

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, May 18, 2017**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jessica Vega Pederson and Commissioners Sharon Meieran and Lori Stegmann. Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 9:42 a.m. Vice-Chair Vega Pederson was excused at 11:46 a.m. and Commissioner Stegmann was excused at 12:00 p.m.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. TODAY IS THURSDAY, MAY 18, AND WELCOME TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Resolution Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property as Allowed Under ORS 275.225 to Brian O. Bedard and Michela S. Bedard
- C.2 Budget Modification # DCA-27-17: Reclassification of a Systems Administrator Senior to a Development Analyst Senior
- C.3 Budget Modification # DCA-28-17: FPM - Reclass Position 700697 from Facilities Specialist 3 to Facilities Specialist 2
- C.4 Budget Modification # DCM-13-17: Reclassification from Human Resources Analyst 2 to Human Resources Analyst Senior

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

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.

Board Clerk: PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Coleman: CHUCK COLEMAN, MY WIFE AND I WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 40 YEARS, WE HAVE A SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL SON. I WAS HOPING I WOULD NOT DO THIS. WE'VE BEEN CARING FOR HIM FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS. HE'S A HANDFUL, HE HAS BEEN HOMELESS FOR A WHILE BECAUSE ONCE YOU ARE 18 YOU ARE FREE TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO UNLESS YOU ARE A DANGER TO SELF OR OTHERS. WE HAVE HAD HIM COMMITTED NUMEROUS TIMES. WE HAVE A GUARDIAN WHICH IS MY DAUGHTER. HE LIVED WITH US FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND HE IS A HANDFUL. AND MY WIFE AND I JUST COULDN'T MANAGE HIM.

Mr. Coleman: WE ARE TRYING TO GET SOME RESPITE CARE SO WE CAN GET A BREAK. THEY SAID HE WAS NOT QUALIFIED FOR THAT. WE TRIED TO GET EXTRA MONEY TO HIRE SOMEONE TO COME IN AND CARE FOR HIM SO THAT WE COULD GET OUT. SOMEBODY HAS TO BE THERE 24-7 TO TAKE CARE OF HIM AND MAKE SURE HE TAKES HIS MEDS. NOBODY EVER GOT BACK TO US. SO WE ARE ASKING FOR, I WAS THINKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$2,000 A MONTH, AND NOBODY EVER GOT BACK TO US. I HAVE NO IDEA WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THIS CIRCUS. I CALL IT A CIRCUS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHO TO TALK TO. IT'S JUST A NIGHTMARE WHEN YOU HAVE A MENTALLY ILL SON. WE PUT HIM IN A FOSTER CARE HOME. WE WERE ASKING \$2,000 A MONTH, THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT. SO WE'RE NOW PAYING WHOEVER, I DON'T KNOW, WHOEVER IS PAYING THE BILLS BUT A \$6,500 A MONTH.

SO I JUST KIND OF WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SPEND \$4,500 A MONTH MORE FOR MY SON. THE MEDICATION THAT HAS STABILIZED HIM IS \$700 A MONTH. IT WAS REFUSED, AND SO WE WOULD JUST TAKE HIM TO THE E.R. AT \$2,000 AN INJECTION. AND WE WOULD GET THE INJECTIONS DONE AND HASS ALLOWED HIM TO BE STABLE, SO AGAIN I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME ALL THAT MONEY, AND BASICALLY, A BLANK CHECK TO DO WHAT WE WANT TO, TO MAKE SURE OUR SON GETS A LEVEL OF CARE. BOTH MY WIFE AND I ARE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. MY WIFE DEALS WITH ACUTE MENTALLY ILL. I AM A PARAMEDIC, RETIRED BUT I STILL HAVE MY MEDICAL LICENSE. SO MY WIFE AND I ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO CARE FOR OUR SON. IT JUST ABSOLUTELY BLOWS MY MIND, I GUESS I AM DONE SO THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING IN AND SHARING YOUR STORY WITH US THIS MORNING.

Mr. Pissedoff: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSEDOFF. LAST WEEK I WAS SURPRISED THAT I LOOKED AT THE MEETING, THIS MORNING ONLINE, AND IT HAD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING. I WAS EXPLAINING THAT ONE IN FIVE PEOPLE 21% ARE MENTALLY ILL. A PERSON MIGHT WONDER READING THAT PAPER WHY A PERSON WOULD BE DISCUSSING THAT WITH YOU, BUT YOU ARE THE BOARD OF HEALTH, AS WELL, AND YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THOSE KINDS OF FACTS. I ALSO NEGLECTED TO SAY THAT THERE WAS

ANOTHER 12% OF PEOPLE NOT ONLY THE MENTALLY ILL HERE IN OREGON, OR MENTAL ILLNESS DIAGNOSIS BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL, THERE IS ANOTHER 12% OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE INCURABLE DISEASES SUCH AS DIABETES AS I HAVE SAID. I BELIEVE THAT THE TOTAL WOULD BE ONE-THIRD INCLUDING THE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES, AND THEN THE PHYSICAL, AS WELL. AND THAT'S FOR THE TOTAL UNITED STATES POPULATION THAT'S HOW THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OPERATES.

Mr. Pissedoff: I GUESS THAT THE GENTLEMAN THAT JUST LEFT HERE, OR MAYBE HE'S STILL IN THE ROOM, IS BECOMING AWARE OF THINGS LIKE THAT. I HAVE HAD A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL, AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON TELL ME, I WAS SENT TO HIM IN WALLA WALLA WASHINGTON YEARS AGO. HE TOLD ME AS AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, HE LOOKED AT THE X-RAYS, AND I HAD HIM, THEM PRINTED UP ON A PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER, AND ENLARGED THEM AND HE SAID WELL, THE WHITE LINES SURE SHOW UP REAL GOOD. AND I SAID I CAN'T HAVE. THEY DO. AND I SAID WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THOSE THINGS ARE. AND HE GOES THOSE ARE GROWTH RINGS. I JUST KIND OF LAUGHED AND WELL, I REALLY BURST OUT LAUGHING, AND I SAID WHAT KIND OF A MORON WOULD BELIEVE A STORY LIKE THAT, AND HE GOT REALLY ANGRY HEARING THAT. HE TOLD ME NOT TO COME BACK AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS. AND HE WROTE A DIFFERENT MEDICAL OPINION ON MY BROKEN ARM AND THUMB. BUT I WAS NEVER ABLE TO GET IT TREATED.

SO EVEN WITH MY INJURIES THAT I HAVE SUSTAINED RECENTLY IN 2010 FROM SEVEN DOG ATTACKS, THE LAST ONE BREAKING MY LEFT HIP AND FRACTURING TWO OF MY VERTEBRAS IN MY SPINAL CORD, ALSO MESSED UP MY LEFT KNEE TERRIBLY BAD AND OF COURSE I USE THIS WALKER BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BALANCE ANY MORE FROM THE SOMETIME CORD INJURY TO EVEN WALK WITHOUT IT. THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT'S WORSE OFF THAN ME. IN FACT, THE OTHER DAY I HAD TO GET SOMEBODY'S HELP FOR A PERSON THAT WAS IN A POWERED WHEELCHAIR THAT COULDN'T MAKE IT UP A RAMP. THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG X. AGAIN I WILL REFER BACK TO THAT DISABILITY RIGHTS OF OREGON, AN ONGOING PENDING INVESTIGATION REPORT. FROM MY POSITION AGAIN IS THAT I WANT TO SEE MORE OVERSIGHT OF THIS JAIL, INVERNESS I WANT TO KNOW MORE OVERSIGHT FROM THE AUDITORS. I WANT TO SEE THEM HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION. I WANT TO SEE THEIR REPORTS. I WANT TO SEE THEM AUDITING THE MULTNOMAH CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT. THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL. I WANT THEM TO HAVE ACCESS TO ANY AND ALL THEIR RECORDS, AND I EXPECT THE AUDITORS TO DO THAT. IF NOT WE WILL GET AN OMBUDSMAN IN POSITION. I WANT AN EXTERNAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I DO NOT WANT EVERYTHING FIXED INTERNALLY. I WANT FULL TRANSPARENCY OF ANY AND ALL RECORDS. AGAIN LIKE I HAVE SAID ON THE

RESTRAINT CHAIRS PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE CHAIRS, ARE PEOPLE BEING SPRAYED WITH PEPPER SPRAY.

Mr. Lightning: I WANT TO HAVE REPORTS. I WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING ON THAT, IF THAT IS THE CASE, THAT IS A CRIME. THAT IS A VIOLATION OF SOMEONE'S CIVIL RIGHTS EVEN IF THEY ARE IN JAIL. YOU CANNOT RESTRAIN SOMEBODY, HAVE THEM CURRENTLY IN A RESTRAINT CHAIR AND THEN PEPPER SPRAY THEM INTO THEIR LUNGS, THAT IS A CRIME, THAT'S AN ASSAULT. I WANT TO SEE THE RECORDS, I WANT THE AUDITOR TO STEP IN A LITTLE MORE AGGRESSIVE. I WANT THE STATE OVERLOOKING YOU. I WANT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVERLOOKING YOU, AND YOU ARE GOING TO START MAKING SOME CHANGES ON HOW YOU USE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, RESTRAINT CHAIRS IN THE JAIL, AND WE ARE GOING TO START MONITORING THE WAY YOU ARE TREATING PEOPLE IN THE JAILS, DOES THAT INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGHER RATE OF SUICIDE? IF YOUR ACTIONS DETERMINE THAT I CAN ASSURE YOU WILL SEE A CLASS ACTION SUIT COME ACROSS ALL OF YOU THAT WILL MAKE YOUR HEADS SPIN. YOU THINK WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS SOMETHING RIGHT NOW UNDER A FEDERAL JUDGE MICHAEL SIMON. YOU HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING YET ON THIS SITUATION MULTNOMAH HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE INMATES IN THE JAIL. NOT THE DEPUTIES. YOU ARE PERTAINING TO THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH. IF YOU ARE NOT DOING YOUR JOBS YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Johnson: HI. I AM JAN JOHNSON. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS A MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTER AND A VOLUNTEER WITH THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTY'S UNION. AS YOU MAY KNOW THE ACLU MADE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS A PRIORITY. VOLUNTEERS LIKE ME FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE TALKING TO OUR CITY AND OUR COUNTY AND OUR STATE OFFICIALS TO SEE HOW EACH JURISDICTION MEASURES UP AGAINST NINE MODEL LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND RULES. SANCTUARY LAWS AND STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS HOW THEY WORK IN DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE COUNTY FOR EASE OF ACCESS IN GETTING FACE AT OUR FACE MEETINGS ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. I ESPECIALLY THANK COMMISSIONER SHARON MEIERAN AND HAYDEN MILLER, STAFF TO COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON AND ROBERTA HUNT, STAFF TO COMMISSIONER LAURA STEGMANN WHO PERSONALLY MET WITH ME OR MY ACLU COLLEAGUES. WE WERE PLEASED TO DISCOVER THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY POLICIES COVER SIX OF THE NINE MODEL RULES AND POLICIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMMISSIONER CHAIR KAFOURY HAS REACHED OUT TO THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE HELP TO MEET THE ACLU'S DEFINED ACCESS INTERVIEW

RULE AFTER INCIDENTS OF IMMIGRATIONS AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ARRESTS AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Ms. Johnson: WE STILL HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT TRANSPARENCY. THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ASK ICE OR CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO WEAR DUTY JACKETS OR BADGES SO THAT THEY MAY BE IDENTIFIED AT COUNTY FACILITIES. WE ALSO HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. IT APPEARS THE ONLY RE-DRESS SHOULD A COUNTY EMPLOYEE VIOLATE COUNTY SANCTUARY POLICY WOULD BE AN INTERNAL REVIEW, AND ANY PUNISHMENTS IN LINE WITH THAT EMPLOYEE'S PARTICULAR UNION CONTRACT. NO RE-DRESS EXISTS FOR A PERSON WITHOUT PAPERS WHO IS DEPORTED AND NOR IS THERE ANY PROCESS TO RECOVER LOST WAGES OR OTHER DAMAGES IF AN UNDOCUMENTED PERSON IS DETAINED AND LATER RELEASED.

WE HOPE TO RETURN AFTER THE COUNTY CONCLUDES THE BUDGET PROCESS WITH A LONGER PRESENTATION TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES FROM KING COUNTY AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE FOUND WAYS TO MEET THE MODEL RULES AND POLICIES. MEANWHILE, I URGE THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER INCLUDING FUNDING FOR KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING AND IMMIGRATION EXPERTISE IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. THE GOAL OF THE ACLU'S FREEDOM CITY'S CAMPAIGN IS TO WIN REAL PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE APPRECIATE HOW MANY OF THE ACLU'S NINE MODEL RULES AND POLICIES THE COUNTY ALREADY PRACTICES, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Ross: HI. I AM BARBARA ROSS, A CONSTITUENT OF COMMISSIONER SMITH AS IS JAN JOHNSON. I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE. WE ARE HERE AFTER THE ELECTION I WAS REALLY DEPRESSED, AND I DECIDED THAT WE ALL NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING, AND MY CHOICE WAS TO JOIN WITH THE ACLU IN PROTECTING CITIZENS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. THE ACLU NATIONALLY HAS CALLED ON SMALL GROUPS AND SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND JAN AND I ARE PART OF A SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP, AND WE WERE TASKED WITH THE IDEA OF TALKING TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SEEING WHAT'S GOING ON. WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THE PHILOSOPHICAL RESPONSE WE HAVE GOTTEN FROM YOU, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO MORE. THE MORE THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS COMMUNICATING BETTER WITH THE ADVOCACY GROUPS TRYING TO HELP THE IMMIGRANTS PERSONALLY WITH THEIR DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE THEY ARE THE SERVICE GROUPS ON ONE SIDE AND THE POLICY GROUPS ON THE OTHER SIDE, AND SO OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WE WANT TO REALLY LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE GROUND, WHAT FEARS THESE PEOPLE HAVE, WHAT FEARS ARE BLOCKING THEM

FROM USING COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES OR OTHER SERVICES, ARE THEY AFRAID TO GO PLACES?

Ms. Ross: WE WOULD LIKE TO BE SURE THAT ON THE GROUND THE WORKERS AND THE LIBRARY AND THE HEALTH CLINICS AND THE COURTHOUSE AND OTHER PLACES, THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO IN CASE AN ICE PERSON ASKS THEM FOR INFORMATION. THEY KNOW HOW TO DO WHAT IS COUNTY POLICY. SO THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, AND WE'LL COME BACK FOR YOU AND WE HOPE THAT WE WILL SAY ALL OF YOUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE PERFECT, AND EVERY UNDOCUMENTED PERSON IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS BEING PERFECTLY PROTECTED. AGAIN WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PHILOSOPHICAL SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPTS, AND WE HOPE TO DO MORE STUDY TO REALLY HOPE THAT ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES AND THE VOLUNTEERS ARE SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED. AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITIVE STAFF, AND ALTHOUGH WE MET WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL THE OTHER OFFICES WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH'S STAFF, AND SO WE DON'T LEAVE ANY STONE UNTURNED. SO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK. AND WE HOPE TO MAKE A SMALL CONTRIBUTION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR STATE. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH THEN REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA ROSS IN THE OREGON LEGISLATURE AND IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU, ALWAYS ACTIVE. AND WONDERFUL.

Ms. Ross: AND I WAS ALSO A COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR TEN YEARS IN BENTON FROM 1976 TO 1986 SO I HAVE A LOT OF SYMPATHY FOR YOUR POSITION. THANK YOU ALL.

Chair Kafoury: MY STAFF ADAM, HE'S RIGHT IN THE BACK WOULD LIKE TO CHAT WITH YOU AFTERWARDS, TOO. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING YOU WANTED TO WAIT? DID YOU WANT TO WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE?

Mr. Klatke: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM JEFF KLATKE, WE REPRESENT 3,000 OF YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES HERE AT MULTNOMAH. WE WANTED TO COMMEND YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY BY DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MONTH. THE NEED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN OUR COMMUNITY IS POSSIBLY AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH. FOR MANY AFSCME MEMBERS EVERY MONTH IS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MONTH BECAUSE THAT IS THE WORK THAT MANY OF OUR MEMBERS DO EVERY DAY. WE HAVE LOTS OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD TO BRING TO THE

CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU ABOUT SERVICE DELIVERY AND OUTCOMES. ESPECIALLY INFORMATION THAT YOU ARE UNLIKELY TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE OTHER THAN FRONT LINE WORKERS, SOME OF WHOM YOU WILL HEAR FROM IN A FEW MINUTES.

Mr. Klatke: WE HAVE ALSO DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD REGARDING THE MOST RECENT FIVE YEARS AND REGARDING YOUR SIXTH LARGEST CONTRACTORS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SOME THINGS STOOD OUT TO US AND WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU WERE AWARE OF THEM AS WELL. FIRST THERE HAS BEEN A 40% INCREASE ROUGHLY AN ADDITIONAL 13 MILLION OF YOUR FUNDING TO THESE CONTRACTORS, SO THANK YOU FOR PRIORITIZING INCREASED SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY. HOWEVER ONE IN SIX TOTAL DOLLARS ULTIMATELY DOES NOT GO TOWARDS PROVIDING THESE SERVICES. AVERAGE CONTRACTOR PROFIT DURING THIS TIME WAS \$4.6 MILLION WHICH EASILY GOBBLED UP THAT \$13 MILLION INVESTMENT THAT YOU MADE. AVERAGE CEO SALARY AT THESE CONTRACTORS INCREASED BY 33.6%, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES OF THE COUNSELORS, THE PEOPLE DELIVERING THE SERVICES HAS NOT KEPT PACE WITH INFLATION.

CASELOADS HAVE BEEN REPORTED OF UP TO 110 CLIENTS FOR A SINGLE WORKER, AND AN AVERAGE TEN-YEAR OF A NEW EMPLOYEE AND ONE PARTICULAR CONTRACTOR WAS RECENTLY REPORTED IN THAT AGENCY'S STAFF MEETING AT FIVE MONTHS. SO WHAT ARE YOU GETTING IN RETURN FOR YOUR INVESTMENTS? IN A 202016 STUDY OREGON RANKED LAST IN THE NATION IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTCOMES. YOU ARE THE CONTRACTING ENTITY FOR THESE SERVICES. WE WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ENSURE THAT YOUR PUBLIC FUNDS ARE BEING USED EFFECTIVELY AND THAT THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM THAT SERVES SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OPERATES IN A MANNER THAT COMMUNITY NEEDS IT TO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Ms. Reed: I AM KIMBERLY REED. I WORK AS A SERVICE COORDINATOR WITH LIFE WORKS NORTHWEST, WORKING IN SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 15 YEARS AND HAVE REALLY LOVED IT. I'VE BEEN AT LIFE WORKS FOR A LITTLE OVER A YEAR. IN THE TIME WORKING WITH LIFE WORKS I HAVE SEEN HIGH TURNOVERS, SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE NO TRAINING, WHO ARE ALSO CARRYING FULL CASELOADS BECAUSE OF HIGH TURNOVER AND DON'T HAVE TIME TO SUPERVISE. I HAVE SEEN CLIENTS FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS WHEN THEIR PRIMARY COUNCILOR QUIT. AND THEN THEY ARE SHUFFLED FROM ONE PERSON TO THE NEXT OR SOMETIMES FORGOTTEN ABOUT AND TURN UP IN JAIL OR JUST DISAPPEAR OUT OF THE SYSTEM. I HAVE PERSONALLY I AM EXPERIENCING BURNOUT, IN MY PAST SOCIAL WORK SITUATIONS FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS I HAVE WORKED IN GROUPS WHO HELD THE SAME INTENTION TO LESSEN THE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD. AT

LIFE WORKS THE FOCUS IS NOT ON THIS. IT'S ON NUMBERS, IT'S ON NOTE TIMELINESS AND PRODUCTIVITY HOURS. AFTER A WHILE I HAVE FOUND IT'S DIFFICULT TO HOLD ONTO THESE LOFTY INTENTIONS AND LOOKING AT CLIENTS AS NUMBERS.

Ms. Reed: SO NOT ONLY IS THE STRUCTURE AND FOCUS OF THE AGENCY HURTING MY WORK WITH CLIENTS, BUT IT'S CHANGING MY WORLD VIEW. I JUST DON'T CARE AS MUCH ANY MORE. AND I TALK TO A BUNCH OF PEOPLE HAVING THIS SAME EXPERIENCE, AND I REALLY SEE THIS AS A CRITICAL ISSUE NOT JUST FOR THE AGENCIES BUT FOR THE SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. I AM ASKING THE COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH WORKERS TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS. ONE IDEA IS TO UNIONIZE THE WORKFORCE. ANOTHER IS TO CREATE WORKER-RUN COMMITTEES THAT WORK WITH AGENCIES TO MAKE CHANGES, AND LIKE A LOT OF US DON'T HAVE TIME TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS BUT IF WE HAD SOME TIME AND SPACE TO SIT DOWN WITH PEOPLE WE COULD START GENERATING SOME SOLUTIONS. THAT'S IT. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING. THANK YOU.

Ms. Mertes: GOOD MORNING, I AM JULIE. VERY NERVOUS ABOUT PUBLIC SPEAKING SO BEAR WITH ME. SO I AM A COUNCILOR AT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, MOST OF OUR FOLKS, ALL OUR FOLKS THAT COME THERE THROUGH PAROLE AND PROBATION, I, MICE AM IN RECOVERY, GIVE A BRIEF BACK STORY. LIKE A LOT OF THE FOLKS THAT COME INTO THE PROGRAM, HAD A LOT OF BAD STUFF THAT I DEALT WITH GROWING UP. STARTED USING DRUGS WHEN I WAS 12 OUT ON THE STREETS WHEN I WAS 15. THERE WERE TIMES WHERE I WOULD GET A SUSTAINABILITY LIFE. I WOULD GET A JOB. I WOULD CYCLE BACK INTO ADDICTION. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CRIMINALITY, AND THAT WAS THE LIFE THAT I KNEW. FIRST TIME I WENT TO TREATMENT I WAS 25. I WAS ABLE TO STAY CLEAN FOR A COUPLE YEARS. I THINK THAT IT COUNTS, BUT IT'S ALSO TRYING TO UNDO OR, YOU KNOW, BUILD OFF OF A FOUNDATION FOR THAT PREVIOUS 25 YEARS. AND SO I AM SHARING MY STORY BECAUSE THIS IS SIMILAR TO A LOT OF FOLKS THAT I SERVE. I FINALLY DID GET CLEAN AT 37. I HAD GONE TO TREATMENT TWO MORE TIMES IN BETWEEN THEN.

I THINK WHEN WE LOOK AT WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS OF SUCCESS RATES. JUST BECAUSE SOMEBODY GOES THROUGH TREATMENT ONE TIME OR COMES BACK A SECOND OR A THIRD OR FOURTH DOESN'T MEAN THE FIRST TIMES DIDN'T COUNT. THEY WERE PART OF THE FOUNDATION. I WAS A HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUT. I HAD AN EIGHTH GRADE EDUCATION AND I STILL CAN'T TELL YOU HOW I GOT A GED WHEN I WAS 25. I WENT THROUGH TREATMENT AT 37, AND I HAD A COUNCILOR THAT GUIDED ME AND GAVE ME INCENTIVE TO GET INVOLVED AND GO TO HIGHER EDUCATION. SHE SAID YOU CANNOT KEEP DOING WHAT YOU ARE DOING, AND I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND

WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN OUT OF THAT. 7.5 YEARS LATER I CAME OUT WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE. I AM A SOCIAL WORKER NOW.

Ms. Mertes: IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR TREATMENT, FOR THE FOUR TIMES IN TREATMENT I WOULD NOT BE WHERE I AM TODAY SO THAT'S TREATING ONE PERSON, BUT ON THE BIGGER PICTURE OF THAT, YOU KNOW, PART OF THAT PROCESS WAS SEEING OTHER PEOPLE, THAT HAD GONE BEFORE ME, THE MENTOR COMPONENT THAT YOU SEE IN TREATMENT, A LOT OF TIMES, A LOT OF FOLKS THAT WORK THERE HAD THAT BACKGROUND SO THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WHEN I COULD SEE THEM AND I RECOGNIZED THEIR STORY, I COULD SEE ME GOING THERE YOU KNOW, AND MY FUTURE, AND SO YOU KNOW, FAST FORWARD WHAT I LOOK AT, THE PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES I IMPACT, IT'S NOT JUST THEM, IT'S WHEN THEY GET THEIR LIFE TOGETHER, THEIR FAMILIES, IT'S THEIR FRIENDS. IT'S THEIR CHILDREN, SOMETIMES IT'S THEIR PARENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ONE EXAMPLE TO SOMEBODY WHOSE LIFE I IMPACTED. HE WAS BY MARRIAGE HAD BEEN MY NEPHEW, AND THAT FAMILY WAS 240 STRONG. IS IT OUT? OH, NO. OK. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS AN INVESTMENT. IT'S CRITICAL THAT YOU GUYS FIND THE MONEY TO INVEST. IT TAKES A LOT FROM THE COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW, AND IT GIVES BACK SO MUCH WHEN YOU DO. SO THANK YOU.

Mr. Lang: GOOD MORNING AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION. I AM WILL LANG. I AM THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PORTLAND JOBS OF JUSTICE. IT IS A COMMUNITY AND UNION COALITION OF OVER 100 ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING WORKERS RIGHTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS SERVES CLIENTS OF THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN, THESE ARE SOME OF THE POOREST MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND THEY DESERVE TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE AND SUSTAINABILITY CARE. THE VAST MAJORITIES OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH WORK IN THE METRO AREA IS PERFORMED BY LOCAL NONPROFITS. MANY OF THESE NONPROFITS ARE ALSO RECIPIENTS OF COUNTY CONTRACTS IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING PUBLIC MEDICAID FUNDS.

CLIENTS HAVE REPORTED LONG WAIT TIMES AND HIGH STAFF TURNOVER WHICH LEADS TO POOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTCOMES. CLIENTS ARE FORCED TO SEE MULTIPLE PROVIDERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF TREATMENT OR FEEL THE PROGRAM IS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY. WORKERS OF THE COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM HAVE REPORTED THAT THEY FEAR RETALIATION FOR RAISING ISSUES AND MANAGEMENT DOES NOT TAKE THEIR CONCERNS SERIOUSLY. THEY ALSO REPORT THAT NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATORS FREQUENTLY ATTEMPT TO BLOCK WORKER ATTEMPTS TO SPEAK OUT AND EXERT THEIR RIGHTS AT WORK. THIS IS SUBSIDIZED BY OUR COMMUNITY'S TAX DOLLARS AND UNACCEPTABLE. WE'RE CALLING ON MULTNOMAH TO MAKE A REAL COMMITMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH MONTH TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS AT COUNTY

CONTRACTORS AND ENSURE IMPROVED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AT AREA NONPROFITS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING JASON.

Mr. Heilbrun: I AM JASON, THE PRESIDENT OF AFSCME LOCAL 88. I THINK WE HEARD COMPELLING TESTIMONY FROM FOLKS MORE ELOQUENT ON ISSUES THAN I AM SO I WANTED TO EXPRESS THAT WE ARE DEDICATED TO DOING WHAT WE CAME TO SUPPORT THE FRONT LINE WORKERS IN THIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS, AND KNOWING THAT WE HAVE SHARED VALUES ON THESE ISSUES WE WOULD ASK YOU TO DO WHAT YOU CAN AND BE OPEN TO CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE. I WILL KEEP IT SHORT AND SWEET AND THAT'S IT FOR ME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: I AM CHARLES JOHNSON. SO MUCH POWERFUL STUFF WE HAVE HEARD TODAY. SOMETIMES MAYBE YOU GET FRUSTRATED THAT I HAVE SO MANY TO SAY ABOUT THE POLICE OR THE PEOPLE KILLED BY THE POLICE. YOU MIGHT REGRET THAT BECAUSE WE'RE ALSO GOING TO TALK ABOUT JASON PETERSON. DEAL WITH THE POLICE. I HAD NOT THOUGHT TO MENTION JASON PETERSON KILLED ON 82ND DURING A MENTAL HEALTH EPISODE WHERE A SHOP OWNER CRAZILY USED LETHAL FORCE TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM SOMEBODY WHO WAS NOT GETTING ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY. MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA DID A PIECE ON THAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH KOIN. ANDREW AT KOIN, SO OVER HERE WE DON'T HEAR AS MUCH TALK ABOUT VISION ZERO AND TRAFFIC SAFETY AND WE WANT TO KEEP OUR CITIZENS ALIVE REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE RISK TO OUR HEALTH AND LIFE IS, WHETHER IT'S TRAFFIC OR MENTAL HEALTH, BUT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO PRIORITIZE.

WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THE SUICIDE NUMBERS FOR OREGON AND MULTNOMAH ARE STAGGERING BUT ARE LOWER, I THINK, THAN THE HOMICIDE NUMBERS, AND YOU HAVE HEARD, YOU KNOW, FROM A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE FRONT LINES PROVIDING CARE ABOUT HOW OVERWHELMING THIS IS, SO I JUST WANT TO REEMPHASIZE FOR YOU TO LET THIS LEAK INTO EVERY FACET OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS AND YOUR LIVES TO BOTH EXPAND THE NUMBER OF CARE PROVIDERS AND ALSO TO ENSURE THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SO THAT THEY CAN REALLY PROVIDE A LEVEL OF CARE THAT WILL YOU KNOW, HELP US TO MOVE TO A VISION ZERO ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE. IT'S TRAGIC TO KNOW, IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK SINCE COMMISSIONER KAFOURY GOT THE NEWS THAT ON TUESDAY OF LAST WEEK TYRELL JOHNSON WAS KILLED AT THE TIME THE STORY, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BEEN CHANGED OR NOT WAS MOVING AWAY FROM POLICE THEN HE HAD SOME SORT OF KNIFE OF COURSE BECAUSE

ALWAYS, ALWAYS THE POLICE CAN KILL PEOPLE WHEN THEIR LIVES ARE IN DANGER.

Mr. Johnson: OUR FIRST TESTIFIER MR. COLEMAN, I AM SURE THAT THERE WERE TIMES WHEN THEY WERE TRYING TO CARE FOR THEIR SON AND THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY, BUT LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING THAT WE PAY FOR WITH THE TAX DOLLARS HAS GOT TO MOVE AWAY FROM IMPUNITY ABOUT USE OF LETHAL FORCE AND CONSTRUCTING NARRATIVES THAT PUBLIC SAFETY, SUPPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS CAN FALL BACK ON THEIR PERPETUAL FEAR. THANK YOU.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Proclamation Proclaiming May 2017 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Loretta Smith. Presenter: Erin Grahek, ADVSD Community Services Program Manager.

Chair Kafoury: MAY WE HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. I AM PROUD TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE BOARD TODAY. OLDER AMERICANS HAVE SPENT A LIFETIME ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY, THEIR TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS ARE SHARED, HISTORY AND THEIR LEGACY IS THE WORLD THAT WE HAVE TODAY. THAT'S WHY IT IS SO ESSENTIAL THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT THEIR NEEDS ARE MET. I THINK THAT SENTIMENT IS NO LESS TRUE TODAY. THAT'S WHY ONCE AGAIN I AM BEHOLDING A SERIES OF ELDER FRAUD FORUMS IN MY DISTRICT. THE FORUMS PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO HELP TO PROTECT SENIORS FROM PREDATORY EXPLOITATION. THERE WILL BE A FORUM ON MAY 24. JUNE 8 AT THE HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER. JUNE 12 AT IMPACT NORTHWEST. AND JUNE 14 AT THE URBAN LEAGUE. AND WE ARE STILL SCHEDULING AN EAST COUNTY FORUM ON ELDER FRAUD AND ABUSE. IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THIS PLEASE CALL MY OFFICE AT 503-988-5219 AND BEFORE I HAND THE FLOOR OVER TO OUR GUEST I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF REBECCA MILLER AND ERIN GRAHEK FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOR THEIR SERVICE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY SENIOR POPULATION AND THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE OVER THE YEARS. THANK YOU.

Ms. Grahek: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS ERIN GRAHEK. I AM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER FOR AGING DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES. WE ARE HERE TODAY IN CELEBRATION OF OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH. THE THEME FOR 2017 IS AGE OUT LOUD. WHAT IT MEANS TO AGE HAS CHANGED, AN OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE

AND CELEBRATE WHAT GETTING OLDER LOOKS LIKE TODAY. MORE THAN EVER BEFORE OLDER PEOPLE ARE WORKING LONGER, TRYING NEW THINGS. AND ENGAGING IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE TAKING CHARGE, STRIVING FOR WELLNESS, FOCUSING ON INDEPENDENCE, AND ADVOCATING FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.

Ms. Grahek: WE KNOW THAT A PERSON'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE WELLNESS, MAINTAIN DIGNITY AND CHOICE, AND TO HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL AND FREEDOM TO ADVOCATE IS INFLUENCED BY THE BROADER SOCIETY AND THE INSTITUTIONS, PROGRAMS, AND POLICIES. AGING DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES IS PROUD TO BE AN INSTITUTION THAT PROMOTES INDEPENDENCE, DIGNITY AND CHOICE IN THE LIVES OF OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND VETERANS. THIS MORNING YOU WILL HEAR FROM THREE PRESENTERS FROM OUR AGING SERVICES NETWORK. THEY WORK IN PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE FUNDING FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE AGENCIES THAT THEY REPRESENT ARE FRIENDLY HOUSE, STAGE METRO PORTLAND, ELDERS IN ACTION, AND EL PROGAMA. THEY WILL SHARE STORIES ABOUT HOW THEY ARE AGING OUT LOUD AND SUPPORTING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE GLEN ULMER FROM SAGE METRO FRIENDLY HOUSE. DARLENE ECKERT WITH ELDERS IN ACTION. A PERSONAL ADVOCATE SINCE 2006. AND JOAQUIN WITH EL PROGAMA.

Mr. Ulmer: GOOD MORNING. I AM GLEN ULMER REPRESENTING THE SAGE METRO PORTLAND WHICH IS PART OF A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH 30 AFFILIATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN 20 STATES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. LOCALLY SAGE IS A PROGRAM RUN OUT OF FRIENDLY HOUSE IN NORTHWEST PORTLAND. I AM ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND I CHAIR THE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND WIFE BEEN INVOLVED WITH SAGE SINCE I RETIRED SEVEN YEARS AGO. SAGE STANDS FOR SERVICES AND EFFICACY FOR GLBT ELDERS. THEY CONDUCT A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS, OR WE DO, FOR OLDER ADULTS, THE FIRST PROGRAM THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IS FRIENDLY VISITORS. THESE ARE VOLUNTEER VISITORS WHO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES WITH SENIORS WHO MAY BE ISOLATED OR WHO NEED ASSISTANCE. SOMETIMES IT'S JUST VISITING THE SENIOR AND GOING FOR A WALK. SOMETIMES IT'S A WEEKLY VISIT JUST SO THEY HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO. IT COULD BE HELPING THEM TO RUN AN EARNED. I AM A VISITOR FOR AN ELDERLY LESBIAN WHO LIKES TO GO TO THE THEATER BUT SHE'S DISABLED AND NOT CAPABLE OF GETTING IN AND OUT OF THE THEATER VERY WELL. I PICK HER UP.

I TAKE HER TO THE PERFORMANCE OF HER CHOICE AND I BUY MY TICKET AND I SIT WITH HER AND THEN AT THE END OF THE EVENING I TAKE HER HOME. SHE GETS A LOT OF SATISFACTION FROM. THIS SHE USED TO BE A PERFORMER WHEN SHE WAS A YOUNGER WOMAN AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD, WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HER TO DO ON HER OWN. IN TERMS OF HOUSING WE CONDUCT AN ANNUAL SURVEY WHICH THE

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AS TO HOW WELCOMING THEY ARE FOR THE ELDER LGBT COMMUNITY. WE ALSO HAVE SOCIAL PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND WE ALSO DO A LOT OF ADVOCACY WORK WHICH IS THE PART THAT I SPECIFICALLY CONTRIBUTE IN. WE PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF SAGE AND AT FRIENDLY HOUSE BECAUSE WE DO RECEIVE PART OF OUR FUNDING FROM YOU SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE DO CONDUCT TRAININGS FOR ORGANIZATIONS FOR STUDENTS, FOR YOUNG DOCTORS. ASSISTIVE LIVING FACILITIES ON HOW TO SERVE THE LGBT COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT'S AMAZING HOW MANY OF THEM KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT THIS COMMUNITY.

Mr. Ulmer: SO I WANTED TO SPEAK A MOMENT ABOUT THE CRITICAL ISSUES FACING OLDER ADULTS. THEY HAVE A HIGH RATE OF POVERTY. POVERTY LEADS TO ISOLATION AND ISOLATION OFTEN LEADS TO HEALTH ISSUES. OLDER LGBT ADULTS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO LIVE ALONE. THEY LIKE, MANY OF THEM LACK CHILDREN, MANY ARE ESTRANGED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. IT'S A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER THAN MANY YOUNGER, AS WELL. MANY HAVE LOST THEIR FRIENDS TO HIV AND AIDS. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND ARE BUSY. MANY MEMBERS FACED YEARS OF STIGMA AND MARGINALIZATION AND THEY FOUGHT HARD TO BE OUT AND PROUD AND NOW AS THEY ENTER THE ELDERLY PORTION OF THEIR LIVES AS THEY RETURN TO ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES MANY ARE MORE DEPENDENT AND FEEL THE NEED TO HIDE WHO THEY ARE FOR FEAR OF BEING MISTREATED OR DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

THIS IS WHY SAGE PROFESSIONALS PROVIDE TRAINING TO CAREGIVERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. CURRENTLY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING DELETING LGBT FROM THE SURVEY DONE TO THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT. MANY OLDER ADULTS FEEL THAT THEY ARE BEING ERASED. WE ALONG WITH OUR SAGE AFFILIATES HAVE WORKED HARD TO PROTEST THIS PLANNED ACTION. AND AS A RESULT OF OUR ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ADVOCACY, WE ARE HELPING LGBT OLDER ADULTS, AGE MORE SUCCESSFULLY AND GIVING THEM A VOICE. THANK YOU.

Ms. Eckert: I AM DARLENE ECKERT. I AM A VOLUNTEER PERSONAL ADVOCATE WITH ELDERS IN ACTION AND HAVE BEEN FOR NINE YEARS. ELDERS IN ACTION IS A NONPROFIT WHO WORKS WITH AN AGENCY WHICH WORKS WITH OLDER ADULTS FROM MULTNOMAH AND WASHINGTON AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY. WE DO EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY AND SERVE THEM IN WHATEVER WAY THAT WE CAN. ELDERS IN ACTION, THIS IS THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR BUT THEY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN HELPING SENIORS FOR 50 YEARS. I AM VERY PROUD OF THAT. MY WORK AS A PERSONAL ADVOCATE OF ELDERS IN ACTION INVOLVES WORKING ONE-ON-ONE WITH OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES, AND THOSE MAY

RANGE ANYWHERE FROM EVICTION TO MEDICAL BILLING ISSUES. WE HAVE 150 ADVOCATES THAT HELP SENIORS.

Ms. Eckert: ONE EXAMPLE, I WORKED WITH A 67-YEAR-OLD FEMALE IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX AND HAVING TROUBLE GETTING HER MANAGER TO HEAR HER ADA NEEDS. AND SO I CONTACTED THE CLIENT. TOGETHER WE CAME UP WITH A LIST OF HER NEEDS, AND WE SET UP A MEETING WITH THE APARTMENT MANAGER, AND I ATTENDED WITH HER BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO USE HER OWN VOICE WITH MY ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT BY BEING THERE AND GET THE MANAGER TO HEAR HER AND HER NEEDS WERE MET. THE WORK THAT I DO ALLOWS ME TO AGE OUT LOUD BY STAYING ACTIVE, ENGAGED, AND PUTTING MY ENERGY AND PASSION TO WORK ON BEHALF OF OTHERS. AT ELDERS IN ACTION WE BELIEVE THAT AGE DOES NOT LIMIT OUR LIVES. EVERY DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AND LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST. THROUGH VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICES. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Pastor: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS JOAQUIN PASTOR AND I WORK FOR EL PROGRAMA HISPANO. I AM THE PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE COMMUNITY STABILIZATION PROGRAMS. ALSO ON THE BOARD OF ELDERS IN ACTION, I AM THE NEWEST MEMBER IN SKILL LEARNING. IT'S A GREAT ORGANIZATION. I AM VERY PROUD OF SERVING THERE. I AM HERE TO BASICALLY TALK TO YOU ABOUT OUR EXPERIENCE OF THE PROGRAM WITH OUR SENIORS PROGRAM. TWO PROBLEMS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU TODAY. ONE OF THEM IS, WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE, YOU KNOW, MULTNOMAH COUNTY FUNDED BUT THEY ARE JUST A VEHICLE TO SOLVE OUR GREATER PROBLEM WHICH IS THE PROBLEM OF ISOLATION.

IN COUNTLESS LOCATIONS YOU KNOW, OUR PARTICIPANTS TELLS US HOW IT IS IMPORTANT TO COME AND JOIN OUR MEALS, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO GET OUT AND SOCIALIZE AND NOT BE ISOLATED. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY THAT FACE CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE BARRIERS. IT IS A TERRIBLE PROBLEM, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THOSE SERVICES THAT REALLY FACILITATE THAT. THE OTHER ISSUE IS HOUSING, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SENIORS YOU KNOW, ARE ON A FIXED INCOME, AND REALLY I WANT TO THANK YOU AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE OUR, YOU KNOW, OUR SHORT-TERM RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT HELP SUBSIDIZE OUR FIXED INCOME CLIENTS. IT'S REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER PEOPLE TESTIFYING ON THIS? DO WE HAVE A PROCLAMATION TO READ?

Commissioner Smith: [READ PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD] I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY, AND NOT JUST FOR TODAY BUT EVERY DAY THAT YOU WORK REALLY HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT OLDER AMERICANS LIKE ME, TOO, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, SO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD, QUESTIONS? THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING IN TODAY, AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS PROCLAMATION FORWARD. COMMISSIONER SMITH. AND I APPRECIATE YOU COMING IN AND TELLING US ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT YOU ARE WORKING ON BUT HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT'S THERE AND THAT THE WORK THAT YOU ARE ALL DOING INDIVIDUALLY AND THROUGH YOUR ORGANIZATIONS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED, WHO NEED OUR HELP. I WILL BE 50 THIS SUMMER, SO I AM STARTING TO TURN INTO THAT OLDER AMERICANS CATEGORY QUICKLY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TODAY. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

R.2 Resolution Modifying Multnomah County Participation in City of Portland's Multiple Unit Limited Tax Exemption (MULTE) Program. Presenter: Matthew Tschabold, Portland Housing Bureau.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Mr. Tschabold: THE CITY HAS A ROLLING CAP OF 3 MILLION IN FOREGONE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE EACH YEAR. THE MULTE PROGRAM WAS REPURPOSED AS AN INCENTIVE FOR THE MANDATORY INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM. AS PART OF THAT PROGRAM THE CITY AND THE COUNTY HAD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT A FIVE-YEAR ROLLING CAP IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BIT MORE FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER TO ADDRESS MARKET NEEDS AND THE MORE CYCLICAL NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT. IN THE AGGREGATE, THE ROLLING CAP DOES NOT INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOREGONE REVENUE AUTHORIZED. IT JUST BUILDS IN A GREATER FLEXIBILITY OF HOW TO USE THAT.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE THREE NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN HERE FOR PRIOR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE MULTE PROGRAM. CAN YOU GIVE A HISTORY FOR US ABOUT WHAT IT STANDS FOR AND MEANS AND HOW IT AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITY?

Mr. Tschabold: SURE, THE NAME IS THE MULTIPLE UNIT LIMITED TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED UNDER STATE LAW. THE CITY USED IT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT PROVIDES A TAX EXEMPTION FOR NEW

CONSTRUCTION, OR THE CONTINUATION OF AN EXISTING TAX EXEMPTION ON A MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING. THE PROGRAM ROLLS SET BY THE CITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY ARE THAT THE BUILDING HAS 20 OR MORE UNITS AND 20% OF THE UNITS MUST BE REGULATED AFFORDABLE UNIONS, SO IT INCLUDES 20% OF THE UNIONS, AND REGULATED AT CERTAIN RENT LEVELS FOR TEN YEARS, AND THEY WILL GET A TEN-YEAR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. IN THE EVENT IT'S A MIXED USE BUILDING THE EXEMPTION ONLY OCCURS ON THE RESIDENTIAL PORTION OF THE BUILDING AND INCLUDING ANY RESIDENTIAL PORTIONS OF PARKING OR COMMON SPACE, SO IT'S A PROGRAM THAT THERE DID NOT USED TO BE A CAP TO THE PROGRAM.

Mr. Tschabold: IT WAS USED A BIT MORE, THE CITY HAD THAT COMBINED A NUMBER OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAMS INTO A SINGLE ONE USING THE MULTE AROUND THE TIME OF THE RECESSION THERE WAS A CAP PUT ONTO PRESERVE REVENUE FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY ASK THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF \$1 MILLION. THAT CAP WAS INCREASED TO \$3 MILLION TWO YEARS AGO. THEN AS A PART OF THE MANDATORY INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND THE CALIBRATION OF DIFFERENT INCENTIVES AND OFFSETS FOR PROVIDING REQUIRED AFFORDABLE IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS, THE MULTE PROGRAM IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM WAS RE-PURPOSED AS A, AS AN OFFSET FOR THE MANDATORY PROGRAM. AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS AS JESSE MENTIONED, THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CREATING A FIVE-YEAR ROLLING CAP THAT IN AGGREGATE DIDN'T INCREASE THE CAP BUT PROVIDED THAT FLEXIBILITY TO ADAPT TO THE MARKET CONDITIONS.

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

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: I HAVE A QUESTION, WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MULTE?

Mr. Tschabold: FOR THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM OR CURRENTLY?

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: WITH THE NEW PROGRAM GOING FORWARD.

Mr. Tschabold: IT'S A TEN-YEAR TAX EXEMPTION BUT THE AFFORDABLE IS FOR 99 YEARS.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Stegmann: I AM A LITTLE UNDER THE WEATHER SO NOT EVERYTHING IS COMPUTING. IT WAS A TEN-YEAR PROGRAM? AND YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT A FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM? CAN YOU CLARIFY THAT?

Mr. Tschabold: WHEN IT WAS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM IT WAS A TEN-YEAR TAX EXEMPTION FOR TEN YEARS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THAT HAS BECOME PART OF THE MANDATORY PROGRAM. IT'S A TEN-YEAR TAX EXEMPTION FOR 99 YEARS OF AFFORDABILITY.

Commissioner Stegmann: OK. SO IT'S MANDATORY FOR 99 YEARS? I AM SORRY.

Mr. Tschabold: CORRECT, 99 YEARS.

Ms. Connor: SO THE HOUSING HAS TO STAY AFFORDABLE NOW FOR 99 YEARS. BUT THAT TAX EXEMPTION IS STILL ONLY FOR TEN YEARS.

Commissioner Stegmann: IT HAS TO STAY AFFORDABLE FOR 99 YEARS BUT THEY ARE ONLY RECEIVING THAT TAX EXEMPTION FOR TEN YEARS. SO AND WHAT CHANGE, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR TODAY? AND HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE WERE DOING?

Ms. Connor: FOR THE TAX EXEMPTION THERE IS A BUCKET OF MONEY THAT WE ARE ALLOTTED TO FOREGO THAT TAX REVENUE. SO IT'S 3 MILLION. WE CANNOT GO OVER THAT EVERY CALENDAR YEAR. WHAT THIS PROPOSAL IS ASKING IS TO NOT IN THE AGGREGATE OVER FIVE YEARS INCREASE THAT AMOUNT, BUT ALLOW US TO BE ABLE TO MAYBE ONE YEAR THERE IS A HIGH AMOUNT OF DEMAND AND SO WE WOULD LIKE TO USE 8 MILLION. WHAT THAT MEANS, FOR THOSE OTHER YEARS, THAT BUCKET OF MONEY IS LESS.

Commissioner Stegmann: IS IT 3 MILLION.

Mr. Tschabold: 15 MILLION, THE AGGREGATE OVER FIVE YEARS. SO WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE \$3 MILLION PER YEAR WHICH WOULD TOTAL \$15 MILLION OVER FIVE. SO FOR INSTANCE IF THIS YEAR WE GOT 15 MILLION WORTH OF TAX EXEMPTION WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AUTHORIZE ANY MORE. IT'S UNLIKE 8 BUT THAT'S THE HIGH END SCENARIO.

Commissioner Stegmann: OK, GREAT, AND IS THIS A VOLUNTARY OR MANDATORY PROGRAM?

Mr. Tschabold: IT'S NOW A MANDATORY PROGRAM AS A PART OF THE MANDATORY INCLUSIONARY HOUSING IN THE ZONING CODE. SO IF A DEVELOPER BUILDS A BUILDING WITH MORE THAN 20 UNITS, ANYWHERE IN THE CITY, IT IS REQUIRED THAT A PORTION OF THE UNITS BE AFFORDABLE.

Commissioner Stegmann: AND THEN THEY ARE GOING TO RECEIVE THAT TAX EXEMPTION?

Mr. Tschabold: CORRECT.

Commissioner Stegmann: OK. GREAT. THANK YOU FOR EXPLAINING THAT.

Chair Kafoury: THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE IS TO ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE CITY. IT IS BRAND NEW. THE LEGISLATURE JUST APPROVED THIS SO THIS IS A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE CITY TO MANAGE, AND WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS FLEXIBILITY THERE BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DEMAND WILL BE.

Commissioner Meieran: I HAD A QUESTION IN TERMS OF THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS THAT 80%? WHAT DEFINES AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Mr. Tschabold: THERE IS SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR A DEVELOPER THEY CAN CHOOSE FROM. THE MANDATORY PER STATE LAW IS 20% OF UNITS AT 80% AMI. WE DID A CALIBRATION TO TRY AND ECONOMICALLY INCENTIVIZE LOWER AMI UNITS. SO A DEVELOPER COULD VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE TO PROVIDE 10% OF THE UNITS, 60% AMI, OR THEY COULD CHOOSE TO BUILD OFF-SITE AND PROVIDE UNITS AT 30% AMI. SO WHILE STATE LAW DIDN'T ALLOW US TO PASS MANDATORY INCLUSIONARY HOUSING REQUIREMENTS WITH THE AMI LEVEL BELOW 80% WE DID CALIBRATE IT SO THAT THE 60% AND 30% OPTIONS WERE MORE ATTRACTIVE TO AN ECONOMIC RATIONAL PERSON.

Commissioner Meieran: OK. I JUST WANTED TO BE ON THE RECORD THAT I HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED AND THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX EXEMPTION BUT I THINK I UNDERSTAND.

Chair Kafoury: AND UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE BOUND BY THE LEGISLATURE'S ACTIONS, YOU KNOW. I THINK THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF FOLKS, PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM WHO ARE ADVOCATING FOR THAT NUMBER TO BE LOWER THAN 80% BUT IT IS WHAT IT IS AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE CITY FOR REALLY TRYING TO INCENT LOWER FINANCIALLY SO THAT WE COULD HAVE LOWER UNITS, A UNIT THAT WAS AFFORDABLE BECAUSE REALLY WE KNOW THAT'S WHERE THE HUGE NEED IS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Commissioner Meieran: ONE QUESTION, IS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX EXEMPTION MANDATED?

Mr. Tschabold: IT WAS NOT MANDATED, AND THE STRUCTURE VARIES DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU ARE IN THE CITY. FOR THE MANDATORY INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE IN THE CENTRAL CITY AND NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT, THAT'S THE DOWNTOWN AREA UP UNTIL ABOUT 12TH, EAST SIDE, LLOYD DISTRICT AREA, AND A LITTLE BIT OF NORTHWEST BUT NOT IN THE KNOB HILL. IF YOU ARE IN THE CENTRAL CITY YOU GET A FULL TAX EXEMPTION, IF YOU ARE IN THE CENTRAL CITY AND YOU HAVE A BASE DEVELOPMENT FAR ABOVE FIVE WHICH BASICALLY MEANS YOU ARE

BUILDING A TALLER BUILDING. IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE OF THE CENTRAL CITY, THE TAX EXEMPTION IS ONLY ON THE AFFORDABLE UNITS. WHICH IS A CHANGE FROM THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM.

Mr. Tschabold: IN THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM THERE WAS A MAP WHERE YOU COULD UTILIZE THE VOLUNTARY MULTE PROGRAM AND BASED ON OPPORTUNITY SCORING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AFFORDABLE UNITS WERE BEING PROVIDED IN AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY AND ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WAS BEING PROVIDED IN AREAS OF THE CITY WHERE THERE IS A LARGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MARKET RATE RENTS. BUT EVEN OUTSIDE OF THE CENTRAL CITY THE DEVELOPER WOULD GET A FULL TAX EXEMPTION ON ALL THE RESIDENTIAL AFFORDABLE AND MARKET RATE, AND SO AS A PART OF THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM WE DID CHANGE THAT, AND OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL CITY THE TAX EXEMPTION ONLY APPLIES TO THE AFFORDABLE UNITS THEMSELVES.

Commissioner Meieran: AND I ASSUME THAT THERE IS A LONG PROCESS THAT WENT INTO DETERMINING THAT IT WOULD BE A FULL TAX EXEMPTION? THAT SEEMS LIKE QUITE A BIT OF TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS, BUT -- OK. THANK YOU. I THINK THAT I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS I WANT TO CLARIFY. SO THE ORIGINAL MULTE RIGHT NOW IS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOODS, CORRECT?

Mr. Tschabold: CORRECT.

Commissioner Smith: AND YOU ARE SAYING THAT WITH THIS NEW INCLUSIONARY ZONING THAT EVERYTHING OUTSIDE OF THE CITY GETS A MODIFIED TAX ABATEMENT? OF SORTS?

Mr. Tschabold: EVERYTHING ACROSS THE CITY AS A WHOLE, CORRECT.

Commissioner Smith: OK. AND THE MULTE IS NOT AUTOMATIC. YOU HAVE TO APPLY FOR IT WHEN YOU ARE DEVELOPING IN THE ORIGINAL PLANS. SO COMMISSIONER YOU JUST DON'T AUTOMATICALLY GET IT BECAUSE YOU ARE BUILDING A NEW DEVELOPMENT. YOU HAVE TO APPLY FOR IT. IF YOU DO THAT IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, YOU CAN GET THOSE TAX ABATEMENTS, FOREGONE TAX REVENUE?

Mr. Tschabold: THAT'S CORRECT.

Commissioner Smith: THE ISSUE IS, AND WE DON'T WANT TO PIT ONE GROUP AGAINST ANOTHER. THERE ARE TWO ISSUES HERE. LOW INCOME AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BETWEEN THAT 60 TO 80%, THAT IS THE WORKING POOR. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I DON'T THINK THAT THE FOLKS BELOW

60% ARE ANY BETTER THAN THE PEOPLE BETWEEN 60 AND 80. BECAUSE THE PEOPLE IN THE 60 TO 80 PERCENTILE, THEY CANNOT FIND HOUSING EITHER. PEOPLE WHO MAKE 115,000 OF THE MEDIUM INCOME CAN'T FIND HOUSING. SO I THINK THAT IT IS EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL TO THIS CITY TO HAVE FOLKS WHO MAKE BETWEEN THAT 60 TO 80 PERCENTILE BECAUSE UNDER THE 60%, IS THAT \$15 AN HOUR?

Mr. Tschabold: 60% IS ROUGHLY TWO FULL-TIME MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD TOGETHER. THAT'S WHAT WE USE. IT DEPENDS ON THE HOUSEHOLD SIZE BUT A GOOD MEASURE WITHOUT LOOKING AT A TABLE, 30% AMI HOUSEHOLD IS A FULL-TIME MINIMUM WAGE WORKER AND 60% IS TWO.

Commissioner Smith: WHEN DO YOU USE THE TERM, "WORKFORCE HOUSING" AT ALL?

Mr. Tschabold: I DO NOT, NO.

Commissioner Smith: BUT BETWEEN THE 60 AND 80%, THESE FOLKS ARE CONSIDERED WORKING POOR?

Mr. Tschabold: I THINK THAT PEOPLE AT 30% ARE WORKING AS WELL. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE USE WORKFORCE HOUSING, THAT'S WHY I DO NOT USE THE TERM WORKFORCE HOUSING.

Commissioner Smith: I WISH THAT WE COULD MANDATE A GENERAL VOCABULARY SO WE ALL USE THE SAME THING SO WE KNOW WHAT EACH OTHER ARE TALKING ABOUT. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY EVERYTHING IS VERY EXPENSIVE IN PORTLAND.

Mr. Tschabold: CORRECT.

Commissioner Smith: EVEN IF YOU ARE AT THE 100%, IT'S EXPENSIVE. I SUPPORT THIS AND YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS HAVING A TOUGH TIME. NOT THE FOLKS IN THE 60 TO 30 PERCENT.

Mr. Tschabold: THAT'S CORRECT, AND IF I MAY, COMMISSIONER, WE'VE BEEN SPEAKING WITH THE DEVELOPERS ABOUT THE INCLUSIONARY PROGRAM AND THERE ARE SOME THAT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE, DESPITE THE CALIBRATION, 20% OF THE UNITS, 80% AMI, AND WHILE OTHERS, THEY WOULD PREFER TO HAVE 10% AT 60% AMI, AND I WOULD JUST NOTE IN HE REMEMBERS IT OF THE SPECTRUM OF PROGRAMMING A MANDATORY INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM AND MUNICIPALITY REALLY ALLOWS THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT TO REFOCUS A DIRECT FINANCING RESOURCES ON 30% AMI HOUSING OR BELOW THE SUB60, SO IT'S PART TO THE POINTS

WHICH ARE ACCURATE, IT'S PART OF A BALANCED SPECTRUM OF HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMMING.

Commissioner Smith: AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU A HEADS UP I AM WORKING ON A PRESERVATION PROGRAM WHERE WE COULD GIVE A TAX ABATEMENT TO EXISTING MULTIPLEXES AND CHANGE THE GAME IMMEDIATELY. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT MULTE, IT TAKES FIVE YEARS TO PERMIT, SO IF WE COULD DO SOMETHING TO SUPPORT EXISTING MULTIPLEXES, WE COULD PUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE GROUND TOMORROW.

Mr. Tschabold: AND YOUR POLICY DIRECTOR AND I SPOKE TOGETHER.

Commissioner Smith: YES. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: JUST TO CLARIFY THE COUNTY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE \$3 MILLION ANNUALLY BUT THAT'S NOT THAT WE ARE FOREGOING OF OUR REVENUE, IT'S LIKE A PORTION OF ALL THE DISTRICTS, CORRECT?

Mr. Tschabold: CORRECT, SO IT IS ABOUT A THIRD.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: AND I WANT TO ADD FOR THE COMMISSIONERS WE ARE GOING TO BE HAVING THE FOLKS FROM METROCOM BACK. THEY HAVE DONE A BRIEFING FOR US LAST YEAR TALKING ABOUT AFFORDABILITY IN THE METRO REGION AND THE NUMBER OF UNITS AVAILABLE TO DIFFERENT FAMILIES AT DIFFERENT INCOME LEVELS WHICH SHOWS REALLY STRONGLY THE DIRE NEED FOR HOUSING AT THE 30% LEVEL AND BELOW. SO IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO HAVE THEM COME BACK AGAIN, ONE OF THE MORE INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS THAT WE HAD SO THAT TIES INTO THIS CONVERSATION THAT WE'RE HAVING AS WELL. I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR COMING TODAY.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY]

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD CHARLES JOHNSON, AND WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE IN A HURRY TO VOTE AYE, BUT WE WANT A COUPLE OF THINGS NOTED ON THE RECORD ONE IS THAT UNFORTUNATELY WE JUST HAD THIS ENTIRE CONVERSATION WITHOUT MENTIONING A NUMBER OF UNITS. AND AS RENTS GO UP, WITH A FIXED 3,000 OR CAP THE LONGER YOU WAIT TO SAY AYE THE LESS UNITS WE GET. SO I HAVEN'T BEEN COMPLETELY PLUGGED IN ON THE BUDGETING LANGUAGE TO KNOW HOW OUR SITUATION COMPARES WITH THE STATE, BUT THE MAIN THING IS I HOPE THAT, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU DO A BUMP PROCEDURE TO

BALANCE YOUR REVENUES AND SUCH LIKE THE CITY DOES, BUT CONSIDER THE NEED TO REALLY INCREASE THIS NUMBER. IT'S NOT MY MOST FAVORITE PROGRAM BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE DEVELOPERS ARE NOT MY MOST FAVORITE PEOPLE.

Mr. Johnson: GETTING PEOPLE HOUSED IS CRITICAL, SO AS YOU NOTED THE 15 MILLION, FIVE-YEAR AGGREGATE IS FOR ALL THE TAXING DISTRICTS, SO FOR THE COUNTY IT'S ONLY ROUGHLY A MILLION, SO REALLY WHEN WE HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE POOR PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT IN THE HOUSING, I CAN ONLY TELL THEM WELL, YOU HEARD THIS TALK ABOUT THE 15 MILLION THING, BUT FROM THE COUNTY, IT'S REALLY ONLY A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. SO WHENEVER POSITIVE REVENUE EVENTS COME AND IT IS ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE CONSIDER IF YOU CAN FIND THE LANGUAGE TO INCREASE THIS PROGRAM ESPECIALLY THE KIND OF GROSS PART WHERE THE PEOPLE WHO GET 30%, BELOW 30% ARE HOUSED OFF-SITE.

ALSO SINCE THIS IS A LIMITED POOL OF 15 MILLION YOU KNOW WE HEARD ABOUT SOME INCENTIVIZING BUT WE NEED TO GET THE BANG FOR THE BUCK, SO THIS SAID NOT HELP US WITH WORKPLACE HOUSING IN THE URBAN CORE BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING TO GET MORE UNITS FOR 15 MILLION AGGREGATE ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE CITY. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU WILL DEAL WITH THAT JUGGLING OF GOALS, BUT WE NEED MAXIMUM UNIONS, WHICH GENERALLY IS GOING TO MEAN YOU KNOW, PERIPHERAL PLACES LIKE ON THE 77 WHERE THE BUS SERVICE AIN'T THAT GREAT, BUT THE HOUSE ON THE 77 IS BETTER THAN A TENT. SO THANK YOU FOR MOVING FORWARD ON THIS.

Mr. Lightning: YES, I AM LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG X. ONE OF THE THINGS ON THIS ROLLING CAP, THE \$15 MILLION, WE CAN USE THAT PROBABLY IN THE NEXT ONE TO TWO YEARS IN MY OPINION. THAT VERY WELL COULD HAPPEN. NOW I LIKE THE MULTE PROGRAM. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DON'T LIKE IS THE EXCLUSIONARY ZONING MANDATORY WHERE THEY HAVE TO GO OUT 99 YEARS. I THINK THAT IS JUST A BIG MISTAKE TO HAVE A NUMBER IN THERE, 99 YEARS. MY POSITION IS WE HAVE TO OFFER INCENTIVES TO THE DEVELOPERS TO BUILD MORE UNITS, AND AGAIN THIS MONEY FROM A MULTE PROGRAM IS NOT COMING OUT OF ANY GENERAL FUND. THIS IS JUST PROJECTED REVENUE FROM TAXES THAT ARE GOING TO BE CREATED OFF THE DEVELOPMENTS. SO THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

NOW WHEN WE ARE TALKING THE 80% MFI OR THE 60%, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS PUSHING WITH COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN, AND I HAVE HEARD PEOPLE SPEAK IS WHEN WE GET DOWN TO THE 30% MFI WE WERE GOING TO COME UP SHORT BECAUSE OF THIS PROGRAM. IT WAS NOT GOING TO COVER THAT. I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT. THE REALITY IS THAT THAT'S WHY WE PUSHED THAT BOND OF A 200 PLUS MILLION TO REVERT BACK TO THE

30% MFI TO BUILD APPROXIMATELY 1,000 UNITS THAT WE COULD LOCK IN THAT NUMBER. AGAIN AS I HAVE STATED TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND AGAIN WHETHER YOU HEAR ME OR NOT I HAVE ASKED FOR THAT BOND TO COVER THAT 30% MFI AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AGAIN YOU SEE THE PROBLEM HERE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO COVER THOSE UNITS. THOSE ARE THE UNITS THAT WE NEED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT. UNLESS WE DO SOME TYPE OF A BOND OR SOMETHING TO IMPLEMENT IN THAT DIRECTION, WE'RE GOING TO COME UP SHORT AND STILL HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE ON THE STREETS.

SO AGAIN IT'S IN THE HANDS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO DO SOMETHING AT THAT 30% MFI, WHICH AGAIN I WILL COMMAND COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND STEPPED IN AND DID SOMETHING. AGAIN WHEN I TALK INCLUSIONARY ZONING I WANT INCLUSIONARY ZONING ON THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS. I WANT 20% SQUARE FOOTAGE OF EVERY PUBLIC BUILDING TO GO TOWARDS SOME TYPE OF SITUATION TOWARDS THE HOMELESS WHETHER IT'S SHELTER SPACE, WHETHER IT'S APARTMENT SPACE, WHETHER IT'S SOMETHING ELSE. WE ARE PAYING FOR THAT BUILDING ANYWAY. YOU COULD CALCULATE THAT INTO THE COST OF THE BUILDING. YOU COULD HAVE EXTRA SHELTER SPACES BEING CREATED AT THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT. BUT YOU DON'T DO IT. YOU EXPECT THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PICK UP ON ALL OF THAT, AND THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO IT. YOU HAVE TO PICK UP FROM YOUR SIDE AND START DOING THESE NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROVIDING THE EXTRA SPACE FOR EMERGENCY USE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

R.3 Budget Modification # NOND-10-17: Request to Increase Federal Emergency Management Program Grant Revenue by \$95,914. Presenter: Chris Voss, Emergency Management Director.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN APPROVES R3.

Mr. Voss: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TALK TO YOU TODAY. I AM CHRISTOPHER VOSS, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. I WILL ONLY TAKE TWO MINUTES. I KNOW I TALKED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO I MENTIONED THIS GRANTED, THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT, THIS COMES FROM FEMA TO THE STATE, AND THE STATE COMES UP WITH AN ALLOCATION AND PROVIDES TO THE COUNTIES IN THE STATE. IN THIS CASE HERE, ABOUT 15 MONTHS AGO THE STATE PROVIDED US GUIDANCE, A NUMBER THAT WE PUT IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, AS THE AMOUNT THAT WE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD GET

AND THE STATE WAS ABLE TO INCREASE FROM THAT ORIGINAL PROJECTION THAT THEY GAVE US.

NOW I SEE SOME POSITIVE FACES, THEY GAVE US MORE. AND I SHOULD SAY IN THAT THEIR GUIDANCE THEY GAVE US 15 MONTHS AGO WAS A 15% CUT FROM A, FROM THE YEAR BEFORE SO ALTHOUGH THEY GAVE US MORE IT IS REPRESENTED AT A 20% CUT YEAR OVER YEAR. SO WHILE WE KNEW AS OF, ACTUALLY, LAST JULY WHEN THEY GAVE US THE UPDATED IT WAS AFTER THE BUDGET SEASON STARTED SO WHEN PLANNING FOR THE DOLLARS TO COME THE ENTIRE YEAR. WE HAD TO WAIT FOR THE AWARD LETTER TO SHOW UP WHICH DID NOT COME UNTIL FEBRUARY. AND THEN OBVIOUSLY WE WALKED THROUGH THE PROCESS AND CONTRACTS AND WE ARE HERE TODAY. THIS MONEY GETS HERE THIS LATE EVERY YEAR. THAT IS A BIT UNFORTUNATE. AND MY FIRST YEAR HERE IT GOT HERE WITH A WEEK LEFT IN THE FISCAL YEAR SO WE'RE DOING A BIT BETTER THIS YEAR. THE LAST THING THAT I WANT TO MENTION ABOUT THIS GRANT, THERE IS A MATCH. WE PLAN AND WE PREPARE FOR THAT ALL YEAR SO WE HAVE THOSE DOLLARS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT DOLLARS PAYS FOR SALARIES. WE PLAN TO PREPARE, IT'S NOT EASY BUT THIS IS THE WAY THAT WE DO IT, AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS FOR CHRIS? ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THINGS OUT OF ORDER A BIT SO WE'RE GOING TO MOVE R.4 TO FOLLOW R.9. SO WE ARE READY FOR R.5.

R.5 Approval of IGA #4400002953 with the City of Troutdale for Transfer of \$100,000 from City to County and County Payment for City Sanitary Sewer and Water line for Stark Street Beaver Creek Culvert. Presenter: Riad Alharithi, Road Engineering Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Mr. Alharithi: GOOD MORNING. RIAD ALHARITHI, ROAD ENGINEERING MANAGER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE ARE ASKING YOUR APPROVAL TODAY TO AFFORD THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TROUTDALE AND THE MULTNOMAH. THE CITY OF TROUTDALE WOULD CONTRIBUTE THE \$100,000 TO THE PROJECT FOR PLACEMENT AT STARK STREET. THE COUNTY WOULD PAY FOR THE, PART OF THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION FOR THE COST OF RELOCATION OF THE SANITARY AND WATERLINE THAT WE ARE IMPACTED BY THE PROJECT SO THIS AGREEMENT IS TO DOCUMENT THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. WE ASK YOUR APPROVAL FOR THAT.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS ON THIS?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU. I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT, THIS IS THE FIRST PHASE ULTIMATELY TO WIDENING THAT STREET ON STARK?

Mr. Alharithi: SO THIS PROJECT IS AN INDEPENDENT PROJECT TO REPLACE THE CULVERT HOWEVER THE PROJECT WOULD ACCOMMODATE THE FUTURE PROJECT THAT'S COMING TO WIDEN THE STARK STREET. SO WE ARE BUILDING THE CULVERT LONG ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THE FUTURE PROJECT. SO SOME HOW THEY ARE INDEPENDENT BUT WILL SERVE THE BIG PICTURE OF THE STARK STREET WIDENING, YES.

Commissioner Stegmann: WHICH IS GREAT BECAUSE ULTIMATELY IT WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IT IS ALSO GOING TO PROVIDE FOR A WIDER FISH PASSAGE, RIGHT, SO THAT'S VERY EXCITING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE IGA IS APPROVED. THANKS.

R.6 Budget Modification # HD-44-17: Requesting General Fund contingency transfer to appropriate \$302,000 in Mental Health. Presenter: Neal Rotman, Senior Manager, MHASD.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Rotman: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. NICE TO SEE YOU THIS MORNING. I AM HERE FOR THE REQUEST OF CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR THE \$302,000, FOR THE URGENT WALK-IN CLINIC AND MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH, BOTH BY AND WITH ME TODAY IS DERALD WALKER THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CASCADE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WENDY LEER OUR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS. BOTH MOBILE CRISIS OUTREACH AND URGENT WALK-INS ARE A PRIMARY PART OF CONTACT CRISIS SERVICE PROGRAMS. THEY SERVE THOUSANDS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS. MOBILE OUTREACH PROJECT RESPOND AS IT IS BETTER KNOWN TO THE COMMUNITY HAS SERVED AND SUPPORTED OVER 3,300 INDIVIDUALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016. THE PROJECT RESPOND IS A CRISIS MOBILE OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT IS EMULATED THROUGHOUT THE STATE, SORT OF THE MODEL FOR THE STATE. IT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR 15 YEARS NOW. 15 TO 20, YEAH. A WHILE. WE ARE LEERY ON HOW LONG BUT 15 TO 20 YEARS.

BASICALLY THIS IS AN OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT MEETS PEOPLE IN THE FIELD, PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES. PEOPLE AT SCHOOLS. PEOPLE AT OTHER PUBLIC PLACES. EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND THEY WORK

DIRECTLY WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS AND THIS IS PRAISED BEFORE AS THEY RELY ON THE SUPPORT ON A DAILY BASIS. THE URGENT WALK-IN CLINIC IS OPEN 24, OR 15 HOURS A DAY. SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. 365 DAYS A YEAR. FISCAL YEAR 2016 IS SERVED JUST OVER 4,100 PEOPLE. PREDOMINANTLY MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS SO THE PROGRAM IS OPEN FOR ANYONE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WHO IS CURRENTLY LOCATED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS ENSURES THAT THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING A CRISIS THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY.

Mr. Rotman: URGENT WALK-IN PROVIDES COUNSELING, PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, AND SUPPORT, AND IN IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING ONGOING MENTAL HEALTH OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS. I JUST WANT TO REMIND IS THE COMMISSIONERS THAT THESE TWO PROGRAMS REMAINED IN OPERATION THROUGHOUT OUR LAST WEATHER EVENT. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CLOSURE, WE HAD CLOSURES OF ROADS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND ALL OTHER OF OUR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS SO THAT SUPPORT IS THERE 365 DAYS A YEAR. WE'VE BEEN DOING OUTSTANDING WORK. THE REASON WHY WE'RE HERE FOR THE CONTINGENCY REQUEST IS REALLY RELATED TO A PAY SCALE ISSUE THAT CAME TO LIGHT LAST SUMMER. WE HAD WORKED DIRECTLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF CASCADE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN REVIEWING THE SITUATION. WE SAW THIS SITUATION INCREASE IN URGENCY AS FALL CAME ALONG, AND WE WERE LOSING STAFF MEMBERS TO OTHER PROGRAMMING BEING DEVELOPED AND OPERATED IN OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS, OTHER MOBILE OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND URGENT WALK-IN CLINIC. SO WE ARE HERE TODAY TO REALLY ADDRESS THE FACT THAT CASCADIA STEPPED UP AND INCREASED THE PAY SCALE FOR THE WORKERS IN THESE TWO PROGRAMS. BASICALLY TOOK ON THE DEFICIT THAT WE ARE NOW TRYING TO ADDRESS TODAY. ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Meieran: I THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND I INTRODUCED THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION TO SUPPORT CASCADIA'S INCREASED EMPLOYEE WAGES THIS YEAR BECAUSE IT'S ONE STEP TOWARDS INCREASING THE WAGES IN GENERAL IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE HAVE, I MEAN, SEEN VERY COMPELLING TESTIMONY TODAY AS TO WHY THIS IS SO IMPERATIVE. AS WE HAVE HEARD HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATIONS INCREASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKERS BY CREATING NEW TYPES OF JOBS FOR PEOPLE TRAINED IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FIELD. WAGES AREN'T A NEW PROBLEM, AS YOU KNOW.

THERE IS HISTORICALLY HAS BEEN PAY INEQUITY IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FIELD. A LOT OF PEOPLE STICK WITH IT BECAUSE IT IS WORK FROM THE HEART. ON THE GOVERNMENT HOLDING MANY CONTRACTS FOR THESE TYPES OF SERVICES, WE NEED TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO

ADDRESS THIS INEQUITY. THIS IS WHY I AM GLAD TO HAVE TAKEN A LEAD ON THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION BEFORE US HERE TODAY. IN ADDITION I REALLY WANT TO THANK CASCADIA AND DERALD WALKER IN PARTICULAR FOR APPROACHING THE COUNTY EARLY WHEN THEY REALIZED THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO INCREASE THE WAGES SO THERE'S BEEN A MEANINGFUL CLEAR COMMUNICATION ALL ALONG THE WAY AS TO WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WHICH IS VERY HELPFUL AS WE ARE GOING THROUGH THIS. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MEIERAN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IT SEEMS TO BE A THEME THAT WE KNOW THAT MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS ARE SEVERELY UNDERPAID AND UNFORTUNATELY WE ALSO KNOW THAT MANY OF THOSE FOLKS ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE COUNTY'S OWN SERVICES. THAT IS A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS WHEN YOU HAVE GROUPS OF FOLKS THAT REALLY WANT TO HELP PEOPLE AND SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO WORK IN THIS INDUSTRY SO I SUPPORT THIS. I ALSO WANTED TO THANK CASCADIA. ISSUE THAT YOU HAVE WORKED WITH OUR COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHILE UNITY IS GETTING UP ON THEIR FEET AND YOU STEPPED UP IN A BIG WAY SO I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

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

R.7 Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 21 through May 27, 2017 as “National Public Works Week” and Recognizing the Contributions of all Multnomah County Public Works Employees. Presenters: Ian Cannon, DCS Transportation Director, Garret Vanderzanden, DCA Fleet Manager, and Henry Alaman, DCA Facilities & Property Management Director.

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

Mr. Cannon: GOOD MORNING. I AM IAN CANNON, THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND I HAVE WITH ME --

Mr. Churchill: SCOTT CHURCHILL HILL, MANAGER OF STRATEGIC PLANNING REAL ESTATE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS.

Mr. Niiyama: JOHN NIIYAMA ROAD MAINTENANCE MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TRANSPORTATION.

Mr. Cannon: AND WE'RE HERE TO PRESENT THE PROCLAMATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS WEEK. SOMETIMES WHEN I COME HERE FOR THIS IN THE PAST I HAVE HAD SOME PEOPLE WITH ORANGE VESTS ON IN THE BACK OF THE

ROOM. BUT TODAY SINCE IT IS KIND OF OUR FIRST SUNNY DAY IN A LONG TIME THEY ARE OUT IN THE FIELD DOING IMPORTANT WORK, PATCHING SOME OF OUR ROADS AND STARTING TO REFRESH THE STRIPING AND OTHER ESSENTIAL THINGS. THEY COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY FOR THIS BUT AT ANY RATE.

Mr. Cannon: THE COUNTY, WHEN I COME TO THE BOARD MEETING I AM ALWAYS AMAZED AT THE SERVICES THE COUNTY PROVIDES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IS PROBABLY A SMALL PART OF THAT. BUT THE COUNTY ACTUALLY HAS QUITE A GAME IN THAT, TOO, OVER 130 BUILDINGS. 275 MILES OF ROADWAY. SIX VERY LARGE BRIDGES IN THE CORE OF THE REGION. THE COUNTY DOES A LOT OF WORK THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THAT, PROFESSIONALS. THIS WINTER FROM FACILITIES TO TRANSPORTATION AND FLEET, PEOPLE WHO SPEND A LOT OF HOURS ON THE JOB MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THE REST OF US TO COME TO WORK. THAT'S WHAT INFRASTRUCTURE IS THAT PART IN THE COMMUNITY THAT UNDERLIES ALL THE REST OF THE WORK THAT WE DO.

IT HAS TAKEN FOR GRANTED AS LONG AS YOU COME IN AND THE LIGHTS TURN ON IN THE OFFICE AND THE HEAT IS ON YOU IGNORE IT. AND THE SAME WITH THE ROADS AS LONG AS YOU GET TO WORK AND IT WASN'T TOO BAD YOU DON'T PAY THAT MUCH ATTENTION. WE MAY BE DRAWING A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION TO OUR WORK IN DOWNTOWN RIGHT NOW, AND WITH A COUPLE OF THE PROJECTS AND THE IMPACTS THAT IT'S THE WORK THAT JUST KINDS OF UNDERLIES WHAT THE COUNTY DOES, THE COUNTY'S VALUES, AND WE'RE PROUD TO REPRESENT THAT THIS MORNING, SO JOHN DO YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Mr. Niiyama: OK. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. [READS PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.] THANK YOU.

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

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT AND STAFF AND ALL OF THE FOLKS IN ORANGE VESTS. I KNOW SOMETIMES THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT THE MOST GLAMOROUS PART OF THE COUNTY'S WORK BUT IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL. ROADS, BRIDGES, SEWERS, BUILDINGS, ALL THOSE THINGS ARE SO IMPORTANT SO I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU AND RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT MAKES TO KEEPING OUR COUNTY RUNNING. VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT YOU DO AND KEEP IT UP. [LAUGHTER]

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: I AGREE WITH ALL MY COLLEAGUES COMMENTS. AND I JUST WANT TO ADD MY THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: AND YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED, LAST WEEK WE VOTED FOR THE SUN TO COME OUT. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR HELPING YOU OUT. NO, SERIOUSLY, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND I AM GLAD TO HERE HOWEVER THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT DOING THE WORKS. I KNOW THERE IS A LOT TO DO. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION'S ADOPTED.

R.8 Budget Modification DCJ 14-17 Appropriates New Federal/State Funding for Crime Victim Services Portal. Presenter: Denise Pena, Program Manager.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS. APPROVAL OF R.8.

Ms. Pena: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DENISE PENA AND I'M THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE MANAGER OF THE CRIME VICTIMS UNIT AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME THIS MORNING. I'M HERE TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE CRIME VICTIMS UNITS HERE. WHICH WILL GO TO THE VICTIMS PORTAL. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PARTNERS, WHICH CONSISTENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, THE OREGON BOARD OF PAROLE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WERE SELECTED TO BUILD A VICTIMS PORTAL. A WEBSITE TO HELP GIVE VICTIMS A VOICE THROUGH BETTER ACCESS TO INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND INSURING THEIR RIGHTS ARE HONORED THROUGHOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION'S APPROVED.

R.9 *Acting as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board – Resolution Approving a Sole Source Procurement for Corrections Health Third Party Administrator. Presenters: Dr. Michael Seale, Deputy Medical Director and Wendy Lear, Deputy Director.*

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.9, ACTING AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Lear: WE'RE HERE TO ASK FOR AN EXEMPTION SO WE MAY REENGAGE THIRD-PARTY FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL SERVICES. WE'VE USED CORRECTIONS HEALTH PARTNERS IN THE PAST AND WE'RE VERY SATISFIED WITH THEIR SERVICES, BUT AS THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN CORRECTIONS HEALTH, THAT NEEDED OUTSIDE MEDICAL SERVICES, THAT WERE NOT MEDICAID BILLABLE BEGAN TO DECLINE, WE FOUND IT MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO

BRING THOSE SERVICES IN-HOUSE, THE CLAIMS PROCESSING SERVICES. BUT NOW WE ARE SEEING AN UPTICK ON OUTSIDE MEDICAL CLAIMS BEYOND 24 HOURS AND UPTICK IN INMATES NOT MEDICAID ELIGIBLE, WE NEED TO RECONSIDER CONTRACTING WITH A CLAIMS PROCESSOR WHO CAN GET BENEFICIAL CONTRACTING RATES WITH THE HOSPITALS AND SO WE'D LIKE TO HAVE YOUR APPROVAL FOR THIS EXEMPTION FOR ONE YEAR, WHILE WE DO A MORE FORMAL RFP FOR SERVICES.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? I THINK YOU HIGHLIGHTED THIS DURING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BRIEFING RECENTLY, SO WE APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD SO QUICKLY. ANY COMMENTS, DR. SEALE?

Dr. Seale: I WOULD JUST PROBABLY ADD THAT CHP GIVES US ACCESS TO A NETWORK OF PROVIDERS AND THAT'S USING A NEGOTIATED REDUCE FEE SCHEDULE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS AND THEY'RE BILLING COMPONENT ALSO INSURED THAT PEOPLE RETURNING TO THE JAIL WERE APPROPRIATE FOR OUR FACILITY AND ALSO SCRUBBED THE ABILITY TO CHARGE OTHER INSURANCE PLANS BEFORE RETURN.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTED. THANK YOU. WE'RE NOW AT R.4.

R.4 Proclamation Proclaiming May, 2017 as Asian and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Zahir Janmohamed, Policy Director, APANO; Jessica Yu, ALLY Youth; and, Jeanice Chieng, Policy Manager, APANO.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. WHILE FOLKS ARE GETTING SETTLED, I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE MY FIRST PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH AND I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE ROBERTA HUNTE, MY SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR, TO INTRODUCE OUR GUESTS.

Ms. Hunte: THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE WITH YOU TODAY AND TO BRING FORWARD THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION. I WANT TO INTRODUCE ZAHIR JANMOHAMED FROM APANO, THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN NETWORK OF OREGON.

Mr. Janmohamed: THANK YOU, ROBERTA, AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME'S ZAHIR JANMOHAMED AND IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE BACK HERE. THANK YOU, ALL, SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH APANO. SO I'M GOING TO BE INTRODUCING OUR SPEAKERS. I HOPE I DON'T EMBARRASS JESSICA. SHE SAID SOMETHING AMAZING. SHE SAID, OH, MY GOD, IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE AN ASIAN WOMAN UP THERE. A FEW MINUTES LATER, SHE SAID, DO THEY ONLY LET WOMEN ON THE COMMISSION?

[LAUGHTER] REPRESENTATION MATTERS. YOU KNOW, IT DOES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

Mr. Janmohamed: I SAID, WHY IS IT WEIRD TO SEE COMMISSIONER STEGMANN UP THERE? SHE'S DONE SO MANY EVENTS WITH WHITE MEN. IT IS NICE TO SEE SO MANY WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOR. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR APANO. I'VE BEEN SPEAKING AT A LOT OF THESE PROCLAMATIONS SO I WANT TO YIELD THE TIME TO THREE WONDERFUL REPRESENTATIVES FROM APANO. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS JOE. ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. I WANTED TO START WITH SOMEONE WHO'S A WONDERFUL LEADER OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITY. PLEASE WELCOME JOE.

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME.

Mr. Enlet: IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE WITH YOU AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING US. MY NAME IS JOE ENLET AND I'M A RESIDENT HERE IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND WHERE I'VE LIVED FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. I'M GRATEFUL AND HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. IN CELEBRATION OF OUR ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY. WE CELEBRATE THE HISTORY AND CULTURE. WE CELEBRATE THE RESILIENCE AND APIS ARE NOT BURDENS AND DEFICITS, BUT SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTORS TO ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY, ENRICHING WITH OUR RESOURCEFULNESS, OUR BEAUTY AND OUR SMARTS AND OUR CULTURE OF FAMILY AND LOVE. WE ARE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS, I'M FROM THE ISLAND OF CHUUK. I SPEAK PROUD. IT IS CUSTOMARY AND IMPORTANT IN OUR CULTURES TO HONOR OUR ELDERS AND FAMILY, WHO ARE TRULY THE STEWARDS OF OUR STORIES AND THE CARETAKERS OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND SO I THANK OUR FAMILIES AND OUR ELDERS AND THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE FROM OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR LEADERS AND OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AS WELL. FROM THE DISTANT SHORES, WE HAVE VOYAGED ACROSS THE VAST PACIFIC OCEAN AND HAVE LANDED ON THE SHORES OF OREGON.

I'M THANKFUL FOR MY EXPERIENCE AND THE EXPERIENCE OF MY FELLOW PACIFIC ISLANDERS WHO CONTRIBUTE IMMENSELY TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. WE HAVE PLANTED SEEDS AND HARVESTED THE FRUITS IN OREGON. WE RAISE OUR KIDS IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS AND MANY HAVE EXCELLED IN ACADEMICS AND SPORTS, ARTS, MUSIC AND HAVE TAKEN LEADERSHIP ROLES, AS WELL. ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS SERVE AS BUSINESS OWNERS, CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS, ENGINEERS, I.T. SPECIALISTS, DOCTORS, TEACHERS, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. PACIFIC ISLANDERS AND PARTICULARLY CITIZENS OF THE COFA NATIONS OF MICRONESIA WHO ARE NON-U.S. CITIZENS VOLUNTEER IN THE U.S. MILITARY HIGHER THAN U.S. CITIZENS. WITH THAT EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN RIDDLED WITH CHALLENGES.

Mr. Enlet: OFTEN OUR COMMUNITY FEELS INVISIBLE. AND THE API COMMUNITY VOICE OFTEN LEFT OUT OF THE PICTURE AND I WANT TO AD PARTICULARLY, THE PACIFIC ISLANDER VOICE. THERE IS A FEELING OF FEAR BECAUSE OF THE LOOMING UNCERTAINTIES OF FEDERAL POLICIES AND ANTI-IMMIGRANT. HEALTH DISPARITIES CAUSED BY NON-ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES ARE STILL AN ISSUE. THE LACK OF REPRESENTATION ON DECISION-MAKING BODIES, LACK OF ACCESS TO CULTURALLY-APPROPRIATE SERVICES ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGE CHALLENGES. YET THROUGH THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS OF PARTNERS SUCH AS APANO AND THE NATIONAL NETWORK AND MANY, MANY MORE, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO START ADDRESSING SOME OF THOSE CHALLENGES.

PART OF THE CELEBRATION IS A CELEBRATION OF OUR RESILIENCE. PARTNER WITH US TO RAISE AWARENESS AND TELL OUR STORIES. AND OFTEN MISSING IN OUR DATA, WHICH DOES NOT REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND THUS HIDE THE TRUE DISPARITIES THAT EXIST. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR API COMMUNITIES BY HELPING US BUILD AND ADVOCATE FOR OUR FAMILIES SO THAT SERVICES MAY BE ACCESSED IN A WAY THAT IS CULTURALLY-APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE TO OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. CREATE COMMUNITY SPACES WHERE WE CAN GATHER, AS A COMMUNITY, SUCH AS THE MULTI-CULTURAL SPACE THAT APANO'S BUILDING. WE ARE ABLE TO COME TOGETHER, AS ASIANS, AS PACIFIC ISLANDERS AND LIKE WE SAY IN THE PACIFIC, SPREAD THE LOVE WITH A LOT OF FOOD. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Janmohamed: THANK YOU SO MUCH, JOE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DENISE. SHE'S BEEN REALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN PUSHING FOR ETHNIC STUDIES AND JEANICE IS A ROLE MODEL. HE WAS LIKE, WOW, YOU KNOW JEANICE? SHE'S A ROLE MODEL FOR THE COMMUNITY BEING A YOUNG, BRILLIANT LAWYER AND SHE'S A ROLE MODEL TO ALL OF US. SO, PLEASE WELCOME JEANICE.

Ms. Chieng: THANK YOU TO HEAR. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS OF THIS BOARD. IT IS AN HONOR TO REALLY BE HERE AND TO SEE YOU ALL REFLECTING OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT, YOU KNOW, IN THIS TIME AND THIS AGE, WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT AND HOPEFUL FOR BECAUSE OF THIS CRAZY POLITICAL CLIMATE. SO WE'RE HERE TODAY TO HONOR ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH AND HOW OUR COMMUNITIES ARE HURTING RIGHT NOW IN THIS TIME. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS, I'M SURE THAT YOU ALL HAVE HEARD ABOUT THESE FEELINGS OF FEAR AND UNSAFETY. THEY'RE REAL IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THEY'RE NOT JUST THEORETICAL. IN THE WORK THAT I DO WITH, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THE WORK THAT I DO IS WITH EDUCATION. WITH THE STUDENTS THAT WE'RE WORKING, THEY'RE EXPRESSING ACTUAL

FEEL OF NOT WANTING TO LEAVE CAMPUS, NOT WANTING TO GO TO LUNCH AT THE LOCAL TACO BELL OR MCDONALD'S. THEY'RE EXPERIENCING THAT REAL GRAVE FEAR AND THERE'S THIS SILENCE OF NOT BEING ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT WITH ADULTS AND TEACHERS.

Ms. Chieng: THERE'S A FEELING OF NOWHERE TO GO. THAT FEELING IS DISTURBING TO ME AS A WOMAN OF COLOR IN THIS CITY. I CAN ALSO RELATE BECAUSE I AM BORN AND RAISED HERE, BUT MY PARENTS ARE REFUGEES. MY FATHER FOUGHT IN THE VIETNAM WAR ALONGSIDE THE U.S. AS A SOLDIER. MY EXPERIENCES HERE ARE SIMILAR TO THEIRS AND WHAT I'M ALWAYS SO SURPRISED OF IS HOW THIS STILL HAPPENING 30-SOME, 40-SOME YEARS LATER. THEY'RE EXPERIENCING THIS GREAT AMOUNT OF FEAR. THAT'S UPSETTING, THAT'S HURTFUL. MY CHALLENGE AND MY QUESTION TO YOU ALL TODAY IS AS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY, WHAT ARE THE DECISIONS THAT YOU'RE MAKING? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HOW ARE YOU VOTING WITH YOUR DOLLARS? HOW IS THAT HONORING RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE? IS THAT REFLECTED IN THE DECISIONS THAT YOU'RE MAKING EVERY SINGLE DAY? PART OF WHAT WE DO, OFTEN TIMES, AS PEOPLE OF COLOR, IS YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT OUR HISTORIES AND OUR IDENTITIES AND THINKING ABOUT OUR RACE. IN THIS VERY, VERY WHITE CITY.

THAT'S WHAT WE DO ON A DAILY BASIS. WE'RE CONSTANTLY THINKING ABOUT RACE. WE'RE JUST FORCED TO. I IMAGINE THAT YOU ALL DO THIS, TOO, IN YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL LIVES. BUT AS A LOCAL ELECTED COUNTY GOVERNMENT BODY, ONE OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IS TO THINK ABOUT THE COLLECTIVE HISTORY OF PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND TO THINK ABOUT THOSE INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURAL BARRIERS AND RACISM THAT HAS PLAGUED THE CITY. WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF RACISM AND EXCLUSION AND THAT IS CHANGING WITH FACES LIKE YOURS AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION THAT BROUGHT ON MORE WOMEN OF COLOR TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS. OUR OWN KATHY WAS ELECTED TO NORTH CLACKAMAS SCHOOL BOARD. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE CHANGING AND NOW NEEDED MORE THAN EVER AND FIRST, WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT THAT THE COUNTY HAS GIVEN TO OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUT ANY FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITIES ARE HURTING AND WE NEED THAT SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER.

Mr. Janmohamed: THANK YOU, JEANICE. JUST TO ECHO WHAT JEANICE SAID, WE HAD A PUBLIC FORUM A FEW WEEKS AGO, MAYBE ABOUT 100 PEOPLE CO-SPONSORED WITH IRCO AND WE ASKED OUR MEMBERS, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT? OVERWHELMING WAS HATE CRIMES. WE HAVE JEWISH MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, KIDS BEING CALLED RACIAL SLURS AND THEY'RE MET WITH SILENCE FROM TEACHERS OR TO BE HONEST, SOMETIMES MOCKERY. SO IT'S TOUGH AND ONE OF THE

THINGS THAT I HEAR FROM A LOT OF THE YOUTH IS, SHOULD I STAY IN PORTLAND? WHY SHOULD I STAY IN PORTLAND? I MEAN, WHY NOT GO TO A CITY WHERE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE US? WHERE YOU DON'T DEAL WITH THIS SORT OF, THIS FALSE WHITE LIBERALISM THAT PRETENDS TO BE ALLIED WITH US BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO SPEND ANY MONEY ON US. SO WHY NOT LEAVE? I WANTED TO CLOSE OUT OUR PRESENTATION WITH JESSICA WHO IS A YOUTH LEADER, A SENIOR AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL, HEADING TO COLLEGE IN ST. LOUIS IN THE FALL. SHE IS PART OF ALLIED YOUTH. SO MANY OF HER IDEAS, THEY ORIGINATE FROM THE YOUTHS.

Ms. Yu: I'M JESSICA YU. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PORTLAND, I'VE LIVED IN MCEM MY ENTIRE LIFE AND I'M HERE TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE OF GROWING UP IN PORTLAND AS AN ASIAN AMERICAN. WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MY FAMILY WENT OUT ON THE TRIP TO CATCH CRABS. THE COMPANY WAS --

Chair Kafoury: HOLD ON, PLEASE. THERE HAS BEEN A MEDICAL ISSUE IN THE BACK OF THE BOARD ROOM, PLEASE KEEP THAT AREA CLEAR. THERE IS A DOCTOR PRESENT ATTENDING TO THE YOUNG PERSON AND AN AMBULANCE IS ON THE WAY. THANK YOU.

[MEETING CALLED TO RECESS AT 11:21 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 11:33 A.M.]

Chair Kafoury: IF EVERYONE COULD TAKE THEIR SEATS AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED. I HOPE EVERYONE'S DOING OKAY. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, CAN YOU TELL US?

Commissioner Meieran: SO, SHE'S DOING OKAY AND WE HAVE OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS HERE, WHO ARE THE BEST AND SHE'S DOING OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

Mr. Janmohamed: WE'LL YIELD THE TIME TO JESSICA, OUR FINAL SPEAKER.

Ms. Yu: SO, I'LL PICK UP WHERE I LEFT OFF. I KNOW WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON TIME. SO WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE WENT ON A TRIP TO CATCH CRABS. THE WHEN MY MOTHER RECEIVED THE BILL, WE WERE BEING CHARGED FOR LIFE JACKETS AND NO ONE ELSE WAS. SHE APPROACHED THE OWNER. MY MOTHER WAS NOT BORN IN THE UNITED STATES. WHEN SHE WAS ASKING THE OWNER, THE OWNER WAS IMMEDIATELY HOSTILE. AND SHE TOLD MY MOTHER THAT IF SHE DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, THEN TO NEVER COME BACK. MY MOTHER THEN CALLED THE POLICE AND I REMEMBER SITTING IN THE CHILD WATCHING THE RED AND BLUE SIRENS BLARE ACROSS THE PARKING LOT. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EXPERIENCED SUCH RACISM. MIDDLE SCHOOL, I WAS OFTEN CALLED A CHINK BY MY PEERS, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER SEEN ANYONE WHO SPOKE OUT

AGAINST THOSE ACTIONS, IT WAS EASY TO BUY INTO THESE WORDS. I STARTED BELIEVING IT AND I LAUGHED WITH THEM AND PULLED MY EYES BACK WITH THEM.

Ms Yu: IN HIGH SCHOOL, I LEARNED ABOUT MY PEOPLE'S HISTORY FOR THE TIME. I WAS 16. 16 YEARS OF BEING INVISIBLE IN OUR TEXTBOOKS AND OUR CURRICULUM AND BEING LEFT OUT IN LESSONS TAUGHT IN CLASSROOMS. IT SHOULDN'T TAKE 16 YEARS. WITH BEING INVISIBLE IN OUR SCHOOLS, PUSHED OUT BY OUR COMMUNITY, IT IS EASY TO FEEL LIKE ONE MAY FEEL LIKE THEY DO NOT BELONG. WHERE DO ASIAN YOUTH GO WHEN THEY FEEL THIS WAY? WHERE DO THEY HAVE TO GO WHEN THEY ARE IDENTIFIED THE ISSUES? I STARTED MAKING SENSE AT ALLY, THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION. WE LAUNCHED OUR FIRST CAMPAIGN TO IMPLEMENT ETHNIC STUDIES. LAST MAY WE WERE ABLE TO PUSH THE PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD TO PASS IT. HAVING CAMPAIGNED LED BY ALL ASIAN YOUTH IS SOMETHING I'VE NEVER IMAGINED COULD HAVE HAPPENED AND IT IS SO EMPOWERING TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL SOMETHING HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS FOR ONCE AND A CRUCIAL COMPONENT IS HAVING SPACE AND IDENTIFY THESE ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITY, A SPACE WHERE WE CAN GO TO SPEAK TO FOLKS WHO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE ARE COMING FROM AND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO GROW UP AS AN ASIAN YOUTH IN PORTLAND.

WE NEEDED A SPACE TO HOLD THESE CONVERSATIONS AND IMPLEMENT CHANGE AND CELEBRATE EACH OTHER AND HAVE FUN. WE DESERVE TO HAVE THE SPACE. A YEAR AGO, I WAS PLANNING A BREAK DANCE BATTLE AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL AND MY ADMINISTRATION BACKED OUT OF GIVING US THE GYM. THE ONLY PLACE I KNEW WHERE I COULD GO TO WAS APANO. IF IT WAS NOT FOR THEM, THIS EVENT WHERE I SAW FOLKS FROM ALL OVER OREGON, SOME FROM WASHINGTON, SOME FROM CANADA, AND ESPECIALLY FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. FEEL FREE IN THEIR OWN BODIES. JAMS WAS THE ONLY PLACE I KNEW I COULD GO TO WHEN MY SCHOOLS WERE PUSHING ME OUT.

SO, I KNOW PORTLAND AND THIS COUNTY PREACHES PROGRESSIVE POLICIES, BUT OFTEN TIMES, THAT IS NOT ENOUGH. WE NEED TO SHOW OUR COMMUNITIES THAT THEY DO BELONG HERE AND PART OF THAT IS JUST SUPPORTING SPACES WHERE THEY CAN CONVENE. SO, I CANNOT EMPHASIZE ENOUGH ON HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO DO THAT IN A TIME WHEN THE NATIONAL CLIMATE IS DIVIDING US. SO, THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SPACE, BUT ALSO KEEPING YOUTH AND ASIAN YOUTH AND YOUTH OF COLOR IN MIND AS YOU PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE REST OF YOUR TERMS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU SO MUCH. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? IS SOMEONE GOING TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Stegmann: YES, CHAIR, I HAVE THE PROCLAMATION. SO, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING AND TESTIFYING. REALLY HEART-FELT STORIES AND, JESSICA, I FELT VERY MUCH LIKE YOU. WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, I FELT VERY INVISIBLE AND AS AN ADULT, I NEVER REALLY REALIZED WHY AND MUCH OF IT HAS TO DO WITH RACISM AND I APPRECIATE YOU HAVING THE BRAVERY, AS A YOUNG PERSON, TO COME OUT AND SHARE YOUR STORY BECAUSE THAT IS THE STORY OF A LOT OF IMMIGRANTS. AND SO, IT'S REALLY HEART-WARMING AND MEANINGFUL FOR ME TO SPONSOR THIS PROCLAMATION AND I ALSO WANTED TO SHARE LAST WEEKEND, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OPENING REMARKS AT IRCO'S GALA AND THEY CALLED IT BRIDGING COMMUNITIES AND I LOVE THE NAME OF THEIR GALA. IT EMBODIES OUR COMMUNITY'S VALUES, OUR HOPES AND OUR DREAMS. SOME WANT TO BUILD WALLS, THOSE OF YOU HERE TODAY ARE BUILDING BRIDGES AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO BUILD A PATH FORWARD THAT MEETS THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF ASIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IS SOMETHING I'M INCREDIBLY GREAT FOR. THIS PROCLAMATION IS PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL FOR ME BECAUSE I'M THE FIRST ASIAN AMERICAN TO SERVE ON THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. A RESPONSIBILITY AND HONOR THAT I AM HUMBLLED BY. I WISH TO THANK AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE GENERATIONS AND ASIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION. [READS THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.] PLEASE JOIN US AFTERWARDS FOR KOREAN FOOD. I LOVE WHAT JOE SAID, SPREAD THE LOVE WITH A LOT OF FOOD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: WE'RE NOT QUITE DONE YET. YOU HAVE TO HEAR MORE ACCOLADES FROM THE COMMUNITY.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY AND TELLING US HOW YOU FEEL IS SOMETHING THAT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ME IN DISTRICT 2. AND THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND I ALWAYS LIKE TO HAVE GREAT FOOD. SO I CAN'T WAIT.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE TODAY FOR BRINGING THIS PROCLAMATION FORWARD AND THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THESE THINGS IN A PUBLIC WAY, IN A WAY TO CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF OUR CULTURE AND THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND IN THE STATE. WE DON'T SEE OURSELVES IN MEDIA AND MOVIES. I APPRECIATE THIS AND REALLY AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS.

Commissioner Meieran: I ALSO APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER STEGMANN'S LEADERSHIP IN THIS ISSUE AND JUST HER PRESENCE ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO SHARE THIS WITH YOU. AND TO

HAVE YOUR EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR TESTIFYING TODAY. INCREDIBLY MOVING AND POWERFUL STORIES AND WORDS AND THESE REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE SO, APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING THEM HERE AND I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON THAT DOING THIS IN A PUBLIC WAY IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY, AS A WHOLE. SO, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT FOR HIS WORK AS A MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEE, WORKING AS THE LIAISON FOR THE HEALTH EQUITY AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR DOING THAT. IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AS A LEADER, IN COMMUNITY AND AT THE COUNTY. SO, I JUST WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON THAT. AND JESSICA, YOU ARE INCREDIBLY POISED. NOT ONLY WERE YOU ABLE TO GIVE YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND TELL A REALLY TOUCHING, HEARTBREAKING MEMORIES FROM YOUR PAST, BUT TO DO IT IN A WAY, THE COMPOSURE WAS INCREDIBLE. YOU HAVE A TRAJECTORY OF A GREAT FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU AND I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF SOME DAY, WE SEE YOU SITTING UP HERE. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, AGAIN, FOR COMING TODAY. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING WELL TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY, BUT TO CONTINUE TO PUSH OURSELVES BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT MORE THAN WE COULD DO, AS A COUNTY, AS A COMMUNITY, TO BE A LEADER ON THESE ISSUES. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING FORWARD TODAY.

Mr. Janmohamed: THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS MAKING US FEEL AT HOME IN THIS BUILDING. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. NOW WE CAN CLAP. [APPLAUSE]

R.10 Proclamation Proclaiming May 2017 as Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Ebony Clark, Deputy Director, Mental Health Services & LaKeesha Dumas, Office of Consumer Engagement Coordinator and Invited Guests.

Chair Kafoury: I JUST WANT TO SAY, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON IS LEAVING BECAUSE SHE HAS TO ATTEND AN EVENT WHERE SHE'S SPEAKING, IT'S NOT BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO LEAVE EARLY. I KNOW SHE WANTS TO BE HERE FOR THIS ONE, AS WELL. MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.10.

Ms. Clark: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND SERVICES DIVISION. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD AND CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN FOR ALLOWING THE ROOM TO TAKE SPACE TO INSURE THAT PEJA WAS ABLE TO GATHER HERSELF AND MAKE SURE SHE GOT THE SUPPORT SHE NEEDED. I'M

HONORED TODAY TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY DERALD, THE CEO OF CASCADIA. LAKEESHA DUMAS AND PEJA, WHO WAS AN 8TH GRADE STUDENT AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL. WE ARE EXCITED AND HONORED TO BE HERE TO CELEBRATE MENTAL HEALTH AWARE AWARENESS MONTH. IT HAS BEEN CELEBRATED SINCE 1949. IT HELPS SPREAD AWARENESS THAT EVERYONE IS IMPACTED BY MENTAL HEALTH, THAT RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE. BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT, EVERYONE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN RECEIVE FREE SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS BY CALLING THE COUNTY'S 24-HOUR CALL CENTER.

Ms. Clark: THIS YEAR'S THEME IS RISKY BUSINESS AND THAT'S IN REGARDS TO LOOKING AT HOW DO WE HIGHLIGHT THE RISK AND BEHAVIORS ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND VALUE THE EFFORTS OF GETTING EARLY SUPPORT. EARLY INTERVENTION LEADS TO QUICKER RESOLUTION AND RECOVERY. WE HAVE PROGRAMS, EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM, TRANSITION AGE PROGRAM CALLED EARLY ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT ALLIANCE FOR PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION AND OUR FIRST AID MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS THAT KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WELL AND HEALTHY. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO DERALD, WHO'S GOING TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT ONE OF THE NEW CERTIFIED CLINICS THAT'S AIMED AT LOOKING AT HOW DO WE IMPROVE BETTER CARE AND OUTCOMES FOR THOSE WE SERVE. LAKEESHA DUMAS WILL SHARE HER STORY AND GIVE AN UPDATE AND THEN PEJA WILL SHARE HER PERSONAL STORY AND EXPERIENCE WITH OUR SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM. THERE IS HOPE AND PEOPLE CAN AND DO RECOVER. IF SOMEONE OR YOU, YOURSELF, ARE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, 503-988-4888. WE ARE HERE TO HELP. WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO DARREL.

Dr. Walker: THANK YOU. I AM DERALD WALKER. INCREDIBLE HONOR TO BE HERE. THIS IS MY 41ST YEAR. IT STARTED HERE IN THIS AREA, 41 YEARS AGO. AND, THE CHANGE IN OUR SYSTEM HAS BEEN MASSIVE AND I'M VERY MUCH IMPROVED. THE AREA THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THINGS IN MY 41 YEARS JUST OCCURRED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AND THAT'S THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ACT. A LOT OF US DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD EVER COME TO BE. IT'S AN INTEGRATION PROJECT FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES AND ADDICTION CHALLENGES THAT WILL GET COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE. THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE CHALLENGED THESE ISSUES, 25 YEARS ON THE AVERAGE. EARLIER THAN OTHERS. IF THERE'S AN ADDICTION, 35 YEARS. LARGELY BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO RECEIVE PRIMARY CARE HEALTH. RELATED TO METABOLIC ILLNESSES AND THE LIFESTYLE AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

Dr. Walker: IT'S STARTING THIS YEAR, CASCADIA, AND LIFEWORKS ARE TWO ORGANIZATIONS I'M PROUD OF DOING. WE HAVE TWO COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS. THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT STATES IN THE UNITED STATES THAT RECEIVE THIS AND OREGON PROUDLY WAS ONE OF THOSE EIGHT STATES. SO, WE HAVE STARTED PROVIDING THE SERVICES IMMEDIATELY, ALTHOUGH WE'RE CURRENTLY BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE NEW INTEGRATED HEALTH CLINIC ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR BOULEVARD AND WE WILL OPEN THAT APRIL OF 2018. SO, AGAIN, HONORED TO BE HERE. A LOT OF EXCITING THINGS TO BE HAPPENING AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO FOLLOW THE EVOLUTION OF THE INTEGRATION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE IN OUR TWO ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY GOING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

Ms. Dumas: CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS LAKEESHA DUMAS. IN MY ROLE IN THE OCE, I HELP RAISE THE VOICE OF CONSUMERS BY PROVIDING INPUT ON THE DIVISION'S PRIORITIES. I WANT TO THANK YOU, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN OUR OFFICE. I'M EXCITED TO TELL YOU ABOUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN OUR FIRST YEAR. I WANT TO SHARE MY STORY AND EXPLAIN HOW MY EXPERIENCE SHAPES THE WORK I DO TODAY. I WAS BORN TO A MOM. I GREW UP FEELING UNWANTED AND LIKE I SHOULDN'T BE HERE. I GREW UP FAST. BY THE AGE OF 5, I WAS BABYSITTING, MAKING BOTTLES AND CHANGING DIAPERS. I LIVED WITH DIFFERENT FAMILY MEMBERS AND EXPERIENCE SEXUAL ABUSE. I SAW MY MOM CUT UP BY A FIGHT. I WISHED I WAS OLDER AND BIGGER SO I COULD HAVE HELPED HERE. AMONG THAT, I SAW MANY OTHER THINGS THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAW AS A KID. IN SCHOOL, I WAS IN TAG, TALENTED AND GIFTED. THEY WANTED TO PUT ME IN HIGHER GRADES, BUT MY MOM WOULDN'T LET THEM SO IN SCHOOL, I GOT IN TROUBLE A LOT. I WOULD FINISH MY WORK FAST AND ACT UP IN CLASS. THEY WANTED TO PUT THEM ON RITALIN. I PLAYED MULTIPLE SPORTS. THE STANDS WERE OFTEN EMPTY FOR ME. THAT CREATED AN EMPTINESS THAT I CAN'T EXPLAIN.

I TURNED TO GANGS WHERE I THOUGHT I WAS ACCEPTED AND PRAISED. ANY ATTENTION WAS GOOD ATTENTION TO ME, NOT UNDERSTANDING THE DEPTHS OF DANGER THIS LIFE HAD IN STORE FOR ME. AFTER 8TH GRADE, WHEN MY FRIEND DROWNED IS WHEN THE REAL TRAUMA STARTED FOR ME. NOBODY TALKED ABOUT GRIEF OR WHAT THAT WAS. I BEGAN TO LIVE LIFE AS IF I WAS GOING TO DIE AND THEN I DIDN'T CARE IF I DIED, I WANTED TO DIE. PEOPLE KEPT DYING AROUND ME AT YOUNG AGES. MY BEST FRIEND GOT KILLED ON HER 21S 21ST BIRTHDAY. ONE OTHER BIG THING IN MY LIFE, AS AN ADOLESCENTS, WAS BEING ATTRACTED TO THE SAME SEX. WE DIDN'T HAVE AS MUCH FREEDOM TO BE WHO WE WERE BACK THEN AND IT SURE WASN'T EMBRACED. GOING TO THE BLACK CHURCH WAS TRAUMATIZING, GETTING PRAYED FOR, HAVING TO GO TO THERAPY AND COUNSELING, FEELING LIKE SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH ME. IT'S STILL A STRUGGLE TO

THIS DAY AND IS NOT ALL THE WAY ACCEPTED REGARDLESS OF SAME-SEX RIGHTS AND GAY MARRIAGE.

Ms. Dumas: AS EBONY MENTIONED, THIS PROCLAMATION HIGHLIGHTS THE RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. MY RISK FACTORS WERE ABANDONMENT, LONELINESS, FEELING UNWANTED AND BEING ATTRACTED TO THE SAME SEX, DEATH, TRAUMA, NEVER KNOWING MY FATHER. BEING A TOM BOY AND BEING FORCED TO BE GIRLY. NOT BEING CHALLENGED AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE EARLY. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT IF THERE WERE PEER SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED TO ME, THEN, IT WOULD HAVE MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. HAVE SOMEONE CLOSE TO MY AGE WHO OVERCAME THE SAME STRUGGLES. I BEGAN THE ROAD TO RECOVERY BECAUSE SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN IN MY SHOES AND UNDERSTOOD THE PLACE OF DESPERATION I WAS IN GAVE ME A HAND. THROUGH MY WORK, I DO DEAL WITH THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT. I EDUCATE SYSTEMS ABOUT THE POWER OF PEERS. AND HAVING THE SAME LIVED EXPERIENCE IS CRITICAL TO THE WAY ONE VIEWS CARE. AND OUR FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO INFORM STAFF ON THE HISTORY OF THE PEER SUPPORT MOVEMENT, INTEGRATE PEER VOICE INTO THE DIVISION SCOPE BY PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE COMMUNITY AND MAKING RECOMMENDATION FROM POLICY PRACTICE.

THERE IS YOUTH, FAMILY, ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH. THEY ARE BROKEN OUT LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITY IN THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES. SEEING IT AND LIVING IT IS TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. SO, WE DO IT FOR THEM. I MEAN, WE DON'T DO IT FOR THEM, WE SHOW THEM BY EXAMPLE OF THE OBSTACLES WE HAD TO FACE. WE EMPOWER PEERS TO GAIN THE TOOLS, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AND DEFY RECOVERY AND WELLNESS FOR THEMSELVES BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY ROADS TO RECOVERY. I HOPE MY EXPERIENCE WITH RECOVERY CAN INSPIRE OTHERS TO GET HELP AND LOOKING FORWARD, I'M EXCITED TO SEE THE PEER MOVEMENT CONTINUE TO GAIN MOMENTUM AND RECOGNITION. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY I HOLD DEAR TO MY HEART.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Ms. Peja: MY NAME IS PEJA. I AM 13 YEARS OLD. I'M REPRESENTING THE REYNOLDS MIDDLE SCHOOL ART-BASED GROUP. I FELT NERVOUS BECAUSE I NEW. I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE, BUT THEN I MET A FEW OF THE GIRLS BEFORE GROUP AND THEY MADE ME FEEL WELCOME. MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH MY GROUP WAS WHEN WE WENT OUTSIDE TO TAKE PICTURES. WE TOOK PHOTOS AND GROUP PHOTOS, WE LAUGHED AND WE ALL GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER. GROUP HELPED ME WITH MY DEPRESSION AND MY FEAR OF TELLING PEOPLE HOW I FEEL. GROUP IS A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN COME AND TALK ABOUT WHATEVER'S ON YOUR MIND. YOU DON'T GET JUDGE AND

YOUR VOICE IS HEARD. GROUP IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE NOT ONLY IS IT AN ART-BASED GROUP, BUT YOU CAN EXPRESS YOURSELVES. GROUP HELPS PREVENT BAD THINGS FROM HAPPENING. IN GROUP, WE DO CHECK-INS. EVERYONE HAS THREE TO FIVE MINUTES TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S NEW AND HOW THEIR WEEK HAS BEEN. I WAS BORN MAY 24, 2003.

Ms. Peja: IN 2006, MY PARENTS SPLIT UP. THAT'S WHEN I STARTED ACTED DIFFERENT. MY MOM GOT MARRIED TO MY STEPDAD. I WAS FEELING BITTER. OCTOBER 28, 2015, MY MOM WAS ARRESTED. AT FIRST, I DIDN'T CRY, I DIDN'T FEEL EMOTIONS. I DIDN'T CRY BUT ON THANKSGIVING DAY OF 2015, I BROKE DOWN. AT THAT MOMENT, EVERYTHING HIT ME. THAT'S WHEN THE DEPRESSION FOUND ITS WAY. I HATED MYSELF, I SELF-HARMED AND CRIED MYSELF TO SLEEP AND I FELT ALONE. THEN, I WAS SEPARATED FROM MY YOUNGER BROTHER. HIS DAD TOOK HIM AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN AWHILE NOW, HOPEFULLY I GET TO SEE HIM SOON. JANUARY 3, 2016, I MOVED TO REYNOLDS MIDDLE SCHOOL. I MET WITH RACHEL AND SHE TOLD ME ABOUT GIRLS GROUP. I WANT TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO MY PARENTS AND RACHEL FOR HELPING ME THROUGH THE BAD TIMES AND GIVING ME GOOD MEMORIES.

Ms. Clark: THANK YOU, PEJA. [APPLAUSE] NOW, THE GIRLS GROUP HAS A GIFT THAT THEY'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, BRIEFLY.

Chair Kafoury: SO THIS IS A PHOTOBOOK, WHICH PEOPLE CAN COME LOOK AT AFTER WE'RE DONE. AND IT'S A PHOTO ACTION REFRAMING OURSELVES. I'M ASSUMING THESE ARE PICTURES. WILL YOU TELL US ABOUT THE BOOK?

Ms. Peja: SO, IN THE BOOK, THERE ARE PICTURES OF ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN GROUP. AND UNDER THE PICTURE, THERE ARE QUOTES THAT PRETTY MUCH EXPLAIN EITHER YOU WHO ARE OR LIKE A SPECIAL DAY, SPECIAL TIME, STUFF LIKE THAT.

Chair Kafoury: THESE ARE INCREDIBLE PICTURES. THEY'RE SO ARTISTIC. I WOULD SEE THESE PICTURES UP IN A PHOTO GALLERY, WITH A BIG PRICE TAG UNDERNEATH IT. THIS IS INCREDIBLE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. DO YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION? BEFORE WE HAVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS? WHY DON'T YOU JUST READ IT. I KNOW THIS IS AN ISSUE NEAR AND DEAR TO YOUR HEART.

Commissioner Meieran: I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW PROUD I AM TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION BEFORE THE BOARD. AND, AS THE CHAIR ELUDED TO, ONE OF THE REASONS I RAN FOR THIS OFFICE WAS BECAUSE OF WHAT I SAW EVERY DAY WORKING IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND CARING FOR PEOPLE WHO CAME IN WITH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND SEEING A LOT OF THE CHALLENGES, IT ALSO RELATES TO IN THE TESTIMONY FROM FRONT

LINE WORKERS TRYING TO SERVE AND SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN THE COMMUNITY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, I JUST CAN'T EXPRESS HOW IMPRESSED I AM AND GRATEFUL I AM TO YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES, LAKEESHA AND PEJA. FOR LAKEESHA, I'VE WORKED WITH YOU ON A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT AREAS AND ALWAYS RECOGNIZED HOW AMAZING YOU ARE AND YOU HAVE SO MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE BUT I'VE NEVER BEFORE HEARD YOUR STORY, OR AT LEAST A PORTION, THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT AND PEJA, AS WELL, IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE. MAKES SUCH AN IMPACT TO BE ABLE TO TELL THOSE STORIES AND I'VE OFTEN SAID, ONE OF MY FAVORITE QUOTES -- BECAUSE I DON'T SPEAKING IN PUBLIC, IS SPEAK YOUR MIND EVEN IF YOUR VOICE SHAKES. YOUR VOICE DIDN'T EVEN SHAKE. IT'S REMARKABLE TO HEAR AND THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO DERALD WALKER AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE A COUPLE OF MENTAL HEALTH HEROES. ONE OF MY HEROES IN THIS ARENA IS KEVIN, WHO'S SITTING THERE IN THE BACK. [APPLAUSE] AND, JUST APPRECIATE HIS GREAT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OVER MANY YEARS AND ALSO, I KNOW DAVID HIDALGO IS NOT FEELING WELL, SO HE COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY BUT HE IS ALSO NAMED AS A MENTAL HEALTH HERO AND I WANTED TO APPRECIATE ALL OF HIS WORK AT THE COUNTY. [APPLAUSE] SO, WITH THAT, I WILL READ THIS PROCLAMATION. [READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.] THAT'S IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. YOU ALL ARE ROCK STARS BECAUSE I PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE COME UP AND SPOKE TO ELOQUENTLY AS YOU DID AFTER THIS MORNING. BUT, YOU TOLD YOUR STORY. YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT AND EVERYBODY HAS A STORY AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO TELL IT BECAUSE IT MAKES YOU STRONGER AND I THINK FOR US, I'M GOING TO WORK REALLY HARD WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO FIGURE OUT WAYS THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE CAN HAVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER AND TO GET THAT OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY, SO, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING. I'M REALLY IMPRESSED, AS I LOOK AROUND THE ROOM, HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE HERE AND HAVE STAYED. IT SHOWS HOW MUCH OUR COMMUNITY VALUES THE CHANGE THAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN A NEW WAY. WE'RE EMBRACING YOU. IT'S REALLY SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE YOUR SELF, YOUR MOTHER, BROTHER, YOUR BEST FRIEND. I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR COMING OUT TODAY AND [APPLAUSE] I THINK IT'S SO POWERFUL AS COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SAID, I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR STORY LAKEESHA. IT'S AMAZING AND I THINK YOU SAID IT YOURSELF. HAD YOU HAD A GROUP LIKE THIS WITH THE SUPPORT AT A YOUNG AGE, JUST IMAGINE THE CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE. ALTHOUGH WE'RE

HAPPY THAT YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE AND IF YOU HADN'T HAD ALL THE EXPERIENCES, YOU WOULDN'T BE HELPING OUT THE PEOPLE YOU'RE HELPING OUT TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT AND DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANTED TO SAY? I WANTED TO THANK EBONY, WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER THIS YEAR TO PUT FORWARD A PROGRAM OFFER THAT WE WILL BE VOTING ON THAT ADS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS IN OUR SCHOOLS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE NEED IS SO GREAT AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE AT AN EARLY AGE CAN REALLY CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY IN REAL LIFE. SO, THANK YOU. LAST YEAR, WE HAD THE PEER SUPPORT, WHICH WAS AWESOME. WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON OUR YOUTH AND EBONY, DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ELSE?

Ms. Clark: I WANTED TO INVITE YOU AND EVERYONE IN THE ROOM TO INVITE JOIN US IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM.

Chair Kafoury: WONDERFUL. EXCELLENT. WE WILL BE THERE. SO, LET'S FINISH THIS UP AND NOW WE CAN HAVE A CELEBRATION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE]

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 CALENDAR FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE ONE ANNOUNCEMENT. I'M HAVING MY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE URBAN LEAGUE CITY CENTER FROM 8 TO 12. IF YOU KNOW OLDER ADULTS, BRING THEM BY AND WE'LL HAVE PANCAKES AND BACON.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 12:12 p.m.

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