

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, January 22, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCHS-42-15: Reclassification of a 1.00 FTE Program Supervisor to Program Manager 1 in MHASD of DCHS.
- C.2 Appoint Susan Silodor and Alicia Denney to the Multnomah County Planning Commission.
- C.3 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for a State Problem Gambling Prevention "Mini-Grant".

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? APPROVAL OF A CONSENT CALENDAR, ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Clerk: 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. MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE FOUR PEOPLE SIGNED UP. PLEASE COME FORWARD AS I CALL YOUR NAME. [READING NAMES]

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT GOVERNOR LIGHTNING WATCHDOG AND ALSO GOVERNOR LIGHTNING HUMANITARIAN. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE BEING AT CITY HALL AND

ATTENDING MOST OF THE MEETINGS IS THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT GO TO THOSE MEETING ACTUALLY BRINGING UP POINTS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST THE POLICE, POLICE COMPLAINTS, VARIOUS THINGS LIKE THAT BUT WE NEVER HEAR THAT AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THERE'S A DIVIDE BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHAIR AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF DIVISION. WE'RE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE WE NEVER HEAR ANYTHING AT THESE MEETINGS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS IS WE WANT MORE TRANSPARENCY, MORE ACCOUNTABILITY.

NOW, I'VE STATED ON THE BODY CAMS TO POSSIBLY HAVE THOSE ON THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFFS. ALSO ANOTHER AREA I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT IS POSSIBLY INDEPENDENT MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF REVIEW. I WANT TO ALSO HAVE A PUBLIC COMMITTEE SET UP TO GO OVER THE COMPLAINTS THAT ARE FILED ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO HAVE MORE OVERSIGHT. WE NEED TO HAVE MORE PEOPLE WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES BEING ABLE TO ACCESS THAT TYPE OF DATA. WE HAVE THAT AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND ON A REGULAR BASIS. WE HAVE GROUPS THERE THAT SPEAK OUT EVERY WEEK ON THOSE ISSUES. DO WE HEAR ANYTHING AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY? WHY NOT? WHY ARE WE NOT HEARING THAT? AND I WANT TO START SEEING MORE TRANSPARENCY, MORE ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ANOTHER ISSUE I HAVE IS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE JOANNE HARDESTY, SHE IS THE NAACP NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PORTLAND CHAPTER. I'VE TALKED TO DAN HANDLEMAN ALSO ON THE ISSUE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. HE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO BEGIN ACCESSING INFORMATION AND ACTUALLY NO, HE IS THE FOUNDER OF COP WATCH. SO WE HAVE SOME GREAT PEOPLE OUT THERE RIGHT NOW THAT WOULD POSSIBLY LIKE TO BE ON THESE TYPES OF COMMITTEES AND WE WANT TO HAVE THIS SET UP TO WHERE WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION, SUCH AS WE DO AT PORTLAND. AND THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON WHY WE DO NOT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Entwisle: HI, GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I REPRESENT HEALING MAN SANCTUARY, INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE, 100 MILLION FRIENDS, AND EVERYBODY ELSE THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE THAT THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. DOES THE COUNTY HAVE AN IPR TYPE COMPLAINT LIKE MR. LIGHTNING SAID, A SYSTEM FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, ETC., OR A CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD FOR COUNTY PRISONERS' COMPLAINTS OF USE OF FORCE BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT? IF NOT, WHY NOT. IDR, WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT DEPUTIES REVIEW, WE NEED TO INSTALL ALSO A WEAPONS DATABASE FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY ALL WEAPONS USED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH ALL TYPES OF WEAPONRY. ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS, AS WELL. INQUIRIES AND INJURIES. THIS IS AN INJURY

DATABASE, OKAY. IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A WEAPONS DATABASE BUT MORE OF AN INJURIES DATABASE. THERE IS NOT ONE. THERE'S NOT ONE IN ANY CITY IN THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY. BUT WE NEED TO INSTALL ONE.

Mr. Entwisle: THE OTHER ONE IS TO CONSIDER PUTTING AN END ONCE AND FOR ALL TO THE NEW JIM CROW LAWS AND CONSIDER THE ABOLISHMENT OF OUR CURRENT PRISON AND JAIL SYSTEM AS WE KNOW IT. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE BIG, HUGE PRISONS AND HAVE OUR SCHOOLS DILAPIDATED AND HAVE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PEOPLE BEING DECIMATED AND EMACIATED BECAUSE OF A HUGE PRISON SYSTEM, BECAUSE THERE'S NO JOBS, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO CRIME AND THEY HAVE TO BE HOUSED IN THE PRISON. THAT'S RIDICULOUS. LOOK AT SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES THAT ARE DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. HOW ARE COMPLAINTS HANDLED? CAN WE ACCESS THE RECORDS? WHO HOLDS THE COUNTY SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE? DOES HE GET ANY OVERSIGHT? IF SO, WHO? AND IF NOT, WHY NOT? WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GET A HISTORY OF LOCAL ASSET FORFEITURE DETAILS, AND POLICE AND SHERIFF'S PROTOCOLS PERTAINING TO EACH AGENCY AND COMPLAINTS RECORDED SINCE 1980 AS RELATED TO THE ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

Mr. Walsh: MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I SENT ALL OF YOU AN E-MAIL YESTERDAY, CONCERNING THIS TOPIC. THE TOPIC IS THE COUNTY JAILS AND WE FULLY UNDERSTAND YOU DON'T CONTROL THE COUNTY JAILS, YOU DON'T RUN THE COUNTY JAILS. HOWEVER, YOU FUND THEM. YOU CONTROL THE MONEY. THAT GIVES YOU A LOT OF INFLUENCE OVER THE SHERIFF. WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL THE OTHER DAY THAT SAYS THREE THINGS. IN THE COUNTY JAIL, ALL PERSONAL VISITATIONS WILL CEASE. THEY WILL BE ON VIDEO. SO YOU WILL GO TO COUNTY JAIL TO VISIT YOUR LOVED ONES AND YOU WILL SEE THEM ON A VIDEO, AND THEN YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE PRIVILEGE BY A PRIVATE CORPORATION. WE ALSO FOUND OUT BECAUSE THAT STUNNED US, THAT YOU HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM IN THE JAIL THAT WHEN SOMEBODY IS ARRESTED AND SAY THEY HAVE \$20 ON THEM, WHEN THEY GO INTO THE JAIL, THEY RECEIVE A DEBIT CARD WHEN THEY'RE COMING OUT AND IF THEY DON'T USE IT IN FIVE DAYS, THERE'S A \$5.95 CHARGE ON THE CARD. THEY DON'T GET THEIR \$20 BACK. THEY DON'T GET ANYTHING BACK IF THEY WAIT TOO LONG.

THE THIRD ONE IS ALSO A PROBLEM IN THAT WHEN YOU GO INTO COUNTY JAIL, AND I REALIZE I'M TALKING TO A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT DON'T SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN COUNTY JAIL. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU GO INTO JAIL AND YOU HAVE MONEY OR YOU EARN MONEY SOMEHOW, IT GOES INTO AN ACCOUNT AND THAT ACCOUNT, YOU CAN USE TO BUY STUFF THAT YOU NEED, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, WHATEVER. THERE WILL NOW BE A FEE FOR THAT, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE RUN BY A PRIVATE CORPORATION AND THEY'RE GOING TO CHARGE THE PRISONERS A FEE TO RUN THAT ACCOUNT. SO I WANT TO READ YOU SOME OF THE COMMENTS. THIS IS FROM THE

WILLAMETTE WEEKLY, THE ONE I SENT YOU IS FROM STREET ROOTS BECAUSE IT'S MORE INCLUSIVE. THIS IS JUST A SHORT ARTICLE BUT I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT SOME OF THE COMMENTS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM PEOPLE OUTSIDE. I KNOW YOU'RE TIRED OF LISTENING TO ME SOMETIMES.

Mr. Walsh: NUMBER ONE, THIS IS SCARY AND WRONG. NUMBER TWO, THIS NIGHTMARE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE COURTESY OF PRIVATE PRISONS INCORPORATED WHO ARE WORMING THEIR DESPICABLE TENTACLES INTO THE OREGON PENAL SYSTEM AND THEY ARE JUST GETTING STARTED. NUMBER THREE, PRISON VISITS ARE ESSENTIALLY FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE PRISONER AND HIS FAMILY. VISITS ALSO PUT A LIMIT TO SADISM AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS. THANKS TO STREET ROOTS AND WILLAMETTE WEEKLY FOR PUTTING THIS OUT. MY TIME IS UP. I'M ASKING YOU TO JUST DO THIS: I KNOW SOME OF YOU ARE GOING TO SAY YOU DON'T RUN THE JAILS, HANDS OFF. SOME OF YOU MIGHT SAY THIS IS NOT GOOD STUFF. THIS IS TERRIBLE. THIS IS INHUMAN. THIS IS CRUEL AND INHUMAN TREATMENT OF THE PRISONERS AND I'M ASKING YOU TO GET INVOLVED AND SAY TO THE SHERIFF, YOU'RE RIGHT, WE DON'T RUN YOUR JAILS BUT WHEN YOU COME BEFORE US, WE'RE GOING TO SAY HERE'S YOUR BUDGET. YOU'RE GOING TO GET HALF. I KNOW I WENT OVER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Stull: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS BARRY. I HAVE A BUNCH OF PAPER HERE BUT YESTERDAY WAS A DAY WHERE I STARTED WITH A PROTEST MARCH. WE HAD SOME FOLKS THAT WERE SIGNED UP TO DO AS WE'RE DOING HERE SOME COMMUNICATIONS. IT WAS AT PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AND THE ISSUE WAS THE HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. THERE'S A RIGHT TO REST ACT WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND I ENDED UP CARRYING A BANNER THAT HAD TO DO WITH POLICE SWEEPING PEOPLE, THROWING OUT THEIR SLEEPING BAGS AND STUFF. SO HOMELESSNESS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART BECAUSE I BECAME HOMELESS A COUPLE OF TIMES DUE TO SOME REALLY CORRUPT LANDLORDS AND I RECALLED JUST THIS MORNING, I WAS WORKING AT THE SHIPYARDS AND I WENT TO THE BOILERMAKERS HALL THERE AND A FELLOW THERE HAD BEEN AT THE MOTORCYCLE CLUB HOUSE WHEN THE PORTLAND POLICE OFFICER DAVID W. CROW WAS FATALLY SHOT AND KILLED. THEY WERE NOTORIOUSLY CORRUPT POLICE GANG AT THE TIME AND I WAS TELLING HIM ABOUT HOW MY LANDLORD HAD DESTROYED MY GOODS AND HE SAID WHY DON'T YOU JUST BURN HER HOUSE DOWN? IT'S NOT THE WAY I OPERATE.

STOLE VERSUS HOKE IS MY SUPREME COURT CASE, HOKE THAT LANDLORD WHOSE HOUSE I DIDN'T BURN DOWN. AND THAT CASE HAD BEEN CITED OVER 100 TIMES. I FOUND THAT OUT FROM PRISON, ON MY 1989 POT BUST. I HAVE A

SPINAL CORD ISSUE, AND IT'S A CHRONIC PAIN CONDITION FROM DAMAGED NERVES. AND SO I'VE BEEN WORKING ON SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES FOR A REALLY LONG TIME AND I'VE DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB OF REMAINING PEACEFUL DOING IT. THE PROBLEM IS YESTERDAY I WENT TO THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO END HOMELESSNESS AND WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW THERE'S 40,000 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MISSING FROM THE PORTLAND AREA. NOW, THE LAST TIME I WAS EVICTED WAS A NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING LANDLORD, YOU KNOW, I TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS, IT'S CALLED KAFOURY COURT, IT'S A FIVE PLEX AND IT'S BEEN VACANT FOR THREE YEARS.

Mr. Stull: SO WHEN WE HAVE A CORRUPT LANDLORD THAT'S INTENTIONALLY KEEPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OFF THE MARKET, AND ILLEGALLY MAKING A FELLOW LIKE ME HOMELESS, WE HAVE A CONFLICT, BECAUSE THE COUNTY SENT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE COUNTY CAN'T SEEM TO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING LANDLORD IS ABUSING ALL OF US RIGHT NOW. SO I'LL GIVE YOU 168 HOURS, THAT'S A WEEK, I'LL COME BACK NEXT WEEK AND TALK ABOUT THIS SAME THING BECAUSE MY SUSPICION IS YOU HAVEN'T DONE ONE THING TO ADDRESS THAT VACANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Stull: SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**R.1 RESOLUTION Adopting the Multnomah County 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda. Presenters: Claudia Black, Director; Chris Fick, Deputy Director; Rhys Scholes, Policy Manager; Sheri Campbell, Senior Grants Coordinator - Office of Government Relations; & Dan Bates, Federal Lobbyist, Thorn Run Partners.**

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner McKeel: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVED AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R.1. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Black: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA BLACK AND I'M THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY. WITH ME TODAY IS OUR ENTIRE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM. DEPUTY DIRECTOR CHRIS FICK, RHYS SCHOLES, OUR POLICY MANAGER, AND SHERI CAMPBELL OUR SENIOR

GRANTS COORDINATOR. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE HAVE DAN BATES OUR LOBBYIST ON FEDERAL ISSUES ON THE PHONE.

Mr. Bates: I AM.

Ms. Black: HI. GOOD. WE'RE DELIGHTED TO BE BACK BEFORE YOU AGAIN THIS WEEK. ASK BEFORE WE REVIEW THE PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, WE HAVE ASKED DAN, WHO'S IN WASHINGTON, D.C. RIGHT NOW, TO UPDATE YOU ON WHAT'S GOING ON THERE AND HE'LL DISCUSS SOME OF THE ISSUES AROUND THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT, THE PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH AS WELL AS IDENTIFY SOME CHALLENGES HE MAY BE SEEING FOR THE COUNTY IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. SO DAN, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.

Mr. Bates: GREAT. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY, CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. IT HAS BEEN A DEEP PLEASURE AND IT IS WONDERFUL TO REPRESENT THE PLACE THAT YOU LIVE SO THANK YOU FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY. PROBABLY WORTH GOING BACK TO ELECTIONS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE SET THE STAGE CORRECTLY. NOVEMBER OF 2014, WE HAD AN ELECTION IN WHICH REPUBLICANS TOOK CONTROL OF BOTH THE HOUSE WHICH THEY ALREADY HAD CONTROL OF AND THE SENATE, WHICH WAS NEW FOR THEM, ACTUALLY TAKEN A FAIRLY STRONG ADVANTAGE WITH 54-46 MAJORITY IN THE SENATE. THAT WAS A NINE SEAT GAIN AND REALLY CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY OF WHAT THE NEXT TWO YEARS MAY LOOK LIKE.

IN THE HOUSE, REPUBLICANS GAINED THE MAJORITY BY ABOUT 13 SEATS. THAT INSTANTLY FROM THAT POINT MOVED US INTO THE LAME DUCK SESSION WHICH WAS THE OLD CONGRESS LED BY IN THE SENATE STILL SENATOR HARRY REID. THE MAJOR WORK OF THAT LAME DUCK SESSION, WHICH WILL SET THE STAGE FOR GOING FORWARD, WAS THE FINISHING OF WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015, WHICH FUNDED ALL OF THE STATE AGENCIES OR ALL THE FEDERAL AGENCIES, EXCEPT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30th, 2015. THEY PASSED A SEPARATE CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY THAT WILL EXPIRE IN LATE FEBRUARY. AND THE ISSUE, THE REASON THEY DID THAT WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ISSUED A SET OF EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION FOR WHICH THE INCOMING REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP WANTED A LEGISLATIVE CHANCE TO RESPOND AND WANTED TO HOLD OVER FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE FUNDING OF A LOT OF IMMIGRATION ISSUES UNTIL THEY RECONVENED IN JANUARY. SO THAT AT SOME LEVEL FINISHED OUT THE WORK OF THE LAST CONGRESS.

Mr. Bates: IN THE NEW CONGRESS WHICH STARTED EARLIER THIS MONTH, OUR OWN DELEGATION HAS SEEN SOME CHANGES, IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT WILL IMPACT THE COUNTY. THE FIRST IS SENATOR WYDEN AND SENATOR MERKLEY ARE NOW IN THE MINORITY PARTY IN THE SENATE AND THAT CHANGES YOUR ABILITY TO AFFECT ISSUES AND SETTING THE AGENDA FOR BOTH COMMITTEES AND IN LEADERSHIP. SENATOR WYDEN MOVES FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO RANKING MEMBER, WHICH IS A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT POSITION. SENATOR MERKLEY WAS NAMED RANKING MEMBER OF THE APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE, WHICH IS A NEW SPOT FOR HIM. BUT AGAIN ON THE MINORITY SIDE. TWO OTHER CHANGES OF NOTE, CONGRESSMAN DEFAZIO MOVED FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES RANKING MEMBER AND IS NOW THE RANKING MEMBER OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE WRITING OF THE NEXT REAUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSPORTATION. AND THEN CONGRESSMAN SCHRADER GAINED A SEAT ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE SO NOW, OREGON HAS TWO MEMBERS ON THAT COMMITTEE, CONGRESSMAN WALDEN AND CONGRESSMAN SCHRADER ARE BOTH ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE.

SO FROM OUR DELEGATION'S PERSPECTIVE, THERE WAS A CHANGE IN TERMS OF THE INFLUENCE AS A RESULT OF GOING FROM MAJORITY PARTY IN THE SENATE TO A MINORITY PARTY AND THEN THERE WAS SOME MOVEMENT IN COMMITTEES THAT ARE RELEVANT. THAT AGAIN SETTING THE STAGE FOR SORT OF WHAT IS COMING AND WHAT MAY BE POSSIBLE. ONE OF THE THINGS I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE WORTH PREVIEWING IS THOSE ISSUES, FOR EXAMPLE, MANY ARE RELEVANT TO THE COUNTY, SOME ARE NOT BUT THEY GIVE YOU A SENSE OF THINGS THAT MAY BE COMING BEFORE THE CONGRESS BECAUSE OF EXPIRATIONS. SOME HAVE ALREADY EXPIRED, SOME WILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND THESE REEL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY IN A CONGRESS WHERE THERE ISN'T A LOT THAT MOVES, WHICH HAS BEEN A CHARACTERISTIC OF THE LAST FEW CONGRESSES AND I SUSPECT WILL BE TRUE OF THE NEXT ONE AS WELL IN TERMS OF ACTUALLY GETTING PASSED.

THESE EXPIRATIONS AND CHANGES REALLY PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGE, THINGS CAN BE ADDED TO IT. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TAX EXTENDERS BILL, WHICH EXPIRED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, WHICH COVERED THE TAX YEAR 2014, SENATOR WYDEN HAD PUSHED HARD FOR A LONGER TERM RATE FIX EXTENSION ON THAT. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. THAT WILL NEED TO BE READDRESSSED. IT WILL LIKELY GET DONE TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR. CONGRESS HAS ALREADY PASSED THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNED TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE BILL. WE JUST TALKED ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING, THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH. THE HOUSE HAS PASSED ITS VERSION. THE SENATE WILL HAVE TO TAKE THAT UP SOON.

Mr. Bates: IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE HAD TO WORRY ABOUT THE DEBT LIMIT BECAUSE A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TWO YEARS AGO BUT ON MARCH 15th, THE DEBT LIMIT WILL BE REINSTATED AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'LL BEGIN DEFAULTING ON DEBT RIGHT AWAY BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT THE CLOCK STARTS TICKING AND THE ISSUES AROUND DEBT LIMIT WILL REEMERGE. MARCH 31st, THE MEDICARE DOC FIX IN WHICH PAYMENTS TO DOCTORS WOULD BE REDUCED BY 20% IF SOMETHING ISN'T DONE, IT'S BEEN EXTENDED 17 TIMES IN CONGRESS, AND SO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMETHING TO OCCUR THERE IS LIKELY. TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT WAS EXTENDED TO MAY 31st. OBVIOUSLY, THE COUNTY HAS A LOT OF ISSUES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO US THERE.

WE CAN SPEND A LITTLE BIT OF TIME ON WHAT HAPPENS ON REAUTHORIZATION, WHAT WILL HAPPEN, SUFFICE TO SAY AT THIS POINT THAT IT WILL EXPIRE ON MAY 31st AND THEY WILL HAVE TO EXTEND IT. I EXPECT WE WILL NOT HAVE A REAUTHORIZATION BY THEN WHICH MEANS ANY REAUTHORIZATION WOULD OCCUR LATER THIS YEAR OR ANOTHER EXTENSION. ANOTHER PROGRAM OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE COUNTY, THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 30th. IN FACT, DECEMBER 30th AND IT A BIG DATE, A NUMBER OF THINGS EXPIRE, INCLUDING THE CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, SOME SNAP AND WIC PROGRAMS WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30th.

WE'LL TALK ABOUT A LITTLE BIT LATER THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC FUNDING, MUCH OF THAT WILL EXPIRE. ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT IS THE BUDGET DEAL I SPOKE OF A FEW MINUTES AGO ACTUALLY ONLY COVERS US THROUGH THIS FISCAL YEAR, WHICH MEANS WE WILL BE BACK IN THE DILEMMA OF NOT HAVING A BUDGET AGREEMENT UPON WHICH TO BUILD THE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS GOING FORWARD, WHICH LEADS TO A HIGHER CHANCE OF A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN PARTICULARLY THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OVER FUNDING LEVELS, AND THAT LEADS US THEN POTENTIALLY TO SHUT DOWN DISCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD BEGIN TO BE DISCUSSED LATER IN THE YEAR IN THE FALL. THE PRESIDENT ALLUDED TO THAT IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION, ABOUT TRYING TO KEEP US FROM HEADING THAT DIRECTION BUT THAT BECOMES A REAL POSSIBILITY IF THERE CAN'T BE A BUDGET AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS THE FUNDING LEVELS WITHIN THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS. MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE WATCHED THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS. [DIAL TONE]

Chair Kafoury: IT WAS GOOD. THANK YOU, DAN.

Ms. Black: BUT WE THOUGHT HE MIGHT COMMENT ON IT.

Mr. Scholes: A CLIFF HANGER. EXACTLY.

Chair Kafoury: DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHILE WE'RE WAITING TO GET DAN BACK ON THE PHONE?

Ms. Black: WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO BEGIN THE REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FEDERAL AGENDA?

Chair Kafoury: YES.

Ms. Black: SO WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS WITH YOU TODAY. AND WE ALSO WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT IN DEVELOPING THIS AGENDA. IT HAS INCLUSIONS FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS' ADVOCACY GROUPS, RESIDENTS AND YOUR STAFF. PERFECT. GREAT TIMING.

Chair Kafoury: HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

Mr. Bates: I'M BACK. MY APOLOGIES.

Chair Kafoury: YOU WERE GOING TO TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE STATE OF THE UNION.

Mr. Bates: THANK YOU, CHAIR. THE STATE OF THE UNION, WHAT YOU'LL REALIZE IS THAT THE CONVERSATION THAT HAPPENED IN THE STATE OF THE UNION ACTUALLY WAS COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO MOST OF THE THINGS I JUST MENTIONED TO YOU. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS. THE STATE OF THE UNION IS THE TYPICAL KICKOFF NOT JUST FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL SESSION BUT ALSO FOR THE BUDGET PROCESS. AND OFTEN THE STATE OF THE UNION, THE PRESIDENT WILL HIGHLIGHT THE BUDGET PRIORITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE COMING YEAR. REALLY THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T GO THAT DIRECTION. HE FOCUSED ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT REALLY DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CHANCE OF PASSING THIS CONGRESS AND SO HE FOCUSED ON FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HE FOCUSED ON RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE, SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE AND GUARANTEED SICK LEAVE AND MATERNITY LEAVE. THESE ARE ISSUES THAT I HAVE A HARD TIME SEEING PASS THIS CONGRESS. SOME OF THEM ARE BUDGET ISSUES. SOME OF THEM AREN'T.

HE ALSO ISSUED VETO THREATS THAT I THINK WERE REALLY IMPORTANT IN THE SPEECH. HE ISSUED A VETO THREAT ON ANYTHING THAT WOULD ROLL BACK THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, ROLL BACK DODD FRANK OR CIRCUMVENT HIS EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION AND WHILE THERE WERE SOME PIECES IN THE PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION THAT ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR WORKING TOGETHER, THERE WASN'T A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROGRAMS THAT BOTH NEED TO BE REAUTHORIZED RIGHT NOW OR COULD BE A PLACE WHERE THE CONGRESS AND THE

PRESIDENT COULD WORK TOGETHER. THERE WAS SOME OF THAT BUT LARGELY NOT THERE.

Mr. Bates: THE PRESIDENT WILL ISSUE HIS BUDGET PROPOSAL IN TWO WEEKS, WHICH WILL LAY OUT WHERE THE ADMINISTRATION EXPECTS AND HOPES TO SPEND FUNDING. IT IS TRUE OF ANY PRESIDENT IN ANY CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS ESSENTIALLY DEAD ON ARRIVAL. THE COMMITTEES WILL REWRITE HOW THEY WANT TO GO, IT SETS A MARKER, A BENCHMARK TO PUT THAT BUDGET TOGETHER. WHAT'S MORE CRITICAL AND ONE OF THE REASONS WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME WITH IT WHEN IT EMERGES, IT SETS A MARKER FORWARD AS TO WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO FOCUS ON WITHIN ITS DISCRETIONARY FUNDING AND THE STATE OF THE UNION WAS HELPFUL IN THAT REGARD. ANYTHING YOU WOULD WANT TO LINK TOWARDS MIDDLE CLASS ECONOMICS IS WHAT THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL BE FOCUSED ON. WE COULD SPEND SOME TIME LOOKING INTO THAT BUT YOU'LL SEE THAT FOCUS NOT JUST IN THE STATE OF THE UNION BUT IN THE BUDGET THAT EMERGES IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

THE OTHER PIECE JUST TO PUT IT ON THE TABLE IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL, AND THEN I'LL LET YOU ALL RETURN TO THE AGENDA AND BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, BUT THE PRESIDENTIAL CYCLE, 2016 ELECTION, WILL PICK UP VERY QUICKLY. THIS SUMMER YOU'LL START TO SEE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT POTENTIAL CANDIDATES AND REALLY IN MANY WAYS, THAT BEGINS TO DOMINATE THE POLITICAL SCENE FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF. CONGRESS IS NOT IMMUNE TO THAT. YOU'LL HAVE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT AND IT CAN AFFECT THE PACE AND THE AGENDA IN CONGRESS. THAT'S JUST ANOTHER PIECE TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON. I WILL STOP BEING THE DISEMBODIED VOICE ON THE PHONE, UNLESS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND LISTEN IN.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS FOR DAN?

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT. IN TERMS OF SNAP, I'M REALLY CONCERNED THAT LAST CONGRESS TRIED TO TAKE \$39 BILLION AWAY FROM THE SNAP PROGRAM. AND SO THEY KIND OF COMPROMISED AND THE PRESIDENT SIGNED SOMETHING IN THE RANGE OF \$8.5 BILLION. DO YOU THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE ANY SNAP POLICIES AS A PRIORITY?

Mr. Bates: ONE, I THINK THAT, AND I'LL PULL UP THE AGENDA AS WE HAVE IT. I THINK THAT THERE'S TWO THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT THERE. ONE IS IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY ON RESTORING THE FUNDING THAT WAS CUT. I THINK THERE'S ALSO SOME LEVEL IN THE COUNTY ON WHAT THE IMPACTS ARE ON THE COUNTY. APPARENTLY, THERE'S SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER THE APPROPRIATIONS LEVEL IN THE LAST ONE COVERS SERVICE NEED OR WHETHER THE CUT ACTUALLY REPRESENTS A LOWER WORKLOAD,

AND I THINK PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT THAT. MY SENSE IS THAT WE HAVE A WELCOME AUDIENCE WITHIN OUR DELEGATION ON THE SNAP FUNDING. I THINK THAT WE CAN MAKE THE CASE ON ITS IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Mr. Bates: SENATOR MERKLEY IS NOW THE RANKING MEMBER ON THE AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH IS GREAT AND WILL BE A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE TO THAT. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ACTIVE ON FUNDING AND PARTICULARLY COMMISSIONER SMITH YOUR REFERENCES TO THE FARM BILL THAT PASSED LAST TIME AROUND. THAT WAS A SIGNIFICANT LOSS. MOST OF THE FIGHTS GOING FORWARD ON SNAP WILL BE ABOUT THE APPROPRIATION LEVELS AND FRANKLY, THERE IS THIS CLIFF THAT IS COMING, SEPTEMBER 30th, ON SOME OF THE SNAP PROGRAMS, NOT THE BIGGEST PROGRAMS BUT THAT'S ANOTHER AREA THE COUNTY CAN BE INVOLVED IN.

Commissioner Smith: AND YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT SOMETHING I HAD NO IDEA ABOUT. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30th? BUT I DIDN'T SEE IT ON YOUR LIST. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DO IS HEALTHCARE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. [ SILENCE ]

Ms. Black: DAN, DID YOU WANT TO RESPOND TO THAT OR DID YOU WANT US TO?

Mr. Bates: THE LAST PART OF COMMISSIONER SMITH'S QUESTION WAS MUTED ON MINE. IT WAS ABOUT CHIP AND WHETHER WE SHOULD HAVE THAT ON THE AGENDA?

Commissioner Smith: YEAH.

Mr. Bates: MY SENSE IS THAT WE TYPICALLY FOLLOW THE STATE'S LEAD ON THAT. THE STATE IS THE PRIMARY RECIPIENT OF THE FUNDING FROM THE CHIP PROGRAM AND LEAVE IT TO CLAUDIA ABOUT ITS ACTUAL EXPLICIT LISTING. WE'VE OFFERED OUR SUPPORT IN THE PAST.

Ms. Black: MADAM CHAIR, COMMISSIONER SMITH, THE FACT THAT IT WAS EXPIRING IS SOMETHING WE LEARNED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Commissioner Smith: THAT'S WHY IT WAS A SURPRISE TO ME. IT WASN'T ON ANY OF THE LISTS AND I WOULD THINK IT WOULD BE.

Ms. Black: THE WIC PIECE, CHIP, AND THE SNAP WE LEARNED LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT THEY WERE EXPIRING IN SEPTEMBER. I BELIEVE WE WOULD HAVE HAD THEM ON THE LIST OTHERWISE BUT AS I WILL MENTION THIS IS A FLUID, LIVING DOCUMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND EXPANSION AND RETRACTION DEPENDING ON ADDITIONAL INPUT THAT WE GET FROM DAN AND WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK, ESPECIALLY GOING INTO THIS CONGRESS WHERE WE KNOW THERE IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF GRIDLOCK AND BICKERING, THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED OUR LOBBYISTS AND DAN TO BE REALLY WATCHING AND KEEPING US INFORMED OF WHERE WE CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVE AND HOW WE CAN HELP ON THESE ISSUES. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SEE THESE OVER AND ALL THE THINGS THAT WE CARE ABOUT ARE GOING TO BE ON ATTACK OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AND WE'LL JUST BE THINKING PRESIDENT OBAMA, OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

Commissioner Smith: AND I JUST WANT TO GIVE SOME KIND OF RAY OF HOPE. DAN, YOU KNOW, BOTH CONGRESSES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE REPUBLICANS, IN THE SENATE THEY DON'T HAVE 60 VOTES. THEY ONLY HAVE 54 VOTES. SO THEY CANNOT OVERTURN A VETO. AND THAT IS ONE THING THAT I THINK WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND.

Mr. Bates: I THINK THAT'S A GREAT POINT. ONE OF THE THINGS I'VE MENTIONED TO YOU, THE LEGISLATIVE TEAM, WHICH IS IT ALSO CAN PRODUCE COMPROMISE WHEN YOU HAVE ONE PARTY CONTROLS THE CONGRESS AND THE OTHER THE ADMINISTRATION. WE'VE SEEN PAST EXAMPLES IN PAST PRESIDENCIES WHERE THERE WAS SOME WORK THAT GETS DONE WHEN THAT OCCURS. MOST FOLKS DON'T FIND PERFECT FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE BUT YOU CAN SEE A LITTLE BIT OF WORK GETTING DONE AND THE VETO HAS THAT POWER.

Chair Kafoury: WE WILL KEEP THAT HOPE IN OUR HEARTS. [ LAUGHTER ]

Ms. Black: SO JUST TO GET BACK TO THE PROPOSE AGENDA, IT DOES PROVIDE OUR FEDERAL LOBBYING TEAM ON GUIDANCE FOR THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY AND ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T HAVE IT ON OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, I DID ADD IN MY TALKING POINTS NOTES ABOUT SNAP, WIC AND CHIP BECAUSE I THINK THEY ARE REALLY IMPORTANT. WE'VE DIVIDED THE AGENDA INTO TWO PARTS, AND IT'S BUDGET PRIORITIES AND POLICY PRIORITIES AND THE FOUR OF US ARE GOING TO TAG TEAM THE DIFFERENT ISSUES SO THAT YOU WON'T GET TOO TIRED OF LISTENING TO ANY ONE OF US. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ARE THE TOP OF THE AGENDA AND THE FIRST ISSUE IS TO RESTORE THE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS TO THE 2014 LEVELS AND THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE HEALTH CENTER FUND AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

SO OVER THE YEARS, HEALTH CENTERS HAVE ENJOYED BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FROM CONGRESS AND OUR HEALTH CENTER, OUR HEALTHCARE CLINIC SYSTEM IS THE LARGEST IN OREGON. IT SERVES OVER 70,000 CLIENTS AT MORE THAN 20 SITES FROM NORTH PORTLAND TO ST. JOHN'S AND GRESHAM AND ROCKWOOD AND THEIR FAILURE TO REAUTHORIZE THIS HAS CREATED A PRIMARY CARE FUNDING CLIFF WHICH YOU MAY HAVE HEARD

ABOUT ON THE NEWS. THIS LACK OF ACTION FOR THE GRANT PROVIDES MULTNOMAH COUNTY PART OF ITS FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER DESIGNATION AND IF THEY FAIL TO REAUTHORIZE THIS FUND, IT WOULD MEAN A FOUR TO \$5 MILLION LOSS FOR THE HEALTH CENTERS. SO IT'S A PRETTY BIG DEAL FOR US. THIS WOULD MEAN REDUCED ACCESS AND FEWER SERVICES FOR UNINSURED CLIENT.

Ms. Black: WE'RE CERTAINLY HOPEFUL THAT THEY'LL REAUTHORIZE THIS FUND BECAUSE IT HAS HAD STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN THE PAST BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE TAKING IT FOR GRANTED. THE SECOND ONE IS TO INSURANCE MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING. WE GET A LOT OF FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FUNDS TOBACCO PREVENTION, DIABETES PREVENTION, EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY, HEPATITIS SURVEILLANCE AND SCREENING, HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION, THE RYAN WHITE PROGRAM TO NAME A FEW. AND THAT'S WHERE I INCLUDED IN MY NOTES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FUNDING FOR CHIP, SNAP AND WIC. AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO SHERI.

Ms. Campbell: WE'VE ALSO ADDED SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE DEFENDING CHILDHOOD AND PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES, THE FORMULA FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMS IN THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL. AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S A NUMBER OF FEDERAL FUNDING STREAMS THE COUNTY RECEIVES OR WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THAT ARE EITHER NOT CURRENTLY IN THE BUDGET OR NEED TO BE REAUTHORIZED. THESE GRANTS INCLUDE OUR EFFORTS TO TRAIN PROFESSIONALS TO SUPPORT THOSE WITH ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES. THEY WOULD EXPAND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT, INVEST IN COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION EFFORTS AND SUPPORT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

Ms. Black: TO THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA, WE ARE ALWAYS IN SUPPORT OF BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS, THE COUNTY IS HEAVILY RELIANT UPON FUNDING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS AS WELL AS LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND THESE GRANTS SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND SAFETY NET SERVICES THAT ARE VITAL TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS PROVIDES FUNDING FOR A LOT OF PROGRAMS. IT'S ALLOWED THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT PROJECTS THAT HELP STABILIZE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES BY IMPROVING THE SAFETY AND LIVABILITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT, THOSE FUNDS ARE DEDICATED TO LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES AND FUNDS MUST BE USED TO SUPPORT WORK IN ONE OF TWO AREAS, EASING THE EXPERIENCE OF THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY AND ENDING THE CONDITIONS THAT CAUSE POVERTY AND FUNDS ARE USED TO SUPPORT THE SUN SERVICES SYSTEM. THE FINAL ONE, THE PROGRAM, LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT HAVE A HIGH

PROPORTION OF THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR HOME ENERGY, IT HELPS THEM MEET THEIR IMMEDIATE HOME ENERGY NEEDS AND ALSO SUPPORTS WEATHERIZATION FOR LOW-INCOME HOMES, PRIMARILY THOSE OF SENIORS. AND SHERI'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE PROMISE ZONE DESIGNATION.

Ms. Campbell: WE'RE ASKING THE FEDERAL DELEGATION TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION WE SUBMITTED LAST FALL, ON BEHALF OF THE ROCKWOOD PROMISE ZONE. THAT ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED AT THIS POINT IN THE SPRING. THEY HAD SAID INITIALLY IT WAS GOING TO BE JANUARY. AND SO WE'RE ASKING TO CONTINUE THE SUPPORT ON THAT. WE'RE ALSO -- AS YOU KNOW WE'RE ALWAYS -- WE'RE UNABLE TO REALLY PREDICT ALL OF THE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE GOING TO COME DOWN AND SO WE ARE ON AN ONGOING BASIS IDENTIFYING DISCRETIONARY GRANTS AND ASKING FOR SUPPORT FROM OUR FEDERAL DELEGATION ON ALL OF THEM AND THEN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY ACROSS THE DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY THOSE THAT MAY BENEFIT FROM A MORE TARGETED ADVOCACY FROM OUR DELEGATION.

Ms. Black: AND THEN FINALLY, I GUESS THAT'S THE END OF OUR BUDGET PRIORITIES.

Ms. Campbell: IT IS. NO, JUST OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Mr. Fick: BUDGET PRIORITIES ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE FRONT, YOU'LL SEE THAT THE TOP TWO WILL LOOK FAMILIAR, WE'LL BE SEEKING FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AROUND GETTING THE FOUR LEVIED DISTRICTS ALONG THE COLUMBIA CORRIDOR UP TO REAUTHORIZATION STANDARDS MOVING FORWARD. AND BROWNFIELDS, THE EPA RUNS A BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES GRANTS FOR ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP OF SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS AND WE'LL BE SEEKING INCREASED FUNDING FOR THAT PROGRAM, AS WELL.

Ms. Black: WE'RE ALSO TRACKING THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVES, TYPICALLY KNOWN AS UASI, WE WERE CUT FROM THAT PROGRAM IN 2013 AND THEN RESTORED IN 2014 BUT AT A REDUCED LEVEL. AND SO WE'RE TRACKING THAT FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT OUR REGION CONTINUES TO GET THAT CRITICAL FUNDING SUPPORT. SO NOW MOVE ALONG TO POLICY PRIORITIES, THE FIRST ONE HAS TO DO WITH HEALTHCARE AND THIS IS TO END THE COST SHIFT TO LOCAL TAXPAYERS BY ALLOWING MEDICAID AND V.A. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL CARE TO INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED IN COUNTY JAILS. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT BOTH COMMISSIONER SMITH AND SHIPRACK HAVE SHOWN A GREAT DEAL OF LEADERSHIP ON. THEY'VE SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS WHICH WERE ADOPTED.

Ms. Black: AS LANDSCAPES CHANGE NOW, AS I MENTIONED LAST WEEK WITH OVER 95% OF RESIDENTS HAVING HEALTH INSURANCE, MANY OF THEM ARE COVERED BY MEDICAID BUT FEDERAL LAW DOES PROHIBIT COUNTY GOVERNMENTS FROM BILLING FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDED TO INMATES IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COUNTY. WE WOULD WANT TO HAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE THAT RESOLUTION.

Mr. Fick: ON THE VETERANS FRONT, WE'RE LOOKING TO MAKE TWO CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS. THE VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM IS A GREAT PROGRAM THAT HELPS MAKE HOUSING AFFORDABLE BY KEEPING IT BELOW 30% OF A VETERAN'S ADJUSTED INCOME. HOWEVER, THE PROGRAM DOESN'T ALLOW FOR USE OF FUNDS AS A SECURITY DEPOSIT, WHICH IS THE LARGEST SINGLE PLAYER TO VETERANS BEING ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THIS PROGRAM. WE'VE COME UP WITH THE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THIS BUT INCREASED FLEXIBILITY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL WOULD ALLOW US TO DO MORE OF THAT AND HELP US REACH OUR GOALS OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS AMONGST VETERANS BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND ALSO ALLOW OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE BETTER ADVANTAGE OF THOSE FEDERAL DOLLARS.

ON THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS' FAMILY FRONT, THIS IS A MORE FLEXIBLE AND EMERGENCY PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A NUMBER OF WRAP-AROUND SERVICES FOR VETERANS TO HELP PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND RAPIDLY REHOUSE VETERANS WHO ARE ALREADY HOMELESS. IT CAN PROVIDE EIGHT MONTHS OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE, MOVING COSTS, SECURITY DEPOSITS, UTILITY PAYMENTS, CHILDCARE AND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE BUT IN THAT EIGHT MONTH TIME PERIOD, IT'S OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR VETERANS TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET AND THAT TIMELINE IS TOO SHORT IN A TIGHT RENTAL MARKET LIKE WE HAVE HERE IN THE METRO AREA. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT EXTENDED TO 24 MONTHS. WE'RE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOMES FOR EVERYONE WORK GROUP WHICH CONSISTS OF THE CITIES OF PORTLAND, GRESHAM, HOME FORWARD, AND THE CENTRAL CITY CONCERN AND OTHERS, AS WELL.

THE PRESIDENT IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH PROPOSED EXPANDING AND STRENGTHENING THE FEDERAL FAMILY LEAVE POLICIES IN ORDER TO BETTER SUPPORT CHILDREN, FAMILIES AS WELL AS THE ECONOMY. HIS PROPOSAL CONSISTED OF THREE DIFFERENT COMPONENTS. HE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO OFFER \$1 MILLION FROM THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO HELP STATES CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES. HE'S ASKING CONGRESS FOR \$2.2 BILLION TO HELP FIVE STATES ADMINISTER AND PAY FOR FAMILY LEAVE PROGRAMS. HE'S ASKING FOR LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS WITH 15 OR MORE EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE SEVEN DAYS OF SICK LEAVE.

Mr. Scholes: THE HOUSING TRUST FUND WAS CREATED IN 2008 TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT ON SOME TRANSACTIONS AT FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC. WHEN THEY WERE BAILED OUT AND WENT UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL, THE ASSESSMENTS WERE DISCONTINUED, SUSPENDED. LAST MONTH, THE ADMINISTRATION REINSTATED IT AND ADVOCATES EXPECT IT WILL GENERATE BETWEEN 300 AND \$700 MILLION PER YEAR. SOME CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAVE VOWED TO DEFUND IT AND WE NEED TO DEFEND IT.

Ms. Campbell: WE'RE ALSO SUPPORTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PAY FOR SUCCESS POLICY INITIATIVES BY ASSURING ACCESS TO STARTUP FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AS YOU KNOW, WE JUST RECENTLY PUT IN AN APPLICATION AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS GET THE SUPPORT NECESSARY TO REALLY ANALYZE THIS APPROACH AND DO IT EFFECTIVELY BASED ON KNOWN PRACTICES.

Mr. Fick: DAN MENTIONED EARLIER THAT THE CURRENT FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE EXPIRES ON MAY 31st. THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE COMBINED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT BRIDGE FUNDING STREAMS INTO TWO DIFFERENT POTS OF MONEY. ONE IS FUNDING THAT ONLY PROVIDES MONEY FOR BRIDGES THAT ARE PART OF THE FEDERAL INTERSTATE SYSTEM OF WHICH MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS NONE AND ANOTHER POT OF MONEY IS THE SURFACE TRANSPORTING PROGRAM WHICH COMPETES WITH A LOT OF OTHER LOCAL NEEDS, ESSENTIALLY RESULTING IN LESS MONEY AVAILABLE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL FOR OUR BRIDGE NEEDS. WE'RE GOING TO SEE STAND ALONE BRIDGE FUNDING AS EXISTED UNDER PRIOR TRANSPORTATION PACKAGES. WE'RE SIMILARLY GOING TO ADVOCATE FOR THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TIGER GRANT PROGRAM WHICH WAS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR SELLWOOD BRIDGE FINANCING.

Mr. Scholes: THE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS IS, ONCE AGAIN, UNDER ATTACK IN THE CONGRESS. THE EXEMPTION IS A CRITICAL TOOL THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS USE TO FINANCE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE WOULD HAVE COST AN ADDITIONAL \$29.3 MILLION WITHOUT THIS CRITICAL TAX EXEMPTION. THE ADDITIONAL COST TO THE COURTHOUSE WOULD BE IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WE NEED TO PRESERVE THIS TOOL.

Ms. Black: THANK YOU, THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION TODAY. WE'RE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. I WANT TO THANK DAN FOR BEING ON THE PHONE TODAY AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT DAN AND THORN RUN COUNTIES IS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WE'RE VERY HAPPY WITH THE JOB THEY'RE DOING AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE ON

BEHALF OF OUR ENTIRE TEAM HERE WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS WORKING FOR YOU AND FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER McKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AROUND OUR PRIORITY AROUND VETERANS. WE IN A FEW WEEKS, SOME OF US WILL BE GOING BACK TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CONFERENCE AND WE HAD FROM OUR COMMITTEE, WE HAD OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM PHONE CALL YESTERDAY TO IDENTIFY OUR PRIORITIES THAT WILL BE WORKING AT THAT LEVEL AND I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE HUD VOUCHERS. THE BARRIER HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT YOU CAN'T USE ANY OF THAT MONEY FOR FLEXIBLE FUNDING AND I BELIEVE YOU CAN USE IN OTHER HUD PROGRAMS, YOU CAN USE SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS FOR THE FLEXIBLE FUNDING. SO I THINK THAT'S AN AREA WHERE WE CAN ADVOCATE FOR THOSE FLEXIBLE FUNDS AROUND THIS BECAUSE YOU CAN USE THEM IN OTHER HUD PROGRAMS. AND SO AT THE NACO LEVEL, WE WILL ALSO BE ADVOCATING FOR THESE TWO PRIORITIES THAT WE HAVE AROUND THE VETERANS ISSUES.

Ms. Black: EXCELLENT, THAT'S GOOD FOR DAN TO BE AWARE OF, AS WELL.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU FOR COMING. DO WE HAVE YOU NEXT WEEK AS WELL? NO? [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS, DAN.

Mr. Bates: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: WE ARE GOING TO NOW VOTE ON OUR FEDERAL AGENDA. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

**R.2 Advisory Committee on Sustainability & Innovation (ACSI) Briefing and Recommendations for 2015. Sponsors: Vice-Chair Bailey, District 1 & Office of Sustainability. Presenters: John Wasiutynski, Director of Multnomah County Office of Sustainability; Jackie Yerby, Chair; Mary Peveto, Vice-Chair; and Rebecca O'Neil, Immediate Past Chair - Advisory Committee on Sustainability & Innovation.**

Vice-Chair Bailey: SO MOVED.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS A NONVOTING ITEM.

Vice-Chair Bailey: I'LL MOVE IT ANYWAY.

Chair Kafoury: WE CAN VOTE ON IT ANYWAY. [LAUGHTER]

Vice-Chair Bailey: I WAS JUST SAYING I'M MOVED BY IT. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: I'LL SECOND THAT EMOTION. [LAUGHTER]

Ms. Yerby: WE WON'T SING FOR YOU.

Mr. Wasiutynski: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS JOHN WASIUTYNSKI, THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'M HAPPY AND PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH MY TWO COLLEAGUES FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION. THIS IS A COMMITTEE THAT WE WORK WITH VERY CLOSELY AND PROVIDE A LOT OF ADVICE TO US. SO THESE TWO FOLKS ARE EXCEPTIONAL EXAMPLES OF THE COMMITMENT THAT CITIZENS SHOW TO THE COUNTY TO WANT TO LEAD TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO LEAD ON SUSTAINABILITY.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHED IT IN 2010 TO ADVISE THE BOARD ON ISSUES REGARDING SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION. THE COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF 13 MEMBERS, AND IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT WE HAVE FIVE TO SIX SLOTS OPEN EVERY YEAR AND WE GET WELL IN EXCESS OF 20 TO 30 APPLICATIONS IN ANY GIVEN YEAR FOR SLOTS SO THAT'S AN INDICATION THAT THE COMMUNITY REALLY WANTS TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS WORK. MORE IMPORTANTLY, ACSI HELPED US UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE ISSUES AROUND THE GREENFIELDING POLICY THAT WAS ADOPTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THEY'RE CURRENTLY HELPING US ON THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CPACE PROGRAM THAT WE'LL TALK ABOUT IN A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL.

THEN I ALSO WANT TO JUST SAY THAT THE FOLKS ON THIS COMMITTEE ARE ALL VERY COMMITTED TO THE PROFESSIONAL LIVES, ALL OF THEM HAVE JOBS, LOTS OF COMMITMENTS TO CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THEY STILL MAKE THE TIME TO COME TO SOME EARLY MORNING MEETINGS WITH US AND SERVE ON SUBCOMMITTEES AND REALLY PROVIDE SOME GREAT EXPERTISE. SO I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR CARVING OUT TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO HELP THE COUNTY AND FINALLY, I WANTED TO THANK COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND HIS STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR. THEIR LEADERSHIP HAS HELPED BRING US TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN TERMS OF WHAT THIS COMMITTEE CAN DO. SO WITH THAT I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO JACKIE YERBY.

Ms. Yerby: GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? MY NAME IS JACKIE YERBY AND I'M THE NEWLY ELECTED CHAIR OF ACSI. AND I HAVE SERVED ON THIS COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. I WANTED TO START US OFF BY SHARING A BROAD PICTURE OF OUR WORK AND DESCRIBING HOW WE HOPE TO OPERATE GOING FORWARD.

2014 WAS THE FIRST TIME WE ESTABLISHED A CHARTER FOR OUR GROUP. THIS BRIEF DOCUMENT ESTABLISHES STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR OUR GROUP AND ARTICULATES A VISION. THAT VISION READS, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION WILL PROVIDE RELEVANT ADVICE AND INPUT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UPON REQUEST OR ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE NEAR AND LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COMMUNITIES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Ms. Yerby: THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEFINES SUSTAINABILITY AS A BALANCE OF EQUITY, ENVIRONMENT, AND ECONOMY WHERE NO ONE PRIORITY IS SACRIFICED FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT EFFORTS THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF SOME WHILE DISREGARDING OR ENDANGERING THE WELLBEING OF OTHERS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED SUSTAINABLE. WITH THIS VISION IN MIND, I'M REALLY PLEASED TO BE WORKING SO CLOSELY WITH COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND HIS TEAM AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

THESE TYPES OF COLLABORATIONS HELP LEAD TO THE INNOVATIVE IDEAS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR COMMITTEE PUT FORWARD AND TO SUPPORT THE GOOD WORK THAT IS ALREADY TAKING PLACE IN THE COUNTY. AND SO THE QUESTION, WHAT I BROUGHT TO ACSI WAS I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE SUPPORTING THINGS THAT WERE ALREADY TAKING PLACE AND NOT SIMPLY ADDING TO THE WORKLOAD THAT WAS GOING ON AND THERE WERE A LOT OF REALLY GOOD THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON THAT I FEEL THAT WE AS A COMMITTEE CAN GIVE KIND OF ADDITIONAL LIFT TO. IT'S OUR INTENTION TO MAKE AN ANNUAL SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD AND SO WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE MARY PEVETO TO SPEAK IN MORE DETAIL ABOUT A 2014 RECOMMENDATION THAT SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SHAPING.

Ms. Peveto: THANK YOU, JACKIE AND JOHN FOR YOUR OPENING COMMENTS AND THANK YOU, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS MARY PEVETO, AND I'M THE ACTING VICE-CHAIR OF THE ACSI AND FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, I HAVE BEEN WORKING THROUGH ACSI AND WITH THE COUNTY STAFF TO EVALUATE THE THREAT SPECIFICALLY TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM AIR TOXICS AND ALSO ELEVATE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THAT RISK TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND TO DECISION MAKERS. AND THANKS TO THE COUNTY'S CRITICAL WORK ON THIS ISSUE, IT'S BECOME CLEAR THAT A MAJOR THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH ARE THESE TOXIC EMISSIONS FROM DIRTY DIESEL ENGINES, THEY'RE CALLED DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER, THESE TINY PARTICLES THAT PASS DEEP THROUGH OUR LUNGS AND NOT JUST CAUSE YOU RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS THAT YOU MORE GENERALLY ASSOCIATE WITH AIR POLLUTION BUT THESE VERY FINE, TINY PARTICLES CAN PASS INTO THE BLOODSTREAM AND THAT'S WHERE

THEY BECOME SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS AND ARE RELATED TO CANCERS, AS WELL AS SIGNIFICANT LINKS TO AUTISM, EARLY EXPOSURE OF MOTHERS AND UNBORN CHILDREN.

Ms. Peveto: WE ALSO HAVE DISCOVERED THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS THE FOURTH HIGHEST RATE OF EXPOSURE TO DIESEL PARTICULATES IN THE COUNTRY AND SO WHILE THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE ANY DIRECT AUTHORITY OVER AIR QUALITY, THE COUNTY HAS SHOWN THE LEADERSHIP BY ELEVATING THIS ISSUE, BY PROVIDING THE BETTER UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THIS THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND INDEED THIS WAS SHOWN NO BETTER PLACE THAN IN THE MOST RECENT 2014 MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES REPORT WHERE BY USING A DIESEL EXPOSURE LENS WAS ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT DIESEL RISK IS A RISK TO ALL OF US BUT THAT CENSUS TRACKS THAT HAVE HIGHER PROPORTIONS OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE ACTUALLY SUFFERING AND EXPOSED TO TWO TO THREE TIMES TO CENSUS TRACKS THAT HAVE MORE SIGNIFICANT WHITE POPULATIONS.

THIS IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE AS WELL AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUE FOR ALL OF US. AND SO WE ASKED THE COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL ON AIR QUALITY TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE SOURCES OF DIESEL SOOT EMISSIONS AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO HEAR AND LEARN THAT THE COUNTY DID PASS THIS IN THEIR MOST RECENT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA THAT THEY WILL SUPPORT THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE SOURCE OF POLLUTION. I'M ALSO PLEASED THAT WE HAVE THE ONGOING SUPPORT FROM STAFF. THIS HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO GIVE US THE EVIDENCE-BASED ANALYSIS AND DATA THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT THESE KINDS OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS.

FINALLY OUR LAST PIECE THAT WE ADDRESSED WAS SOMETHING THAT I'M VERY HOPEFUL THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY IN 2015 TO ENSURE THAT WE PUT FORWARD FOR THE COUNTY A CLEAN DIESEL CONTRACTING POLICY SO THAT NO COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL BECOME A SOURCE OF DIRTY DIESEL SOOT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE OVER THE LAST YEAR, I'M REALLY PLEASED THAT THE BOARD HAS CONTINUED TO SUPPORT US ON THIS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU MORE AS WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. SO HAND IT BACK TO JACKIE TO TALK MORE.

Ms. Yerby: I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF REBECCA O'NEIL WHO WAS THE PAST CHAIR OF ACSI. SHE WAS GOING TO BE WITH US HERE TODAY BUT SHE'S CAUGHT THE COLD THAT'S BEEN GOING AROUND SO SHE STAYED HOME AND I GET TO SPEAK ON THINGS THAT SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN WORKING ON. WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ITS PLACE WITHIN THE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE

SERVICES. I ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR DECIDING TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM CALLED CPACE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS IS THE FIRST ENERGY RECOMMENDATION IN THE LETTER THAT WE SENT TO YOU LAST FALL. AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO SEE THIS PROGRAM ADVANCE. WE ARE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE BOARD AND OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AS WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.

Ms. Yerby: OUR SECOND RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT AFFIRMS THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT AND TO CONDUCT A BROADER SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW OF ITS INVESTMENTS WITH AN EQUITY AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE LENS. THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE BOARD AMEND THE ACSI ORDINANCE TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO SERVE THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS. MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY LIMITED TO TWO TWO-YEAR CONSECUTIVE TERMS WHICH WE BELIEVE DOES NOT ALLOW FOR RETENTION OF INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF MEMBERS BEFORE THEY CYCLE OFF. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WE OPEN IT UP FOR YOUR QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? GO AHEAD.

Vice-Chair Bailey: THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. I WANT TO THANK CHAIR KAFOURY FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ACSI.

Chair Kafoury: IT WAS A HARD CHOICE.

Vice-Chair Bailey: AND FOR THE CHAIR'S OFFICE SUPPORT OF THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND THE INITIATIVE THERE. I THINK WHAT WE'VE SEEN OF ACSI IS REALLY REMARKABLE. WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLY TALENTED GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT SECTORS REPRESENTED ACROSS MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND A NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES AND THAT TALENT IN A ROOM TOGETHER IS FRANKLY, A LITTLE BIT SCARY BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF REALLY GOOD IDEAS AND IT IS VERY QUICKLY CLEAR AND EVEN A SHORT DISCUSSION WITH THE ACSI GROUP THAT IT IS INCUMBENT UPON MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO HARNESS THAT ENERGY AND TO DIRECT IT IN A USEFUL WAY, TO TAKE THAT INPUT AND USE THAT GROUP AND THERE'S SO MANY BUSY PEOPLE THAT ARE GIVING THEIR TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY LIVES TO BE PART OF THIS THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE HONORING THAT COMMITMENT AND THE COMMITMENT THAT YOU ALL HAVE MADE TO THE GROUP SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT.

Vice-Chair Bailey: I THINK THE RECOMMENDATIONS YOU PUT FORWARD ARE EXCELLENT. I WOULD PARTICULARLY SUPPORT FOR THE RECORD THE IDEA THAT WE WOULD LENGTHEN THE TERMS FOR OUR ACSI MEMBERS. BECAUSE WE'RE ASKING SO MUCH OF BUSY PEOPLE. WE TRY NOT TO BRING THEM TOGETHER MORE OFTEN THAN IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY BUT THAT ALSO MEANS WE NEED A LONGER TIME IN ORDER TO GET A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN AND WE WANT TO REALLY RETAIN THAT TALENT. BUT WHETHER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DIESEL EMISSIONS, CLEAN ENERGY, COMMERCIAL PACE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND DIVESTMENT, THIS IS A GROUP THAT'S GOING TO CREATE THE NEXT ROUND OF REALLY AMAZING IDEAS THAT WILL HELP KEEP US AT THE FOREFRONT OF SUSTAINABILITY. SO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING.

Mr. Wasiutynski: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. I DO WANT TO THANK JACKIE, TOO, FOR HER KIND WORDS ABOUT THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND HER DESIRE TO FOCUS THE ENERGY OF THE GROUP TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE WORKING SMART TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT CREATING A LOT OF EXTRA WORK BUT SUPPORTING INITIATIVES THAT EXIST AND PUSHING THE COUNTY IN AREAS WHERE WE MAYBE CAN EXPAND OR ADVANCE NEW IDEAS.

Vice-Chair Bailey: I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE JOHN WASIUTYNSKI ON HIS NOW PERMANENT POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY. CONGRATULATIONS, IT'S AN EXCELLENT CHOICE. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE YOUR LEADERSHIP THERE.

Mr. Wasiutynski: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. THANK YOU, DEBORAH. SORRY, CHAIR KAFOURY.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU. I WANT TO PILE ON IN THIS BIG THANK YOU. I AM SO IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING THROUGH ACSI, NO NEED TO REPEAT ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT COMMISSIONER BAILEY SAID BUT THE LETTER THAT YOU SENT OUT RECENTLY WITH YOUR ANNUAL SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS WAS REALLY SPECTACULAR. IT WAS SUCCINCT, IT WAS TO THE POINT, SOME VISIONARY BUT DOABLE, BUT I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE DUPLICATED THAT AND SENT IT TO SOME OF THE OTHER GROUPS THAT WE HAVE, ADVISORY GROUPS THAT WE HAVE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO GIVE THEM AN EXAMPLE OF REALLY WHAT I THINK IS STELLAR WORK. YOU'RE KIND OF THE POSTER CHILDREN NOW FOR THE ADVISORY GROUPS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT AND LOOK FORWARD TO DOING SOME GOOD WORK.

Mr. Wasiutynski: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION NON-D-01-15 Emergency Management State Homeland Security Grant. Presenter: Dave Houghton, Office of Emergency Management.**

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner McKeel: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS. WE'RE WAITING. I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: WE WERE WAITING. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: HE'S NEW. IT TAKES HIM A LITTLE WHILE. [LAUGHTER] GO AHEAD DAVE. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Houghton: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M DAVE HOUGHTON, MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HERE TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION WHICH APPROPRIATES \$40,000 OF F.Y. 14 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS TO CONDUCT A HUMAN CAUSE AND TECHNOLOGICAL HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT. THIS HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY'S NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING. WE DO THAT PLANNING EVERY FIVE YEARS IN THE COUNTY. AND YOU'LL PROBABLY HEAR MORE ABOUT IT LATER THIS YEAR.

THIS PLANNING PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF NATURAL HAZARDS AND IDENTIFIES MITIGATION STRATEGIES THAT CAN BE TAKEN. THE NEW FUNDING ALLOWS US TO INTEGRATE HUMAN CAUSE AND TECHNOLOGICAL HAZARDS INTO THIS YEAR'S ASSESSMENT. IN TOTAL THEN, THE ASSESSMENT INFORMS RESPONSE AND MITIGATION PLANNING AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ITSELF BUT ALSO IN OUR DEPARTMENTS AND SUBJURISDICTIONS. THIS BUDMOD ALSO ADJUSTS EXPENDITURES SO THE NET PROGRAM BUDGET INCREASE IS \$17,170. ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A COMMENT, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU. ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES AROUND CREATING THIS PLAN IS THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN, THAT IF THERE IS A DISASTER, WE WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR POST-DISASTER FUNDING FROM THE FEDS OR THE STATE.

Mr. Houghton: YES, THAT PUTS IT AT RISK, RIGHT.

Commissioner Smith: MUCH RISK. AND SO THE OTHER ISSUE IS, KNOWING THAT WE HAVE TO KEEP THIS, IF WE DON'T GET THIS GRANT, HOW WILL WE PAY FOR THIS PLAN?

Mr. Houghton: SO THERE'S TWO THINGS. THE GRANT ITSELF THAT I'M REFERRING TO NOW, WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED. SO WE DID THE NOTICE OF INTENT LAST JULY. SO THE FUNDS ARE IN PLACE FOR THE HUMAN CAUSE AND TECHNOLOGICAL HAZARD RISK ASSESSMENT. THE NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING IS DONE WITH THE FUNDS AND STAFFING IN OUR OWN OFFICE. SO WE'RE ALREADY ON TRACK TO CONDUCT THAT PLAN.

Commissioner Smith: AND SO WHEN WILL THAT PLAN BE COMPLETED?

Mr. Houghton: I DON'T HAVE AN EXACT DATE. I WOULD SAY ABOUT MAY OF THIS YEAR. SO IT WILL BE DONE ON TIME TO MEET OUR FIVE-YEAR DEADLINE AND IT HAS TO BE APPROVED HERE, AND THEN UPSTREAM ALL THE WAY TO THE FEDS FOR THE NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PIECE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

**R.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-22-15 Requesting Approval to Appropriate \$35,000 from the Oregon State Homeland Security Program. Presenter: Kathryn Richer, Healthcare Preparedness Region 1 Liaison/Medical Examiner Program Mgr.**

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Vice-Chair Bailey: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: SOUNDS FAMILIAR. COMMISSIONER BAILEY MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Ms. Richer: THIS DOVE TAILS REALLY NICELY WITH DAVE'S PRESENTATION. GOOD MORNING, I'M KATHRYN RICHER, PROGRAM MANAGER FOR REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND BY REGION I MEAN ALL THE METRO, COUNTIES, AS WELL AS COLUMBIA COUNTY, CLATSOP AND TILLAMOOK COUNTIES AND I MANAGE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE. WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR \$35,000 IN GRANT FUNDS WE RECEIVED FROM THE SAME GRANT, STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM. THIS IS FOR TRAUMA SURGE PLANNING. WHAT IS A TRAUMA CENTER? IT'S A HOSPITAL EQUIPPED AND STAFFED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO PATIENTS SUFFERING TRAUMATIC INJURIES. THEY ARE DEFINED, THE TRAUMA CENTERS ARE DEFINED BY LEVELS ONE THROUGH FIVE, LEVEL ONES MEAN THEY CAN PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF CARE FOR SEVERELY INJURED PATIENTS WITH COMPLEX MULTISYSTEM TRAUMA.

THERE ARE TWO LEVEL ONE TRAUMA HOSPITALS IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF OREGON, OHSU AND LEGACY EMANUEL. THEIR CAPACITY AT ANY TIME DEPENDS ON BEDS, STAFF, OPERATING ROOM AVAILABILITY, AND HOW BADLY PATIENTS ARE INJURED AND WHAT BODY SYSTEMS ARE AFFECTED LIKE IF THEY NEED SURGERY RIGHT AWAY, ETC. WE DO HAVE HOSPITALS ACROSS THE STATE THAT PROVIDE TRAUMA SERVICES AT LOWER LEVELS BUT NOT AT LEVEL ONE. THE CLOSEST LEVEL ONE TRAUMA CENTER TO OUR NORTH IS SEATTLE, SOUTH IS SACRAMENTO. AND THERE ARE NONE IN IDAHO. THIS IS A LITTLE UNNERVING WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF TRAUMA VICTIMS THAT WE WOULD HAVE DURING A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE, A BOMBING, RECALL THE PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE BOMBING ATTEMPT IN 2010. UNFORTUNATELY, I THINK ABOUT THAT EVERY YEAR WHEN THE EVENT ROLLS AROUND.

Ms. Richer: SO WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU HAVE A SURGE OF TRAUMA PATIENTS AND NO CAPACITY TO SERVE THEM? THAT'S OUR CONCERN. THIS IS WHAT OUR REGIONAL TRAUMA SURGE PLAN ADDRESSES, HOW TO DEAL WITH A LARGE VOLUME OF TRAUMA PATIENTS THAT ARE ENOUGH TO INUNDATE OUR TWO TRAUMA HOSPITALS HERE IN OREGON. OTHER AREA HOSPITALS WOULD NEED TO ACCEPT TRAUMA PATIENTS AND BE ABLE TO CARE THEM FOR THEM THEY COULD BE TRANSPORTED AND CURRENTLY THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO DO THIS. SO OUR REGIONAL HEALTH PREPAREDNESS REPORT IDENTIFIED THIS PLANNING AS A PRIORITY IN 2012. WE'RE ALMOST DONE WITH THIS EFFORT AND YOUR APPROVAL OF THE GRANT FUNDS GUARANTEE THAT WE DISTRIBUTE THE PLAN FOR HEALTH PROVIDERS AND A TRAUMA TRAINING VIDEO TO ENHANCE WIDESPREAD UNDERSTANDING, EMS, HOSPITAL FOLKS, OF THE ENTIRE TRAUMA SURGE PROCESS FROM THE INCIDENT SCENE TO THE HOSPITAL.

AND LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT RECEIPT OF THIS GRANT DEMONSTRATES OUR HIGHLY COLLABORATIVE AND GREAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH OHSU AND LEGACY WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP THIS PLAN, AS WELL AS OUR URBAN AREA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGERS, STATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE REGIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATION WHOSE LEADERSHIP SUBMITTED ENDORSEMENT LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF THIS GRANT, KINDLY REQUESTED THROUGH DAVE HOUGHTON THROUGH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. IT'S VERY UNUSUAL FOR THESE TYPES OF FUNDS TO BE USED FOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS PREPAREDNESS, AND IT'S MY HOPE THAT WE'RE SETTING A PRECEDENT THAT WILL BENEFIT US IN THE FUTURE IN THE FACE OF DECLINING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM PREPAREDNESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. MADAM CHAIR, WE HAD A WONDERFUL -- DAVE, COULD YOU COME BACK UP? AT THE RDPO MEETING LAST WEEK, THEY GAVE US A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON HOW WE HAVE TO GO ABOUT GETTING A STATE EMERGENCY OR FEDERAL EMERGENCY, I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD TO SEE EITHER THROUGH A BOARD BRIEFING OR, YOU KNOW, ON A THURSDAY MEETING, BECAUSE IT WAS REALLY, REALLY HELPFUL INFORMATION.

Mr. Houghton: WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT. THANK YOU FOR THE SUGGESTION.

Commissioner Smith: THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WHEN I READ THIS, I WASN'T SURE WHAT A TRAUMA SURGE WAS. NOW, I REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT. SO WOULD ALL HOSPITALS BE TRAINED TO DO THIS? OR WOULD THE TRAINING HAPPEN IN SELECT HOSPITALS AROUND THE REGION?

Ms. Richer: ALL OF THE MATERIALS THAT WE DEVELOP WILL GO TO EVERY SINGLE HOSPITAL IN THE REGION AND WE HOPE TO MAKE IT GO STATEWIDE. WE DEVELOPED A BURN SURGE PLAN IN THE SAME WAY AND THAT HAS GONE STATEWIDE AND NOW, THERE'S CONSISTENT TRAININGS ON HOW TO PROVIDE CARE FOR BURN PATIENTS BEFORE THEY CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BURN CENTER, WHICH IS HERE, AS WELL. SO OUR DREAM IS THAT IT WILL GO STATEWIDE. FOR NOW, IT WILL BE IN THE REGION.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

**R.5 Authorizing Settlement of *Daryl Winchester v. Multnomah County*, Multnomah County Circuit Court Case No. 1312-17466. Presenter: Katharine von Ter Stegge, Assistant County Attorney.**

Ms. Von Ter Stegge: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M KATE VON TER STEGGE.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner McKeel: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5. THANK YOU.

Ms. Von Ter Stegge: SORRY ABOUT THAT. I'M HERE FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SEEKING AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE DARYL WINCHESTER VERSUS MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THIS IS A CASE THAT COMES OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. WE DISCUSSED IT AT A PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND THEN IN CONVERSATIONS LAST WEEK. AND I'M HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: ANY BOARD COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE SETTLEMENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

**R.6 Briefing on the LGBT Designation for Adult Care Homes. Presenter: Peggy Brey, Director, County Aging & Disabilities Services; Carolyn McGrath, Adult Care Home Program, Placement Specialist; Juan Galdamez, Adult Home Care Operator.**

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. THIS IS A NON-VOTING ITEM.

Ms. Brey: GOOD MORNING. SO THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS FOR LETTING US COME HERE TODAY. I'M PEGGY BREY, DIRECTOR FOR COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITIES SERVICES. AND WE HAVE A REALLY EXCITING AND GROUNDBREAKING INITIATIVE THAT WE'VE BEEN JUST STARTING TO ROLL OUT IN OUR ADULT CARE HOME PROGRAM. AND CAROLYN McGRATH IS GOING TO START US OFF WITH A PRESENTATION AND WE HAVE A GUEST WHO WILL ALSO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND THEN FOLLOWING THIS, THERE'S AN A LITTLE SOIREE, IF YOU WILL, OF COFFEE AND BREAKFAST FOOD. SO WITH THAT I'M GOING TO ASK CAROLYN AND JUST FROM A LOGISTICS, DO YOU HAVE THE PRESENTATION ON YOUR LAPTOPS? OKAY GREAT THANK YOU. CAROLYN, PLEASE.

Ms. McGrath: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY, TO DESCRIBE FOR YOU AND BRIEF YOU ABOUT OUR GROUNDBREAKING EQUITY WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AT THE ADULT CARE HOME PROGRAM. I'M CAROLYN McGRATH. I AM THE PLACEMENT SPECIALIST WITH THE ADULT CARE HOME PROGRAM, AND I ALSO HAD THE HONOR OF BEING SELECTED TO BE THE PROJECT LEAD FOR DESIGNING THE LGBT WELCOMING DESIGNATION FOR ADULT CARE HOMES. WE ALSO HOPE TO HAVE JUAN GALDAMEZ JOIN US THIS MORNING, HE'S ONE OF THE NINE OPERATORS WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED. HE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE HIS PERSPECTIVE WITH YOU. HOPEFULLY, HE'LL GET THAT CHANCE. SO HISTORICALLY, WHY THE NEED FOR THE DESIGNATION? BACK IN 2012, LINE STAFF WERE COMING TO MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING INEQUITIES IN SERVICE DELIVERY TO OUR LGBT CONSUMERS. SO LEADERSHIP AT ADVSD

DECIDED WE NEEDED TO FOUND AN LGBT ALLIANCE MADE UP OF ALLIANCE STAFF, COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS AND COME UP WITH CONCRETE PLANS TO SOLVE INEQUITIES.

Ms. McGrath: BARRIERS WERE IDENTIFIED AND ONE OF THE MAJOR BARRIERS THAT WAS IDENTIFIED ALSO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAGE METRO PORTLAND, WHICH IS A NATIONAL ADVOCACY GROUP FOR LGBT ELDERS AND HAS A VERY STRONG LOCAL CHAPTER THAT WE WORK WITH REGULARLY, THEY REPORTED WHAT OUR STAFF WAS REPORTING AND THAT WAS THAT LGBT ADULTS, ELDERS IN PARTICULAR, WHO HAD BEEN IN THE CLOSET FOR MUCH OF THEIR LIVES AND WERE NOW OUT WERE VERY AFRAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK INTO THE CLOSET IF THEY NEEDED CARE IN A CARE FACILITY. SO THAT'S WHEN THIS BECAME TOP PRIORITY FOR THE LGBT ALLIANCE AND THE DECISION WAS MADE TO DESIGN AND COMPLEMENT THE DESIGNATION. SO WHY ADULT CARE HOMES? THESE ARE SMALL CARE HOMES, NONMEDICAL MODEL, ALL THROUGHOUT NEIGHBORHOODS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OVER 600 OF THEM TOTAL. UP TO FIVE PEOPLE ARE SERVED, HANDS ON CARE, MEALS, MEDICATION MANAGEMENT, ONE OPERATOR OWNER WHO IS FREQUENTLY THE MAIN CAREGIVER IN THE HOME SO YOU HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF RESIDENT, YOU HAVE A LIMIT NUMBER OF CAREGIVERS. YOU HAVE GOOD OVERSIGHT AND PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HOME.

OUR PRIMARY GOAL AT THE ADULT CARE HOME PROGRAM IS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THESE HOMES BY LICENSING AND MONITORING THEM. THIS IS THE ONLY CARE FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED BY THE COUNTY AS OPPOSED TO THE STATE. SO IT MAKES SENSE FOR THAT REASON ALSO FOR THE DESIGNATION TO BE FOR THE ADULT CARE HOMES BECAUSE WE CAN IMPLEMENT THAT MORE EASILY ON A LOCAL LEVEL. SO AS THE PROJECT LEAD, I FORMED A WORK GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS, STAFF, AND MANAGEMENT. WE REPORTED TO THE ALLIANCE, LGBT ALLIANCE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE FIRST THING WE DID WAS DECIDE WHAT COMPONENT SHOULD COMPRISE THE DESIGNATION.

CHECKLISTS FOR THE LICENSER OF THE HOME AND THE OPERATOR SPECIFICALLY WHAT THE STEPS WERE FOR GETTING THE DESIGNATION SO THEY KNOW WHAT'S EXPECTED. GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATOR SO THAT THEY CAN REALLY HAVE SPECIFICS ON HOW TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT THAT RESPECTS PEOPLE'S CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY AND PREFERENCES. A CODE OF CONDUCT, WHICH THE OPERATOR HAS IN THE FORM OF A POSTER, POSTS IN THE HOME DEMONSTRATING THEIR COMMITMENT TO CREATING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE. AND ALL THE CAREGIVERS IN THE HOME ARE AWARE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT. THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HOME, AND PEOPLE WHO DECIDE TO MOVE INTO THE HOME ARE REVIEWING THE CODE

OF CONDUCT AND DECIDING YES, I WANT TO LIVE HERE. WE DESIGNED A WELCOMING SYMBOL, AND THEN WE DESIGNED TRAINING AND THE ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE PARTICIPATING OPERATORS WITH THE GOAL OF BUILDING THE NUMBER OF OPERATORS WHO PARTICIPATE OVER EACH YEAR.

Ms. McGrath: AS THE WORK GROUP CREATED, DESIGNED, PERFECTED EACH OF THOSE ELEMENTS, WE NEEDED TO VET THEM THROUGH A VARIETY OF ENTITIES. THERE WAS THE ALLIANCE STEERING COMMITTEE, ADVSD LEADERSHIP. WE ALSO MET WITH LGBT CONSUMERS THROUGH PORTLAND METRO SAGE AT THE LGBT MEAL SITE AND PRESENTED THE COMPONENTS TO THEM WHEN WE WERE FINISHED DESIGNING THEM. THEN IT NEEDED TO GO THROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC RELATIONS, THROUGH COUNTY COUNCIL AND FINALLY, THROUGH DCHS LEADERSHIP. SO ONCE ALL THE ELEMENTS WERE DESIGNED, WE COULD START TRAINING OUR OPERATORS AND BRINGING THEM UP TO SPEED. AND WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY 30 SOLIDLY INTERESTED OPERATORS. WE DID A SURVEY, INQUIRING WHO HAD EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH LGBT ADULTS, WE SENT E-MAILS, WE ALSO SHOWED THE AWARD-WINNING FILM GEM SILENT AND INVITED THE OPERATORS TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION AND THAT ACTUALLY SERVED AS THE FIRST TRAINING THAT THE OPERATORS FOR THE DESIGNATION PARTICIPATED IN. AND SAGE METRO PORTLAND PARTNERED WITH US IN COMING UP WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THAT, AND THE OTHER TRAININGS WHICH INVOLVED SKILLS BUILDING AND SPECIFIC INCIDENTS THAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE HOME AND HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THAT IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS.

NINE OPERATORS COMPLETED ALL THE TRAININGS AND WERE READY FOR THE DESIGNATION, WHICH INVOLVED ME GOING OUT TO DO HOME VISITS, EVENTUALLY IT WOULD BE THE LICENSER OF THE HOME THAT WOULD DO THE HOME VISIT WITH THEM TO REVIEW THE GUIDELINES, TO REVIEW AND POST THE CODE OF CONDUCT, TO POST A WELCOMING SYMBOL WHICH WE'LL SHOW YOU IN A MOMENT IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOME SO THAT PEOPLE ENTERING THE HOME SEE IT BEFORE THEY EVEN COME THROUGH THE DOOR. AND ALSO, WE'VE PROVIDED THEM WITH LGBT RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR THEIR OWN EDUCATION AND TO SHARE WITH RESIDENTS IN THE HOME. SO THIS IS THE WINDOW CLING THAT EACH PARTICIPATING OPERATOR HAS IN THEIR HOME ALONG WITH THEIR CODE OF CONDUCT POSTER.

THE ELEMENTS WE'VE DESCRIBED WE ALSO BROUGHT TIED ON A DISPLAY BOARD THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT IF YOU'RE ABLE TO CELEBRATE WITH US A BIT AFTER THE PRESENTATION. AND THEN THIS IS A PICTURE OF AN ADULT CARE HOME. IT HAPPENS TO BE JUAN GALDAMEZ'S HOME AND I WONDER IF JUAN MIGHT BE HERE. NOT YET? HE PRESENTED HIS STORY RECENTLY TO SAGE METRO PORTLAND'S PARTICIPANTS AT THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY AND JUAN IS FROM CENTRAL AMERICA AND HAS

EXPERIENCED A LOT OF DISCRIMINATION PERSONALLY IN THIS COUNTRY SO WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION, HE REALLY WANTED TO PARTICIPATE AND EACH OF THE PARTICIPATING OPERATORS HAD THEIR OWN UNIQUE STORY AND REASON FOR WANTING TO BE PART OF THE DESIGNATION. AND JUAN WAS WANTING TO DO THAT TODAY AND TELL YOU ABOUT THAT. BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. ANY QUESTIONS?

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE ONE COMMENT CHAIR, THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE TO IDENTIFY THE NEED IN HOW WE CAN ADDRESS IT AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER BAILEY?

Vice-Chair Bailey: I WOULD JUST PILE ON AND SAY THAT THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT WORK FOR FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY. I DON'T THINK IT'S TO BE UNDERESTIMATED HOW VALUABLE THIS IS FOR PEOPLE AT A CRITICAL POINT IN THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN SAID. THIS IS IMPORTANT WORK FOR A POPULATION, A SPECIFIC POPULATION AND THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. I DID HAVE A QUESTION AROUND -- YOU HAVE NINE OPERATORS THAT HAVE COMPLETED; IS THAT CORRECT? WHAT IS THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AROUND THE COUNTY OF THOSE NINE? OR YOU CAN GET BACK TO ME.

Ms. McGrath: YES. WELL, IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE ONE OF THE HOMES ACTUALLY SERVES PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND IS IN NORTH PORTLAND. THE REST OF THE HOMES SERVE YOUNGER DISABLED ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS AGES 64 PLUS. AND THOSE HOMES, ONE'S IN NORTH PORTLAND, THE MAJORITY OF THEM AS MOST OF OUR HOMES, THE MAJORITY OF THE HOMES, LIE BETWEEN 122nd AND 162nd IN THE MIDCOUNTRY AREA.

Commissioner McKeel: OKAY. AND IT SAYS YOU IDENTIFIED 30 INTERESTED OPERATORS AND NINE COMPLETED THE TRAINING. DO YOU ANTICIPATE SOME OF THOSE OTHER FOLKS?

Ms. McGrath: ABSOLUTELY BECAUSE 30 EXPRESSED INTEREST INITIALLY BUT THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND A COUPLE OF THE TRAININGS.

Commissioner McKeel: IT'S A TIMING ISSUE. BUT THEY WILL BE RECEIVING THE TRAININGS AND GETTING THE DESIGNATION?

Ms. McGrath: WE'RE HOPING A GROUP OF SIMILAR HOMES WILL BE DESIGNATED THIS YEAR.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WORK.

Chair Kafoury: AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU, AS WELL. THIS IS REALLY A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF HOW MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN BEING PROACTIVE IN ASSESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND I CAN THINK OF NOTHING WORSE THAN BEING AN ELDER WHO HAS LIVED A LIFE, HOPEFULLY, THINGS ARE CHANGING IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING ABLE TO EXPRESS WHO YOU REALLY ARE IN THE PLACE THAT YOU CALL YOUR HOME WOULD BE REALLY A DESPERATE SITUATION. AND I SEE THAT WE HAVE JUAN HERE TODAY, AM I RIGHT? THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING. WE HAVE TIME FOR YOU TO STATE YOUR NAME, AND THEN TO TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES.

Mr. Galdamez: MY NAME IS JUAN GALDAMEZ, WE LIVE RIGHT OFF 157th AND HALSEY. WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS, AND IT'S BEEN ACTUALLY AN HONOR TO BE PART OF THE LGBT TRAINING. BECAUSE I'M AN IMMIGRANT FROM EL SALVADOR, I'M NOT A STRANGER FROM THIS, IT'S RELATED TO HOW EVERYBODY FEELS COMING TO THE NEW PLACES, COMING TO A HOME WHERE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S COMING TO THEM. FOR US, IT'S LIKE HAVING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR ELDERLY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE'RE THERE FOR THEM AND THAT THIS IS A PROCESS THAT WE'RE LEARNING AND WE'LL MAKE MISTAKES AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO AVOID THEM AS MUCH AS WE CAN. AND WE WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR GIVING US THIS TRAINING, IT'S REALLY INTERESTING FOR US TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: WELL THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING A LEADER AND BEING ONE OF THE FIRST NINE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO RECEIVE THIS DESIGNATION AND THE EXTRA TIME THAT IT'S TAKEN FROM YOUR LIFE TO PARTICIPATE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOT JUST THE RESIDENTS OF YOUR HOME, BUT ALL THE RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Mr. Galdamez: IT'S NOT JUST FOR US, IT'S MORE FOR MY KIDS. IF I HAVE A PROPER EDUCATION I COULD PASS ON TO MY KIDS, THEY CAN BE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THINGS LIKE HOW WE CANNOT JUST JUDGE PEOPLE FROM SEEING THEM. I WANT MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND AND KNOWING THEM BEFORE THEY CAN SAY ANYTHING, JUDGE FOR WHAT THEY'RE SEEING. THIS HAS HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE. I WENT INTO THE STORE AND THE FIRST THING THEY ASK ME IS WHAT PART OF MEXICO ARE YOU FROM. THEY ARE ASSUMING A DIFFERENT PLACE, A DIFFERENT

COUNTRY. WE ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH ALL THIS, THE DISCRIMINATION BASICALLY.

Commissioner Smith: WELL SAID, WELL SAID.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

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

Chair Kafoury: DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY BOARD COMMENTS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR HER FOCUS ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. WE HAD AN INCIDENT LAST WEEK OUT IN EAST COUNTY WHERE WE HAD FOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HIT IN TWO DIFFERENT DAYS IN A CROSSWALK, CROSSING TO SCHOOL. SO I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT, IT'S A BUSY STREET, THERE IS A CROSSWALK THERE. I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THAT ASSESSMENT OF WHAT KIND OF STREET IS IT, WHAT IS NEEDED FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON THAT STREET. THEY ARE GOING TO DO IN THE SHORT-TERM, THEY HAVE CROSSING GUARDS OUT THERE, BUT BY MARCH THEY WILL HAVE THE FLASHING LIGHTS WITHIN THE CROSSWALKS. SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE DO THAT ASSESSMENT AROUND OUR CROSSWALKS, AND THANKFULLY THEY ARE ALL GOING TO BE OKAY. BUT THANKS, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR YOUR FOCUS ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

Chair Kafoury: SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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