOOD DAD BUT ME AND HER MOTHER NEVER GOT ALONG SO SHE WITNESSED ME GOING TO JAIL, WITNESSED ARGUMENTS AND FIGHTS THAT SHE NEVER HAD TO WITNESS, DUE TO ALCOHOL. DUE TO WOMANIZING. DUE TO CHEATING, TO LYING AND ALL TYPES OF NONSENSE. I HAD A DREAM ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, MY FATHER WAS IN MY DREAM, AND HE TOLD ME, HE KNEW THAT I WAS GOING TO MAKE HIM SMILE AGAIN. BECAUSE BEING HERE I WAS ABLE TO MEET THE GOVERNOR. BEING HERE I WAS ABLE TO WRITE MY FIRST LEGISLATION. BEING HERE I WAS ABLE TO SIT DOWN AND SPEAK WITH LEGISLATURES, BEING HERE I WAS ABLE TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE FOURTH DIMENSION RECOVERY CENTER THAT WAS A BIG PART OF CHANGING MY LIFE ALONG WITH VOA, AND MY MAN TONY AND CODY ROBERTS WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH ME EVEN WITH ADRIAN BURRIS THAT WORKS OVER THERE. THAT'S MY FAMILY RIGHT THERE.

NOW I AM EMPLOYED WITH 4D, A MENTOR NOW. I WORK AT THE ALLANO CLUB WITH OREGON RECOVERS, MY MAN ANDREW SWANSON AND MIKE YOU KNOW, AND MY LIFE IS PHENOMENAL, AND I THANK GOD FOR IT. WHILE I AM HERE LIVING THERE GREAT LIFE I STILL GOT FRIENDS DYING IN THOSE STREETS BACK IN NEW YORK AND IN CONNECTICUT, AND I MAKE IT MY MISSION TO GO BACK WHEN AND SHARE MY BLESSING THAT GOD WAS ABLE TO GIVE ME WITH THEM. BECAUSE I AM NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE RIGHT NOW AND I AM, AND I AM GRATEFUL EVERY DAY THAT I CAN WAKE UP AND TAKE THAT FIRST BREATH INTO MY LUNGS AND THANK GOD FOR THAT. THAT CHAIR RIGHT WHEN THAT YOU SEE, ALL THESE LIVES LOST HERE. I WANT TO GIVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THESE PEOPLE THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE

THE BLESSING THAT I HAVE RECEIVED, AND I LOVE THE WORK THAT YOU DO WHILE WE ARE HERE. AND THIS POSTER BOARD, WE DON'T WANT TO SEE NO MORE LIVES LOST. I FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO DO MORE TO REACH PEOPLE.

Ronald Ross: I FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO DO MORE TO BE MORE AUTHENTIC AND CARE AND SHOW MORE COMPASSION. IF YOU SEE A HOMELESS MAN ON THE BLOCK AND TALK TO HIM, SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES A WORD. SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES A LOOK, SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES A HUG, YOU KNOW. I COME FROM A PLACE WHERE NOBODY HUGS NOBODY. I COME FROM A PLACE WHERE YOU LOOK AT SOMEBODY WRONG AND YOU MAY GET SHOT IN THE FACE. I'VE BEEN STABBED, ALL OF THAT, JUMPED. ALL OF THAT JUST FOR A LOOK. I USED TO BE, TO BEAT PEOPLE UP BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO SEE MY VULNERABILITY COMING FROM AN ABUSIVE HOUSEHOLD, COMING FROM A FATHER THAT REALLY DIDN'T HAVE NO PATIENCE. COMING FROM A MOTHER THAT ALL SHE DID WAS DRINK TO COVER UP HER PROBLEMS, BUT ALWAYS REMAINED PRODUCTIVE TO TAKE CARE OF HER CHILDREN. I WITNESSED HER ALMOST COMMIT SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF FIVE, AND UNTIL THIS DAY SHE SAYS TO ME, I AM, I AM THE ONE WHO SAVED HER LIFE BECAUSE I WALKED INTO THE ROOM AND SHE DID NOT PULL THE TRIGGER. YOU UNDERSTAND. I JUST WANT TO SEE CHANGE. I JUST WANT TO SEE MORE LOVE IN THIS COMMUNITY. FOR PEOPLE THAT'S FIGHTING THIS DISEASE. WE CAN'T HAVE NO MORE LIVES LOST. IT AIN'T FAIR. SONS, MOTHERS, FATHERS, NIECES, NEPHEWS AND GRANDPARENTS, I AM MISSING ONE OF THEM NAMES. ON THAT POSTER BOARD RIGHT THERE. WE NEED TO DO MORE AND STOP BURYING PEOPLE DUE TO THIS ADDICTION. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: ARE YOU GOING TO READ THE PROCLAMATION? IF SOMEONE WILL HAND YOU A COPY. THANK YOU MARINA.

Ebony Clarke: PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2018 AS RECOVERY MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON AM IS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER AND MENTAL ILLNESS ARE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THESE CONDITIONS CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS AT WORK, SCHOOL, AND AT HOME AND AFFECT THE OVERALL WELLNESS OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILY MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS, AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OREGON HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF RESIDENCE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER. MANY INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCE BOTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AT THE SAME TIME. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IS INTEGRAL TO THE OVERALL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND SHOULD BE TREATED WITH THE SAME URGENCY AS PHYSICAL HEALTH. MENTAL ILLNESS CAN INFLUENCE THE ONSET, PROGRESSION, AND OUTCOME OF OTHER ILLNESSES AND OFTEN IS

LINKED WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. MULTNOMAH COUNTY RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR INTEGRATED TREATMENT THAT ADDRESSES BOTH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONDITIONS. ANYONE CAN EXPERIENCE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER INCLUDING ADDICTION TO PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICATION, BETWEEN 2012 AND 2016, THERE WERE 1,318 TOTAL DEATHS STATEWIDE DUE TO PRESCRIPTION OPIOID DRUG OVERDOSE. 632 OF THOSE, 113, OR 318 DEATHS OCCURRED IN THE TRI-COUNTY AREA. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS TAKING ACTION TO PREVENT, RESPOND TO, AND END THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER, AND PROBLEM GAMBLING ARE PREVENTIBLE AND TREATABLE. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE AND THEIR LOVED ONES TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS AND SEEK HELP.

Ebony Clarke: EVERYONE DESERVES ACCESS TO RECOVERY SERVICES IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT. MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER BY INVESTING IN DIVERSION AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RECOVERY SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAMS. PEOPLE EXPERIENCING SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE, SAFER AND HEALTHY HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND UNDERSTANDING FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WITH TYPE, ENERGY AND SUPPORT FROM LOVED ONES AND COMMUNITY HELPERS, PEOPLE CAN AND DO RECOVER FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO HELPING ALL RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES BY PROVIDING SERVICES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE, RESPONSIVE AND SUPPORTED BY PEERS. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS THAT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018 IS PROCLAIMED TO BE THE RECOVERY MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE THIS THEME. JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY AND INVEST IN HEALTH, HOME, PURPOSE, AND COMMUNITY, WHICH EXPLORES HOW INTEGRATED CARE, A STRONG COMMUNITY, AND A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS THAT SUSTAIN RECOVERY OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR. WOW. FIRST OF ALL YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE. AND I AM GRATEFUL THAT ALL OF YOU ARE HERE TODAY. I HAVE HEARD SOME REALLY HEART-TOUCHING STORIES THAT I THINK

WE'VE ALL BEEN TOUCHED BY ADDICTION AND I REMEMBER BEING IN A RELATIONSHIP WHERE COMING HOME WHERE OUR ELECTRICITY WAS TURNED OFF, YOU KNOW, OUR HOUSE WAS LOCKED UP BECAUSE MONEY WENT TO PAY FOR DRUGS. SO WHILE MY STORY IS PROBABLY NOT ANYWHERE NEAR AS HORRIFIC AS SOME OF WHAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED, I DO SEE AND UNDERSTAND SOME OF WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO TELL US TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND YOUR BRAVERY IN SHARING SOME OF YOUR DARKEST MOMENTS. IN THAT ROLE YOU HAVE BECOME LEADERS. YOU ARE HERE FOR A REASON, AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL BRING SO MUCH JOY IN LIFE TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED WHAT YOU HAVE, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU ARE A BLESSING TO ALL OF THOSE THAT ARE STILL STRUGGLING, AND SO THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES WITH US TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANKS EVERYBODY FOR BEING HERE TODAY. YOUR STORIES AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DID NOT SHARE STORIES, JUST YOUR PRESENCE HERE HAS TOUCHED ME, HAS TOUCHED US SO MUCH. SO THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO DO THIS. YOU KNOW I THINK THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ADDICTION, WE TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE IMPACTS OF ADDICTION, WE HAVE TO TALK MORE ABOUT THE CAUSES OF ADDICTION, AND I LOVE THAT SOME OF THE WORK THAT WE DO AT THE COUNTY REALLY IS TRYING TO GET AT THOSE CAUSES OF ADDICTION WHETHER IT'S A BITTER FAMILY LEGACY, WHETHER IT'S OVERPRESCRIBED, WHETHER IT'S A TRAGEDY OR AN ABUSE THAT YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH, YOU KNOW, THAT'S SOME OF THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING BUT TODAY WE GET TO TALK ABOUT RECOVERY AND THE POWER OF RECOVERY AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF IT. AND EVERYONE HERE IS A TESTAMENT TO THE STRENGTH OF THAT POWER.

IT'S INTENSE AND WONDERFUL. OUR HEALTH SYSTEM, IT FAILS, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ALL THE TIME, IT FAILS PEOPLE IF THEY MOVE JOBS AND THEY LOSE THEIR INSURANCE OR IF THEY HAVE THIS HORRIBLE ACCIDENT, AND OUR SYSTEM IS -- IT CANNOT BE CALLED A SYSTEM BECAUSE WE DON'T DO ENOUGH TO REALLY TREAT AND INCLUDE AND EMBRACE THE NEEDS AROUND MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION. I THINK THAT THE POWER OF TODAY AND THE POWER OF THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING AT THE COUNTY IS TO START TO CHANGE THAT SYSTEM AND TO REALIZE THAT HAS TO BE INCLUSIVE OR WE ARE NOT -- WE DON'T HAVE A HEALTH SYSTEM SERVING PEOPLE. SO THANK YOU. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS SO IMPORTANT OF THE STORIES SHOWN HERE TODAY IS THAT YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S SIX TIMES OR TEN TIMES, THE POWER OF A PERSON'S WORD, THE POWER OF SOMEBODY REACHING OUT, THE POWER OF SOMEBODY BEING WHEN FOR YOU WHEN YOU NEED IT, WE CAN NEVER GIVE UP SON PEOPLE BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THAT CHANGE IS GOING TO HAPPEN. AND PEOPLE ARE TOO VALUABLE. EVERYONE HERE IS TOO VALUABLE TO GIVE UP. AND SO I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO DID THIS, THE

WORK WE DO AND THE MENTORS, THE PEER COUNSELORS, AND THE VOA, FOURTH DIMENSION, EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY WORKING ON RECOVERY. SO I LOVED -- I LOVE RONALD, NEEDING TO SEE MORE LOVE IN TREATING AND HOW WE TALK ABOUT THIS DISEASE AND I THINK THAT TODAY IS A GREAT START TO DO THAT SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]
MARTIN LUTHER

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU. WOW. SO I WAS AT THE HANDS ACROSS THE BRIDGE RECOVERY EVENT ON LABOR DAY, WHICH WAS SUCH AN -- AND I SEE A LOT OF FAMILIAR FACES HERE WHO WERE AT THAT EVENT, AND THAT WAS SO INCREDIBLY POWERFUL. AT THAT EVENT I TALKED A BIT ABOUT HOW SOME OF THE EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER AND PEOPLE IN RECOVERY HAVE TOUCHED MY LIFE.

IN ADDITION TO BEING THE COMMISSIONER I AM AN E.R. DOCTOR, AND THAT EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH PEOPLE ON THE FRONT LINE THAT MAY NEED, MADE ME PASSIONATE ABOUT GETTING INTO THE AREA WHERE I CAN MAKE POLICY, WHERE WE CAN SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILY, THEIR FRIENDS, AND ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT NETWORKS. IN THE E.R. I HAVE SEEN FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE IN CRISIS. I HAVE HEARD SOME OF THE STORIES TODAY. I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAVE PROBABLY COME INTO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IN CRISIS HOPING, MAYBE, FOR THAT PERSON WHO CAN STEP IN, WHO CAN GIVE YOU SOME CONNECTION TO SUPPORT, THAT CAN HELP YOU IN YOUR PATH, AND HAVE HAD THE DOOR SORT OF SLAMMED IN YOUR FACE WHERE WE, ALL WE CAN DO IS SAY, WELL, YOU KNOW, REALLY BUSY, HERE'S A LIST OF THE PLACES THAT YOU CAN CALL WHEN, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU GET OUT OF HERE, AND GOOD LUCK, YOU MIGHT GET IN EIGHT WEEKS OR SEVERAL MONTHS YOU KNOW, IF AT ALL. AND IT'S JUST -- IT'S SIMPLY NOT ACCEPTABLE. WHEN PEOPLE ARE READY TO BEGIN THE PATH OF RECOVERY, WE NEED TO BE HERE DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO HOLD THE DOOR OPEN.

THAT'S WHAT WE CAN DO IN OUR ROLE HERE. WE NEED TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE. AND MEET THEM KNOWING WHO THEY ARE. EVERYONE HERE, I MEAN, AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE HAD JUST GAVE SUCH INCREDIBLE STORIES, AND HAVE OVERCOME SUCH INCREDIBLE OBSTACLES IN THEIR LIVES. TONY WHEN HE FIRST CAME UP HERE, HE SAID WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE WHEN PEOPLE RECOVER? AND IT'S THIS BEAUTIFUL ROOM FULL OF PEOPLE HERE TODAY. ON THE -- I JUST -- IT'S OVERWHELMING TO ME EVEN TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME IN YOUR LIFE. AND YOU ARE JUST SUCH A POWERFUL VOICE AND SPEAK SUCH TRUTH AND PROVIDE SUCH, SUCH AN IMPORTANT STORY THAT WE CAN HERE -- HEAR THAT CAN MOVE OTHERS INTO RECOVERY, AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THAT. RAY, GRAWLINGS DZ ON YOUR RECOVERY AND YOU ARE SPEAKING TO YOUR FAMILY ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. AGAIN, SO POWERFUL. I

WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN THIS LIFE THAT YOU HAVE, AND YOUR ONE-YEAR-OLD AND WITH YOUR ENGAGEMENT. SO CONGRATULATIONS ON WHAT YOU HAVE OVERCOME AS WELL. AND RONALD ALSO, THE HOPE AND THE GRATITUDE THAT YOU EXPRESS AND THAT LOVE, THIS ALL-POWERFUL ENCOMPASSING IMAGE. THE AND POWER OF YOUR VOICE IS STUPIDDOUS. KEEP TALKING TO US I AM SO HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE YOUR RECOVERY WITH YOU, AND TO SUPPORT THIS PROCLAMATION. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANKS EVERYONE FOR COMING TODAY AND FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES WITH US. I THINK REALLY THE WAY THAT WE KICKED IT OFF THIS MORNING WITH THE STATEMENT FROM TONY THAT WE NEED TO TALK MORE ABOUT RECOVERY. I THINK THAT WE DO NEED TO TALK MORE ABOUT RECOVERY, AND THE MORE THAT PEOPLE CAN SEE THE HOPE AND THE SUCCESS OF THOSE OF YOU IN THIS ROOM IS -- I MEAN, IT'S SUCH A CRUCIAL ELEMENT THAT IS SO OFTEN FORGOTTEN IN THIS CONVERSATION. AND YOU KNOW, IT'S A WAR ZONE OUT THERE. YOU CAN GET REALLY TIRED OF HEARING THE SHAME AND THE BLAME AND THE FEAR.

AND IT GETS YOU DOWN. YOU THINK WOW, THIS IS -- THERE IS NOTHING THAT YOU CAN DO, AND YOU LOOK AROUND AND YOU SAY YES, THERE IS A HECK OF A LOT THAT WE CAN DO, LOOK AT EVERY ONE OF THESE PEOPLE. THESE ARE FACES OF LOVE AND FACES OF SUPPORT AND FACES OF STRENGTH. I JUST FEEL PERSONALLY REALLY, REALLY MOVED THIS MORNING, AND REALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WHERE WE ARE GOING. I JUST HAVE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL WOMEN WHO ARE HERE WHO ARE GOING TO BE PART OF THE DIANE WADE HOUSE BECAUSE I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING PROGRAMS THAT WE SOMEWHERE STARTED DURING MY TIME AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING SO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND NOW WE WILL HAVE A VOTE AND THEN WE WILL HAVE A, LOTS OF APPLAUDING AND SOME PHOTOS. SO JUST TO GIVE YOU A HINT OF WHAT'S COMING. SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE A LOT ON OUR AGENDA, SO IF PEOPLE COULD TAKE THEIR CONVERSATIONS OUT?

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, WE ARE BACK IN SESSION, R.

R.2 Resolution for Supportive Housing Plan Acceptance. Presenter: Marc Jolin, JOHS Director

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R2. GOOD MORNING.

Marc Jolin: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER, I AM MARC JOLIN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES. I AM ESPECIALLY GLAD TO BE ABLE TO BE HERE FOLLOWING THOSE INCREDIBLE STORIES FROM

FOLKS WHO CAME FORWARD TO TALK ABOUT HOW AMONG OTHER THINGS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WAS PART OF THEIR ROAD TO RECOVERY. YOU ALL, IN OCTOBER OF 2017 CHARGED THE JOINT OFFICE TOGETHER WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU AND HOME FORWARD TO CONVENE A PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A PLAN THAT WOULD LEAD TO CREATION OF AT LEAST 2000 UNIONS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT TEN YEARS. YOU ALL WERE FULLY BRIEFED ON THIS PLAN AT THE JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, SO I AM NOT PLANNING TO WALK THROUGH IT, BUT I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE TODAY. YOU ARE JUST BEING ASKED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, AND OF COURSE, FOLLOWING THIS WE WILL BEGIN THE WORK OF EVALUATING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOVING FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR. THANK YOU MARC. I WANTED TO SHARE A COUPLE OF MY THOUGHTS. AND ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I GET ASKED A LOT IS HOW DO I LIKE BEING A COUNTY COMMISSIONER? AND TO BE FRANK THERE ARE DAYS WHEN BEING A COUNTY COMMISSIONER IS HARDER THAN OTHERS. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND THERE ARE DAYS THAT THIS WORK IS INCREDIBLY REWARDING AND WORTHWHILE. AND TODAY IS ONE OF THOSE DAYS. WHEN CHAIR KAFOURY AND I INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION TO FUND LONG-TERM SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SELL OF WAPATO, WE WERE EARMARKING FUTURE POSSIBILITIES, AND TODAY THOSE HOPES HAVE BECOME A REALITY. I WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR LENDING THEIR STAFF TO THE HOUSING STRATEGY WORK GROUP THAT MY OFFICE CONVENED AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP FOR THEIR SERVICE AND STAFFING THE EFFORT. THE GOAL OF THE WORK GROUP WAS TO PRIORITIZE THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF OUR LIMITED RESOURCES AND IDENTIFY THE TOP PRIORITIES OF WHERE FUNDING WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND COULD LEVERAGE OTHER RESOURCES.

WE CHARGED MARC JOLIN WITH THE TASK OF IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE PROJECTS THAT WOULD ALIGN WITH OUR PRIORITIES OF INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RAPID REHOUSING. AND THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU HE WAS ABLE TO DO JUST THAT. I REMEMBER DISTINCTLY THE DAY 345URBG -- MARC AND SHANNON TOLD ME ABOUT THE WEST WIND APARTMENTS AND HOW GRATEFUL I WAS TO KNOW THAT WE COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THEODORE ROOSEVELT SAID IN ANY MOMENT OF DECISION THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS THE RIGHT THING. THIS BOARD ACTION BEFORE US TODAY IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER PROJECT THAT REFLECTS THE WORK GROUP'S PRIORITIES AND LEVERAGES OUR RESOURCES. WE HAVE BUILT A STRONG FOUNDATION IN RESPONSE TO OUR REGIONAL HOUSING

PRICES, BUT WE NEED TO KEEP GOING BY BUILDING AND INVESTING IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THIS BOARD'S ACTION TODAY MOVES US ONE STEP CLOSER TO THIS GOAL. THANK YOU.

Marc Jolin: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER.

Chair Kafoury: THAT IS THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA. THAT'S OKAY. YOU CAN SAY IT ALL OVER AGAIN BECAUSE IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD PROBABLY HEAR IT TWICE. THIS ACTION ON R2 IS JUST TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PLAN, BUT AS WE JUST HEARD I THINK THAT REALLY IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A BETTER SETUP THAN TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT RECOVERY MONTH, AND TO HEAR THE PERSONAL STORIES FROM PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES WERE TURNED AROUND AND WE KNOW THAT THE HOUSING THAT WE WILL BE BUILDING AND SUPPORTING IN THE YEARS TO COME IS GOING TO EVEN INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. THIS ROOM WILL BE PACKED FULL OF ALL OF THE FOLKS WHO WILL HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS HOUSING AND WHO WILL GET THEIR LIVES BACK ON TRACK.

Marc Jolin: CHAIR CAN I JUST SAY THANK YOU TO A COUPLE OF FOLKS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT? I NEGLECTED TO DO THAT. THANK YOU. SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONVENERS, THE FOLKS FROM HOME FORWARD, FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FROM PHB WHO CAME TOGETHER. WE ALSO HAD PEOPLE FROM THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY AND OREGON HOUSING COMMUNITY SERVICES AT THE TABLE AND METRO, SO THIS WAS A LOT OF SUSTAINED EFFORT THAT WENT INTO GENERATING THIS PLAN. AND OUR OFFICE, THE WORK WAS LED BY [INAUDIBLE], WHO IS HERE, I THINK? SO A BIG SHOUT OUT TO HIM FOR THE WORK THAT HE DID. AND HEATHER LYONS FROM CSH, THE GROUP THAT PRODUCED THE REPORT. SHE WAS TIRELESS IN THIS EFFORT SO I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. AND THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING US THE DIRECTION TO DO THIS IN YOUR, AND YOUR SUPPORT FOR IT.

Chair Kafoury: I DID WANT TO SAY ONE LAST BIT ABOUT THIS PLAN. I THINK THAT WE OFTEN HEAR FROM PEOPLE THAT WHERE'S THE PLAN? THERE IS NO PLAN. THERE IS NO PLAN. AND YOU ARE NOT FOLLOWING DATA AND THE LITANY OF COMPLAINS. THE REALITY IS WE HAVE A PLAN. WE STARTED WITH A HOME FOR EVERYONE, AND THROUGH OUR DATA COLLECTION REALIZED THAT WE -
- THE PIECE THAT WE ARE LACKING IS THIS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE CAN GET PEOPLE WHO HAVE FEWER BARRIERS QUICKLY BACK INTO HOUSING. WE CAN PREVENT PEOPLE'S HOUSING. WE CAN HAVE SHELTER BUT WHAT WE NEED THE MISSING PIECE WAS REALLY THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND NOW WE HAVE A PLAN. AND NOW THE QUESTION IS HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN? AND I KNOW THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. IT'S GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LONG TIME, BUT IT IS GOING TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES, AND WE HAVE AN ECONOMIC REASON TO DO IT. WE HAVE A

MORAL REASON TO DO IT. SO I AM REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT STEP. AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SPENT A LONG, LONG TIME GETTING THIS PLAN TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE IN ADVANCE FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING TO IMPLEMENT IT.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT.

Board Clerk: MR. LIGHTNING.

Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY DISRUPTER ATTACK DOG. NOW WHEN WE TALKED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHAT I WANT TO DO IS HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT COSTS ARE GOING TO BE INVOLVED PER UNIT WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MAYBE DOING A 20 TO 25% RATIO OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING, MAYBE 50 TO 100 UNITS? I WANT TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING NOT JUST THE COST, BUT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE SERVICES YOU WILL PROVIDE TO THAT INDIVIDUAL IN THAT UNIT. I WANT TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING SO THAT I CAN REPRESENT THIS BACK TO FEDERAL JUDGE MICHAEL SIMON WHEN I HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH HIM ON THIS ISSUE. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT ON THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. ALSO AS YOU KNOW WE'RE PUSHING FOR THAT METRO BOND, WHICH I HAVE ABSOLUTELY AM IN FAVOR OF, AND WE ALREADY DID THE CITY BOND.

WE ARE GOING TO BUSH UP -- IT IS GOING TO EASILY PASS. ANYONE THAT VOTES AGAINST THAT YOU NEED TO OPEN UP YOUR EYES AND WALK ON THE SIDEWALKS AND UNDERSTAND IT IS NECESSARY. ## FRIEFT, THAT'S ALSO FINE WITH ME. BUT THE REALITY IS, ARE WE GOING TO ALLOW THEM TO MOVE INTO HOUSING AND UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S NOT ALWAYS THAT ON AND OFF SWITCH IMMEDIATELY. AND A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ADDICTED FOR YEARS TO DRUGS. AND CAN WE FIT THEM INTO HOUSING KNOWING THAT UP FRONT AND NOT EVICTING THEM IMMEDIATELY THAT'S WHY WE HAVE PEOPLE ON THE SIDEWALKS BECAUSE THEY GET EVICTED EVERY OTHER SIX MONTHS. SO YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT FROM YOUR POSITION, HOW DO WE DO THAT? YOU KNOW WHAT THEY DID TO ME, CHAIR KAFOURY. YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. PEOPLE NEED TO MAKE A STAND, AND YOU NEED TO BACK THEM UP WHEN THEY DO AND UNDERSTAND. THEY NEED TO BE IN HOUSING FOR THEIR RECOVERY TO WORK. PERIOD. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONING OR COMMENTS ON THIS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # JOHS-02-19: Transfers \$4.0 million in the Supportive Housing Fund from Contingency to Pass Thru for Housing Development. Presenter: Marc Jolin, JOHS Director.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN APPROVES.

Marc Jolin: I'M MARC JOLIN, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, THANK YOU FOR SETTING UP THIS ITEM SO WELL. SO AS YOU SAID, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO FULFILL THE COMMITMENT THAT THIS BOARD MADE TO GOING THROUGH A PROCESS TO IDENTIFY HOW BEST TO USE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF WAPATO. TO ADVANCE THIS COMMUNITY'S NEED FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I'M EXCITED TO TALK ABOUT THE WEST WIND PROJECT WITH YOU A LITTLE BIT. THE PROPOSAL THAT YOU HAVE IS TO MOVE \$4 MILLION OUT OF THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FUNDING CONTINGENCY AND THROUGH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDE THAT TO THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU TO ACQUIRE AND REBUILD THE WEST WIND APARTMENTS. AS YOU'VE HEARD, THIS IS THE CULMINATION OF AN EXTENSIVE PROCESS WITH ALL OF THE -- YOUR OFFICES, AND I REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AS WELL THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AND ROSE BACH WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR OFFICE ON THIS PROJECT.

SO GOING FORWARD, IN TERMS OF THE SPECIFICS, THE WESTWIND, I'M SORRY FOR THE GRAPHIC PROBLEM THERE, RIGHT NOW IS A 70-UNIT PRIVATE MARKET SRO BUILDING LOCATED IN OLD TOWN AT 333 NORTHWEST 6TH. I THINK TECHNICALLY THE ADDRESS IS 323-327, NORTHWEST 6TH. IT WAS CONVIADUCTED IN 1903, IT CURRENTLY OFFERS MARKET RENTS, AND ONLY SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 40 TO 50 OF THE UNITS ARE OCCUPIED BECAUSE THE OTHERS ARE NOT CURRENTLY OCCUPIABLE. IF WE DID NOT MOVE TO ACQUIRE THIS BUILDING WE WOULD LIKELY LOSE IT TO THE PRIVATE MARKET. WE WOULD LOSE THOSE UNITS AND LOSE THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE UNITS ARE PROVIDING TO SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS. THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROJECT ARE THESE. AGAIN, WITH YOUR APPROVAL WE WILL ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU TO ACCEPT THESE FUNDS.

THAT AGREEMENT WILL SPECIFY THAT THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTWIND APARTMENTS PROJECT. IF FOR ANY REASON THAT WERE NOT TO GO FORWARD, THE FUNDS WOULD RETURN. THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PROJECT IS \$3 MILLION, THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU HAS THE PROJECT UNDER CONTRACT CURRENTLY. AND THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THE TOTAL PROJECT WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$21 MILLION. HOUSING BUREAU AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAVE DONE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN CREATE AT LEAST 70 UNITS OF SRO/STUDIO HOUSING ON THAT

LAND. THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE WILL BE FUNDED BY A COMBINATION OF URBAN RENEWAL DOLLARS THAT ARE IN THAT DISTRICT STILL, THE PORTLAND HOUSING BOND WILL PROVIDE THE BULK OF THE REMAINING MONEY, AND OUR \$4 MILLION CONTRIBUTION WILL ENSURE THAT THIS PROJECT BOTH HAPPENS AND THAT WE ARE ADDING 70 UNITS NOT JUST OF SRO STUDIO HOUSING, BUT OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THAT HAS THE ON-SITE SERVICES THAT FOLKS WILL NEED IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL THERE. WE WILL HAVE DEEPLY AFFORDABLE RENTS THERE, WHICH IS PART OF THE DEFINITION, WHICH MEANS THAT FOLKS WHO HAVE VERY LOW INCOME MAY BE ON SSI OR SOCIAL SECURITY, ARE ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE THERE, AND WHATEVER THE SERVICES ARE THAT THEY NEED, WHETHER THEY'RE RECOVERY SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON SITE AT THE BUILDING. THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THE BUILDING WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY IN THREE YEARS. I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? LORI, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: I WON'T REREAD MY STATEMENT, BUT I WILL JUST SAY THANK YOU TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND TO YOUR OFFICE, MARC. WE'VE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOW TO GET TO THE ROOT CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS, AND WHAT GOT US HERE, AND I THINK THIS PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND CAN SERVE SO MANY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS AND LIKE YOU SAID, PRESERVE THE EXISTING NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD JUST GO AWAY. SO WE'RE REALLY INVESTING IN THE FUTURE, AND WE KNOW BY ALL THE CRANES THAT WE SEE AND THE DEVELOPMENT IN PORTLAND THAT THERE REALLY IS NO INVENTORY LEFT OF THOSE SROS THAT YOU USED TO BE ABLE TO RENT FOR \$300 A MONTH. WHERE DO THOSE PEOPLE GO? THEY GO IN OUR STREETS AND OUR SHELTERS, AND GETTING AT THE ROOT CAUSE OF HOUSELESSES IN AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION AND PROVIDING SERVICES AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES IS THE ANSWER. AND SO I AGAIN AM SO HAPPY AND SO THRILLED THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE THIS SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS ADDRESSING THE HOUSING CRISIS. IS IT ENOUGH? NO. BUT IS IT ONE -- BUT IT IS ONE HELL OF A START. THANK YOU, MARC.

Marc Jolin: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I THINK IT'S A VERY EASY MISTAKE BECAUSE THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS GO SO HAND IN HAND, ONE IS ABOUT THE PLAN OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS THAT WE SET IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR, AND THEN THIS IS THE REALLY IMPORTANT PIECE OF MAKING SURE THAT PLAN IS ACTUALLY BECOMES REALITY. I AM SO SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROJECT, BECAUSE OF THE LOCATION, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO FIND THESE KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE, WE -- IN MY DISTRICT WE'RE HAVING THE BLACKBURN BUILDING WHICH IS GOING UP AT 122ND AND BURNSIDE, WHICH IS AN INCREDIBLE

PARTNERSHIP OF HAVING THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, HAVING HEALTH SERVICES, HAVING OTHER SERVICES THERE, AND THAT'S GREAT, BECAUSE WE KNOW THERE'S THE NEED IN EAST PORTLAND, BUT WE ALSO HAVE IT THROUGHOUT OUR CITY, SO TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THIS BUILDING IN A PLACE THAT'S GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE AND GIVE THE ADDITION OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE SO POSH, IS WONDERFUL. AND I HAVE TO SAY, I HEAR FROM PEOPLE ALL THE TIME ASKING ABOUT WHY DON'T WE DO MORE SROS, OR WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE SROS. I THINK THIS IS A REALLY GOOD STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OF USING ALL THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS ON THE TABLE, THE DIFFERENT LIVING SITUATIONS TO SEE WHAT'S GOING TO BE SUPPORTIVE AND HELP PEOPLE WHO NEED IT. SO THIS IS A REALLY GREAT DAY FOR US.

Chair Kafoury: I WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO MENTION THAT THIS -- THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS PROJECT THAT'S SO EXCITING IS THE RELATIVE EASE AND SPEED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE. SOMETIMES GOVERNMENT CAN BE SLOW, SO I THINK IT CAN TAKE A LONG TIME TO GET ALL THE PROPER OKAYS IN PLACE AND THE DIRECTION. BUT BECAUSE OF THE STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND, BECAUSE OF THE JOINT OFFICE FOR HOMELESS SERVICES, BECAUSE OF OUR TRACK RECORD, WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE PRETTY QUICKLY ON THIS. AND SEIZE AN OPPORTUNITY THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST. AND WE WOULD HAVE LOST THESE UNITS TO THE PRIVATE MARKET. SO I JUST WANT TO COMMEND ALL OF OUR PARTNERS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING SO HARD TO WORK TOGETHER IN TANDEM AND IN THE SAME DIRECTION. AND I THINK WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR. CHARLES JOHNSON.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS AN URGENT AND NEED ED PROJECT. THE RECORB SHOULD BE CLEAR, THE WESTWIND LOCATION IS NOT APARTMENTS, IT'S NOT SROS, IT'S A CRIME SCENE. FOR SIX YEARS, WE HAVE ALLOWED THE CURRENT NOW CASHING OUT OWNERS TO PREY UPON PEOPLE. I'M ALL A BIG FAN OF THE DIGNITY OF THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE DISABLED. BUT RIGHT NOW THERE'S BRIFT PEOPLE IN THE WESTWIND, MOST OF THEM PROBABLY GET A \$769 CHECK AND TURN AROUND AND GIVE ABOUT \$500 OF THAT CHECK TO THE LANDLORD. THEY'RE PEOPLE WE HAVE FAILED FOR SIX YEARS, PEOPLE WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN LIVING IN 30% INCOME AND I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THE PLAN ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO HELP SOME OF THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAYBE NOT WHAT WE WOULD CONSIDER THE FULL LEVEL OF FUNCTION GET THEIR THINGS OUT OF THE WESTWIND, BECAUSE SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL, WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE TUSH, I'M NOT AN EXPERT INVESTIGATOR SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S 50% OF THE ROOMS FLIP OVER EVERY MONTH, OR 10%, OR 90%. BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO NEED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES RIGHT NOW, LIKE THE DAY THAT THOSE EVICTIONS

HAPPEN AND THEY'RE GOING TO NEED TO LIVE SOMEWHERE. THE OTHER POSSIBLY OVERLY OPTIMISTIC POINT OF VIEW YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT, A CONSTRUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND. WHEN I HEAR THIS, I HAVE TO WONDER WHAT IS HAPPENING OR HAPPENED WITH THE JOYCE? THERE WAS A PLAN, IT WASN'T ANYTHING YOU GUYS WERE DRAGGED IN OR SUCKED IN ON, BUT THE JOYCE WAS THE LAST FUNCTIONING SRO. AND SO ASK AROUND, WHERE -- HOW ARE WE GOING TO SUPPORT THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY, ESPECIALLY THE LONG-TERM PEOPLE THAT HAVE HAD BELONGINGS ACCUMULATE FOR MAYBE YEARS IN THE WESTWIND, WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM WHILE WE DO SOMETHING MUCH BETTER WITH THIS BUILDING AND MAKE IT NOT A SCENE OF CRIME AND PREEDUCATION. WHEN I SAY CRIME, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT STREET DRUGS, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE LANDLORD AND OUR INABILITY TO HAVE DONE THE RIGHT THING SOONER THERE. SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE 50 PEOPLE LIVING THERE, NOT BE AT LEAST TEMPORARY HOMELESS OR MAYBE EVEN HAVE PRIORITY TO COME BACK TO THAT ADDRESS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS? NO? ANY OTHER --

Marc Jolin: WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION MR. JOHNSON ASKED?

Chair Kafoury: VERY QUICKLY. YOU CAN ALSO JUST MEET HIM IN THE BACK --

Marc Jolin: OKAY, THAT'S FINE. JUST TO PROVIDE REASSURANCE THERE IS A PLAN FOR THOSE TENANTS.

Chair Kafoury: PLEASE ADDRESS THAT FOR THE RECORD.

Marc Jolin: FOR THE RECORD? OKAY. SO THERE IS NO PLAN TO REMOVE ANY OF THE CURRENT TENANTS. THEY WILL BE ALLOWED AND ABLE TO CONTINUE TO LIVE THERE, PHB THE HOUSING BUREAU AND JENNIFER CHENG CAN SPEAK TO THIS IF NECESSARY, BUT WE'RE IDENTIFYING A MANAGER WHO WOULD TAKE OVER THE BUILDING AND DO THE FULL ASSESSMENT WITH THE FOLKS CURRENTLY THERE. THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THERE AND TO SPEAK TO THE QUESTION ABOUT THE JOYCE, THE JOYCE IS GOING THROUGH THE RENOVATION PROCESS, FOLKS WOULD BE RELOCATED THERE IS THE PLAN. WHILE THIS BUILDING IS BEING REBUILT. AND THEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK INTO A MUCH IMPROVED PLACE. SO WE WOULD BE CONTINUING TO SERVE THOSE FOLKS AS WELL AS CREATING NEW CAPACITY THAT DOESN'T CURRENTLY EXIST.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

Marc Jolin: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

R.4 NOTICE OF INTENT for Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. Presenters: Erin Pidot, Program Specialist Sr. & Marc Jolin, JOHS Director.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4. AND HE'S BACK. WAIT, HE NEVER LEFT.

Marc Jolin: I DID NOT LEAVE. COMMISSIONERS FOR THE RECORD, MARC JOLIN, AND WITH ME TODAY IS ERIN PIDOT. SHE'S IN CHARGE OF THIS TREMENDOUS BODY OF WORK, SO I ASKED HER TO COME TODAY AND SHARE WITH YOU WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE SEEKING YOUR APPROVAL FOR.

Erin Pidot: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD ERIN PIDOT. I'M HERE TO REQUEST THE BOARD'S APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A 24.9 MILLION DOLLARS IN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND EVERYBODY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDS. I'LL PROVIDE BACKGROUND ABOUT OUR OFFICE'S ROLE IN THE APPLICATION AND WHAT THESE FUNDS ARE FOR, AND THEN I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THE JOINT OFFICE IS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR OUR LOCAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, OR HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE. THAT'S A ROLE THAT CAME FROM THE CITY TO THE COUNTY WITH THE CREATION OF THE GIANT OFFICE. AND ONE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE LEAD AGENCY IS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE COMMUNITY'S ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDS. THIS YEAR'S APPLICATION IS FOR ALMOST \$25 MILLION. OF THAT AMOUNT, OVER 22 MILLION IS SENT DIRECTLY FROM HUD TO NONPROFIT PARTNERS TO FUND A RANGE OF TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAMS. THE REMAINDER COMES TO THE JOINT OFFICE FOR A COMBINATION OF SERVICES, PLANNING, AND EVALUATION. WHILE THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE GRANT CONTINUES FUNDING FOR EXISTING PROGRAMMING, THIS YEAR OUR COMMUNITY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR NEW FUNDS FOR FIVE NEW PROJECTS.

THREE OF WHICH IF AWARDED WOULD BE DIRECTLY BETWEEN HUD AND COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFITS, AND TWO OF WHICH WOULD BE AWARDED TO THE COUNTY THROUGH THE JOINT OFFICE TO SUPPORT OUR NETWORK OF AGENCIES SERVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS. I'LL RUN YOU THROUGH THE NEW PROJECTS. SO THE FIRST IS A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT LED BY THE NATIVE AMERICAN REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER. IF FUNDED WOULD CREATE 52 NEW UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, PRIORITIZE FOR THOSE SEEKING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR NATIVE AMERICANS, THE NEXT IS A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT LED BY TRANSITION PROJECTS, IT WOULD CREATE 17 NEW UNITS

OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR TRANSGENDER, GENDER NONCONFORMING AND NONBINARY HOUSEHOLDS, AND A COMPLIMENTARY PROJECT, A RAPID REHOUSING PROJECT THAT WOULD SERVE AN ADDITIONAL 22 HOUSEHOLDS FROM THAT SAME POPULATION. AND THEN A RAPID REHOUSING PROJECT THAT WOULD SERVE 28 HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THROUGH HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, AND THE YWCA. AND THE LAST IS A PROJECT THAT IF FUNDED WOULD CREATE A NEW STAFF POSITION WITHIN THE COUNTY'S DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE CONTINUUM TO SUPPORT THE DV COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, AND THAT SYSTEM COORDINATES REFERRAL AND SERVICE PROVISION FOR PEOPLE FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTY. THESE NEW FUNDS FOR THOSE FIVE PROJECTS ARE AWARDED THROUGH A NATIONAL COMPETITION, SO THEY'RE NOT GUARANTEED. AND WE EXPECT TO FIND OUT IN EARLY 2019 WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE AWARDED THOSE NEW FUNDS. SO I'M HERE TODAY SEEKING YOUR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE GRANT BY THE DEADLINE, WHICH IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH. AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU. SO THIS GRANT WILL ACTUALLY PRODUCE SOME UNITS, OR IS IT MORE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES?

Erin Pidot: THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE FUNDING IS FOR EXISTING UNITS AND SUPPORT SERVICES. AND THEN THE FIVE NEW PROJECTS THAT I I DESCRIBE, FOUR WOULD CREATE NEW UNITS, IN ADDITION WITH SUPPORT SERVICES.

Commissioner Stegmann: EXCELLENT.

Erin Pidot: NOT TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF UNITS, BUT THE OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES IN THOSE UNITS.

Commissioner Stegmann: RIGHT. WHICH IS REALLY WHAT WE'RE TALKING -- IS THAT PART -- CONSIDERED PART OF THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

Erin Pidot: ABSOLUTELY.

Commissioner Stegmann: EXCELLENT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE EIGHT? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

Marc Jolin: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

R.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION # NOND-01-19: Appropriating \$31,500 of Federal Emergency Management Program Funding. Presenter: Chris Voss, Emergency Management Director.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECOND, APPROVAL OF R.5. CHRIS VORKS ARE YOU GOING TO SAVE THE WORLD TODAY?

Chris Voss: I AM CHRIS VOSS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. AND I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE AND NOT IN SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA TODAY. SO THIS FIRST REQUEST IS FOR \$31,500. THIS IS A GRANT FROM THE FEMA, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY THAT THEN GOES THROUGH THE STATE AND TO US. EVERY YEAR WHEN WE DO OUR BUDGET WE KIND OF -- WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WE'RE GOING TO GET THROUGH THE STATE SO WE GUESS. YEARS AGO WE USED TO GET SOMETIMES OVER \$400,000, AND THAT DIPPED INTO THE \$200,000 RANGE, SO WE PLANNED FOR \$273,000 THIS YEAR, IT LOOKS LIKE THE STATE IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US A LITTLE BIT MORE, SO WE HAVE PLENTY OF ABILITY TO ABSORB THESE DOLLARS. WE'D LOVE IT TO BE CLOSER TO \$400,000, BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO ACCEPT THIS \$31,500 FROM THE STATE, WHICH THIS WAS JUST MORE THAN WE HAD ORIGINALLY PREDICTED THEY WOULD GIVE US. AND IT SUPPORTS PERSONNEL IN OUR OFFICE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SOUNDS GOOD. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

Chris Voss: OKAY.

R.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION # NOND-03-19 \$321,800 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds for Emergency Planning. Presenter: Chris Voss, Director, Emergency Management.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6.

Chris Voss: CHRIS VOSS, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY GMENT -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGAIN. THIS IS A DIFFERENT GRANT THAT COMES THROUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO THE FIRST ONE IS PART OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT, THIS ONE HERE IS JUST CAPPED AS THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. THIS IS A COMPETITIVE GRANT WE SOUGHT DOLLARS FROM, AND THERE'S TWO MAJOR COME POPE ENDS. ONE WE'RE VERY HAPPY THIS IS THE LARGEST AMOUNT WE'VE SEEN FROM THE STATE IN A GRANT THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS. I THINK IN MAYBE EVER. SO \$321,800, THERE'S TWO COMPONENTS. IT BOTH SURROUNDS CATASTROPHIC PLANNING AND SUPPORT. SO THERE'S ONE

EQUIPMENT PIECE, THE EQUIPMENT PIECE IS ROUGHLY 76,800, WITH THAT COMPONENT OF THE DOLLARS, THROUGH THE PLANNING WE HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY, WE'VE IDENTIFIED GAPS IN SOME OF OUR LARGE SHELTERS, IF THERE'S A CAT TROPHIC EVENT LIKE A CASCADIA, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT A LOT OF THE LOCATIONS THAT WE WOULD UTILIZE FOR, MASS SHELTERS, THAT WE KNOW IS A SHORTFALL, IS WATER. SO THIS WOULD BE PURCHASING PURIFICATION SYSTEMS, THEY'RE SORT OF LARGER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS, YOU CAN DO ABOUT 2500 GALLONS PER DAY, IN SO WE WOULD PURCHASE AND THEN PUT ON SITE THESE RESOURCES IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS.

Chris Voss: MANY OF THEM HAVE WATER SOURCES, WHETHER IT'S AN ON-SITE LAKE OR STREAM, SOMETIMES IT'S A POOL, MOST WILL HAVE WELLSMENT BUT THEY NEED THE ABILITY TO TURN THAT WATER FROM WHERE IT IS TO SORT OF DRINKABLE. SO THIS IS -- THERE IS NO MATCH TO THIS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVES THE STATE, THE STATE WILL PAY FOR 100% OF THOSE RESOURCES AS THEY WILL BE ON SITE IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE OTHER \$245,000, THIS WOULD BE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, WE WOULD BRING IN A CONTRACTOR TO SUPPORT THIS ASPECT OF CAT STROOF I CAN PLANNING. -- CATASTROPHIC PLANNING. WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE MUCH BETTER ASSESSMENTS AND -- THAT HAVE BEEN DONE AND SOME OF YOU PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT THE DEGAMI REPORT, IT MADE IT THROUGH THE NEWS ABOUT THE LEVEL OF DAMAGE AND THE COST OF DAMAGE. WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO START DOING IS BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE DONE AND THE ASKS THAT WE KNOW ARE GOING TO HAPPEN. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE CAN WAIT TWO OR THREE DAYS UNTIL WE HAVE THESE COMPLETE ASSESSMENT AND ASK FOR STUFF, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO SHORTEN THAT GAP.

SO WHAT WE WOULD DO IS BRING IN A CONTRACTOR TO START MATCHING WHAT WE BELIEVE OUR REQUESTS ARE WITH PRESCRIPTED MISSION ASSIGNMENTS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS WRITTEN HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF THESE THINGS. RATHER THAN US TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER WHAT WE NEED SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO COMMUNICATIONS, WE'RE ASKING FOR SPECIFIC TEAMS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY DONE BECAUSE THEY'VE WRITTEN THESE PRESCRIPTION MISSION ASSIGNMENT, AT DHS AND IN THE MILITARY, AND SO THIS IS SORT OF MAPPING WHAT WE THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED BASED ON ASSESSMENTS WITH WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SORT OF GROUPED TOGETHER IN LIKE PACKAGES. THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT THIS IS WHAT THEY DO, AND SO THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO BRING IN SOME OF THAT EXPERTISE TO DO IT PROBABLY EVEN BETTER THAN SOME OF OUR IN-HOUSE FOLKS COULD DO, AND IT'S CERTAINLY A FORCE MULTIPLIER HAVING SOMEONE COME IN FROM THE OUTSIDE. THERE'S NO MATCH, IT'S A NICE GRANT TO RECEIVE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: 245,000 IS A LOT OF MONEY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. HOW COMPREHENSIVE, LIKE WHEN THIS PERSON'S WORK IS DONE, DO WE FEEL WE'LL HAVE WHAT WE WOULD NEED IF THERE WAS A CATASTROPHIC EVENT TO MAKE THOSE REQUESTS TO THE GOVERNMENT?

Chris Voss: SO 245,000 IS A LOT OF MONEY. HAVE WHAT WE NEED? I WOULD SAY WE WOULD BE BETTER PREPARED TO MAKE DECISIONS FASTER. BEING ABLE TO DO THIS. WHEN IT COMES TO SOMETHING LIKE CATASTROPHIC PLANNING, I DON'T KNOW THAT I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO SAY WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING WE NEED. SO THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A BIT OF A GAP. BUT ONE THING WE'VE SEEN VERY MUCH SINCE KATRINA IS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS MOVING MORE AND MORE TOWARDS THIS PREPACKAGE ED ABILITY TO MAP THINGS. SO SOME OF YOU PROBABLY HEARD SOME OF THE -
- I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH?

OF THEM, DEMAT TEAMS, DISASTER MEDICAL TEAMS, AND DEMORT TEAMS, BUT THERE ARE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF THESE THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED BY A LOT OF TIMES THE MILITARY, LIKE I SAID WITH COMMUNICATIONS IN VEHICLES AND DEBRIS CLEARING, AND SO I THINK IN MAPPING THAT OUT WHAT WE REALLY DO IS SHORTEN THE TIME FRAME FROM DISASTER TO REQUEST, AND THEN ALLOW US TO GET MORE TARGETED INFORMATION. THIS IS ANOTHER PLAN, I THINK THERE'S STILL A RESPONSIBILITY ON OUR PART ONCE WE DEVELOP IT TO EXERCISE, TO TRAIN, PROBABLY SOME AREAS WE'LL SEE GAPS, THERE WILL STILL BE, SAY WE'RE BUYING SUPPLIES TOO, SO THERE WILL BE EQUIPMENT GAPS THAT WE WILL NEED TO ADDRESS. AND I DON'T ENVISION THIS TO BE ONE PERSON, WE'LL BRING IN A COMPANY TO ALSO CROSS OFF WHAT WE'VE ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO DO, AND I'D LOVE TO SAY \$245,000 FROM A CONTRACTOR GOES AS FAR AS WE WANT IT TO GO, BUT IN THIS AREA BECAUSE MOST OF THE EXPERTS ARE ALSO TYPICALLY NOT IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, WE PROBABLY OFTEN PAY A LITTLE BIT MORE OF A PREMIUM BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THAT DO THIS WORK ARE LOCATED OUT OF THE AREA. AND THAT MEANS WHEN THEY DO COME IN AND MEET WITH US, WE PAY A LITTLE BIT MORE OF A PREMIUM FOR THAT RESOURCE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS GOOD NEWS. IT IS A LOT OF MONEY. WE'RE EXCITED YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING AFTER THE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN HIRED AND GETS UP TO SPEED, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME BACK AND TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANKS.

Chris Voss: THANK YOU.

R.7 Intergovernmental Agreement with ODOT for NW Cornelius Pass Rd: US 30 – NW Kaiser Rd. Presenter: Riad Alharithi, Engineering Services Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R.7. GOOD MORNING.

Riad Alharithi: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RIAD ALHARITHI, MANAGER FOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION. WE'RE REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ODOT AND THE COUNTY FOR CORNELIUS PASS PROJECT. THIS AGREEMENT REPLACES AN OLD AGREEMENT THAT WAS PLACED WHEN THE PROJECT WAS DELIVERED UNDER ODOT. NOW WE'VE BECOME FULLY CERTIFIED, SO WE WILL BE THE LEADING AGENCY IN DELIVERING THIS PROJECT. SO THIS IGA TAKES CARE OF THIS TRANSITION FROM ONE PHASE TO ANOTHER PHASE. THIS WILL BE THE LAST PROJECT THAT WE HAVE IN THIS SITUATION, THE REST OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE DELIVERED AS WE ARE CERTIFIED AGENCY.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE IGA IS APPROVED.

Riad Alharithi: THANK YOU.

R.8 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCHS-04-19: Increasing the Aging, Disability & Veteran Services Division FY19 Appropriation by \$107,253. Presenter: Irma Jimenez, Snr. Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.8.

Irma Jimenez: GOOD MORNING. I'M IRMA JIMENEZ, THE LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORT SENIOR MANAGER FOR WHAT'S COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGING DISABILITY AND VETERANS SERVICES. I'M HERE THIS MORNING SEEKING YOUR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 19 DIVISION BUDGET TO ADD A NEW PERMANENT CASE MANAGER SENIOR POSITION, THE WORKING TITLE FOR THE NEW POSITION IS EMBEDDED HOSPITAL INTAKE WORKER. ADBSD HAS BEEN PARTNERING WITH HOSPITALS TO FACILITATE PATIENTS TO GAIN ACCESS TO MEDICAID BENEFITS IN A MORE TIMELY MANNER. KAISER PATIENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO MEDICAID INTAKE WORKER ON SITE AND WITHIN TWO DAYS THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT DAY, WE CURRENTLY HAVE THIS TYPE OF POSITION WITH PROVIDENCE, PROVIDENCE PORTLAND, SAINT VS, OHSU, AND LEGACY, WHICH INCLUDES GOOD SAM, MOUNT HOOD, AND EMANUEL. THE RESPONSIBILITY -- THE POSITION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCREENING AND DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAID LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORT, EXCLUSIVELY FOR KAISER PATIENTS. THE POSITION WILL ALSO BE TRIAGING QUESTIONS AND CONNECTING PATIENTS TO CURRENT CASE MANAGERS IF THEY HAVE ONE. IT WILL ALSO BE

PROVIDING MEDICAID TRAINING TO HOSPITAL STAFF. THIS POSITION WILL BE FULLY FUNDED BY KAISER PERMANENTE, THE FUNDS ARE INCREASING BY \$107,253 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, AND IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT, IT'S ACTUALLY \$235,657, BECAUSE IT GOES THROUGH 2020 AS WELL. WE'RE ASSUMING THE 10 MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR '19 AND 12 NOS IN FISCAL YEAR 2020. LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU TO KAISER FOR THE FUNDING. I AGREE.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS GOOD NEWS. BOTH FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, FOR KAISER AND FOR THE PATIENTS THEY SERVE. I SAY THANK YOU AS WELL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

Irma Jimenez: THANK YOU.

R.9 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DA-01-19: Contingency Request for MCPAA Agreement Settlement Above Budgeted Amount. Presenter: Allen Vogt, MCDA Finance Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R.9. GOOD MORNING.

Allen Vogt: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS ALLEN VOGT, THE FINANCE MANAGER FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO REQUEST \$561,879 OF FUNDING SET ASIDE IN CONTINGENCY FOR WAGE INCREASES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PRAIRIE DOG ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION. IT WAS RATIFIED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 24TH EARLIER THIS YEAR. THAT AGREEMENT INCLUDED A PROVISION THAT PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH 5.6% COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, WHICH IS 2% MORE THAN WHAT IS CURRENTLY BUDGETED FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FY19 BUDGET. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE OVERALL COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET INCLUDED FUNDS SET ASIDE IN CONTINGENCY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LABOR CONTRACTS, LIKE THE MCPAA AGREEMENT THAT WE'RE STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION WHILE THE BUDGET WAS BEING PREPARED. THE AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED TODAY IS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN WHAT WAS SET ASIDE FOR THE MCPAA CONTRACT, MEANING THAT THIS REQUEST CAN BE COVERED WITH NO IMPACT TO GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY OR TO FUNDING SET ASIDE FOR BUDGET NOTE ITEMS. WITH, THAT I'LL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. WE RATIFIED THE AGREEMENT AND IT GOES THROUGH 2021, IS THAT CORRECT?

Allen Vogt: YES.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: IT'S THE 5% -- 5.6% COLA, IS THAT EACH YEAR FOR THAT AGREEMENT, OR IS THAT JUST FOR THE FIRST YEAR?

Allen Vogt: THAT'S FOR THE SECOND YEAR, THE CURRENT YEAR, FY19, THE CONTRACT WAS FROM '18 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR '21. SO THE NEXT TWO YEARS WILL DEPEND ON WHAT THE CPI COMES IN AT. LIKE MANY OF OUR OTHER LABOR CONTRACTS, AND THERE'S A FLOOR OF 1% AND A CEILING OF -- A FLOOR OF 1% AND A CEILING OF 4%.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

Allen Vogt: THANK YOU.

R.10 Proclamation for Privacy Awareness Week. Presenter: Heather Updike, Human Resource Analyst Senior, DCJ.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS. APPROVAL OF R.10.

Heather Updie: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HEATHER UPDIE, I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, ONE OF THE HATS I WEAR FOR THEM IS THAT I AM THE PRIVACY MANAGER. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTYWIDE PRIVACY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, I AM HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THE PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER 17TH THROUGH THE 21ST PRIVACY AWARENESS WEEK AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. PRIVACY AWARENESS WEEK HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT WORK FORCE MEMBERS PROCESS AND HOLD ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC. THROUGH TRAINING MODULES AND A FEW FUN PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES, THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SEEKS TO EXPAND AWARENESS AND PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS THAT DRIVE COUNTY POLICIES. IN INTEREST OF TIME AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WILL NOT READ THE ENTIRE PROCLAMATION, BUT INSTEAD SUMMARIZE IT IF THAT'S OKAY.

Chair Kafoury: SOUNDS GREAT.

Heather Updie: THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS THAT PRIVACY IS THE NECESSARY FOUNDATION FOR THE DELIVERY OF HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES. PRIVACY IS CONNECTED TO CIVIL RIGHTS. AND THIS WEEK-LONG EVENT RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION ENTRUSTED TO THE COUNTY. THAT SUMMARIZES IT.

Chair Kafoury: PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT.

Heather Updie: DO YOU GUYS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IN THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE LIVE IN, I THINK PRIVACY IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN COME TO DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS, AND KNOW THAT THE INFORMATION THAT THEY SHARE WITH US IS GOING TO BE HELD IN PRIVACY. SO IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.

Heather Updie: IT COMES FULL CIRCLE TO THE EARLIER DISCUSSION ABOUT THE RECOVERY MONTH PROCLAMATION, BECAUSE PART OF PRIVACY DOES COVER INDIVIDUALS' RIGHTS TO PURSUE TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. SO IT COMES TOGETHER.

Chair Kafoury: IT DOES. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING TODAY.

Heather Updie: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE'VE COME TO THE TIME ON OUR AGENDA FOR ANY NONAGENDA ITEMS. ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER? NO? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:38 a.m

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