

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, March 24, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

Vice-Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Commissioners Jules Bailey, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present. Chair Deborah Kafoury was excused.

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

Vice-Chair Smith: GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Transfer of Seized Monies in the amount of \$3,199.69 to the County.
- C.2 Resolution Disposing of Abandoned Vessels Left on Multnomah County Waterways.
- C.3 BudMod HD-27-16: Authorizing Six Position Reclassifications within the Health Dept.

Vice-Chair Smith: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER BAILEY MOVES AND SHIPRACK SECONDS; ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THOSE AGAINST? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Vice-Chair Smith: DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE SIGNED UP. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Phillips: I AM PAUL PHILLIPS, AND I SPOKE HERE LAST WEEK, AND THIS SUBJECT IS NOTICE TO ENTER APARTMENT. I HAVE SIX PAPERS HERE, DATING FROM JANUARY 19, 2016, A ONE-DAY NOTICE, AND FEBRUARY 28, A

TWO-DAY NOTICE, PAGE 2. PAGE 3 IS DATED THE 29TH, A THREE-DAY NOTICE, MARCH 5, A FOR TWO-DAY NOTICE. MARCH 7, A THREE-DAY NOTICE. AND MARCH 21ST, A THREE-DAY NOTICE, AND THAT'S A TOTAL OF 14 DAYS OF NOTICES AND INSPECTIONS, AND NOTICE, SUPPOSEDLY, AND I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE REPAIRS DONE ON MY APARTMENT. IT'S ONLY TWO MOP BOARDS, AND SOME FOUR FEET IN LENGTH, SUPPOSEDLY, SOMEBODY DRILLED TWO HOLES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BASE BOARD TO ALLOW AIR TO VENTILATE, BUT I WAS TELLING JOE THAT, AND THEY MUST HAVE SPENT 140,000 ON INSPECTIONS, HE CLAIMED. AND THEN THEY AIN'T GOT NO MONEY FOR REPAIRS. 14 DAYS OUT OF TWO MONTHS, TODAY IS THE 24TH, AND MORE THAN TWO MONTHS SINCE FEBRUARY 19, I THINK, I CALLED IT, THE PAPER. THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REPAIR SOME OF THE APARTMENTS.

Mr. Phillips: I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY HAVE REPAIRED ANY OF THEM, YET. THEY WERE NEXT DOOR YESTERDAY, IT SOUNDED LIKE, THEY WERE DOING A LOT OF SHEETROCK, REPAIR, AND THE APARTMENT, IT SOUNDED LIKE STUFF. BUT, HOME FORWARD, OF COURSE, IS A PARTNER, AS YOU KNOW, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND AS I SAID, IT DID MORE THAN 17% DAMAGE, 26 BUILDINGS, 26 OTHERS, OR 25 OTHER APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN MY BUILDING WERE, HAD HAD PLUG DAMAGE, AND I PROBABLY HAD THE LEAST AMOUNT OF BLOOD DAMAGE OF ANY -- FLOOD DAMAGE OF ANY OF THEM BECAUSE I WAS ON THE SECOND FLOOR RATHER THAN 1-6. IT'S NICE TO SEE THE POLITICAL ACTIVIST HERE, AND INJURED AND PISSED OFF, TOO.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU, MR. PHILLIPS.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING, FOR THE RECORD, I'M JOE WALSH, AND WE DO NOT TAKE ANY MONEY FROM ANY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. LAST WEEK, THERE WAS UPROAR ON THE STREETS FOR THE HOMELESS, AND THE UPROAR HAD TO DO WITH A PROGRAM THAT APPARENTLY, HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE BUT NOW IS REALLY ON THE FRONT BURNER. AND THAT'S A PROGRAM THAT SAYS, IF YOU WANT TO GO HOME, AND YOU HAVE FAMILY, I GUESS CLOSE FRIENDS, WE WILL BUY YOU A TICKET AND SEND YOU HOME.

ON THE FACE OF IT, IF YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, THINK ABOUT ALL THE NEGATIVES THAT HAVE COME OUT IN THE LAST YEAR ABOUT PEOPLE BEING SHIPPED FROM ONE CITY TO THE OTHER. SO, YOU CAN JUST IMAGINE PEOPLE LIVING IN A TENT, AND HEARING THE RUMORS THAT NOW THEY AND THE COUNTY, ARE GOING TO SHIP TO DIFFERENT CITIES. THAT'S THE WORD THAT THEY GOT AND THE RUMOR THAT THEY GOD. SOME OF THEM CAME TO US, AND ASKED, WHAT WAS GOING ON. I LOOKED INTO IT, AND IT SOUNDED REASONABLE TO ME. THERE WAS 30,000 SET ASIDE, AND YOU HAD TO DO A COUPLE OF THINGS. YOU HAD TO HAVE FAMILY, OR SOMEBODY WHO WOULD VOUCH FOR YOU, AND LET ME USE THE EXAMPLE OF MY BROTHER BEING IN SEATTLE, AND I AM HOMELESS. AND I NEED TO GET TO SEATTLE. IF I

GET THERE, I HAVE A CHANCE OF LIVING SOME PLACE AND GETTING ON MY FEET.

Mr. Walsh: THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, AND IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, SET ASIDE \$30,000. AND IT LOOKED REALLY GOOD. THE MERCURY JUST CAME OUT WITH AN ARTICLE, THAT, IN ADDITION, THEY WANT TO FINGERPRINT THE HOMELESS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I SAY THIS TO THE CITY COUNCIL ALL THE TIME. AND YOU RUIN YOUR CREDIBILITY, WHEN YOU DO STUFF LIKE THIS, BECAUSE THOSE OF US THAT DID THE RESEARCH, LOOKED AT THE PROGRAM, AND SAID IT WAS A REASONABLE PROGRAM, WILL HAVE TO WATCH IT AND SEE HOW IT GOES, AND BOOM, WE FIND OUT THAT THERE IS A PARAGRAPH SOMEWHERE IN THE ORDINANCE, THAT THE CITY PASSED, THAT THEY ARE GOING TO PAY FOR THE HOMELESS, GUESS WHAT, WHERE THE HELL OF THOSE FINGERPRINTS GOING TO GO? WHY ARE THEY DOING IT. WE DON'T WANT THEM DOUBLE DIPPING. DOUBLE DIPPING WHERE? IF YOU SHIP THEM TO SEATTLE, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THEY ARE COMING BACK? AND THEN, SAYING, WOULD YOU SHIP ME AGAIN? SO, I AM SAYING TO YOU, I KNOW YOU ARE GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS, FIND OUT. TELL THEM, IF THEY DO FINGERPRINTS, WE WILL INVADE THEIR OFFICES, AND WE WILL NOT BE OUTSIDE.

WE WILL BE IN THEIR OFFICES. THEY WILL NOT FINGERPRINT ANYBODY, EVEN IF IT'S VOLUNTARY BECAUSE IT'S NOT. BECAUSE WHEN YOU SAY TO PEOPLE, DO YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR FINGERPRINTS TAKEN, WE WILL GIVE YOU A TICKET. GUESS WHAT? THAT'S NOT VOLUNTARY. I PROMISED MY WIFE I WOULD NOT GET UPSET TODAY. PLEASE FORGIVE ME IF I DID, IT IS NOT DIRECTED AT YOU. IT TOOK ME BY SURPRISE, AND I AM IN THE STREETS, A LOT.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU, JOE.

Mr. Walsh: I KNOW, I AM OVER TIME. I APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Proclamation Proclaiming March 28 – April 1, 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Dayna Morrison, LGBTQ Health Coalition of the Columbia-Willamette; Peter Parisot, Cascade AIDS Project; Kim Toevs, Multnomah County Health Department.

Vice-Chair Smith: COMMISSIONER BAILEY MOVES AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1.

Commissioner Shiprack: I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THIS WHILE SOME PRESENTERS COME FORWARD. THIS IS JUST MY DELIGHT TO HAVE BROUGHT

THIS RESOLUTION FORWARD PRETTY CONSISTENTLY DURING THE, NOW NEARLY EIGHT YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD, AND DURING THAT SAME TIME, WE HAVE SEEN TREMENDOUS PROGRESS. MARRIAGE BETWEEN SAME SEX COUPLES IS NOW RECOGNIZED ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS, EXTEND TO PARTNERS, IN THE SAME SEX COUPLES.

Commissioner Shiprack: GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS ARE REQUIRED IN ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS, AND LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE BEGINNING TO PROVIDE GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS, AS WELL. AND TREATMENT FOR TRANSGENDER YOUTH IS NOW COVERED UNDER MEDICAID. WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY, AND WE STILL SOMEWHERE A LONG WAYS TO GO, AND THERE IS STILL INEQUITIES, BUT I WANT TO SAY, BEFORE I INTRODUCE THE PANEL, AND I THINK THAT WE'RE ALL PRETTY FAMILIAR TO EACH OTHER. AGAIN, THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT RUN, BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT BEFORE THE CARE CONFERENCE, WHICH TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, MY STAFF PERSON, MATTHEW, CREATED THE MEANINGFUL CARE CONFERENCE BEFORE I WAS ON THE BOARD, SO BEFORE ANY OF US WERE ON THIS BOARD, AND I WANT TO GIVE HIM CREDIT. I WISH THAT I COULD GIVE HIM CREDIT MORE ELOQUENTLY, BUT ELOQUENT OR NOT, MATTHEW, DID HE DISAPPEAR? MATTHEW IS DISAPPEARING INTO THE BACK. SO, I WANT TO CREDIT MATTHEW. [APPLAUSE] FOR ALL OF HIS WORK. SO, KIM, WHY DON'T I TURN IT OVER TO YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

Ms. Toevs: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER, I AM KIM TOEVS, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND I THINK I WILL BE SPEAKING THIRD, AND DAYNA IS FIRST, AND THEN WE CAN READ THE PROCLAMATION, HOPEFULLY.

Ms. Morrison: I AM DAYNA MORRISON, THE COORDINATOR OF THE LGBTQ HEALTH COALITION OF THE COLUMBIA WILLAMETTE, AND THE OREGON AIDS EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER COORDINATOR. I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND WE OWE A LOT TO MATT, I THINK WE STARTED WITH 30 PEOPLE, 30 TO 50 PEOPLE AT THE FIRST MEETING AND NOW WE'RE UP TO 400 WHO ATTEND ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY CONTINUES TO BE A LEADER NATIONALLY IN SUPPORTING LESBIAN AND GAY AND BISEXUAL, CLEAR, TRANSGENDER AND INTERSECTS HEALTH HE CAN. AS WE REMOVE BARRIERS WE MUST REMEMBER THAT STIGMAS ARE VERY REAL IN INTER-PERSONAL REACTIONS BETWEEN PATIENCE, FRONT STAFF DESK AND PROVIDERS, CONTINUE TO DISCOURAGE THE LGBTQ PEOPLE FROM SEEKING SERVICES DESPITE THE EXPANDED ACCESS.

WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AS YOU JUST SAID, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, AND THESE EFFORTS WE STILL SEE PEOPLE FACING DOCUMENTED STRUCTURAL FINANCIAL AND CULTURAL BARRIERS TO ACCESSING THE HEALTH CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR YOUTH CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE INCREASED RATES OF VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE COMPARED

TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS. FOR MANY LGBTQ COMMUNITY MEMBERS, THE INTERSECTION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY WITH RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY COMPOUNDS THE RISK FOR NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. BLACK AND LATINO LGBTQ PEOPLE FARE WORSE COMPARED TO HETEROSEXUAL AND NON-TRANSGENDER PEOPLE WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THIS IS TRUE IN BOTH NATIONAL DATA AS WELL AS LOCALLY. BLACK, GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE DIABETES OUT OF ANY OTHER COMBINATION OF RACE AND SEXUAL IDENTITY AT 20%. IN ADDITION, YOUNG MEN OF COLOR, AT DISPROPORTIONATE RISK OF HIV INFECTION. CULTURAL COMPETENCY IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF IMPROVED HEALTH CARE AND EFFORTS NEED TO FOCUS ON ADDRESSING RACE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND THE INTERSECTION OF ALL THREE.

Ms. Morrison: WE MUST LEARN, ADAPT AND SUPPORT LGBTQ COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AS A COMMUNITY, THE LGBTQ HEALTH COALITION OF THE COLUMBIA ORGANIZES THE MEANINGFUL CARE CONFERENCE BIANNUALLY IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL LGBTQ AWARENESS WEEK. THIS CONFERENCE IS THE EFFORT OF A GROUP OF LGBTQ FOCUSED COMMUNITY PROGRAMS WHO HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO PROMOTE CULTURAL COMPETENCY, AND FOR HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, WORKING WITH MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THIS KEY STEP IN THE LOCAL EFFORTS IMPROVES THE HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION, SATISFACTION, AND OUTCOMES, FOR CONSUMERS THROUGH EXPANDING ACCESS THROUGH COMPETENT CARE, THE CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON THE RAPIDLY CHANGING HEALTH CARE LANDSCAPE, AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THE THEME IS LGBTQ HELP IN AN ERA OF HEALTH TRANSFORMATION AND THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER, DR. GLENN JORDAN OF JOHNS HOPKINS WILL SHARE LESSONS LEARNED FROM 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN AIDS PSYCHIATRY, AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE LGBTQ MOVING FORWARD. SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAM IN 2005, THE CONFERENCE TRAINED OVER 1,000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN LGBTQ CULTURAL COMPETENCY.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE 45 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND 400 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND TOMORROW. IN ADDITION, WE'LL BE OFFERING THE HIV TRACK AS A FREE LIVE SIMULCAST FOR ALL THE PROVIDERS IN OREGON, TO ENSURE EDUCATION IS ACCESSIBLE WHERE IT'S MOST NEEDED. AND WE WILL ALSO BE AIRING EXCERPTS OF THE PROGRAM ON CABLE ACCESS, AND APRIL THROUGH JULY OF 2016. AS THE COORDINATOR OF THE HEALTH COALITION, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE COMMISSIONER'S ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS, AND THE HEALTH OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO EXPLORE INCLUSIVE POLICIES AND ENCOURAGE THE COLLECTION OF DATA REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL PEOPLE FACING HEALTH AND EQUITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Mr. Morrison: I LOOK FORWARD TO REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COUNTY EQUITY EFFORTS, AND ADVISORY COUNCILS TO ENSURE LGBTQ COMMUNITY VOICES ARE HEARD. HEALTH TRANSFORMATION HAS THE ABILITY TO ADDRESS INEQUITY AND BREAK THE CYCLES OF RISK. PROMOTING CULTURALLY COMPETENT CARE FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY IS A KEY STEP IN LONG-TERM IMPACTS FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. I INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON FRIDAY TO SEE THE IMPACT OF 15 YEARS OF EFFORTS TO BRING RESOURCES AND EXPAND PROVIDER KNOWLEDGE. NEXT WEEK IS NATIONAL LGBTQ HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK, AND THIS CONFERENCE IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU.

Mr. Parisot: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CASCADE AIDS PROJECT. MY BOSS WAS UNABLE TO JOIN US BECAUSE HE HAD TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSIONER, HE SENDS HIS APOLOGIES, I AM PETER PARISOT, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR TACKLING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. I FEEL FORTUNATE TO LIVE AND WORK IN A PLACE WHERE NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION BUT THAT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PORTLAND, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS, AND RIGHT UP TO THE GOVERNOR, AS WELL. IT IS NO WONDER THAT OREGON CONTINUES TO LEAD IN HEALTH EQUITY.

AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED TODAY, IN 2013, THE OREGON EXPANDED COVERAGE FOR MEDICAID, TO THOUSANDS OF LOW INCOME OREGONIANS, INCLUDING MANY LGBTQ INDIVIDUALS. THIS COUPLED WITH THE INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE, AND RECENTLY PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR BROWN, HAS LAID A FOUNDATION FOR INCREASED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE. HOWEVER, AS WE REMOVE THE ECONOMIC BARRIERS, WE MUST GRAPPLE WITH THE SOCIAL BARRIERS SUCH AS BIAS, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY. AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS IS WHY YOUR SUPPORT OF THE LGBTQ HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK AND THE 2016 MEANINGFUL CARE CONFERENCE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. PROMOTING CULTURALLY COMPETENT CARE, FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY, IS A KEY STEP IN CREATING BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR THAT COMMUNITY. THIS IS WHY I'M THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT AFTER A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS, CASCADE AIDS PROJECT IS EXPANDING ITS MISSION TO INCLUDE THE GREATER HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY.

WE ARE BUILDING ON 30 YEARS OF PROVIDING CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND OPENING A NEW LGBTQ PRIMARY CARE CLINIC. LOCATED ON 23RD AND BELMONT, IN SOUTHEAST PORTLAND. THE CLINIC WILL OFFER SAFE, AFFIRMING AND NON-JUDGMENTAL

SPACE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND CAN OBTAIN A COMPASSIONATE AND CULTURALLY EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE THAT THEY NEED AND DESERVE, AND IN ADDITION TO THE PRIMARY CARE, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CLINIC WILL OFFER SPECIAL ED SERVICES FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY, HIV, AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE TESTING, AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, AND INTEGRATED PHARMACY SERVICES. CAP PLANS TO SERVE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WITH THIS CLINIC, INCLUDING LGBTQ ADULTS, WITH EMPLOYEE SPONSOR AND HAD PRIVATE INSURANCE, AND MEDICAID, AND MEDICARE COVERAGE, AND STAYING TRUE TO OUR ROOTS, A BALANCED MIX OF HIV NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS. THIS BEARS REPEATING, CAP SERVES THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WITH A PRIORITY OF INCLUSIVITY AND OUTREACH IN THE TRANSGENDER POPULATION. ACCORDING TO A RECENT GALLUP SURVEY, PORTLAND HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF LGBTQ INDIVIDUALS IN THE NATION. MOREOVER THE OREGON OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROJECTS THAT THE FOUR-COUNTY REGION WILL GROW BY A MILLION PEOPLE IN THE NEXT TWO PLUS DECADES.

Mr. Parisot: SO OVER TIME, THE DEMAND FOR LGBTQ COMPETENT MEDICAL SERVICES WILL ONLY GROW. WE, AS A COMMUNITY NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS FOR THIS COMMUNITY ARE MET. WITH THIS CLINIC, CAP IS COMMITTED TO REMOVING BARRIERS AND IMPROVING ACCESS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, PROVIDING QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR ALL LGBTQ PATIENTS IN THE METRO REGION. I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MORE ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE SOON, AND INVITE YOU ALL TO A GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY THIS MORNING, DATE TO BE DETERMINED. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE AND LGBTQ HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Bailey: THAT'S A VERY EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YOU HAVE MADE HERE TODAY, AND I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND TO MATT FOR THIS WORK, AND NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE A DECLARATION HERE TODAY BUT SEEING ADDITIONAL ACTION TAKING PLACE AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE IS VERY EXCITING SO THANKS FOR YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT.

Vice-Chair Smith: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Shiprack: PERHAPS WE COULD HEAR FROM KIM?

Ms. Toevs: I AM KIM TOEVS, AND I WANTED TO TALK TO WHAT'S EXCITING FOR ME ABOUT THE CONFERENCE AND AS A HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEE AND GET ON THE PUBLIC RECORD SOME OF THE GREAT WORK OUR COUNTY IS DOING AND THE EFFORT FOR LGBTQ HEALTH EQUITY. LAST NIGHT, I WAS A BIT

SOBERED IN THE MIDDLE OF A LOT OF EXCITEMENT, AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE FROM THE WONDERFUL LIST THAT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND MY PEERS UP HERE SPOKE TO ABOUT HOW MUCH WE HAVE PROGRESSED. I WAS SOBERED WHEN I READ ABOUT THE VOTE IN NORTH CAROLINA, THAT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TOOK, BASICALLY, TO CODIFY THE ABILITY TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST LGBTQ PEOPLE, AS WELL AS TAKING AWAY THE RIGHT OF CITIES AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO PROTECT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL OF THEIR RESIDENTS THAT WAS HARD TO HEAR. IT MADE ME APPRECIATE, AGAIN, WHERE WE'RE AT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WHERE WE'RE AT WITHIN THE STATE. BUT, IT'S INHERENT IN THE DIALOGUE WE'RE HAVING NATIONALLY, RIGHT, LIKE ENDS OF EXTREMES RIGHT NOW BEING SPOKEN ABOUT.

Ms. Toevs: I WANT TO SAY ALONG THOSE LINES, THAT'S WHY I THINK THAT PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY FOR ME, THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT HAS BEEN SO IMPORTANT TO OBSERVE, AND WHY THAT IS PROFESSIONALLY, IS BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN THAT MOVEMENT BE ABLE TO ADDRESS A RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND INEQUITY IN A WAY THAT REALLY CENTERS THE NEEDS OF BLACK LGBTQ COMMUNITY MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY, AND NOT ONLY CENTERED THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS BUT REALLY, CENTERED THE VOICE ASKS SKILLS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS. WHY I FEEL PROFESSIONALLY THAT'S IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE THE CIVIL RIGHTS, HOUSING, ECONOMIC, STABILITY, AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO PROTECT YOUR OWN FAMILY, ARE ALL REALLY KEY DETERMINANTS FOR HEALTH AS WE ALL KNOW, AND THE INTERSECTIONS OF THE DIFFERENT DEPRESSIONS MAKE THOSE THINGS COMPLICATED FOR FOLKS IN WAYS THAT IMPACT THEIR HEALTH AND THE HEALTH OF THEIR KIDS IN THE NEXT GENERATION.

OUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO EXPAND THE RACIAL EQUITY WORK. I THINK THAT WE HAVE A GOOD TRACK RECORD AND WE'RE PUTTING A LOT OF INCREASED FOCUS ON THAT, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE DIRECT SERVICES PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AS WELL AS POLICY WORK THAT WE DO, AND I AM SO PROUD TO BE PART OF THAT. WE HAVE GOT GREAT FOLKS DOING LGBTQ WORK, AND INTEGRATING THE FRAMEWORKS AND THE EFFORTS TOGETHER IS REALLY CRUCIAL TO UPLIFT THE HEALTH OF ALL OF THE FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY THAT WE CAN, SO I WANT TO BRIEFLY MENTION THE SIX WAYS THAT ARE, OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PUTTING EFFORT INTO THE LGBTQ HEALTH. THE FIRST OF WHICH I THINK HAS BEEN OUR COUNTY AND OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOTH SPECIFICALLY THE LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CULTURAL COMPETENCY CONFERENCE, AND WHICH IS SO EXCITING FOR ME THAT IT'S CONTINUED AND THAT IT'S GROWN, AND THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS REALLY TAKEN OWNERSHIP OF CREATING IT, AND IT'S NOT JUST LED BY THE COUNTY. WE

SUPPORTED IT WITH STAFFING, WITH RESOURCES, ETC., AND IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT THIS YEAR.

Ms. Toevs: WE'RE ALSO VERY INVOLVED IN LOOKING AT WAYS THAT WE CAN IMPROVE THE DATA THAT WE COLLECT ACROSS THE COUNTY BUT ESPECIALLY, IN TERMS OF HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH AND JUSTICE. WE HAVE A CONFERENCE COMING UP INTERNALLY AND WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, NEXT WEEK, TO LOOK AT WAYS THAT WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB COLLECTING RACE AND ETHNICITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY DATA SO THAT WE KNOW WHO WE ARE SERVING AND WHAT THE ISSUES ARE AND THAT THE LEVEL OF HIGH QUALITY WE INTEND TO ACHIEVE IS THERE FOR ALL THE POPULATIONS THAT WE SERVE. WE ARE TAKING A ROLE IN THAT, THAT WE FEEL IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND WE HAVE A HISTORY OF GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN, SEXUAL HEALTH FROM OUR HIV PROGRAM AND OUR STD PROGRAM, WHICH IS MY PART OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT I RUN.

I GET CALLED TO THE CDC ONCE EVERY ONE TO THREE YEARS TO COME AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL INPUT AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE, AND I THINK THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE GREAT WORK THAT WE DO HERE THAT'S RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY. AND WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF WORK GOING ON WITH THE TOBACCO CESSATION, FOR A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, THAT HAVE HIGH RATES OF TOBACCO USE IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY, THAT'S ONE OF THOSE COMMUNITIES. SO, THROUGH POLICY WORK AND THROUGH PARTNERSHIP, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL TOBACCO RELATED SERVICES IN THE CLINICAL CARE IS HOW LONG WE'LL MAKE A DENT IN THAT, AND FINALLY, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW, WITH A LARGE TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT.

IT HAS A RACIAL EQUITY FOCUS, AND IT IS REALLY TO DO A POSITIVE USE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION APPROACH IN THE WORK. THE WORK PRETTY CLEARLY CALLS OUT THE LGBTQ YOUTH INCLUSIVITY, AND COMPETENCY. WE'RE WORKING WITH A NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS WELL AS DIFFERENT CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND WE HAVE A STRONG YOUTH LEADERSHIP GROUP, AND THE GOAL THERE IS REALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT LEAVING OUT ANY PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHEN WE LOOK AT HELPING TO SUPPORT THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND THE COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND THEIR SEXUAL HEALTH NEEDS, SO THEY ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS THAT I AM THRILLED AND EXCITED AND PROUD TO BE PART OF THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE COUNTY IN GENERAL, IN OUR EFFORTS GOING FORWARD, SO THANKS VERY MUCH FOR GIVING US THE SPACE TODAY TO SHARE THE WORK THAT WE'RE ALL DOING TOGETHER.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner McKeel: I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BUT I DO HAVE A LOT OF COMMENTS. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY, WITH THIS PRESENTATION, AND THIS IS MY LAST YEAR ON THE COMMISSION. I DO WANT TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS TODAY, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK BRINGING THIS FORWARD. YOU HAVE DONE THIS EVERY YEAR, AND IT'S SO IMPORTANT, AND I APPRECIATE THAT, AND THANK YOU TO MATTHEW FOR CREATING THE CONFERENCE. IT'S AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE THAT WE HAVE HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH ALL OUR PARTNERS, AND I AM VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOES AROUND HIV AND AIDS, AND IT'S IMPORTANT WORK, AND YOU CONTINUE TO GROW WITH THAT WORK, AND THAT IS SO IMPORTANT.

THE CLINIC IS HUGE, THAT IS HUGE NEWS AND IT IS VERY, AND IS VERY NEEDED HERE AND WILL BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY, AND I THINK THAT SOME OF YOU HAVE HEARD ME STAY BEFORE THAT MY SON WORKED AT THE SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION, AND HE'S MOVED ONTO A DIFFERENT POSITION NOW, BUT I KNOW FIRST HAND HOW IMPORTANT THE CLINICS ARE AND HOW IMPORTANT THE WORK IS AROUND HIV AND AIDS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH. CERTAINLY, I WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT THIS WORK, AND WILL CONTINUE ON, EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT IN THE SEAT AFTER THIS YEAR, BUT IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT, AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU DO AROUND THIS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Smith: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU. SO, I WANTED TO MAKE ONE OTHER COMMENT, WHICH IS THAT I AM SO THRILLED THAT THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT 3 IS A FINANCIAL SUPPORTER OF THE MEANINGFUL CARE CONFERENCE. I AM NOT SURE THAT WE HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE, PERHAPS WE HAVE, BUT IT'S A REALLY SIGNIFICANT, EXTENSION, I THINK, OF SUPPORT FROM ONE OF THE INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS OF THE COMMISSION TO, TO BE ABLE TO LOCATE SOME RESOURCES, BECAUSE REALLY, YOU KNOW, WE KIND OF PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR PRIORITIES LIE, AND SO, THIS IS, THIS IS A THRILL AND ALSO A THRILL THAT I AM GOING TO BE MAKING SOME OPENING COMMENTS AT THE CONFERENCE TOMORROW. IT'S SUCH A SUBSTANTIVE CONFERENCE, AND THE PRESENTATIONS ARE AT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL, I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO STAY FOR A BIT, DURING THE MORNING SESSIONS. SO, MAY I READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Vice-Chair Smith: WE'RE GOING TO DO ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AND THEN THE PROCLAMATION. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IN TERMS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ARE THERE ANY GAPS IN THE SERVICES FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY THAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT? AND WITH THE YOUTH, THAT ARE NOT BEING SERVED RIGHT NOW, AT THE COUNTY?

Ms. Toevs: WE BROUGHT IN TRAINING FOR OUR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS, ON TRANSGENDER, HEALTH ISSUES, AND I BROUGHT IN SOMEONE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO ADOLESCENT, CLINICAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS FOR GENDER FOLKS, AND THAT WAS INCREDIBLY WELL RECEIVED BY THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS, AND THEY HAVE SINCE BEEN SET UP WITH MORE TRAININGS, AS WELL AS DIRECT ACCESS TO LOCAL REFERRALS AND CONSULT SO I THINK THAT WE ARE MAKING GOOD STRIDES RECENTLY, IN THAT AREA, FOR OUR PRIMARY CARE PROVISION, AND I FEEL THAT WE'RE DOING A GREAT JOB LIKE I MENTIONED WITH SOME OF THE HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION, FOR YOUTH, AND I THINK THAT WE DO NEED TO CONTINUE, AS WE ALL WORK ON ISSUES WITH HOMELESSNESS, TO KEEP IN MIND, RIGHT, THAT I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALL AWARE, AND I WILL JUST SAY FOR ANYONE ELSE LISTENING TO THIS, PORTLAND IS A PLACE WITH STRONG SOCIAL SERVICES, SO IF YOU ARE ANYWHERE ON THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, AND THAT EXTENDS TO IDAHO AND MONTANA, AND YOU ARE THROWN OUT OF YOUR FAMILY, FOR BEING LGBTQ YOUTH, EVENTUALLY YOU END UP ON A BUS TO PORTLAND AND LIVING ON THE STREETS. BUT FEELING LIKE MAYBE THAT'S A SAFER CHOICE. SO, I THINK THAT SOME OF THE AREAS THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO THINK INTERSECTIONALLY, RIGHT, AND TO KEEP OUR EYE ON THE NEEDS OF THE LGBTQ YOUTH, I THINK ARE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND IN THE HOMELESS POPULATION BECAUSE THE LGBTQ USERS ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN ALL THOSE.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY AND PRESENTING AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND MATTHEW, HE'S TRYING TO HIDE, HE'S BACK IN THE CORNER, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR, FOR LEADING THIS AND BRINGING THIS FORTH TO A PROCLAMATION, RECOGNIZING THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY, AND SO, I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING THE BARRIERS THAT MAY BE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THAT THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS MAY FACE IN ACCESSING HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES. I KNOW THAT WE DO A GREAT JOB, BUT WE CAN ALWAYS DO BETTER. SO, THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS ASK THE QUESTION YOU KNOW, ARE THERE ANY THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO BE MORE HELPFUL, THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT? I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO AT CAP TO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW, THAT THE MEANINGFUL CARE THAT WE GET, AND THAT WE TALK ABOUT IN OUR CONFERENCE, THAT PEOPLE REALLY, REALLY GET IT, AND THEY HELP TO CREATE ADDITIONAL SOLUTIONS AROUND HEALTH CARE. NOW, I WILL HAVE COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK READ THE PROCLAMATION.

[Commissioner Shiprack read the Proclamation into the record.]

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THOSE OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

BOARD COMMENT

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

Vice-Chair Smith: NOW IS THE TIME WHEN WE HAVE NON-BOARD AGENDA ITEMS. ARE THERE ANY ITEMS?

Commissioner Shiprack: MADAM VICE CHAIR, COULD WE CALL BACK THE PEOPLE LEAVING FOR A PICTURE WITH THE BOARD?

Vice-Chair Smith: YES.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Smith: IT IS PHOTO-OP TIME. SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURES UP FRONT, AND THEN COME BACK FOR NON-BOARD AGENDA ITEMS.

[Board takes photo with presenters.]

ADJOURNMENT – 10:10 a.m.

Vice-Chair Smith: ARE THERE ANY OTHER THINGS? NO OTHER COMMENTS, WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE, THANK YOU. WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

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