

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, October 7, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioner Diane McKeel present. Commissioners Judy Shiprack and Jules Bailey were excused.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 Consider Approving Recommended Appointments to the 2016-2017 Board of Property Tax Appeals (BoPTA)

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL APPROVES THE CALENDAR, ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, IT 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.

Boar Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Mr. Phillips: I AM PAUL PHILLIPS AND I SPOKE HERE SEPTEMBER 15, AND THIS IS ABOUT THE SAME SUBJECT, THE SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING MINUTES ARE ALREADY ONLINE, AND I DIDN'T REALLY COMPARE THE MINUTES TO THE TAPE THAT WAS ACTUALLY RECORDED OF MY VOICE SPEAKING HERE. BUT IT SEEMED ALL RIGHT TO ME. AT LEAST IT WAS PRINTED THIS TIME. THE SUBJECT TODAY IS THE, FROM SEPTEMBER 15, AND AGNOSTIC, I LOOKED IT UP ON THE INTERNET AT THE MARION WEBSTER WEBSITE, AND THE SIMPLE DEFINITION OF AGNOSTIC, A PERSON WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE OR IS ENSURE OF SOMETHING. I HEARD THAT THEY SAID THAT THEY HIRED SOME ELDER ABUSE PROSECUTOR IN SOME COUNTY, APPARENTLY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE AN ELDER ABUSE PROSECUTOR BECAUSE I HOLD UP THIS PAPER FROM THE MERCURY NEWSPAPER WHERE THEY SHOW A DECADES' WORDS OF EVICTIONS, AND I ADDED UP JUST ROUNDING THE FIGURES, JUST

ADDING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, AND IN A DECADE THERE IS 60,000 PEOPLE THAT WERE EVICTED FROM THE MERCURY OF SEPTEMBER 2 1:27.

Mr. Phillips: THEY DIDN'T SAY WHO, I WOULD IMAGINE THAT IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE HOME FORWARD, THIS IS FOR PEOPLE TO READ THE ARTICLE THEMSELVES, ALTHOUGH THEY DON'T SAY. THEY DON'T GIVE OUT THE NUMBERS. IT'S AMAZING THAT WHILE THERE WOULD BE MORE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN PORTLAND, THEY CALL IT HOUSING, A HOUSING EMERGENCY, BUT, OR A CRISIS. BUT I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T BELIEVE THAT. MOST OF THESE PEOPLE AT THE 60,000 PROBABLY HAVE MOVED TO OTHER STATES TO FIND HOUSING AFTER THEY ARE EVICTED. AND LIKE I WAS SAYING, EVEN THIS ARTICLE EXPLAINS THAT IT'S A RATHER DONE DEAL WITH THE NO CAUSE EVICTIONS. AND THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY I AM SAYING ABOUT THE ELDER ABUSE PROSECUTOR, THERE ISN'T ANY. THANK YOU.

Ms. Hobbs: FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS SARAH HOBBS, AND I AM HERE TODAY TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE FACT THAT OCTOBER 2-8 IS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK. I HAVE BEEN HERE AT CITY HALL BEFORE TESTIFYING ABOUT THE FACT THAT I WORKED WITHIN THE PORTLAND CITY ON THE ISSUES OF SUICIDE PREVENTION, AND THAT PORTLAND IS NUMBER 17 OUT OF THE ENTIRE NATION DUE TO THE HIGH RATE OF SUICIDE. I MADE A PROMISE THROUGH A RETIRING IN LESS THAN A WEEK, A PORTLAND POLICE OFFICER THAT I WOULD BE COMING DOWN TO THE COUNTY OFTEN TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUICIDE, IN REGARDS TO THE FACT THAT IT IS THE COUNTY THAT DEALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. MANY PEOPLE STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. I HAVE STRUGGLED FOR MANY YEARS WITH DEPRESSION. I COME FROM A FAMILY THAT, YOU KNOW HOW WHEN YOU GO TO THE DOCTOR FOR THE FIRST TIME AND YOU FILL OUT YOUR NEW PATIENT FORM AND THEY ASK YOU HOW MANY PEOPLE STRUGGLE WITH DEPRESSION. THE EASIER QUESTION FOR ME TO ANSWER IS WHO IN MY FAMILY DOES NOT STRUGGLE WITH DEPRESSION? AND I CAN'T TELL YOU.

MENTAL ILLNESS ACROSS THE BOARD IS AN ISSUE THAT I AM VERY PAINFULLY AWARE OF BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT I DO. SO, IN REGARDS TO MY PROMISE, I WILL BE HERE OFTEN, BUT I AM KIND OF SURPRISED IN THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY DOES DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE, THERE IS NO MENTION THIS IS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. SUICIDE PREVENTION, IT HAS TO BE A TEAM EFFORT. WE HAVE GOT THE PORTLAND POLICE AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND RUNNING TO STAY AHEAD OF THE SUICIDES, AS TO THE RESPONDERS. WE HAVE THE COUNTY THAT HAS THE MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE COMPONENT. IT IS NOT WHEN YOU DEAL WITH ISSUES OF MENTAL ILLNESS AM ONE GROUP DOING IT ALL, IT'S A TEAM EFFORT.

Ms. Hobbs: I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL, AND MISS KAFOURY, I HAVE YOUR ADVISOR'S PHONE NUMBER, AND I AM PLANNING ON COMING AND CHATTING WITH HER. BUT WE ALL NEED TO BE ONBOARD. BE AWARE, NETWORK, I AM WORKING AT THE CITY HALL, DETERMINED TO GET THEM TO TALK TO YOU ALL. I COULD GO ON BUT I JUST RAN OUT OF TIME. THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. I AM LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. AS WE KNOW ON THE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE PORTLAND POLICE AND THE CITY, WE'RE, BASICALLY, NOT MOVING FORWARD VERY WELL AT THIS TIME. IN MY OPINION THE PUBLIC IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE INPUT ALLOWED BY THE PUBLIC, AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS IN THIS AGREEMENT, MAINLY ON MY POSITION, TO THE BODY CAMS. AGAIN I WANT THE FILM ON THESE BODY CAMS TO BE A PUBLIC RESOURCE AND HAVE A THIRD PARTY INDEPENDENT PARTY SETUP TO HAVE THAT FILM DELIVERED TO, AND THEN DECIDE WHAT PARTIES THE FILM SHOULD GO TO. AGAIN I AM AGAINST HAVING THIS AS POLICE PROPERTY. I WANT IT TO BE A PUBLIC RESOURCE. NOW ON MY POSITION AGAIN AS YOU KNOW ON WAPATO, HAVING AN OFFER ON WAPATO, WHICH IS IN A LETTER OF INTENT POSITION, SOME PEOPLE DON'T THINK THAT A LETTER OF INTENT IS A BINDING AGREEMENT.

IN MY POSITION I WILL DISAGREE WITH YOU ON THAT. A WELL WRITTEN LETTER OF INTENT CAN BE CONSIDERED ALSO A BINDING AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN TERMS IN THAT LETTER OF INTENT. SO YOU HAVE TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS ON EVER SIGNING A LETTER OF INTENT BECAUSE WHAT CAN END UP IS YOU CAN END UP IN LITIGATION FOR MANY YEARS AFTER THAT LETTER OF INTENT IS SIGNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL THAT THINKS THAT THEY HAD A SPIRIT OF THE CONTRACT MOVING FORWARD, AND ACTUALLY HAD AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE BY THAT LETTER OF INTENT. VERY INTERESTING SITUATION. NOW WHEN YOU HAVE SURPLUS PROPERTIES, WE NEED TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR IS THE PROPERTY STILL FOR SALE OR HAS ANOTHER PARTY AS A COMMISSIONER SPOKEN UP FOR THAT PROPERTY AND DOES NOT WANT IT TO BE SOLD. WELL, WE DON'T WANT TO SEE HAPPENING IS A KIND OF BIDDING UP TYPE OF PROCESS FROM SAY PEOPLE TRYING TO DO THINGS FOR THE HOMELESS AND TRYING TO CREATE A SHELTER OPPOSED TO SOMEBODY ELSE COMING FROM ANOTHER SIDE, TRYING TO BUY IT FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE, AND IN THE END WE'RE DRIVING UP THE VALUES.

YOU ALSO HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, YOU CAN'T WASTE PEOPLE'S TIME. YOU NEED FULL DISCLOSURE. YOU NEED TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. YOU NEED TO LET PEOPLE KNOW IF IT'S STILL A SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE FULL TRANSPARENCY, IN THE EVENT YOU DON'T, LIKE I HAVE STATED, A LETTER OF INTENT CAN BE LOOKED UPON AS AN AGREEMENT TO MOVE THIS SALE FORWARD. AGAIN I HAVE NOT SEEN THE TERMS OF THE LETTER OF INTENT AT THIS TIME. BUT I HAVE DEALT WITH ENOUGH PEOPLE AND LOOKED AT ENOUGH LETTER OF INTENSE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN BRING IN THEIR ATTORNEYS AND THEY WILL

TIE THAT PROPERTY UP FOR YEARS OUT IF THEY WANT TO, BASED UPON THAT LETTER OF INTENT, SO AGAIN, I SAY, PROCEED WITH CAUTION ON A LETTER OF INTENT, AND MAKE SURE THAT ALL COMMISSIONERS HAVE A VOTE TO ACCEPT THAT LETTER OF INTENT.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM CHARLES JOHNSON. HAPPY NATIONAL WHITE PRIVILEGE DAY. NEVER MIND, THAT'S EVERY DAY. BUT THIS IS OCTOBER 6, 1973, YOM KIPPUR, ON OCTOBER 6, THERE WAS ATTACKS ON ISRAEL, AS ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS TRIED TO REGAIN LOST LAND, AND THE UNITED STATES DECIDED TO SPEND BILLIONS ON EGYPT AND ISRAELI SO WE COULD HAVE A FAKE PEACE THERE, AND SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE THAT IN OUR OWN CITY, WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT BROKEN YESTERDAY. WHEN I COME HERE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ALL, I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF BEING REMINDED THAT I DON'T KNOW OF YOU ALL EVER HAVING ANYBODY ARRESTED IN THESE CHAMBERS. ACROSS THE RIVER, NOT SO. TWO PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN CITY HALL YESTERDAY, ONE OF THEM WAS FROM A PARTY, WHEN FOUR PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN CITY HALL, ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO, AND LO AND BEHOLD, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERHILL SAID THAT, NOT IN EXACTLY THESE WORDS, THAT WAS A B.S. ARREST, AND I CAN'T PROSECUTE THE STUPIDITY BY CHARLIE HALES AND THE POLICE.

NOT SO MUCH AN ISSUE, EXCEPT THE BUDGET HAS TO STAFF THE JAILS. ALSO JUST THE GENERAL IDEA OF GOOD GOVERNANCE IN OREGON, WHAT IS GOING WRONG ACROSS THE RIVER THAT THERE HAS TO BE SO MANY ARRESTS, SOME WHICH ARE NOT PROSECUTABLE IN THE EYES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. SO I HOPE IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS INVOLVED IN POLITICS AND LEADERSHIP THAT YOU WILL KEEP THAT IN MIND, THAT EVEN WHEN DECORUM BREAKS DOWN, ARREST IS GENERALLY NOT GOING TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION, EXCEPT FOR SOMEONE WITH 100,000 HERE AND CAN HIDE IN THEIR OFFERS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LAME DUCKERY. ON THE NOTE OF THE SHERIFF, I THINK THAT MISS HOBBS MENTIONED THE BHU AND THAT THERE IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO, NOW THAT WE HAVE MIKE REESE AS SHERIFF, LOOK AT WAYS TO BUILD THE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE CITY'S BHU, AND SOMETHING THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO REALLY MAKE BOLD STEPS TOWARDS SUICIDE REDUCTION IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

I HOPE THAT ONCE ALL OF THIS IS OVER, THAT SOME IDEAS WILL PERCOLATE AND COME UP ON THE PLATE ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE THE GREATEST HARM FACTORS THAT WE'RE FACING HERE IN OUR LIVES AND IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND WHERE CAN WE TARGET, YOU KNOW, I AM A BIG ADVOCATE FOR INVESTMENT AND GETTING HOMELESS PEOPLE INSIDE. IDEALLY SOME DAY WE'LL FIND A WAY TO HOUSE THEM, LET'S JUST GET THEM INSIDE, BUT AFTER THAT, TO LOOK AT A SPECTRUM OF VISION ZERO, TRAFFIC DEATHS,

VISION ZERO SUICIDE DEATHS AND, AND YOU KNOW, NO DOMICILE UNKNOWN.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Proclamation Recognizing October, 2016 as Manufacturing Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2. Presenter: Jesse Aronson, Sr. Project Manager, Work Systems, Inc.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER, MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH
SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1.

Mr. Aronson: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM JESSE ARONSON, WITH WORK SYSTEMS. SO I AM JUST GOING TO TALK TO YOU BRIEFLY ABOUT THE NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY WHICH IS TOMORROW.

Vice-Chair Smith: CAN I QUEUE THIS UP FOR YOU JUST A BIT? THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I AM COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH, AND I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL BE JOINING OTHER COUNTIES AND CITIES ACROSS OUR NATION IN CELEBRATING MANUFACTURING MONTH. TWO YEARS AGO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SAID THAT OUR GENERATION IS FACED, HAS FACED AN ECONOMY IN A FREE FOR ALL, AND AN INDUSTRY ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE. WE BET ON AMERICAN RESILIENCE, AND AMERICAN WORKERS, AND TODAY INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES. NEW WELL SPRINGS OF MANUFACTURING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN OUR COUNTRIES, INCREASING COMPETITIVENESS ARE FUELING A REVITALIZATION OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURING. THERE ARE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS IN OREGON, THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE OREGON LABOR COMMISSIONER, BRETT AND OTHERS THAT ARE OFFERING SHOP CLASSES.

AS WE PRODUCE MORE MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF HIGH QUALITY, THE NEED FOR A STEADY SUPPLY OF STILLED WORKERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY IN OREGON. THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR OF OREGON AND THE PORTLAND METRO AREA SUSTAINS OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH. WE MUST CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH, TO PURSUE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES, THAT PAY FAMILY LEVEL WAGES AND SKILLED WORKERS. SUMMERWORKS HAS PROVIDED SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR PORTLAND AREA YOUTH AT MANY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, INCLUDING BOEING, PLANTAR SYSTEMS, MICROTECHNOLOGY AND OTHERS.

WE ARE PARTNERING WITH TIGARD, TUALATIN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WILL PLACE AT LEAST 15 YOUTH FROM THEIR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, CTE PROGRAM AND FOR MANUFACTURING, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS NEXT SUMMER IN 2017. WE CONTINUE TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

AND SEEK TO EXPAND MANUFACTURING INTERNSHIPS, AND OPPORTUNITIES, THROUGHOUT THE REGION, AND IT IS REALLY AN HONOR FOR ME TO WORK WITH THE WORK SYSTEMS, WITH OUR SUMMER WORKS AND MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE AREA. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

Mr. Aronson: GREAT. AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SUMMER WORKS, AS WELL. NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY, THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW, THAT THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT HAS BEEN GOING ON, AND IT IS REALLY ABOUT COMPANIES OPENING THEIR DOORS, AND SHOWING YOUNG PEOPLE THE REWARDING CAREERS AND THE INDUSTRY, AND SO THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA, WE HAVE WORKED WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF COMPANIES, LOCAL NONPROFITS TO HELP FACILITATE THOSE CONNECTIONS. THIS YEAR IS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE LAST COUPLE. IT'S EVEN BIGGER. WE THINK ABOUT 2000 STUDENTS WILL BE GOING ON COMPANY TOURS AND MAKER'S EVENT, AND WE HAVE 66 COMPANIES INVOLVED, OPENING THEIR DOORS OR SPONSORING THE EVENTS. SO WITH THAT I GUESS THAT I WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION HERE.

[MR. ARONSON READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

Commissioner McKeel: I DO HAVE A COMMENT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE, AND I BELIEVE THE EVENT AT CAL IS THIS AFTERNOON?

Mr. Aronson: IT IS. I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO CHECK IT OUT. WE HAVE A SPECIAL VISITOR, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, PENNY WILL BE THERE. AND MODERATING A YOUTH PANEL. SO VERY, VERY EXCITING. A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING THIS ISSUE ABOUT JOBS AND JOB CREATION, AND OUR REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TEAM, IN THE METRO AREA IS LOOKING AT PARTICULARLY FOR EAST COUNTY, WHAT KIND OF BUSINESSES COULD COME IN THERE AND HOW DO WE HAVE THE TRAINED WORKFORCE? FOR THESE BUSINESSES COMING IN BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE 65,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY EAST OF 282ND. AND WE REALLY NEED THOSE GOOD JOBS OUT THERE. IF YOU WANT TO, PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS, JOBS, OR WHAT IT'S ABOUT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK. THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SMITH, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING?

Vice-Chair Smith: NO, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY, AND TELLING US ABOUT THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY HERE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, AS WELL. UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T THINK YOU GET AS MUCH KUDOS AS YOU DESERVE. WE HAVE A NATIONALLY RENOWNED WORKFORCE TEAM HERE IN OREGON, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU DO.

Mr. Aronson: THANK YOU.

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

R.2 First Reading of Ordinance Amending MCC Chapter 9 – County Employment, § 9.630 – Certification Criteria and Declaring an Emergency. Presenter: Marco Circosta.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Circosta: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM MARCO CIRCOSTA FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE. I AM ALSO THE CO-CHAIR OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT COUNCIL. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TODAY IS RELATED TO OUR ANNUAL CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS COMING UP LATER THIS MONTH. SO I WILL BE IN FRONT OF ALL OF YOU AGAIN SHORTLY. EVERY TWO YEARS THE COUNSELOR GOES THROUGH A CERTIFICATION PROCESS, THAT VETS THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES CAN GIVE TO THROUGH THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION. WITHIN THE CODE THERE IS A LIMITATION THAT ALLOWS US TO CERTIFY TEN ORGANIZATIONS EVERY TWO YEARS, AND THE LIMIT HAS MEANT THAT WE IN THE PAST, WE HAVE HAD TO EXCLUDE SOME ORGANIZATIONS FROM BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GIVING CAMPAIGN.

THIS CODE AMENDMENT WOULD SIMPLY REMOVE THE LINE OF CODE, WITH THE 10 ORGANIZATION LIMIT, AND IF THERE IS ANY NEED FOR FUTURE ALTERATIONS, TO THE PROCEDURE, THEY CAN BE ADDRESSED IN THE APPLICATION RATHER THAN IN THE CODE. THE EXPEDITED NATURE OF THE CODE CHANGE WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE THAN TEN ORGANIZATIONS, TO PARTICIPATE, IN THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN, WHICH WOULD BE GREAT. AND WE HOPE THIS CHANGE WILL ADD TO THE INCLUSIVENESS AND PARTICIPATION FOR THE MANY CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGNS TO COME, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND I HOPE THAT EVERYONE IS REALLY EXCITED FOR IT.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR MARCO CIRCOSTA?

Vice-Chair Smith: YES, I HAVE A QUESTION. WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH IS BEING DONE RIGHT NOW TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW ABOUT THIS?

Mr. Circosta: YES. ORGANIZATIONS NORMALLY COME TO THE GIVING COUNCIL TO INQUIRE WHETHER THEY CAN PARTICIPATE AND THIS YEAR WE STARTED IN MAY, AND WE RECEIVED PUBLICATIONS AND WENT THROUGH THEIR PROCESS. SO NORMALLY THEY COME TO US. AND ASK TO BE A PART OF OUR WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGN. SO THAT'S NORMALLY HOW ORGANIZATIONS CAN COME.

Vice-Chair Smith: THOSE ARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT KNOW ABOUT IT BUT JUST FOR OTHER FOLKS WHO DON'T, DO WE DO ANY LIKE CAMPAIGN OR SEND A LETTER OUT TO BUSINESSES OR --

Mr. Circosta: NOT CURRENTLY, NO.

Vice-Chair Smith: OK.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. THANKS. THANKS, MARCO CIRCOSTA. I THINK THAT TO ADD ONTO COMMISSIONER SMITH'S COMMENT, I THINK THAT IT MAKES SENSE TO DO MORE OUTREACH, MORE ROBUST OUTREACH. BUT I THINK THAT ALSO IT MAKES SENSE TO EXPAND THE NUMBERS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: YOU DID A GREAT JOB THIS MORNING, MARCO.

Mr. Circosta: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY. THANK YOU.

R.3 Briefing and Proclamation Proclaiming October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenter: Rose Bak; Co-Director, DCHS Youth and Family Services Division; Patricia Rojas - El Programa Catòlico; and, Martha Strawn-Morris, Director - Gateway Center for Domestic Violence.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3.

Ms. Wendt: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. I AM LIESL WENDT, THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FOR DCHS, AND I WILL INTRODUCE OUR ESTEEMED PANEL TO SHARE WITH YOU ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COUNTY AROUND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EFFORTS. I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE THINGS, ONE, AS YOU MIGHT RECALL FROM THE BUDGET, WE MADE A FEW CHANGES AT THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL AROUND OUR WORK ORGANIZATIONALLY AROUND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE ADDED SEXUAL ASSAULT TO THE NAME OF THE OFFICE WITH A RENEWED FOCUS ON BOTH

D.V. AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES, AND WE PUT THE OFFICE IN OUR NEW YOUTH AND FAMILY DIVISION AS A WAY TO RECOGNIZE THAT PEOPLE DON'T JUST COME WITH ONE ISSUE OR ONE PART OF THEMSELVES BUT WITH THEIR WHOLE PERSON AND HOW CAN WE, AS A DEPARTMENT, AND AS A COUNTY BEST SERVE PEOPLE.

Ms. Wendt: YOU WILL HEAR SOME OF OUR EXAMPLES OF THAT WORK THAT'S CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. AND THEN IT'S ALSO TIMELY. AS SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN LAST WEEK THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF OREGON RECENTLY RELEASED A COUNTER IN REPORT, WHICH IS AN INCREDIBLE, INCREDIBLE REPORT, AND IT HIGHLIGHTED EIGHT AREAS WHERE WOMEN ARE DOING WELL IN OREGON AND ONE HAPPENS TO BE WOMEN IN ELECTED OFFICE, SO YOU ALL ILLUSTRATE THAT VERY WELL LOCALLY. AND THEN IT ALSO IDENTIFIED EIGHT AREAS WHERE WE NEED TO NOT BE SLOW ABOUT MAKING CHANGE, AND ONE OF THOSE AREAS WAS COMPLIANCE.

RECOGNIZING THAT OREGON HAS HIGH INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND AN AREA THAT WE REALLY NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN OUR EFFORTS ON. SO THERE IS MUCH TO CELEBRATE. YOU ARE GOING TO HEAR A BIT ABOUT THAT, AND THEN THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE SO YOU WILL HEAR SOME OF OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT NEXT, NEXT STEPS. AND I ALSO WANTED TO INTRODUCE ROSE BAK IN A NEW ROLE. THE WAY I REWARD GOOD TALENT AND GIVING MORE TITLES, SO SHE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND OF OUR YOUTH AND FAMILY DIVISION AND HAS REALLY, IN THE LAST MONTHS, BROUGHT VISION, COMMITMENT, AND DRIVE TO ELEVATING OUR WORK AROUND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR PARTNERS SO I AM THRILLED TO TURN IT OVER TO HER.

Ms. Bak: GOOD MORNING. I AM WITH THE YOUTH FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION, ROSE BAK. WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE WORK DONE AND NOT DO A LAUNDRY LIST OF THE WORK WE ARE DOING BUT TALK ABOUT THE SUCCESSES THAT WE'RE HAVING, AS MENTIONED, AND SOME OF THE THINGS WE'RE MOVING FORWARD ON. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW ABOUT OREGON IS OVER A THIRD OF THE WOMEN, 700,000 INDIVIDUALS HAVE EXPERIENCED INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, AND THAT'S JUST SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 36%. WE SEE THAT PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE SHOWING UP IN A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS, SCHOOLS, COURTS, HOSPITALS, SHELTERS, SO WE NEED A COORDINATED WAY TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF FOLKS THAT ARE SEEKING SERVICES WITH US. I KNOW YOU CAN GET A LOT OF AWARENESS, YOU HAVE TWO OF THEM ON THE AGENDA TODAY. I WAS REFLECTING ON WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT. LAST NIGHT I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SPEAKING AT THE AWARDS, WHICH IS OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AND COMPLIANCE.

Ms. Bak: I TOLD A STORY ABOUT WHEN I FIRST MOVED TO OREGON, AND I WAS A CASE MANAGER IN THE EARLY 1990S AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. AND I HAD A PERSON WHO WANTED TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSE AND NO ONE AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT THAT TIME KNEW WHERE I COULD SEND THIS PERSON OR HOW I COULD HELP THIS WOMAN. FINALLY SOMEONE SAID YOU KNOW I THINK THAT THERE IS THIS NEW OFFICE OVER AT THE COUNTY AND A WOMAN, ANNIE, AND YOU SHOULD CALL HER, SO I CALLED ANNIE, AND NOW THAT STORY IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE. EVERY PERSON AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OR ANY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY WOULD HAVE A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYSTEMS AND THEY WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE CALL TO SAFETY AND THEY WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SHELTER SYSTEM SO THAT'S HOW, HOW FAR WE HAVE COME, AND THIS MORNING I GET UP AND I GET AN EMAIL SAYS, AS OF YESTERDAY WE HAVE HAD OREGON'S 27, 28, AND 29 DEATH DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SO WE HAVE COME REALLY FAR, BUT THE VALUE OF THE AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS IS, WE HAVE A WAY FARTHER WAY TO GO.

WE CAN ALWAYS BRING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE TOPICS OUT OF THE SHADOWS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA HAS BEEN HELPFUL WITH THAT AS WELL. PEOPLE SPEAK UP NOW ABOUT WHAT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT, BUT WE STILL HAVE OTHER WORK THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO, SO LOOKING AT WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU MAY KNOW THAT WE HAVE GOT, WE HAVE GOT A TEAM, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATION OFFICE OF EIGHT STAFF MEMBERS, IN ADDITION TO MYSELF, AND WE WORK WITH 14 AGENCIES, NINE OF WHICH ARE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC, AND THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT HAPPENS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WORK WE DO. YOU CAN SEE UP HERE, WE HAVE DIVIDED OUR WORK INTO SEVERAL, INTO FIVE BUCKETS, AND CRISIS RESPONSE PREVENTION, CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS AND EDUCATION AND SYSTEMS COORDINATION. AND WE WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WORK WE DO AND THE DECISIONS WE MAKE ARE DATA DRIVEN, COLLABORATIVE AND TRAUMA INFORMED AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND RESPONSIVE TO CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY AND UTILIZING BEST PRACTICES.

HERE WE ARE THE BEST PRACTICE CITED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, WHICH IS VERY EXCITING FOR US. ISSUE THAT SOMETIMES THE WORK OF THE DOMESTIC COORDINATION OFFICE CAN SEEM A LITTLE HARD TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE IF IT'S A LOT OF POLICY AND EDUCATION WORK, BUT SO WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR BEST TO GIVE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF HOW THE POLICY AND EDUCATION WORK THAT WE DO TRANSLATES INTO REAL LIFE EXAMPLES. IN THE NEXT SECTION I WOULD LIKE TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT OUR CRISIS RESPONSE WORK. THERE IS A LOT OF CRISIS RESPONSE WORK THAT HAPPENS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND I HAVE HIGHLIGHTED ONE WHICH IS OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENHANCED RESPONSE TEAM OR THE DIVERT TEAM. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT IS IN COLLABORATION, AND YOU CAN SEE WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND DHS AS WELL AS TWO OF OUR PARTNER

AGENCIES TO DO AN ENHANCED RESPONSE AND COORDINATED WORK WITH VICTIMS WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK OF LETHALNESS. WE HAVE AN APPROACH FOR PEOPLE WHO COME INTO THE PROGRAM.

Ms. Bak: WE LOOK AT HOW WE CAN HELP NOT ONLY THE VICTIMS BUT HOW WE CAN MITIGATE ANY POTENTIAL DANGER FROM THE PERPETRATOR, AND HOW WE CAN HELP PROTECT THE ANIMALS, THE DOGS, CATS, THAT ARE WITH THE FAMILIES SO THAT WE CAN HELP TO GET FOLKS INTO A SAFE PLACE. WE HAVE GOT ADVOCATES IN OUR NONPROFIT AGENCIES WHO ARE CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND SPECIFIC, AND THEY DO RIDE LOOKS TO COME TO RESPONSE WITH POLICE AND MAKE SURE THAT BOTH THE POLICE, THE POLICE OFFICERS HAVE A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES IN RESPONSE, AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSES AND ALSO THAT WE CAN HELP MITIGATE THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN.

SO HERE'S A GOOD EXAMPLE ON THE CASE RECENTLY. THERE WAS A SITUATION, PROBABLY A MONTH AGO, WHERE THE POLICE WERE IN A STANDOFF WITH A MAN WHO HAD GUNS AND WHAT WE KNOW IS THE PERSON THAT HE WAS THERE FOR, WAS IN OUR DIVERT PROGRAM PROTECTED. SO THE PROGRAM, WE FEEL CONFIDENT, SAVED THIS PERSON'S LIFE, AND THAT IS, YOU KNOW, FORTUNATELY, IT'S MORE OF AN EXTREME CASE BUT QUITE COMMON. WE TRY TO MITIGATE THE RISK AND GET FOLKS TO A SAFE SITUATION, TO CREATE SAFETY PLANS, AND TO DO WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD FROM THE SITUATION. WE HAD A NATIONAL VISIT FROM THE FEDERAL FUNDERS PROGRAM, A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, AND THE NATIONAL EVALUATOR SAID TO ME, YOU KNOW, YOU ARE ONE OF THE TOP PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY. YOU ARE AN EXAMPLE FOR US. SO WE WERE VERY PROUD ABOUT THAT.

ANOTHER AREA THAT WE WORK ON A LOT IS PREVENTION. AND ONE OF OUR MOST EXCITING PREVENTION PROGRAMS IS THE CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE OR DCI. IT'S ALSO A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM. WE DO A LOT OF WORK IN DCI TO TRAIN PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH KIDS, TO RESPOND TO VIOLENCE AND RECOGNIZE THE VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA, AND TO HELP CREATE EXPECTATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS. SO WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE? WE HAVE TWO STAFF PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE DCI PROGRAM AND THEY TRAINED OVER 1,000 PEOPLE LAST YEAR ON ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION FOR CHILDREN. SO THEY TRAINED MANY, MANY PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOLS AND PARKROSE, AND SO THEY WORK WITH TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND YOU KNOW, JANITORS AND PEOPLE IN THE LUNCHROOM TO REALLY HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT VIOLENCE LOOKS LIKE WITH CHILDREN. SO THAT THEY DON'T JUST LOOK AT A KID AND THINK THIS KID IS A BAD KID BUT THEY SEE THE WARNING SIGNS THAT THERE IS SOME HISTORY OF VIOLENCE. AND HOW TO HELP KIDS LEARN HOW TO HELP HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS MOVING FORWARD.

Ms. Bak: SO THEY DO A LOT OF GREAT WORK, THE TWO STAFF ARE TRAINING NATIONALLY. WE ARE ONE OF EIGHT SITES IN THE COUNTRY AND WE GO AROUND THE COUNTRY TEACHING OTHER SITES HOW TO REPLICATE THE WORK THAT WE DO, SO WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT. AND WE HAVE DONE TOOL KITS FOR SCHOOLS, AS WONDER EXAMPLE AND THE OTHER IS IN THE PROGRAM WE HEARD A LOT FROM YOUTH, FROM THE TEENAGERS THAT THEY FELT THAT THE POLICE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND OR COULDN'T REALLY RELATE TO HOW INTIMATE VIOLENCE LOOKS LIKE IN A TEENAGE DATING RELATIONSHIP, SO THE KIDS WORKED WITH STAFF, AND WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS TO CREATE A TRAINING VIDEO FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO RESPOND TO THE VIOLENCE IN THE YOUTH. THAT'S ANOTHER, JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE WORKS THAT WE DO. WE HAVE RECEIVED A FEDERAL GRANT TO EXTEND OUR DCI PROGRAM, AND TO EXPAND IT IN ORDER TO COLLABORATE MORE WITH OTHER SERVICE SYSTEMS, SO BEYOND THIS SYSTEM, THAT WORKS WITH KIDS BUT ALSO WITH HEALTH CARE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

OUR NEXT SECTION, FOCUSES ON PARTNERSHIPS, AND I LIKE TO THINK OF THIS AS BREAKING BARRIERS MORE THAN PARTNERSHIPS BECAUSE WHAT WE TRY TO DO IN OUR OTHER PROGRAMS IS REALLY LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WE WORK WITH ARE IN MULTIPLE SYSTEMS AND HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER ACROSS THE SYSTEMS AND NOT CREATING ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING SERVICES? HERE ARE THE FIRST TWO EXAMPLES BRIEFLY. WE HAVE GOT A NEW GRANT THIS YEAR, CALLED THE OPENING DOORS GRANT, ANOTHER FEDERAL GRANT, AND THE GOAL IS TO APPROVE SERVICES FOR PROVIDERS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WE WORK CLOSELY AND WE HAVE GOT A COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ADULT PROTECTION SERVICES AND INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES AND DISABILITY RESOURCE TEAM AND RAFAEL HOUSE.

WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS LOOK AT THE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN DISABILITY AND COMPLIANCE, SO FOR YEARS THERE WAS A PERCEPTION THAT PEOPLE HAD A DISABILITY, THEY PROBABLY DON'T HAVE A D.V. ISSUE. 40%, THEY ARE AT A 40% HIGHER RISK. WE'RE WORKING WITH AGENCIES THAT ARE WORKING WITH FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES OR VETERANS TO HELP THEM ACCESS THE SYSTEM AND MOVE FORWARD. THEN CONVERSELY THEY ARE WORKING WITH OUR SYSTEM TO HELP US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT DO WE DO WITH A PERSON WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY THAT COMES INTO A SHELTER OR HOW DO WE MAKE SURE IF SOMEBODY COMES IN A WHEELCHAIR, OR OTHER MOBILITY ISSUES THAT THEY CAN ACCESS OUR SHELTERS AND OUR SERVICES? SO IT'S A VERY EXCITING COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP THAT JUST STARTED A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO SEE WHERE WE ARE GOING MOVING FORWARD AND WILL HAVE MORE RESULTS AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE GRANT.

Vice-Chair Smith: SO ARE FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES, ARE THEY UNDER-REPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Ms. Bak: I BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE, YES.

Vice-Chair Smith: OK.

Ms. Bak: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS UNDERREPORTED BUT MORE DISABILITIES, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR WHERE THEY CAN, YOU KNOW, INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES OR OTHER KINDS OF THINGS THAT THEY CANNOT COMMUNICATE CORRECTLY.

Vice-Chair Smith: I WENT ON A HUMAN TRAFFICKING EVENING WITH THE PORTLAND POLICE, TO GO WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OUT IN. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS REALLY SHOCKED AT, THEY SAID THAT THESE PIMPS, THEY GET YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE DISABLED, AND THAT THEY COMMAND A HIGHER RATE THAN THE OTHER GIRLS. I JUST THOUGHT THAT THAT HURTS. THEY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF FOLKS WHO HAVE A DISABILITY, A PHYSICAL DISABILITY. SO IT KIND OF MAKES SENSE IN A WAY. IT IS REALLY HORRIBLE. I WROTE A NOTE THAT I WANT TO FOLLOW BACK UP WITH YOU ABOUT THIS.

Ms. Bak: ABSOLUTELY.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU.

Ms. Bak: ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ONE OF OUR NEW PARTNERSHIPS IS THE COMMUNITY SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE. WE ARE FOCUSING ON NON-INTIMATE PARTNER, SEXUAL ASSAULT, PARTICULARLY THE POPULATIONS LESS LIKELY TO WORK WITH POLICE. WE HAVE GOT A HIGH EMPHASIS ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN, NATIVE AMERICAN AND LATINO HOUSEHOLDS FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM. REALLY LOOKING AT WAYS THAT WE CAN SEEK, FIND PEOPLE TO GET SERVICES TO, WHO DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, SO A LOT OF PEOPLE GO TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OR THEIR DOCTOR OR THE HEALTH CLINIC AT THE SCHOOLS. SO WE HAVE STARTED THAT THIS YEAR, AND WE WILL BE HAVING MORE INFORMATION FOR YOU NEXT YEAR, BUT WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT OPPORTUNITY.

PROBABLY ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND MOST WIDELY SOUGHT OUT FOR INFORMATION PROGRAMS IS OUR RESOURCE COORDINATION TEAM, AND I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE MARTHA FROM THE GATEWAY CENTER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHO IS THE MOTHER OF THE PROGRAM, AND SHE CAN TALK A BIT ABOUT WHY THIS IS INNOVATIVE AND HOW THIS IS HELPING PEOPLE WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GET INTO HOUSING QUICKLY.

Ms. Strawn-Morris: IT IS MY BABY, AND I AM MARTHA STRAWN-MORRIS, GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL AND SMITH. THANKS FOR HAVING ME. I AM EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY TO HIGHLIGHT OUR CONTINUUM COORDINATED EFFORTS TO ACCESS OUR SHELTER AND HOUSING INTERVENTIONS, OF WHICH OUR COORDINATION TEAM IS A PART OF IT. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR COORDINATED ACCESS SYSTEM IS WORKING, THAT IT'S IMPROVING, AND THAT IT'S ALIGNING. FIRST IT'S WORKING. ALL 13 OF THE AGENCIES USE THE SAME TOOL TO DETERMINE IF A SURVIVOR IS A GOOD FIT FOR OUR SHELTER OR HOUSING SERVICES. THE TOOL WAS DEVELOPED LOCALLY, AND IT'S CALLED THE SAFETY AND STABILIZATION ASSESSMENT OR SSA. IT HELPS US TO DETERMINE IF A SURVIVOR IS BEST SERVED BY A SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL SHELTER.

A SHORT-TERM EVICTION, OR A LONGER TERM SUPPORTED SERVICE THAT COMES ALONG WITH ADVOCACY SERVICES. OCCASIONALLY WHEN WE RUN AN SSA WE FIND A PERSON IS A BETTER FIT FOR A DIFFERENT HOUSING SYSTEM, OR DOESN'T NEED INTERVENTION AT ALL BUT THAT ONLY HAPPENS 10% OF THE TIME. MOST OF THE SURVIVORS WE WORK WITH WE WANT TO SERVE WITHIN OUR OWN SYSTEM. WE HAVE BEEN COLLECTING SSA INTAKE DATA ACROSS OUR AGENCIES FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. AND I CAN TELL YOU IN THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF DATA COLLECTION, ABOUT 30% OF THE PEOPLE WE ASSESSED, WE THOUGHT NEEDED SAFE AND CONFIDENTIAL SHELTER. WE WERE ABLE TO FIND A SAFE CONFIDENTIAL SHELTER FOR ABOUT HALF OF THOSE PEOPLE. THAT IS PRETTY GREAT, I THINK, AND WITH THE NEW INVESTMENTS IN SHELTER BED THIS BOARD SUPPORTED, I KNOW THAT SUCCESS RATE IS GOING TO GO UP.

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER. WE REALLY ARE GETTING CLOSER. WE'RE GETTING REAL INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE NEED IS IN THE COMMUNITY. THE SECOND CATEGORY OF SERVICES, OR SHORT-TERM SERVICES, AND OUR COORDINATED ACCESS SYSTEM, WE CALL AGENCY-BASED SERVICES, AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE WE HAVE EMPOWERED ALL OF OUR AGENCIES TO BE ABLE TO DO THOSE LIGHTER TOUCH INTERVENTIONS, HOWEVER YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, THEY CAN STAY WITH THEIR ADVOCATE THEY ARE WORKING WITH, AND WHEN WE ASSESS SOMEBODY AS NEEDING A SHORT-TERM, OR A SHORTER TERM, IT CAN STILL BE A COUPLE MONTHS OF RENT ASSISTANCE OR THAT KIND OF INVESTMENT. WE ARE SUCCESSFULLY 85% OF THE TIME. IT'S REALLY, REALLY WORKING WELL. AND IT'S ABOUT 30% OF THE FOLKS THAT WE'RE FINDING, BUT WE WORK WITH SURVIVORS WHO NEED LONGER TERM SUPPORT, AND THE ADVOCACY THAT COMES WITH IT, AND WE HAVE LONGER TERM SUBSIDIES IN OUR SYSTEM AND A SMALL BUT GROWING NUMBER OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS.

FOR THOSE, THE WAY THAT WE DETERMINE WHICH SURVIVORS GET THOSE SERVICES IS MY FAVORITE PART OF THE COORDINATED ACCESS SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE RESOURCE COORDINATION TEAM. WE DECIDE TOGETHER IN

THESE TEAM MEETINGS THAT HAPPEN TWICE A MONTH, YOU CAN THINK OF IT KIND OF LIKE CASE STAFFINGS. WE CONSIDER EVERY SURVIVOR SITUATION THAT'S BEEN REFERRED, WE THINK ABOUT THEIR VULNERABILITY AND ALL THE WAYS THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP THEM REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND ACHIEVE SELF SUFFICIENCY. DO WE NEED TO EXPLAIN HOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS IMPACTED THEIR RENTAL HISTORY, FOR INSTANCE? OR DO WE NEED TO HELP IDENTIFY AND REFER THEM TO SERVICES FOR THEIR CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY HAVE, OF THEIR EXPOSURE? OR DO WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO QUALIFY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IMMIGRATION RELIEF? AND THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT WE DO REALLY WELL, AND WE WANT TO STICK WITH THE SURVIVORS, PARTICULARLY WHO HAVE HAD THE IMPACT, MANY DOMAINS OF THEIR LIVES.

Ms. Strawn-Morris: THE RCT CAN BE HEART BREAKING BECAUSE ALL THE SURVIVORS REFERRED ARE ASSESSED AS NEEDING THE LONGER TERM SERVICES. WE FIGURED OUT THESE WERE THE PEOPLE WE NEEDED TO SEE AND WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO MATCH THEM TO SERVICES ABOUT 40% OF THE TIME. IN OTHER WORDS, SIX OUT OF TEN SURVIVORS THAT WE ASSESS AS NEEDING THE SERVICES WE CANNOT MATCH TO THE SERVICES WITHOUT THE RESOURCES, BUT THE RCT IS HEART-WARMING, THE MANAGERS IN THE ROOM, THEY TAKE OFF THEIR AGENCY HATS AND THEY TRULY CONSIDER WHICH SURVIVORS ARE THE BEST FIT FOR THE SERVICES.

EVEN WHEN THE SURVIVOR IS NOT MATCHED, THE GROUP OFFERS IDEAS AND STRATEGIES THAT CAN HELP TO MEET THE NEEDS. SO AT LEAST THE SURVIVOR HAS ACCESS TO THE COLLECTIVE BREAK TRUST OF THE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY. SO OUR SYSTEM IS WORKING SO WELL, THAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE LOOKING TO US AS A MODEL FOR COORDINATED ACCESS. SO IT REALLY IS WORKING, AND WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW INVESTMENTS IN OUR SERVICE. IT'S ALSO IMPROVING. WE HAVE FIVE NEW HOUSING ADVOCATES, THEY WILL WORK AS A TEAM. THEY ARE WORKING FROM FIVE DIFFERENT CULTURALLY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND THEIR WORK IS GOING TO GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS EVEN IMPROVING OUR SUCCESS RATES THIS YEAR.

Chair Kafoury: MARTHA, YOU SAID THAT SIX OUT OF THE TEN SURVIVORS YOU HAVE --

Ms. Strawn-Morris: YES.

Chair Kafoury: A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES NOT AVAILABLE TO THEM, EVERY TYPE --

Ms. Strawn-Morris: RCT IS ALWAYS RENT SUBSIDIES IN THE ADVOCACY. IT'S 6-12 MONTHS OR 12-18 MONTHS. SOMETIMES WE CAN EXTEND IT TO 24 DEPENDING ON IF WE ARE USING A FEDERAL GRANT. AND OCCASIONALLY, WE

HAVE A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNIT THAT CAN BE AVAILABLE. SO IT'S REALLY IF THEY ARE WORKING WITH A SURVIVOR WHO HAS FOUR KIDS UNDER FIVE, AND SPANISH IS HER SECOND LANGUAGE. AND YOU KNOW, WE HAVE GOT IMMIGRATION RELIEF AROUND THE VISAS THAT YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR, CAN TAKE 18-24 MONTHS TO GET, AND WE JUST NEED TO STICK WITH THE PERSON WHILE WE'RE SORT OF STABILIZING AND WITH A PERSON LIKE THAT I CAN IMAGINE THAT THEY COULD BE EXPERIENCING A LOT OF COMMUNITY PRESSURE, TO STAY WITH THE ABUSER, TO GO BACK. THE THINGS ADVOCATES KNOW HOW TO SPEAK TO, AND SO WHAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT IS WHO IS GOING TO BENEFIT FROM THAT ADVOCACY THAT GOES ALONGSIDE THAT, THAT HOUSING SUBSIDY? THAT'S WHAT IS SPECIAL IN OUR SYSTEM.

Ms. Strawn-Morris: I ALSO WANTED TO NOTE THAT WE ARE ALSO ALIGNING, WHICH IS EXCITING, AND WE HOPED WOULD BE PART OF THE PRODUCT OF GET, COORDINATED, WE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD HAVE AN EASIER TIME ALIGNING WITH THE PARTNER SYSTEMS, SO WE HAVE THREE NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY ADVOCATES THAT ARE FIGHTING SURVIVORS AND MAYBE NON-TRADITIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SETTINGS, WHETHER IT'S ROSE HAVEN OR DURING THE REGULAR OFFICE HOURS AT THE GRESHAM WOMEN'S SHELTER, AND WE ARE REACHING SURVIVORS, I THINK, THAT MAYBE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT OUR SERVICES OR KNOW EXACTLY HOW GOOD THAT WE ARE AT OUTTHINKING ABUSERS. WE'RE REALLY GOOD AT IT. AS OUR AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN GENERAL GROWS, SO DOES OUR ABILITY TO TAILOR THE SERVICES TO THE SURVIVORS' NEEDS, SO KNOW YOU HAVE INVESTED WELL IN THE SERVICE CONTINUUM AND WE WILL WORK HARD TO CONTINUE TO EARN YOUR TRUST AND SUPPORT. THANKS.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING US THE PRESENTATION, AND DO WE HAVE VERY MANY ELDERLY CLIENTS THAT COME THROUGH YOUR DOORS.

Ms. Strawn-Morris: I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBERS. IT'S A FAIRLY SMALL NUMBER, THE GATEWAY CENTER, MAYBE 12% THAT WOULD BE -- MAYBE 15, IF WE ARE OVER 55. WE STRUGGLE TO SERVE, SURVIVORS THAT DON'T HAVE CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE. WE HAVE MORE RESOURCES AIMED AT FAMILIES THAN SINGLES, AGAIN, GREAT TO HAVE THE NEW GRESHAM WOMEN SHELTER AS A SPACE TO BE WORKING ON IT, EVEN IN THE LONGER TERM SUBSIDIES, TOO, SO THEY CERTAINLY DO SUFFER FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Vice-Chair Smith: HOW DO WE SERVE THEM? ARE THEY GIVING REFERRALS TO SRO'S OR HOW DO WE DO THAT? WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

Ms. Strawn-Morris: WE WILL SCRAMBLE TO JUST DO ANYTHING THAT WE CAN. WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE BEST SERVICE FIT IS, BUT OFTEN TIMES WE'RE JUST GIVING THE RESOURCE THAT'S AVAILABLE, SO

EVERYBODY'S SITUATION IS SO UNIQUE. I DON'T THINK THAT I CAN SAY IN TERMS OF THE TRENDS WHAT WE'RE DOING. SOME OF THOSE SUBSIDIES THAT ARE IN THE D.V. INVENTORY ARE AVAILABLE FOR SINGLE WOMEN, AND SO I KNOW THAT IT COMES UP IN THE RCT WHERE WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THIS, THIS IS SOMEBODY WHO WILL HAVE A HARD TIME FINDING SERVICES ANYWHERE ELSE AND THAT MATTERS.

Vice-Chair Smith: I WAS WONDERING BECAUSE I WAS LISTENING TO YOU AS YOU TALKED ABOUT HAVING A GROUP CONSENSUS ON HOW YOU GIVE SERVICES AND WONDERING IF THOSE ELDERLY CLIENTS, IF THEY GET PRIORITY OR PREFERENCE WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT THIS BECAUSE I IMAGINE THAT THEY HAVE A GREATER CHALLENGE OF GETTING INTO THE TYPE OF HOUSING, IF THEY ARE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, FIXED INCOMES.

Ms. Strawn-Morris: RIGHT. IT'S WEIGHTED. IT'S ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE THINK ABOUT VULNERABILITY. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU.

Ms. Bak: JUST I WANT TO GIVE MY THANKS TO MARTHA, AND RCT, AND THEY HAVE DONE AMAZING WORK, AND I WAS IN WASHINGTON AND WE HAVE A STAFF PERSON THAT LEFT OUR OFFICE, AND WORKS IN WASHINGTON D.C. NOW, AND THE PEOPLE ARE AMAZED AT THE LEVEL OF COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION THAT WE DO COMPARED TO D.C., OR ANYWHERE IN THE EAST COAST. AND IN ANOTHER AREA WHERE THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IS AROUND CULTURAL SPECIFIC SERVICES. WE HAVE GOT A WIDE ARRAY OF SERVICES SPECIFICALLY TARGETED FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN, LATINO, NATIVE AMERICAN, AND SLAVIC AND RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS, AND PATRICIA ROJAS, IS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICE ASKS WHY THE WORK THAT WE DO, THAT ARE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE REALLY MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE INTERVENTIONS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES.

Ms. Rojas: THANK YOU ROSE AND GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONS. EARLIER ROSE MENTIONED THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSES NEED TO BE DIVERSE, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. AND CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES ARE ONE OF THOSE MECHANISMS THAT THE COUNTY HAS CHOSEN TO PURSUE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING THAT EFFECTIVELY AND IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] STANDS FOR A NEW BEGINNING TO END OF USE. BEGAN IN THE EARLY 1990S WHEN SURVIVORS WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN OUR PARKING LOT. AND WE PARTNERED WITH YOU AS THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP SERVICES THAT WOULD BE MEANINGFUL IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT. AND I WANT TO ADD A KUDOS FOR THAT. HAVING A SERVICE IS A BIG STEP FORWARD FOR YOU AS A COUNTY SO THANK YOU. OUR PHILOSOPHY AS AN ORGANIZATION DOING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES, IS THAT ALL HUMAN

BEINGS HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE IN A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, FREE OF THREAT, SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ABUSE AND ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE.

Ms. Rojas: I SPEAK WITH YOU REGULARLY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES. I BELIEVE YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES BUT WE ASKED FOLKS IN A RESEARCH PROJECT THAT WE TOOK A PART OF WITH A COLLABORATION OF OTHER COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, AND WE WANTED TO KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT PEOPLE FELT WAS THE IMPACT OF CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES IN THEIR LIVES, SO I AM GOING TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE THEMES THAT EMERGED FROM THAT RESEARCH, AS WELL AS SOME QUOTES. IF YOU DON'T MIND I WILL SHARE THOSE IN SPANISH BECAUSE THAT IS IN THEIR LANGUAGE. I WILL TRANSLATE THOSE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT EMERGED WAS UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT AND KNOWING THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] IT BRINGS MY RELATIONSHIPS CLOSER. THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT I HAVE NOW BRING ME EMOTIONAL SUPPORT WHEN I FEEL SAD. MY MOTIVATION IS SUCCEEDING WITH MY CHILDREN. MANY SURVIVORS FEAR REPORTING BECAUSE, OR DON'T WANT TO REPORT BECAUSE OF A FEAR THAT NOBODY IS GOING TO BELIEVE THEM, AND IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ALSO INCLUDES A FEAR THAT THEY MIGHT BE DEPORTED. IS A FEAR OF HAVING TO ENCOUNTER STRUCTURAL AND SYSTEMIC BARRIERS.

HAVING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES PROVIDES THAT SAFE SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO COME FORWARD IN A MEANINGFUL WAY AND KNOW THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE SEEN AND HEARD AND BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THEIR JOURNEY WITHOUT HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE RACISM THAT THEY SO OFTEN HAVE TO DEAL WITH. ADDITIONALLY FOR THE IMMIGRANT POPULATION THERE IS AN INCREASED SENSE OF ISOLATION, STRESS OF A CULTURE AND STRUCTURAL BARRIERS, SO THE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT IS REALLY NEEDED FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS SERVICES. ANOTHER THING THAT EMERGED HAD TO DO WITH RECEIVING SERVICES IN THEIR LANGUAGE, AND FROM A CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] I FEEL SAFE FROM RECEIVING SERVICES IN SPANISH. I FEEL HAPPY, AND I FEEL LIKE I AM AT HOME.

A CULTURE, LANGUAGE, IMMIGRATION, STATUS, AND SYSTEMS MAY GET REALLY DIFFICULT FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ACCESS SERVICES IN A MEANINGFUL WAY, SO FROM A FUNDAMENTAL PLACE, BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WILL HELP YOU TO ESTABLISH TRUST, WHICH HELPS TO ESTABLISH A SENSE OF BELONGING. FROM THAT PLACE THE PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE TRANSFORMATION AND SAFETY AND BEING ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THEIR JOURNEY. ANOTHER THEME WAS OVERCOMING FEAR. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] I FEEL FREE. I CAN SPEAK WITH WHOMEVER I WANT. I HAVE LEARNED A LOT AND I FEEL FREE. WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IS THAT I CAN DO THIS ON MY OWN WITH MY KIDS. NOW MY KIDS FEEL FREE. I FEEL HAPPY,

FREE, AND STRONG. AND I FEEL POSITIVE IN BEING ABLE TO SHARE WITH OTHER PEOPLE, THAT MAKES ME FEEL HAPPY. OVERCOMING FEAR IS ABSOLUTELY NEEDED TO BEGIN HEALING. THERE IS AN INCREASED SENSE OF CONFIDENCE THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTAND HOW TO MAKE THEIR DECISIONS, THEY FEEL EMPOWERED TO. THEY FEEL A SENSE OF INCREASED ENERGY, AND POSITIVE SELF VIEW, AND ESTABLISH NEW BEHAVIORS AND SELF CARE BEHAVIORS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FROM THEIR CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE, AND VIOLENCE AND SEEKING HELP ARE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT.

Ms. Rojas: THEN THE ABILITY TO SPEAK UP FOR ONESELF IS SOMETHING ELSE THAT SURVIVORS REPORTED IN THIS STUDY. I WILL SHARE ONE MORE. IT IS HUMAN RIGHTS ARE WOMEN'S RIGHTS. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] THEY HAVE TAUGHT ME THE RIGHTS OF A WOMAN, THAT A WOMAN HAS. THE ABILITY TO BECOME INDEPENDENT, GIVEN ME INFORMATION ABOUT HELP SO THAT I CAN SUCCEED. TO VALUE MYSELF, AND NOT LET OTHERS ABUSE ME. THERE IS A THEME HERE OF SELF RESPECT. FREEDOM. RIGHTS. SELF WORTH. AND THE POWER INHERENTLY THAT SURVIVORS HAVE. EMPOWERMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THESE RESPONSES, AND THEY MADE IT YEAR, WERE SPECIFICALLY INFLUENCED BECAUSE THEY WALKED INTO A SPACE THAT NO MATTER WHO THEY SPOKE WITH, THOSE PEOPLE SPOKE SPANISH.

NO MATTER WHO THEY LOOKED AT, THOSE PEOPLE REFLECTED THEM AND THEIR EXPERIENCES. AND MANY OF OUR STAFF ARE THEMSELVES SURVIVORS. AND THE SYSTEM, SO ALL OF OUR DOCUMENTATION IS IN SPANISH. THE SERVICES ARE DELIVERED IN A CULTURAL IN A WAY THAT RESONATES CULTURALLY. ALL OF THOSE THEMES AND THOSE QUOTES ARE A RESULT OF THAT MODEL OF SERVICE THAT CREATES MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR TAKING THAT IMPORTANT STEP IN FUNDING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES BECAUSE THERE ARE COMMUNITIES WHO REALLY HAVE VERY LIMITED ACCESS TO SERVICES, VERY LIMITED ABILITY TO EXPRESS THEIR NEEDS TO REPORT, SO IF WE REALLY ARE GOING TO MAKE STRIDES IN REDUCING THE VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES AND BECOME SAFE, WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Bak: THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PROVIDER AND IS PATRICIA. A QUICK TEASER OF WHAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON IN THE NEXT YEAR. AS YOU KNOW WE MENTIONED WE'RE IMPLEMENTING OUR SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON EXPANDING OUR LGBTQ SERVICES AROUND TRANS-INDIVIDUALS AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SERVICES AVAILABLE MEET THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES. WE ARE

WORKING ON A COUPLE OF PROGRAMS TO INCREASE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, SO REALLY TRYING TO HELP SURVIVORS ACCESS JOB TRAINING AND JOB ACCESS AND JOB CREATION, AND IN A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY THAN HAPPENED IN THE PAST. AND FINALLY COLLABORATING WITH OTHER SYSTEMS, AND I THINK THAT'S PART OF THE VALUE OF THE KNOWLEDGE BASE THAT I BRING, WITH MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND ANTI-POVERTY SO WE CAN LOOK AT HOW ALL OF THE AGENCIES CAN WELCOME TOGETHER AND THE SERVICE SYSTEMS CAN WORK TOGETHER SO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES ARE THE EXPERTS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE JUST LIKE THE HOUSING AGENCIES ARE THE EXPERTS IN THEIR AREAS.

Ms. Bak: WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER SINCE WE'RE WORKING WITH A LOT OF THE SAME FOLKS TO MAKE THINGS MORE SEAMLESS AND HOLISTIC AND TO HAVE LONG-TERM IMPACTS. I WILL BREAK FOR QUESTIONS BUT BEFORE I DO THAT I WANT TO GIVE A BRIEF THANKS TO THE STAFF, THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GROUP, LEIGH ANN, KATE, ELLEN, SHANNON, ASHLEY, ALISON, MARIA WHO DO EXCELLENT WORK. AND I WOULD WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE BEFORE WE DO THE PROCLAMATION.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

Commissioner McKeel: I HAVE A QUESTION. CAN YOU TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT THE FOCUS ON INCREASING ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT? CAN YOU TELL US HOW YOU ARE GOING TO DO THAT?

Ms. Bak: WE HAVE WE HAVE TWO THINGS RIGHT NOW. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE GATEWAY CENTER AND BRADLEY ANGLE TO ADD AN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COORDINATOR POSITION AT THE GATEWAY CENTER DOING OUTREACH TO LGBTQ POPULATIONS AS WELL AS OTHER POPULATIONS LOOKING FOR SERVICES. AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH SOME JOB DEVELOPERS. MARTHA, AT THE GATEWAY CENTER, HAS GOTTEN SOME FUNDING, AND TO WORK WITH JOB DEVELOPERS AND TO HELP FOLKS IDENTIFY STRATEGIES FOR A LONGER TERM EMPLOYMENT. AND THEN A SECOND ONE THAT WE ARE WORKING ON IS, THERE ARE SOME FUNDS THAT ARE COMING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE JOINT OFFICE AND WORK SYSTEMS, INC., AND WE'RE TARGETING THOSE ON WOMEN WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE, WHAT'S CALLED THE TEMPORARY GRANT FROM THE DHS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS, AND SO THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE WSI PROGRAMS OR COMMUNITY WORKS, JOB EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. SO THAT WE CAN REALLY MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS AND THAT THE SERVICES ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PARTICULAR JOB NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THERE IS OFTEN BREAKS IN WORK HISTORIES AND ISSUES THAT ARE A BIT UNIQUE TO THAT POPULATION WE ARE TRYING TO BE SURE TO ADDRESS.

Commissioner McKeel: THANKS FOR, THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO. IT'S, OF COURSE, WE'RE A MODEL FOR THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Smith: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. AND I AM NOT SURPRISED, YOU GUYS DID GREAT WORK, AND AS YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, WORK SYSTEMS, I WAS THINKING, WE WERE IN A BOARD MEETING YESTERDAY, AND TALKING ABOUT WE HAVE THESE PROGRAMS WHERE YOU CAN GET A CERTIFICATE THAT YOU CAN TAKE ONLINE FOR FIVE WEEKS, AND SO I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING THAT COMMISSIONER MCKEEL WAS, IF WE COULD DO MORE OF THAT BECAUSE WE DO HAVE THE MONEY THERE, AND IF YOU FINISHED THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS LIKE CODE OREGON, A CODER, AND THEY HAVE JOBS THAT PEOPLE CAN GO INTO RIGHT AWAY. AND THESE ARE JOBS THAT DON'T REQUIRE A FOUR-YEAR OR A TWO-YEAR DEGREE.

I THINK THAT WE KIND OF GET CAUGHT UP IN, YOU KNOW, THE HIGHER EDUCATION PIECE, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF JOBS THAT ARE OUT THERE RIGHT NOW, AND THERE ARE MORE JOBS THAT DON'T REQUIRE A DEGREE THAT WE CAN, ACTUALLY, CERTIFY FOLKS WITH THROUGH WORK SYSTEMS, AND THEY ARE DOING A LOT OF GREAT STUFF, SO I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU HAVE CREATED THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM BECAUSE IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO GET WOMEN ON THEIR FEET. JUST TO ADD A FINER POINT. JUST A COMMENT. AND WE TALKED ABOUT IT A BIT EARLIER BUT THE STATISTICS, THEY INDICATE THAT ONE IN FOUR WOMEN, AND ONE IN SEVEN MEN HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO SOME FORM OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BY INTIMATE PARTNER. I THINK THAT THAT'S VERY KEY TO THE WORK WE DO, SO I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU. HOPEFULLY WITH THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WE CAN GET MORE PEOPLE IN AND OUT AND, YOU KNOW, BEING VERY PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY WITHOUT BEING AFRAID. I HEARD YOU SAY IT'S ABOUT BEING AFRAID.

Commissioner McKeel: I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT ANOTHER PIECE OF WORK THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT, THAT'S COME OUT OF YOUR OFFICE, AND SHANNON ROSE WHO HAS COME TO OUR VETERAN'S TASK FORCE, AND TALKED WITH US ABOUT SERVING WOMEN VETERANS AND THE SUMMIT THAT YOU ALL ARE VOTING ON IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CALLED "SHE ALSO SERVED," AND IT'S A DAY LONG SUMMIT FOR PROVIDERS OF HOW YOU WORK WITH WOMEN VETERANS WHO CERTAINLY, ONE PIECE OF THAT IS ALSO AROUND SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH OUR WOMEN VETERANS SO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT UPCOMING SUMMIT ON NOVEMBER 1. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, AND IT'S FOR OUR PROVIDERS TO, TO RECOGNIZE HOW BEST TO WORK WITH OUR WOMEN VETERANS. SO THANK YOU SHANNON. THANK YOU TO THE OFFICE AND TO ODBA. WE APPRECIATE THAT PARTNERSHIP AND THAT WORK FOR OUR VETERANS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: AND ROSE YOU NAMED OFF SOME OF YOUR STAFF. I AM ASSUMING THAT THOSE ARE THE LOVELY --

Ms. Bak: THEY ARE ALL BACK THERE.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU COULD. IT'S NICE TO PUT A FACE WITH A NAME SO WE CAN THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO. COULD YOU STAND UP WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED? [APPLAUSE]

[MS. BAK READS NAMES OF STAFF.]

Chair Kafoury: I AM SO PLEASED, I THINK YOU HAVE COME SO FAR THIS TEAM, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE YOU A ARRIVED HERE AT THE COUNTY. DECADES WORTH OF WORK HAVE BEEN DONE,. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SO QUICKLY MOVED SO FAR IS TREMENDOUS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY.

[MS. BAK READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BEFORE WE VOTE? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

R.4 Budget Modification DCHS-01-17 Implementing Impacts of Federal, State and Other Funding for FY2017. Presenters: Christian Elkin, Budget & Finance Manager, NOND & AFHE: Office of Homeless Services; and Rob Kodiriy, Finance, DCHS.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES. COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Mr. Kodiriy: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL AND COMMISSIONER SMITH, ROB KODIRIY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND WITH ME --

Ms. Elkin: CHRISTIAN ELKIN, JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES.

Mr. Kodiriy: THIS IS A BUDGET MODIFICATION MAINLY IMPLEMENTING THE IMPACTS OF FEDERAL AND STATE AND OTHER FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017. USUALLY WE, IN THIS CASE, WE CAME HERE WITH THE COMBINED BUDGET MODIFICATION BETWEEN THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND DHS. WE DO THAT WHEN WE HAVE THE SAME SOURCE OF FUNDING. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. ALSO WE TRY TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF MARKS UNDER CONTROL SO WE TRY TO COME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. THEN TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, NOT LIKE BACK IN 2015 WHEN WE HAD ALMOST 60. SO THIS PARTICULAR ONE IMPLEMENTS -- DHS AND JOINT OFFICE

HAVE BEEN AWARDED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SAME SOURCE. LARGELY DUE TO STATE REBALANCING, AND ALLOCATION OF THE RECEIVED DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS. AND THE USE AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION RECEIVED ONE-TIME ONLY ALLOCATION INTO EXISTING STATE GRANT AWARDS OF FISCAL YEAR 2017 AS THE EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE FROM OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. IN THE AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$1.7 MILLION. THE FAMILY REVENUE WILL SERVE 230 ADDITIONAL FAMILIES AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. THE ONE-TIME ONLY EHA REVENUE WILL BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM OF THE MULTNOMAH STABILITY INITIATIVE AND PROGRAM OFFER FOR HOUSING STABILIZATION. THAT PROPORTION OF THE FUNDS ARE GOING TO JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, THE STABILITY AND PREVENTION PORTION COMES TO DCHS, THE HOMELESSNESS PORTION GOES TO JOINT OFFICE, AND ALSO THE STATE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS GO COMPLETELY TO JOINT OFFICE. CHRISTIAN CAN TALK ABOUT THE JOINT OFFICE PIECE.

Ms. Elkin: GOOD MORNING, CHRISTIAN ELKIN WITH THE JOINT OFFERS, SO WE ARE EXCITED TO BE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE 456,000 OF THE STATE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING AND THE \$425,000 OF THE EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUNDING THAT'S COMING TO THE JOINT OFFICE. I THINK THAT THIS DOVETAILS NICELY WITH THE PRESENTATION THAT YOU HAD RIGHT BEFORE YOU. WE'RE ANTICIPATING USING 230,000 OF THE STATE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING TO EXPAND THE SHELTER TO CAPACITY FOR THE D.V. SYSTEM. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SHELTER CAPACITY WHICH TAKES THE FORM OF MOTEL VOUCHERS. ADDITIONALLY, WE COMBINE THE FUNDING OF ABOUT \$560,000 TO SUPPORT THE NEWLY OPENED GRESHAM WOMEN'S SHELTER, WHICH OPENED IN SEPTEMBER.

RIGHT NOW WE HAVE ABOUT 55 WOMEN IN THE SHELTER. AND SO THIS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DO SOME PLANNING TO MOVE THE SHELTER FUNDING TO 7:00 TO 7:00 TO 24/7 OPERATIONS, AND IT ALLOWS US TO DO MORE PROGRAMMING WITH THE WOMEN IN THE SHELTER SYSTEM. ADDITIONALLY WE RECEIVED \$85,000 OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING, WE HAVE ELECTED TO USE THAT FUNDING TO SUPPORT A DATA ANALYST. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GET DATA INTO THE HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THAT WE'RE ABLE TO THEN GET THAT DATA OUT TO MAKE GOOD POLICY DECISIONS TO FIGURE OUT IF WE HAVE GAPS FOR REPORTING TOOLS FOR OUTCOMES, AND SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE ELECTING TO SPEND THAT FUNDING.

Vice-Chair Smith: ARE WE MIXING GENERAL FUND MONEY WITH RESTRICTED FUNDS RIGHT NOW?

Ms. Elkin: THE JOINT OFFICE DOES RECEIVE STATE FUNDING, FEDERAL HUD FUNDING, CITY OF PORTLAND FUNDING, AND COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS.

Vice-Chair Smith: WHICH IS GENERAL FUND. A COUPLE THINGS: I WOULD LIKE THIS IN TWO SEPARATE MOTIONS. BECAUSE YOU'RE MAKING THIS ONE MOTION. THE ISSUE IS, PUT THE RESTRICTED FUNDING WHERE IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO, TAKE THE GENERAL FUND OUT, PUT IT BACK INTO OUR GENERAL FUND, THEN COME BACK AND ASK FOR THE NEW PROGRAM. BUT YOU ACTUALLY DID IT IN ONE FELL SWOOP.

Ms. Elkin: THE FUNDING CAME AFTER THE BUDGET --

Vice-Chair Smith: I REALIZE THAT, I DO. BECAUSE REALLY, IF WE GOT MONEY THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE GOING TO GET, AND IT'S REPLACING GENERAL FUND, THEN WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES WHERE WE WANTED TO GO. THE BOARD DOES. SO YOU KIND OF TOOK MY JOB AWAY FROM ME A LITTLE BIT. BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE SAID, WELL, MAYBE WE COULD USE THAT MONEY TO REMOVE EVERYONE OFF THE PROJECT INDEPENDENCE LIST. WHO ARE SITTING THERE. SO I DIDN'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT, YOU JUST TOLD ME WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH IT, AND THAT'S GENERALLY SOMETHING THAT THE COMMISSIONERS DO.

Ms. Elkin: SURE. I CAN EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE OFFICE, OBVIOUSLY IT WAS NEWLY FORMED IN JULY, WE HAD A BIG INFLUX OF CITY GENERAL FUND AND COUNTY GENERAL FUND THAT ALL CAME TO THE OFFICE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. AND THEN THIS INFLUX OF NEW STATE FUNDING. SO AS WE WERE DOING THE PLANNING, WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO WITH THE GENERAL FUND AND WE CAN COME BACK TO YOU WITH ANOTHER MOTION IS THAT WE -- I BELIEVE YOU HEARD TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN MARK WAS HERE TALKING ABOUT THE SHELTER SYSTEM, THAT THE FAMILY SHELTER SYSTEM IS REALLY OVEREXTENDED FOR WHAT WE ANTICIPATED FOR NUMBERS. ALMOST EVERY NIGHT INTO AN OVERFLOW SITUATION.

Vice-Chair Smith: I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. SEE, THE THING ABOUT IT, YOU'RE IN THE JOINT OFFICE, YOU ARE ONLY LOOKING AT YOUR PROGRAMS. THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY THAT EQUALLY HAVE AS MANY EMERGENCY NEEDS AS YOU DO. AND SO WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS, THESE ARE TWO ACTIONS. AND IF YOU'RE PUTTING THE RESTRICTED MONEY BACK TO WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE, AND THEN YOU'RE TAKING THE GENERAL FUND THAT YOU WOULD HAVE USED ORDINARILY TO GO OPEN UP A NEW SHELTER AND EXPAND A FAMILY SHELTER, YOU NEED TO COME BACK TO US AND ASK US TO DO THAT, BECAUSE IT MAY BE THAT COMMISSIONERS MAY WANT TO HAVE THOSE DOLLARS GO OTHER PLACES. SO I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO DO THIS. THIS IS THE WRONG WAY TO DO IT.

Mr. Kodiriy: ALSO, THE FUNDS AT THIS POINT, THEY ARE ONE-TIME-ONLY FUNDS. AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE

YOU'RE AWARE OF THIS, AND UNTIL -- AND I CAN INVITE ROSE BACK MAYBE TO TALK MORE ABOUT WHAT THESE FUNDS ARE ACCOMPLISHED -- ACCOMPLISHING ADDITIONALLY --

Vice-Chair Smith: I GET IT. I GET IT. I GET THE NEED. I HEARD THE NEED TWO WEEKS AGO. WE SAT HERE FOR 5 1/2, SIX HOURS. I'M FINE WITH IT, I'M SAYING TO YOU, THE PROCESS YOU DID WAS NOT CORRECT. YOU SHOULD HAVE PUT IT IN TWO SEPARATE DEALS. YOU JUST ASSUMED THAT WE WERE GOING TO SUPPORT PUTTING THIS IN HOMELESSNESS. I'M SAYING I GOT A BUNCH OF SENIORS WHO ARE WAITING FOR SOMEBODY TO HELP THEM CLEAN THEIR HOMES SO THEY CAN STAY IN THEIR HOME, I WOULD HAVE LIKED AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE SOME OF THAT EXCESS GENERAL FUND MONEY, NOT THE RESTRICTED, TO MAYBE PUT SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS THERE. I DIDN'T HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT, BECAUSE YOU PUT IT INTO ONE BIG DEAL, WHICH IS NOT RIGHT.

Ms. Bak: IF I COULD ADD SOME CONTEXT, THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE COMING FROM THE STATE, ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BE USED TO INCREASE CAPACITY IN RESPONSE TO THE HOUSING CRISIS. SO WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY SWAPPING ANY GENERAL FUNDS. WE'RE --

Vice-Chair Smith: ARE WE MIXING TWO? ARE WE MIXING GENERAL FUND AND RESTRICTED? I UNDERSTAND HE SAID YES.

Chair Kafoury: CHRISTIAN SAID YES, IN THE BIG POT.

Vice-Chair Smith: THERE IS GENERAL FUND MIXED IN HERE, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT PART IS GENERAL FUND, WHAT PART IS RESTRICTED. I'M SAYING, IT'S NOT LIKE FOR LIKE. WE'RE NOT EXPANDING A RESTRICTED POT TO A BIGGER RESTRICTED POT. WE'RE EXPANDING A RESTRICTED POT INTO GENERAL FUND POTS AS WELL. THEY'RE ALL MIXED IN TOGETHER. WHEN YOU HAVE GENERAL FUND MONEY, HAVE YOU HAVE TO COME BACK OUT AND ASK FOR IT AGAIN SEPARATELY.

Chair Kafoury: ARE ANY OF THE DOLLARS GENERAL FUND DOLLARS?

Ms. Elkin: THEY ARE NOT.

Vice-Chair Smith: THESE ARE RESTRICTED DOLLARS, BUT THE DOLLARS WE ALREADY APPROPRIATED WERE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS AND THEY'RE EXPANDING THE PROGRAM WITH THE RESTRICTED FUNDS. AND SO I'M SAYING, IF THAT'S THE CASE, IF WE HAVE ALREADY VOTED ON HOW MUCH MONEY WE WANT IN THOSE PROGRAMS, THEN WE CAN TAKE THAT GENERAL FUND MONEY THAT'S ALREADY BEEN APPROPRIATED AND WE COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING ELSE. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TWO SEPARATE. I THINK CHRISTIAN KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

Ms. Elkin: WE CAN COME BACK AND TALK TO YOUR OFFICE ABOUT HOW WE'D LIKE THAT TO LOOK.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ARE YOU COMFORTABLE VOTING ON THIS IT?

Commissioner McKeel: AS OPPOSED TO HOW WOULD IT LOOK -- WOULD WE COME BACK IN TWO SEPARATE --

Chair Kafoury: I DON'T KNOW THAT WE WILL DO, THAT BUT WE WILL HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION AND BRING IT BACK ON A DIFFERENT DAY. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE WILL BREAK IT OUT. I'M NOT GOING TO GUARANTEE THAT AT THIS POINT. WE CAN VOTE TODAY, OR WE CAN POSTPONE IT AND VOTE NEXT WEEK.

Commissioner McKeel: WELL, I WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE POSTPONING IF ALL THE COMMISSIONERS AREN'T COMFORTABLE WITH THE WAY IT'S BEING PRESENTED.

Ms. Madkour: IF THERE'S A MOTION TO POSTPONE THE MOTION WOULD BE MADE, SECONDED, AND THEN WE COULD POSTPONE INDEFINITELY OR FOR A TIME CERTAIN. OTHERWISE WE CAN CALL FOR THE VOTE AND VOTE ON THIS MATTER AND THEN COME BACK WITH ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.

Vice-Chair Smith: IT WILL BE A DONE DEAL THEN IF WE VOTE ON IT.

Chair Kafoury: MARINA, DO WE HAVE A BOARD MEETING FOR NEXT WEEK? DO WE HAVE A QUORUM? YES. GREAT. CAN I HAVE A MOTION, PLEASE, TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM UNTIL NEXT WEEK? COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS, POSTPONING THIS ITEM, R.4, UNTIL NEXT WEEK. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR. [UNANIMOUS AYES] ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

R.5 Proclamation Proclaiming October 2016 Oregon Archives Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Jenny Mundy, Electronic Records Management Analyst & Terry Baxter, Archivist.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5. THE VERY MOST PATIENT PEOPLE IN THE ENTIRE AUDIENCE. THE ARCHIVES TEAM! THANK YOU FOR BEING SO PATIENT AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LAST TIME YOU WERE UP THAT HAD YOU TO BE MOVED TO THIS WEEK. SO THANK YOU.

Mr. Baxter: IT WAS IMPORTANT TESTIMONY, WE WERE GLAD TO SEE IT.

Ms. Mundy: VERY UNDERSTANDABLE. WE'RE ARCHIVISTS, WE'RE USED TO BEING PATIENT. [LAUGHTER]

Mr. Baxter: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, I'M TEARY BAXTER, ONE OF THE ARCHIVISTS THAT WORK IN THE COUNTY RECORDS PROGRAM. I'M JUST GOING TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT A FEW THINGS RELATED TO ARCHIVES HAPPENING IN THIS AREA, ONE PRETTY QUICKLY, ONE DOWN THE ROAD. THE FIRST IS THE OREGON ARCHIVES CRAWL WHICH IS HAPPENING THIS SATURDAY IN THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, CENTRAL LIBRARY, THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE CITY ARCHIVES, AND ABOUT 30 PARTICIPATING GROUPS WILL BE SHOWING THEIR DIFFERENT ARCHIVAL COLLECTION AND TALKING ABOUT ARCHIVES, AND MEETING THE PUBLIC. SO THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN A FUN EVENT, PEOPLE HAVE ENJOYED IT FOR PROBABLY I THINK THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN YEARS NOW. SO I THINK THAT ONE WILL GO REALLY WELL.

THE SECOND ONE IS THAT THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVIST ASSIST GOING TO HAVE THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN PORTLAND IN LATE JULY. AND I'M CHAIRING THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE THAT'S DIFFERENT, STANDARD CONFERENCES, THEY HAVE A BUNCH OF EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS, WE HAVE REPLACED ONE DAY OF THE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS WITH A FORUM, THE LIBERATED ARCHIVE OF FORUM FOR ENVISIONING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH TO ARCHIVES. AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT WORKED ON THIS GIVES ITS DESCRIPTION OF THE ARCHIVES IS SOCIAL CONTROL, HOW MIGHT ARCHIVISTS PARTNER WITH THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THAT THE CRITICAL JUNCTION, TO REPURPOSE THE ARCHIVE AS A SITE OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND RADICAL INCLUSION? THE PURPOSE OF THIS FORUM IS TO CONVENE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ORGANIZERS, ACTIVISTS, ARCHIVISTS AND ALLIES TO ENGAGE EACH OTHER AS EQUAL PARTNERS IN THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND LIBERATION WORK.

WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING ARCHIVISTS TO A COMMUNITY IN A WAY THAT'S NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT STUFF, BUT MAYBE DOING SOME STUFF AS WELL. AND SO THIS WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT SEVEN OR EIGHT MONTHS. OR SO. AND SO I'LL PROBABLY AT LEAST BE PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AS THE CONFERENCE GETS CLOSER. AND PLUS YOU'LL PROBABLY BE EXCITED TO HAVE 2,000 ARCHIVISTS IN PORTLAND. AND THEN CLOSER TO HOME, I'M GOING TO TALK AND THEN JENNY IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT A COUPLE OF THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY. ONE IS THAT OUR REFERENCE NUMBERS ARE REALLY GOING THROUGHOUT ROOF, AND WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THAT. ARCHIVES JUST SIT IN THE BUILDING ARE NOT NEARLY AS EXCITING AS ARCHIVES THAT PEOPLE ARE COMING IN AND USING ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND SO WE'VE SEEN ALMOST ALL OF OUR

REFERENCE NUMBERS ARE SITTING RIGHT NOW AT THE HIGHEST POINT THEY'VE EVER BEEN FOR A FULL YEAR, AND WE STILL HAVE THREE MONTHS TO GO, SO I THINK THAT'S BEEN EXCITING FOR US.

Ms. Mundy: I'M JENNY MUNDY, THE RECORDS OFFICER, THE ELECTRONIC RECORDS ANALYST. AND NEWLY CLASSIFIED TO DATA ANALYST SENIOR, WHICH CONNECTS TO SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT, WHICH IS WE IMPLEMENTED LAST YEAR OUR NEW ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, RECORDS MANAGER, WE HAVE BEEN ROLLING IT OUT TO DIFFERENT CUSTOMERS. SO ONCE WE HAVE SET UP EVERYTHING APPROPRIATELY IN THE PROGRAM, WE'RE ROLLING OUT TO CUSTOMERS IN THE COUNTY, AND THEN THE THIRD STAGE IS GOING TO BE PUTTING UP THE PUBLIC FACING WEBSITE SEARCHES GOING TO BE A GREAT PLACE FOR PEOPLE ACROSS MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT ALL AROUND THE WORLD CAN LOG IN AND DO SEARCHES, AND FIND ARCHIVAL RESOURCES. AND CONNECT TO US THAT WAY.

WE EXPECT AS HAPPENED AT CITY OF PORTLAND AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS USING THIS SOFTWARE, THAT THAT IS GOING TO ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE OUR REFERENCE LOAD, WHICH WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT. WE'RE SO HAPPY TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND HAVE THEM CONNECT TO THE HISTORY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND LOOKING AT OUR WEBSITE, WE'VE BEEN REALLY PLEASED IN THE PAST YEAR, THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE AND PEOPLE THAT ARE CONNECTING WITH OUR PUBLIC RECORDS RESOURCE, SO THEY CAN HELP PEOPLE LOCATE RECORDS RELATED TO THEMSELVES IN THEIR LIVES AND GET COPIES OF WHAT THEY NEED TO BE HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS.

Mr. Baxter: ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE I READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner McKeel: I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. I ALWAYS I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO YOU COMING HERE AND I LOVE TO VISIT THE ARCHIVES. YOU SAID THE ARCHIVES CRAWL IS GOING ON. COULD YOU TALK ABOUT THE HOURS AND WHERE PEOPLE CAN FIND THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING?

Mr. Baxter: IF YOU GOOGLE OREGON ARCHIVES CRAWL THERE IS A WEBSITE THAT WILL HAVE THAT INFORMATION. IT'S GOING TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 11:00 TO 3:00, AND EACH OF THE LOCATION ASSIST GOING TO HAVE SITE SPECIFIC. I'M THE COORDINATOR FOR THE U.S. BANK ROOM, SO JIM CARMAN, WHO IS THE COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN FOR THE JOHN WILSON COLLECTION WILL BE GIVING TOURS OF THAT COLLECTION AND THAT'S ALWAYS WHEN PEOPLE ENJOY THAT. AND THEY WILL BE TABLING, SO THERE WILL BE ARCHIVISTS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA, AND THEY JUST INTERACT WITH THE PUBLIC IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS SORT OF ELECTIONS BASED. SO I HAVE A BUNCH OF ELECTION

MATERIAL. YOU CAN COME IN AND PLAY WITH AN OLD VOTING MACHINE. SO THAT'S PRETTY EXCITING. NO VOTE BY MAIL AT OUR TABLE.

Vice-Chair Smith: HANGING CHADS.

Mr. Baxter: YOU CAN SEE HOW THAT WORKS, YEAH.

Commissioner McKeel: THAT'S SATURDAY, CORRECT?

Mr. Baxter: THAT'S CORRECT. I'LL JUST READ THIS PROCLAMATION.

[MR. BAXTER READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT.

Board Clerk: YES, CHARLES JOHNSON, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Mr. Johnson GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU. LATER I'LL GET INTO A MORE TECHNICAL QUESTION ABOUT HOW THE ARCHIVISTS FEEL ABOUT THE WONDERFULNESS THING ABOUT MOVING THINGS FROM GRANICUS. TODAY I HOPE IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ONE REMAINING QUESTION YOU MIGHT ASK THEM TO TALK ABOUT EXACT LOCATIONS OF VARIOUS ARCHIVAL RESOURCES. WE KNOW THE CITY GOT A HIGH-PROFILE SPOT PARK DOWN THERE ON THE PSU URBAN PLAZA, AND I THINK U.S. BANK WAS MENTIONED, MAYBE AN EVENT GOES IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, BUT I THINK FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE ENTANGLED WITH DOING STUFF FOR SHERIFF REES ON SATURDAY, THAT IF THERE COULD BE MORE CLARITY ABOUT THE LOCATIONS, MAYBE WE'LL GET A COUPLE MORE ARCHIVE CRAWLERS. THANK YOU.

Ms. Mundy: THE FIRST, YOU ASKED HOW CONTENT MOVES FROM GRANICUS TO ARCHON. ARCHON IS THE PLATFORM PEOPLE CAN SEARCH. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING. I KNOW WE NEED TO DO MORE WORK TO RESTORING A PATHWAY, A BACKUP COPY, BUT GRANICUS IS VERY STABLE, AND OUR CONTRACTS ENSURE THAT CONTENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE UNTIL WE MAKE THE ACTION TO PULL OLDER CONTENT AND A HALF PUT IT ONTO THE COUNTY SERVERS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION. WE THAT IS A PROJECT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON. A LITTLE DELAYED BY HAVING BEEN DOWN TWO STAFF MEMBERS IN THE LAST YEAR. BUT, YES, THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT, THAT'S AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Mr. Baxter: THE TWO LOCATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE U.S. BANK ROOM WILL BE THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND CITY ARCHIVES, WHICH IS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THAT BUILDING AT THE END OF THE MAX LINE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN TO IT BEFORE.

Ms. Mundy: AND THE U.S. BANK ROOM IS AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY DOWNTOWN.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS I KNOW I SAY THEY'RE YEAR, BUT ONE OF MY FAVORITE JOBS EVER WAS WORKING IN THE ARCHIVES IN COLLEGE, AND SPENDING HOURS AND HOURS NOT BEING PAID, ROAMING THE ATTIC OF THE LIBRARY AT WHITMAN COLLEGE, LOVING EVERY MINUTE OF IT. AMAZING THINGS I FOUND, JUST EXPLORING.

Mr. Baxter: YOU NEED A VOLUNTEER JOB? WE'VE GOT -- [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: YES. I KNOW WHERE I'LL BE HEADED ONCE MY RETIREMENT COMES AROUND. THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, NOW WE'VE COME TO THE TIME ON OUR AGENDA FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:21 a.m.

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