

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, May 17, 2018**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran and Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson present. Commissioner Loretta Smith was excused.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HERE THIS MORNING.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

C.1 BudMod-DCA-18-18: Reclassification of a Systems Administrator Senior to a Network Administrator Senior in DCA.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

**PUBLIC COMMENT – 9:30 a.m.**

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

Board Clerk: WE HAVE SIX PEOPLE SIGNED UP. [READS NAMES].

Chair Kafoury: JOE, YOU CAN GO FIRST. YOU ARE UP FIRST.

Joseph Walsh: ME?

Chair Kafoury: YEAH.

Joseph Walsh: ARE WE GOING BY AGE?

Chair Kafoury: I WON'T MAKE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THAT.

Joseph Walsh: GOOD MORNING. I AM JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE CANDIDATES THAT RAN FOR OFFICE. YOU ARE ALL SPECTACULAR

PEOPLE. FOR THOSE THAT CONTINUE, I WISH YOU WELL. IT WAS AN EXCITING NIGHT FOR ME. SO I WILL MAKE THAT VERY PERSONAL. I HAVE NEVER VOTED FOR SO MANY PEOPLE WHO GOT ELECTED. USUALLY MY VOTES DO NOT GET ELECTED. BUT THIS TIME, I HAD MORE THAN ONE. AND I WAS REALLY PLEASED. AND MY WIFE WAS PLEASED, TOO, WHICH ALWAYS MAKES ME MORE PLEASED. SO THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY. ALSO YOU ARE GOING TO BE SPEAKING, YOU GOT MORE MONEY FROM THE STATE, YOU WILL MOVE OVER TO MARC. AND I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT MONEY IS EARMARKED FOR WINTER. SAYS IT RIGHT IN THE PAPERWORK. FOR WINTER, AND I WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THAT AFTER MARC.

Joe Walsh: WE STILL HAVE A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE PROBLEM WITH THE HOUSES AND HOMELESS. SO WHEN WE PAT EACH OTHER ON THE BACK, AND WE CELEBRATE SOMETHING, I WISH THAT YOU WOULD BE CONSCIOUS THAT PEOPLE ARE STILL SLEEPING ON THE SIDEWALKS. PEOPLE ARE STILL BEING SWEEPED, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE CONTINUE THESE SWEEPS. WE'VE BEEN YELLING ABOUT THESE SWEEPS NOW FOR YEARS. THEY DON'T WORK. THEY STEAL STUFF FROM THE HOMELESS. THEY PUT THEM IN THESE PROPERTY PLACES. THE HOMELESS GET THERE, AND THEY CAN'T IDENTIFY THEIR STUFF. THEY LOSE IT. WE TURN AROUND, WE GIVE THEM TENTS, WE GIVE THEM BED ROLLS AND WE GIVE THEM WHATEVER THAT WE CAN GIVE THEM, AND THEY STEAL IT AGAIN NEXT WEEK, OR ISH NOT SAY THEY. I SHOULD SAY YOU. BECAUSE YOU ARE PART OF THIS. YOU WON'T SAY TO THE MAYOR, KNOCK IT OFF. FIGURE SOMETHING ELSE OUT. GET PEOPLE TOGETHER. AND SAY, HOW DO WE FIX THIS THING? WE KNOW THAT THE BUSINESS ALLIANCE CAN'T STAND PEOPLE SLEEPING IN THEIR DOORWAYS. WE KNOW THAT. AND WE AGREE WITH THAT. THEY SHOULD BE ON OUR SIDE. WE WANT PEOPLE INDOORS. WE WANT PEOPLE SAFE. AND YOU CAN'T PUT THEM IN SHELTERS. SHELTERS SHOULD BE A CURSE WORD. BECAUSE IT'S A CAPITULATION OF WHAT WE DO. IT SHOULD BE TEMPORARY.

WE HAVE SHELTERS WITH 40 YEARS IN EXISTENCE. THEY SHOULD BE TEMPORARY. WE SHOULD GET THOSE PEOPLE OUT OF THOSE SHELTERS WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME. THREE MONTHS. GET THEM OUT OF THERE BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO BE THERE. THEY WANT TO HAVE THEIR OWN SPACE. WE KEEP BEGGING AND WE KEEP YELLING AND WE KEEP SCREAMING, BUT AGAIN, LET ME GO BACK TO MY FIRST THING. I KNOW I AM OVER TIME, I WILL PAY YOU BACK. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ELECTIONS. AND YOU SHOULD ALL SMILE. YOU SHOULD ALL BE PROUD BECAUSE I ATTENDED A LOT OF THE -- NOT A LOT BUT SOME OF THE FORMS, AND I WAS NEVER SO PROUD OF THE CANDIDATES. EVERY ONE OF THEM. I SAID IF ANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE ELECTED, I WOULD NOT BE LOSING SLEEP. SO THANK YOU AGAIN. I WILL GIVE YOU 30 SECONDS ON THE NEXT GO AROUND.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY INDEPENDENT WATCHDOG. ON THE STATE OF THE HOUSING REPORT THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND PUT TOGETHER, AND I AM SURE THAT YOU HAVE ALL REVIEWED, AS YOU KNOW, MAYOR WHEELER HAS A BIT OF A TRICK THAT HE DOES TO PREVENT THE PUBLIC FROM SPEAKING OVER THERE. HE'S GOING TO CALL IT A REPORT OR PRESENTATION. HE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ALLOW US TO SPEAK ON THE REPORTS, BUT HE DENIES US THAT RIGHT, SO ME AND HIM HAVE A BIT OF A DISAGREEMENT ON WHAT TRUE TRANSPARENCY IS. BUT PERTAINING TO THE REPORT, AND I AM SURE THAT YOU HAVE ALL REVIEWED IT AND READ THE NUMBERS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT JUMPED OUT AT ME, AND I AM SURE YOU CAUGHT THIS, IS THIS WHEN YOU ARE GOING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE, FROM THE WHITE, BLACK, ASIAN, HISPANIC, LATINO, PACIFIC ISLAND OR NATIVE AMERICAN, AND THEN YOU GO NEIGHBORHOOD TO NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WHAT YOU WILL SEE WHEN YOU START TO CALCULATE EVERY NUMBER AND YOU START TO PUT INCREASED POPULATION, DECREASED POPULATION FROM THE YEAR 2000 TO 2015.

IF YOU LOOK AT ONE NAME IN THERE, THAT HAD A DECREASE ALMOST EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, A DECREASE IN THEIR POPULATION, AND IF YOU LOOKED ALSO VERY CLOSE, THE NUMBER WAS AS HIGH AS 50 TO 60 TO 70 TO 80% OF THE OVERALL POPULATION. I AM SURE THAT YOU ALL KNOW WHO I AM TALKING ABOUT. YOU GO OVER THESE REPORTS AND YOU GO OVER EVERY NUMBER, AND YOU CALCULATE EVERY NUMBER, AND YOU CATCH THESE. AGAIN, I AM NOT GOING TO ASK YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ANSWER ANYWAY. SO I AM GOING TO TELL YOU LOOK AT THE INFORMATION FOR THE NATIVE AMERICANS. LOOK AT EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, SUCH AS 122ND AND DIVISION FROM 2000 TO 2015. 407 DROP TO 174. BELMONT HAWTHORNE, 532, DROPPED TO 121. CENTENNIAL, 538, DROPPED TO 425. CENTRAL CITY 784, DROPPED TO 302. HOW ABOUT NORTHWEST FOREST PARK? 70 DOWN TO FOUR. WELL, LET'S GO TO GATEWAY. HOW ABOUT 781 TO 517. HAYDEN ISLAND, 187 TO 163. HILLSDALE, MULTNOMAH, BARBER, 315 TO 57. NOW, IF THESE NUMBERS ARE NOT JUMPING OUT AT YOU, LET'S GO TO HOLLYWOOD. 526. 117. LET'S GO TO INTERSTATE. 1,368 TO 117.

I HAVE JUST TWO MORE. LET'S GO TO FOSTER. 1,141 TO 383. DECREASE, I AM TALKING HERE, NOT INCREASE. DECREASE. I HAVE ONE MORE, AND I WILL FINISH, AND THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO LOOK AT. AND I AM ALMOST DONE, AND DO NOT CUT ME OFF ON THIS ONE. ALBERTA. 958. YOU CAN THROW ME OUT OVER THIS ISSUE, TRUST ME. DROPPED TO 250. TWO MORE, AND I WILL BE FINISHED, MONTAVILLA, 651 TO 429. NORTHWEST 269 TO 81. IF THAT IS NOT A CONCERN TO YOU CHAIR KAFOURY, STEP DOWN TODAY, STEP DOWN TODAY AS CHAIR, AND I AM ASKING YOU TODAY, YOU COME BACK AND TELL ME WHY THIS IS HAPPENING IN OUR CITY, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO THE NATIVE AMERICANS. YOU TELL ME, CHAIR KAFOURY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING.

Lightning: TELL ME. YOU BETTER HAVE AN ANSWER.

Chair Kafoury: SCOTT, YOU ARE UP.

Scott Reeves: THANK YOU.

Lightning: YOU BETTER HAVE AN ANSWER.

Scott Reeves: I AM SCOTT REEVES. THIS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR DEMOCRACY. DO YOU REMEMBER THAT DELEGATION LAST YEAR WHO CAME FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION? THEY WERE SO AMAZED THEY HAD TO GET A PHOTO WITH YOU. I HAVE WATCHED YOU LISTEN TO FOLKS UPSET ABOUT A HUGE VARIETY OF ISSUES. I THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND IN OUR DEMOCRACY THE RUBBER HITS THE ROAD WHEN THERE ARE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS LIKE WE HAD THIS WEEK. I CONGRATULATE COMMISSIONER SMITH ON HER PRIMARY WIN. AND THE CHAIR ON HIS RE-ELECTION. I CAME TO TALK ABOUT WHAT CHAIR KAFOURY'S LANDSLIDE ELECTION WIN MEANS. AS THE PORTLAND MERCURY REPORTED, SHE WAS ELECTED TO HER SEATED WITH A WHOPPING 71% OF THE VOTE. THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN. THIS WAS A HUGE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CHAIR KAFOURY AS A CANDIDATE AND AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND ALSO A VOTE OF SUPPORT FOR HER POLICY DECISIONS. I ALSO SEE THE RESULTS AS A REFERENDUM ON THE WORK OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE YOU HAVE VOTED WITH HER ALMOST ALL THE TIME. MY MESSAGE TODAY IS THAT THE RESULTS ARE A MANDATE FOR THIS BOARD TO CONTINUE TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS THAT ARE BOTH PRACTICAL AND PROGRESSIVE. MY ASK TODAY IS THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER. I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. I ASK YOU TO BUILD ON THE PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mary Bowers: HI, I AM MARY BOWERS. I RESIDE AT THE NEW COLUMBIA VILLA. I AM HERE TO INFORM YOU OF WHAT HAPPENED ON MONDAY, MAY 7. I LOOKED OUT AT MY BACKYARD, AND I NOTICED MY CAR WAS GONE. IN THE MORNING, I CALLED RETRIEVER TOWING TO SEE IF MY CAR WAS THERE, AND IT WAS. I AM DEVASTATED OVER THIS. I HAVE A FORMER MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, SO I HAVE MANY DOCTOR AND DENTIST APPOINTMENTS, AND I USE THIS CAR FOR MY APPOINTMENTS AND I VOLUNTEER. I AM A DEEJAY AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, AND I ALSO WORK WITH THIRD GRADERS AT A PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Mary Bowers: I RELY ON THIS VEHICLE FOR EVERYTHING. CHAIR KAFOURY, I AM ASKING YOU, PLEASE HAVE MY CAR RELEASED FROM RETRIEVER. YOU AND THE COUNTY BOARD ARE WONDERING WHY DID THIS PARTICULAR CAR GET TOWED FROM WHERE I LIVE. MY CAR WAS STICKERED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, AND THEN WE PUT A TRIP PERMIT. MY CAR HASN'T BEEN STICKERED SINCE. I E-MAILED PATRICK CRAMER, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, AND HE INFORMED ME THAT THE TOW COMPANY IS SUPPOSED TO STICKER IT AGAIN FOR 72 HOURS. MY CAR WAS NOT STICKERED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY. HE INFORMED ME, IF IT WAS STICKERED, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE REMEDIED. AND IF IT'S NOT REMEDIED, THEY WILL TOW IT. WELL, THIS IS NOT WHAT HAPPENED WITH MY CAR. HE ALSO INFORMED ME IT WILL COST ALMOST 1100 TO GET MY CAR OUT ON THE FIRST. I CAN'T AFFORD IT. I AM ON A LIMITED INCOME. I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET MY CAR OUT AT ALL. WHY SHOULD I PAY 1100 TO GET MY CAR OUT WHEN IT WAS ILLEGALLY TOWED. BY RETRIEVER TOWING. THIS IS ANOTHER TENANT WHO HAD AT LEAST SEVEN CARS TOWED FROM COLUMBIA VILLA. HE COULDN'T AFFORD TO GET HIS CAR OUT, EITHER. AND HE HAD TO KEEP ON BUYING CARS. EVERY TYPE HE BOUGHT ONE, IT GOT TOWED, AND HE COULDN'T AFFORD TO GET IT OUT, HE HAD TO BUY ANOTHER CAR. THIS WENT ON FOR SEVEN TIMES ON THIS TENANT. IT IS CHEAPER FOR ME TO LET THIS CAR GO. BUT THEN I HAVE NO CAR. I CAME TO YOU TODAY, CHAIR KAFOURY, THIS IS AN ISSUE OF ILLEGAL TOWS. I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY ALMOST \$1100 TO GET MY CAR OUT OF IMPOUND. SO MY CAR WILL BE SOLD. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. BUT I STILL AM LIABLE FOR THE TOW.

Chair Kafoury: MA'AM, ANNA ALLEN, WITH MY STAFF, WOULD YOU GO AND TALK WITH HER?

Mary Bowers: YES, PLEASE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WE WANT TO HELP YOU SO IF YOU GO AND TALK TO HER, PLEASE. THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.

Mary Bowers: YOU ARE WELCOME.

Board Clerk: LAURA HARRIS AND YU TE, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Devora Harrison: GOOD MORNING. I AM LAURA HARRISON, BRUCE ISN'T HERE TODAY SO IT APPEARS THAT WE HAVE NOT DONE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, SO I WOULD LOVE TO DO IT BUT I CAN'T TAKE THAT TIME AWAY FROM MY THREE MINUTES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS I STATED I AM DEVORA HARRIS, PRESIDENT OF DEHARRIS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE LLC, A COMMUNITY SERVANT. I AM HERE TODAY TO REAFFIRM MY STAND THAT I WILL NOT SIT DOWN ON THE STAIRS AND WATCH THE ISSUES THAT I HAVE REPEATEDLY SHARED, CONTINUE TO SET ON THE SHELF. CHAIR KAFOURY, ALLOW ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR WIN FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, CHAIR POSITION, AND

THE 2018 PRIMARY. YET BECAUSE OF YOUR LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY, YOUR POOR ETHICS, BEHAVIORS AND MINDSET AND DISRESPECT FOR WOMEN, REFERRING TO WOMAN B, YOUR NOTORIOUS B WORD, YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGING INSTITUTIONAL, UNSYSTEMIC RACISM, BUT FAILING TO TAKE STEPS TO ADDRESS AND ERADICATE THE ISSUE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS OF YOUR CHAIR, YOUR WIN CANNOT BE CONGRATULATED, NOR CAN IT BE CELEBRATED.

Devora Harrison: CHAIR, YOU HAVE TALKED LONG ENOUGH, REGURGITATING THE SAME WORDS, I AM GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT. LET THE PROCESS BEGIN. I WILL BE THE FIRST ONE TO CONGRATULATE YOU CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ONCE THAT HAPPENS. I AM HERE TODAY TO THANK THE APPROXIMATELY 14,000 MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO BELIEVED IN ME AND VOTED FOR ME CONSIDERING I WAS IN THE RACE FOR ONLY 5 MONTHS. AND NOT A HOUSEHOLD OR BRAND NAME. THANK YOU, AND MY JOURNEY FOR POSITIVE CHANGE ON BEHALF. ALL PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE. I AM HERE TODAY TO CONGRATULATE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2, SHARON MAXWELL AND BRUCE BROUSSARD FOR THEIR STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO INVEST TIME AND ENERGY AND TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN NORTH AND NORTHEAST COMMUNITY THAT THEY HAVE WORKED YEARS, TIRELESSLY, ADVOCATING FOR THE UNDERSERVED EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES OF THE PEOPLE, BUT WE DO KNOW THAT IN CAMPAIGNING, HAVING THE BIG BUCKS MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

I WILL REQUEST AND PROPOSE IN THE FUTURE WEEKS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES I HAVE RECOMMENDED TO CREATE A FAIR, EQUITABLE, AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT. RECOMMENDATIONS TO CREATE THE OMBUDSMAN, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER THAT, AND MAYBE I WILL ENTER A PROPOSAL FOR THAT, THAT YOU CAN REVIEW AND RESURRECT THE MERIT SYSTEM. CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER, I WOULD ALSO REQUEST THAT YOU RECEIVE EQUITY AND INCLUSION TRAINING. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THAT AWARENESS, YOURSELVES, HOW CAN YOU PROPERLY MANAGE OR HAVE EXPECTATIONS OF THOSE YOU MANAGE. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED ON EQUITY AND INCLUSION. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE STAIRS TO HELP US TO REMOVE THIS INSTITUTIONAL, SYSTEMIC RACISM AND CREATE AN EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE AND ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU DON'T HAVE TO CUT ME OFF, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE A THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

Laura Harrison: I UNDERSTAND THAT. APPRECIATE YOU.

Yu Te: GOOD MORNING CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Yu Te: AND CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOUR YEARS AGO I MET YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HOLLYWOOD, AND I WAS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HOLLYWOOD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AT THE TIME. I WAS HONORED TO HAVE GIVEN A PLATFORM FOR YOU TO COME AND SPEAK WITH OUR MEMBERS AT AN EVENT THAT I ORGANIZED CALLED RETHINK HOLLYWOOD. I AM PROUD OF HAVING YOU AS OUR CHAIR OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE OUR DIFFERENCES ON WHAT THE CIC IS AND WHAT IT MEANS. IT MAKES ME SAD THAT WE HAVE THIS, BUT I THINK THAT THERE IS MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT WILL ARISE FROM GETTING AT MORE OF THE FACTS, AND SO CURRENTLY I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE WATCHDOG COALITION ON THE CIC THAT I AM PART OF HAS BEEN ABLE TO -- SO WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PUT FORTH OUR CANDIDATE WHO GOT ELECTED AS THE CHAIR. THERE WERE 13 MEMBERS. HIS NAME IS BERNADINO. HE SPOKE BEFORE YOU, AND I HAVE ALSO WRITTEN EMAILS TO YOU ALL. A VERY REASONABLE PERSON. WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THE CIC DOES REQUIRE HEALING, AND WE'RE HOPING THAT THE PROCESS WILL CONTINUE AS WELL. WE ALSO PUT FORWARD A CHANGE TO OUR BY-LAWS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT I HAD CONVINCED OUR BY-LAWS COMMITTEE TO DO THIS AND PRESENT THIS TO THE CIC.

WE VOTED, AGAIN, 8-5 IN FAVOR OF EMPOWERING THE CHAIR TO BE ABLE TO SET THE AGENDA WITH INPUT FROM A STEERING COMMITTEE THAT WE HAVE. FOR THE PAST YEAR, WE HAD THIS PROBLEM OF OUR MAJORITY ELECTED CHAIR THAT WAS NOT ABLE TO SET THE AGENDA, AND THERE WAS A DIFFERENT CHAIR ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE THAT WAS MANEUVERED. WE HAD THIS LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE, AND I BELIEVE THAT PART OF THE WOWNESS OF THE CIC STEERING COMMITTEE, AND KNOWING THAT MY TIME IS ALMOST UP, I DO WANT TO SAY THAT IT ISN'T THE CONFLICT IS REALLY HARD AND HAVING DIFFERENCES OF OPINION IS REALLY HARD BUT BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN AND HAVING THE SPACE AND TIME TO TALK WITH EACH OTHER, I THINK THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT, AND SOMEONE HAD MENTIONED EARLIER, I THINK IT WAS SCOTT, THAT HAD MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE THIS PROCESS, DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, AND I ALSO ADMIRE THIS. I CAME HERE AS A KID FROM A COUNTRY THAT DID NOT HAVE SUCH A PROCESS AT THE TIME, AND SO I WANT TO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING.

**R.1 BUDMOD # JOHS-05-18: Appropriating \$2,373,351 of Additional State Emergency Housing Account Funds.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1.

Marc Jolin: GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD I AM MARC JOLIN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES. I AM HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION. AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE, STARTING LAST SUMMER WE SAW A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES SEEKING EMERGENCY SHELTER IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE CAME INTO THIS FISCAL YEAR BUMMING FOR 200 BEDS OF FAMILY SHELTER, AND BY THE END OF THE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL WE WERE STARTING TO SEE NUMBERS COMING CLOSE TO 500 PEOPLE AND FAMILIES SEEKING SHELTER. WE WERE COMMITTED TO DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE COULD TO ENSURE THAT THE FAMILIES IN SHELTER DIDN'T LOSE THOSE BEDS. WE WERE FACING A REAL FINANCIAL CRISIS AT THAT TIME, FACING THE PROSPECT OF HAVING TO REDUCE OUR INVESTMENT IN KEEPING FAMILIES OUT OF SHELTERS THROUGH PREVENTION OR MOVING FAMILIES BACK INTO HOUSING OUT OF SHELTER JUST IN ORDER TO COVER THE COST OF THE ENORMOUS NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND FAMILIES IN SHELTER AT THAT POINT. SO WE MADE OUR REQUESTS TO THE STATE FOR SOME EMERGENCY FUNDING. THAT REQUEST WAS JOINED WITH OTHER COUNTIES, ULTIMATELY WAS A 5 MILLION REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS IN THOSE COUNTIES AS WELL. THE LEGISLATURE AWARDED US THE 2.373 MILLION THAT ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY FOR CONSIDERATION.

SO THOSE FUNDS, ESSENTIALLY, WERE USED TO GET US THROUGH THIS CRISIS PERIOD AND THROUGH THE WINTER TO ENSURE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR SHELTER BED CAPACITY TO KEEP AS MANY AS THE 9 FAMILIES IN MOTEL ROOMS AT ONE POINT. THAT NUMBER HAS PROGRESSIVELY COME DOWN. THEY WERE USED TO ASSIST US WITH THE TRANSITION OF THE 40 FAMILIES BACK IN THE PERMANENT HOUSING, THE INITIATIVE THAT WE HAD OVER THE HOLIDAYS THAT WAS SUCCESSFUL. WE USED THE FUNDS TO RUN THE WINTER SHELTER FOR FAMILIES AT CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL AND TO ENSURE THAT AS THAT SHELTER WAS CLOSING, ALL OF THE FAMILIES HAD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS OUT OF THAT SHELTER, IDEALLY INTO PERMANENT HOUSING, AND IF NOT THAT, INTO OTHER SHELTER SITUATIONS WHILE THEY CONTINUE TO WORK TO FIND PERMANENT HOUSING. SO THIS IS A ONE-TIME ALLOCATION OF FUNDING. I AM HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I AM CLEAR. WE WERE IN NEED OF FUNDING, AND IT'S WONDERFUL WE GOT THE MONEY, I AM SO PLEASED BUT I AM CURIOUS, HUARD WE FUND THAT GAP BACK THEN, AND IT'S GREAT WE GOT THE MONEY, BUT WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD WE -- SOMETIMES, I AM NOT SURE LIKE WHERE WE TOOK A RISK. AND IT PAID OFF, AND THAT'S GREAT. BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE

HAVE, YOU KNOW, GOOD, SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN PLACE.

Marc Jolin: YES. SO AS YOU KNOW, WITHIN OUR BUDGET IS THE TITLE FUNDING, AND WE HAD DEVELOPED A PLAN COMING INTO THIS YEAR FOR INVESTING THOSE DOLLARS OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME. WE WERE JUST AT THE FRONT END OF THAT, THOSE DOLLARS ARE INTENDED TO HELP STABILIZE THE FAMILY SYSTEM. THAT'S THE DESIGNATED PURPOSE. IN THE MOMENT WE WERE ABLE TO USE THE TAX TITLE FUNDING, NOT IN THE, QUITE THE MANNER THAT WE HAD PLANNED, BUT WE FACED A CRISIS AND WE NEEDED TO ADDRESS IT. SO WITH THIS STATE FUNDING --

Chair Kafoury: WHO IS MAKING THAT NOISE? DO WE KNOW THE BEEPING NOISE THAT KEEPS GOING OFF? OKAY. THANK YOU. THANKS, GEORGE. SORRY.

Marc Jolin: SO WITH THE STATE'S INVESTMENT, IT WILL ALLOW US TO RETURN TO THAT STRATEGY FOR THE TAX TITLE FUNDING THAT WILL ALLOW US TO ENHANCE THE SHELTER SYSTEM, BUT ALSO OUR HOUSING PLACEMENT CAPACITY AND OUR PREVENTION AND DIVERSION INITIATIVES. SO HAD THAT NOT COME, WE WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RETURN TO THAT ORIGINAL TAX TITLE INVESTMENT STRATEGY.

Chair Kafoury: IS THIS KIND OF A PRACTICE.

Commissioner Stegmann: IS THIS A PRACTICE WE MIGHT UTILIZE IN THE FUTURE?

Marc Jolin: NO, WE FOUND OURSELVES IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE OF AN UNANTICIPATED GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES COMING. AS PART OF THIS, AS WE DISCUSSED, WE HAD TO MOVE AWAY FROM OUR NO TURN AWAY POLICY AND RETURN TO A SHELTER SYSTEM THAT HAD A FIXED NUMBER OF BEDS AVAILABLE, SO IN THE CURRENT BUDGET YEAR, WE BUDGETED FOR 207 BEDS OF YEAR-ROUND SHELTER FOR FAMILIES AND THE WINTER SHELTER CAPACITY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO OPEN, AND WE EXPECT TO DO THAT AGAIN, SO I DON'T EXPECT THAT WE WILL FIND OURSELVES IN THIS SITUATION AGAIN. I THINK THAT WE WERE FORTUNATE TO BE IN A POSITION TO GET THROUGH IT. BUT OF COURSE, THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF SITUATION WE WANT TO FIND OURSELVES IN THE FUTURE.

Commissioner Stegmann: AGAIN, I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT WE GOT THE MONEY AND THANK YOU TO THE CHAIR AND TO THE GOVERNOR FOR AWARDING US THAT MONEY. BUT AGAIN, AS I SAID, I JUST WANT TO BE CAREFUL THAT WE HAVE REALLY GOOD, SOUND FINANCIAL PRACTICES MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: SOMETIMES WE MAKE DECISIONS AND THEN THERE ARE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM. THE GOOD SIDE TO THIS STORY, NOT JUST GETTING THESE DOLLARS, BUT IS THAT WE HAVE, AND THROUGH OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS, DURING THE SHORT SESSION WE MADE THE LEGISLATURE REALLY AWARE THAT IT IS NOT JUST A MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROBLEM. THERE ARE FAMILIES ALL OVER THE STATE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND WHO ARE SO DESPERATE THAT THEY WILL TRAVEL TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN ORDER TO HAVE A SAFE SPACE FOR THEIR, FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN. SO, YOU KNOW, WE ARE LEARNING, EVERYTHING IS A LEARNING LESSON BUT WE WERE ABLE TO REALLY TEACH THE LEGISLATURE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON.

Marc Jolin: THE OTHER PIECE TO HOLD ONTO IS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP ALL 500 OF THOSE, OR ALMOST ALL OF THOSE FOLKS IN THE SHELTER UNTIL THEY WERE ABLE TO COME TO A BETTER SITUATION. WE WERE FACING THE PROSPECT OF EITHER HAVING FOLKS NOT HAVE THE RENT ASSISTANCE THAT THEY NEEDED TO STAY IN THE HOUSING, OR HAVING TO SOME HOW LOSE FAMILIES BACK TO THE STREETS WHO WE HAD MADE A SHELTERING COMMITMENT TO. WE DID NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN. AND SO IN THAT MOMENT, WE FELT LIKE THIS WAS THE MOST CRITICAL THING, TO KEEP THE FAMILIES SHELTERED.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THIS IS GREAT. I THINK WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE TO ME, AND I SHARE YOUR CONCERNS BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE WE WERE IN A SITUATION THAT WE DID NOT WANT TO PUT FAMILIES IN THE STREET SO WE CHANGED OUR BUDGETING PLANS FOR THIS, AND THEN WE WENT AND BACKFILLED IN. I JUST WANT TO ALSO NOTE THAT THIS WAS MONEY THAT WE WERE ALLOCATED FROM THE LEGISLATURE BUT ALSO PART OF A STATEWIDE ALLOCATION BECAUSE THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT YOU KNOW, THAT THE PEOPLE ARE FACING ALL OVER THE STATE, AND I AM HOPEFUL WITH SOME OF THE OTHER CHANGES THAT THEY DID, INCLUDING THE DOCUMENT REPORTING INCREASE, WE CAN REALLY CONTINUE TO CHIP AWAY AT THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE HAVE HERE IN OUR CITY AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE. SO I APPRECIATE IT, AND I JUST HAD A QUESTION, HOW MANY BEDS ARE IN THE BETH ISRAEL FAMILY, THE WINTER SHELTER?

Marc Jolin: 75 BEDS THERE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: OKAY.

Marc Jolin: AND IT WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. I ACTUALLY HAD THE, I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO THEIR BOARD AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP. THEY STEPPED FORWARD IN A CRISIS MOMENT, MADE THEIR SPACE AVAILABLE TO US, ON VERY SHORT NOTICE, PORTLAND HOMELESS

FAMILY SOLUTIONS AGREED TO COME IN AND RUN THE SHELTER. INITIALLY IT WAS NOT ENTIRELY FULL. IT TOOK A WHILE TO GET GOING, BUT OVER THE LAST MONTH THERE WERE 75 PEOPLE THERE EVERY NIGHT, AND I ACTUALLY WANT TO THANK THE FAMILY SYSTEM PARTNERS WHO REALLY STEPPED UP TO MAKE SURE THAT AS THAT SHELTER CLOSED, ALL THE FAMILIES HAD SOME PLACE TO GO AND THAT WE DID NOT HAVE ANY FAMILIES TRANSITIONING OUT OF THAT SHELTER TO THE STREET. THAT IS, ALWAYS A CONCERN WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT A WINTER SHELTER THAT YOU KNOW WILL HAVE TO CLOSE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I KNOW IT'S NOT PERTINENT TO THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION, BUT THAT PHFS IS OPENING A NEW SHELTER, WHICH WILL SERVE MORE FAMILIES, THAN THEY ARE SERVING.

Marc Jolin: THAT'S RIGHT. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING A NEW BUILDING THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO MORE THAN TRIPLE THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO SERVE, AND IMPORTANTLY, THE BUILDING IS DESIGNED IN A WAY THAT EACH FAMILY WILL HAVE A PRIVATE SPACE, SOMETHING THAT, ESPECIALLY AS SHELTERS SAY, IS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT, SO WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

Board Clerk: JOE WALSH, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Joe Walsh: FOR THE RECORD I AM JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON GETTING THIS MONEY. IT'S REALLY NOT 2 MILLION. IT'S ABOUT 5 MILLION. THE CITY GETS SOME, YOU GET SOME, AND IT GOES TO MARC. THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. IF I AM WRONG ON THAT, I WOULD STAND CORRECTED. I DON'T MIND GETTING EGG ON MY FACE. WE ARE GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MONEY BEING GIVEN NOW. WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY YOU WOULD DO THAT. IF THIS IS EARMARKED FOR WINTER. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE PAPERWORK, IT SAYS WINTER. NOT NOW, NOT SUMMER, SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HANDLE THESE FUNDS IF YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE IT TO PEOPLE NOW? ARE THEY GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO SPEND IT NOW? WHEN WE GET TO WINTER, WE'LL BE IN A PANIC AGAIN? LIKE WE'VE DONE FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS? OR ARE WE GOING TO PUT THIS MONEY IN A LOCK BOX AND LEAVE IT ALONE UNTIL SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER? JANUARY? WHEN WE STARTED TO LOSE PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS AND THEY STARTED TO DIE.

Joe Walsh: SO WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM MARC THAT HE WILL NOT SPEND HIS MONEY UNTIL WINTER. NOT SPRING. NOT FALL. WINTER. I HAVE NOT HEARD THAT YET. IN YOUR PAPERWORK YOU DON'T MENTION THE WORD WINTER. SO WE SUSPECT THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SPEND IT NOW, AND HOPE THAT YOU HAVE IT LATER. THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH. THAT'S FRAUD. THE STATE IS GIVING YOU THE 5 MILLION, THAT YOU ARE SPLITTING WITH THE CITY. TO USE FOR WINTER BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD PEOPLE DIE ON OUR STREETS. YOU GUYS WENT TO SALEM, AND SAID YOU HAVE GOT TO DO SOMETHING. AND THEY DID. IF WE USE IT, THEY WILL BURN YOU. I DON'T MAKE THREATS. I REALLY DON'T. I WILL DRAG YOU INTO FEDERAL COURT SO FAST, THAT IT WILL MAKE YOUR HEAD SPIN. I KNOW HOW TO DO IT. ASK AROUND. IF YOU SPEND THIS BEFORE WINTER I WILL TAKE YOU INTO FEDERAL COURT AND SUE YOU. PLEASE DON'T DO IT. WE ARE GOING TO NEED THE MONEY IN WINTER. AND IF MARC WANTS TO BUY SOMETHING OR SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS TO BUY SOMETHING, YOU TELL THEM NO. NOT UNLESS YOU DO IT IN DECEMBER.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY A COUPLE OF COMMENTS FROM MR. WALSH, AND I AM SORRY, YOU ARE NOT CORRECT ABOUT THESE DOLLARS. \$5 MILLION WE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF OREGON WAS SPREAD OUT ALL AROUND THE, ALL AROUND THE STATE. NOT JUST MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT MARION, LANE, WASHINGTON, CLACKAMAS, JACKSON, AND DECHUTTES, SO IT WAS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE ENTIRE STATE IS FEELING THE CRUNCH, AND IT WAS DOLLARS ALREADY SPENT. THESE ARE NOT DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING TO BE SAVED FOR NEXT YEAR BUT DOLLARS THAT WERE SPENT THIS WINTER. ALREADY THE WINTER THAT JUST PASSED. SO I AM REALLY THAT I FEEL THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET THIS MONEY FROM THE STATE. I WANT TO CALL OUT JUSTIN BLACK, OUR, LIKE FIRST DAY ON THE JOB IN SALEM, KNOCKING ON DOORS, TWISTING ARMS AND WAS VERY HELPFUL, AND ALL THE COMMISSIONERS FOR YOUR LOBBYING EFFORTS, AS WELL. SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

**R.2 Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 1252, Amending Ordinance Nos. 1239 and 1245 to Establish May 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM PST as the Effective Date, and Declaring an Emergency.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING AND ADOPTION.

Michael Cerbone: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM MICHAEL CERBONE, THE PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR MISCONDUCTED. I HAVE WITH ME TODAY AL BURNS FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND, BUREAU OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY. WE ARE HERE TODAY ASKING TO SET THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PORTLAND'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN, COMP PLAN MAP AND ZONING MAP AND IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCES TO MAY 24 AT 1:00 P.M. THESE ARE ORDINANCES THAT WERE PASSED BY THE BOARD LAST YEAR. THE DATE WAS DELAYED FOR AFFECTED PERIODS SO IT COULD GO THROUGH THE STATE. ALLEN AND I ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? AL, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Al Burns: NOT AT ALL.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS A VERY EXCITING TRIP TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING THIS MORNING. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: NO, WE DON'T.

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

Michael Cerbone: THANK YOU.

**R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DA-05-18: Increasing Fed/State fund by \$158,745 for Child Abuse Multi-disciplinary Intervention (CAMI).**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3.

Allen Vogt: GOOD MORNING. I AM ALLEN VOGT, THE FINANCE MANAGER AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND I AM JOINED BY CHIEF DEPUTY CHUCK SPARKS. WE ARE HERE TO PRESENT TWO BUDGET MODIFICATIONS REQUESTING INCREASES IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 FED STATE ALLOCATION. FOR EACH REQUEST I WILL GIVE A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS TO THE BUDGET AND THE CHIEF SPARKS WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAMS THEY SUPPORT. OUR FIRST REQUEST IS TO INCREASE OUR FED STATE APPROPRIATION BY 158,745 IN CHILD ABUSE, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTION FUNDING. CAMI FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE BY THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. OUR OFFICE HAS BEEN A RECIPIENT OF CAMI FUND, SINCE 1993, AND OUR ADOPTED 2018 BUDGET INCLUDED OVER 855,000 OF CAMI FUNDING. THIS REQUEST WOULD INCREASE THAT FUNDING TO JUST OVER \$1 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. A MAJORITY, ABOUT 75% OF THE CAMI FUNDING IS PASSED THROUGH TO OUR PARTNERS. THOSE PARTNERS ARE CARES NORTHWEST, PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, GRESHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Allen Vogt: THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION WOULD INCREASE THE FUNDING TO CAMI PARTNER AGENCIES BY 56,000. IN ADDITION THE BUDGET MODIFICATION WOULD FUND 0.28 FTE OF OUR HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITION. TRAINING FOR MCBA AND CAMI PARTNER STAFF, EXPERT WITNESS FEES, OFFICE SUPPLIES AND SOME CENTRAL AND DEPARTMENT INDIRECT COSTS. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO CHIEF SPARKS, AND HE WILL TELL YOU ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

Chuck Sparks: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. AS YOU KNOW OREGON LAW REQUIRES THAT MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS BE FORMED ON EACH COUNTY, AND WE HAVE HAD A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM HERE, MBTA FOR 25, PERHAPS 30 YEARS. AND THIS REQUIRES THE PARTNERS AND CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS COMMUNICATED EACH STEP OF THE INVESTIGATION BECAUSE BEFORE THE LAW SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY AND DISAPPOINTINGLY DIDN'T, SO DHS COULD DO ONE THING, MEDICAL PROVIDER SOMETHING ELSE, POLICE AGENCY SOMETHING ELSE DIFFERENT, AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE ALSO. SO THE LAW REQUIRED THAT EVERYBODY MEET, TALK, AND ACTUALLY STAFF CASES TOGETHER.

IT MEANS THAT MEDICAL EVALUATORS, POLICE INVESTIGATORS, DHS CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE WORKERS, DEPUTY D.A.'S, SCHOOLS, AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE OTHER PARTNERS WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE AND INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF ABUSE. THE CHILD ABUSE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATION, OR CAMI FUNDS FROM THE STATE, HELP EACH COUNTY TO DO THIS WORK TO CONDUCT THESE JOINT INVESTIGATORS AND TO COORDINATE SO THAT AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE IN EACH CASE IS ASSURED THAT THE SYSTEMS RESPONSES ARE IMPROVED AND ALSO THAT THE COORDINATED TRAINING AND TRAVEL, CONTINUING EDUCATION ARE PUT INTO PLACE. THE CAMI BUDGET WAS DECREASED LAST YEAR, YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE STATE CROSSED THE BOARD, REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF BUDGETS THAT WERE 10% REDUCTIONS, AND FORTUNATELY, THIS ACTUALLY DID NOT OCCUR, AND LATER AFTER WE HAD PUT OUR BUDGET IN PLACE WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE BOARD, WE WERE INFORMED, GIVEN THE GOOD NEWS THE FUNDS WERE NOT BEING CUT 10%. SO THIS IS ESSENTIALLY RESTORATION OF THAT.

THE CAMI FUND SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES MEDICAL EVALUATIONS FOR ABUSED CHILDREN, TRAUMA THERAPY FOR THOSE CHILDREN, AND AS HE MENTIONED, A HUMAN D.A. WORKING IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES, AND HALF ARE MORE INVOLVE CHILD VICTIMS OR BUYERS WHO ARE SEEKING CHILD VICTIMS SO YOU DON'T HAVE A CHILD VICTIM BUT YOU HAVE SOMEBODY WHO IS OUT THERE LOOKING FOR A CHILD VICTIM AND FIND A POLICE OFFICER INSTEAD.

Chuck Sparks: IT ALSO FUNDS THE LOCAL CHILD ABUSE TRAINING, SUMMIT, THE SAN DIEGO CHILD ABUSE CONFERENCE, AND OTHER SPECIALIZED TRAININGS IN SUBJECT MATTERS SUCH AS FOR EXAMPLE ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA. AND THE BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES SOME SUPPLIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. SO WE ARE PLEASED TO REQUEST YOUR PERMISSION TO SPEND THIS ADDITIONAL 158,745 IN STATE CAMI FUNDS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION. IT'S EXCITING TO SEE THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TO EXPERIENCE THAT 10% CUT. BUT I DID HAVE A QUESTION OF THAT FUNDING, WHAT TYPES OF REQUIREMENTS OR ARE THERE THAT SAY OKAY, WE GAVE YOU X AMOUNT OF MONEY, AND HOW ARE WE MEASURING THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE RESPONSES? WHAT ARE THE MEASUREMENTS THAT SAY, WE HAVE TAKEN THE MONEY, THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE, AND HERE'S THE RESULTS?

Chick Sparks: THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS ESSENTIALLY MONITORED AS A GRANT. SO WE HAVE A GRANT ADMINISTRATOR WHO WORKS WITH MR. VOGT. EVERY REQUEST WE VET IT THROUGH OUR MDT EXECUTIVE BOARD, WHICH I CHAIR, BUT IT'S ALSO POPULATED BY DHS, THE POLICE AGENCY, AND THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE MESD. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND LET ME SEE, OH, AND CARES NORTHWEST. TOGETHER WE COLLECTIVELY REVIEW ALL EXPENDITURES, AND WE DETERMINE WHAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMPLISH. WE INFORM THE STATE OF THAT, AND THEN WE SEEK APPROVAL FOR THAT FUNDING, SO THERE IS A VETTING PROCESS WITHIN THE MBT. WE HAVE TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES, OBVIOUSLY, THE BUDGET, AND WE SEND THE REQUEST DOWN TO ANY REQUEST FOR REVIEW AT DOJ WE HAVE MEASURES THAT WE REPORT BACK, FOR EXAMPLE, CARES NORTHWEST, X NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED, EVALUATED, X NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE THE RECIPIENT OF TRAUMA THERAPY, WITH POLICE OVERTIME, HOW MANY CASES WERE INVESTIGATED. OBVIOUSLY WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE, THE NUMBER OF CASES FILED, AND REVIEWED, AND SO FORTH.

Commissioner Stegmann: AND THAT'S GREAT. BUT I GUESS WHAT I AM TRYING TO GET AT IS WHAT ARE THE RESULTS? THAT'S GREAT THAT WE HAVE HAD X AMOUNT OF CASES AND WE HAVE HELPED X AMOUNT OF KIDS. I GUESS WHAT I AM GETTING BACK AT IS HOW, YOU KNOW, WHAT WAS THE EFFICACY OF THOSE OUTCOMES, AND THAT MAY BE BEYOND US, BUT WE CAN DISCUSS THAT. I WOULD JUST BE CURIOUS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE OUTCOMES THAT WE'RE MEASURING THE OUTCOMES AND NOT JUST NUMBERS.

Chuck Sparks: AND REALLY, YOU CANNOT LOOK AT -- I DON'T WANT TO DIVE TOO DEEP, BUT IN ANY PARTICULAR CASE, IT'S DOING THE RIGHT THING. SO

SOMETIMES WHEN THERE IS AN INVESTIGATION YOU TAKE THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE AND YOU TAKE WHAT DHS TELLS YOU, AND THE CONCLUSION IS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO PROSECUTE BUT YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO FILE, FOR EXAMPLE, A DEPENDENCY PETITION. SO IT DOES COME BACK TO THE SYSTEMS AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE CALL A TRIAGE PROCESS. EVERY CASE THAT CONTAINS ELEMENTS OF SIGNATURE ABUSE IS TRIAGED BY ALL THE PARTNER AGENCIES TOGETHER, AND SO IN SOME WAYS, IT REALLY IS THE NUMBERS THAT -- HOW MANY CASES YOU GET IN AND HOW MANY YOU REVIEW, AND ULTIMATELY, ACHIEVE YOUR OUTCOMES, CONSISTENTLY WITH WHATEVER STANDARDS YOU HAVE IN PLACE, BE IT THE MEDICAL EVALUATION PIECE, THE DHS PIECE. AND IT'S HARD TO QUANTIFY WHAT, YOU KNOW, HOW WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE CHILD SAFETY AND ALSO HARD TO QUANTIFY, YOU COULD ARGUE WE DIDN'T FILE A CASE AS A RESULT OF THAT INVESTIGATION, BUT IF THAT CASE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FILED, THAT IS AN EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME BECAUSE IT MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT THING TO FILE CHARGES. YOU MAY NOT, IN FACT, HAVE INFLECTIVE ABUSE. IT MAY HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT. I REALIZE I AM NOT ABLE TO GIVE YOU QUANTIFIABLE NUMBERS BUT THE PROCESS IS HARD TO QUANTIFY BEYOND THE NUMBERS THEMSELVES.

Commissioner Stegmann: I APPRECIATE YOU AT LEAST CONSIDERING THOSE, YOU KNOW, UNQUANTIFIABLE THINGS, SO IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU AND YOUR PARTNERS ARE DOING THAT. THANK YOU.

Chuck Sparks: CERTAINLY, AND I WOULD ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE HARD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT, AND IN FACT, THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THE MBT PROCESS. WE TALK, AND WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE. AS A RESULT OF THAT PROCESS WE TRY TO REACH A RESULT THAT PROTECTS THE CHILD, RESPECTS THE FAMILY, AND TAKES CARE OF THE CHILD'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS, AND THE LONG-TERM NEEDS AS WELL. AND ALSO HOLDS OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE WHERE APPROPRIATE.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR CHILDREN.

Chuck Sparks: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THAT THIS KIND OF MOVED TOWARDS A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH WAS PUT INTO PLACE BACK WHEN. WE TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE WITH SILOING AND WE LOOK AT THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE WORKING ON IN OUR DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS AND JURISDICTIONS. THIS IS A GOOD MOVE. I JUST WILL A QUESTION. LOOKING AT THE ENABLING LEGISLATION, IT HAS A BROAD GROUP OF PARTNERS WHO ARE AT THE TABLE INCLUDING LIKE THE SCHOOLS AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF THAT. I KNOW THAT THE ALLOT ELEMENT FOR THIS PORTION OF THE FUNDING YOU GET IS DESIGNATED TO THE OFFICE, SOME OF THESE EXTRA THINGS, AND THEN SOME FOR THE

PARTNER AGENCIES. IN THE BROADER BUDGET FOR THIS, THE 1 MILLION, IS THERE OTHERS, OTHER PARTS THAT GO TO DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE ONES LISTED HERE?

Chuck Sparks: NO. THE CORE FUNCTIONS, SO MEDICAL, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, POLICE INVESTIGATIVE, OVERTIME, AND D.A. PROSECUTION FUNCTIONS ARE REALLY THE SORT OF THE CORE MISSION DRIVERS, IF YOU WILL, SO THE PARTNERS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THAT WORK, ARE FUNDED FOR THAT WORK. BUT WE -- AND ESPECIALLY CRITICAL ASPECT OF THIS, IS REACH OUT TO THE VARIOUS AGENCIES, FOR EXAMPLE, WE DO EXTENSIVE LIAISON WORK WITH SCHOOLS, AND WE ALSO PROVIDE TRAINING, SO THE TRAINING ISN'T LIMITED TO JUST THE CORE PARTNERS. OTHERS CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE, BUT PROBABLY THE CENTRAL FUNCTION OF THE MBT COLLECTIVE IS FOR THE PARTNERS, NOT JUST TO TALK AMONGST THEMSELVES, BUT IN EACH CASE, IF THERE IS A SCHOOL PIECE, OR IF THERE IS A MEDICAL PROVIDER WHO IS NOT CARES, FOR EXAMPLE, OR THE MEDICAL SYSTEMS ISSUE, THAT WE REACH OUT TO THAT, TO THAT PARTICULAR EXTERNAL PARTNER, LET'S CALL THAT, THAT ORGANIZATION. SO IT ABSOLUTELY IS EXPECTED, AND WE MEASURE OURSELVES BY HOW WELL WE REACH OUT AND ENGAGE THE SCHOOLS. WE HAD AN ISSUE WHERE SCHOOLS WERE HAVING SOME QUESTIONS, UNDERSTANDABLE QUESTIONS, ABOUT WHETHER POLICE OFFICERS OR DHS WORKERS COULD COME IN AND TALK TO A STUDENT WITHOUT THE SCHOOL, AND IN FACT, ALERTING THE PARENTS, AND SOMETIMES UNFORTUNATELY THE PARENTS WERE ACTUALLY THE ONES THAT WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT. WE HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND SOMETIMES WITH THEIR LAWYERS TO WORK THROUGH THAT. WE HAVE A PROCESS THAT RESPECTS THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, PROTECTS THE INTEGRITY OF AN INVESTIGATION. HAVE I ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION, SUFFICIENTLY?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: IT'S GOOD TO GET A BETTER PICTURE OF HOW IT WORKS AND TRYING TO REACH THE GOALS OF HAVING THIS MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH AND HOW YOU ARE ENGAGING DIFFERENT PARTNERS. THANK YOU.

Chuck Sparks: CERTAINLY.

Commissioner Meieran: THANKS VERY MUCH. I ACTUALLY HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF VISITING CARES NORTHWEST JUST LAST WEEK, AND IT WAS REALLY INCREDIBLE TO SEE THE TYPE OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM THAT WORKS TO TAKE CARE OF KIDS AND REALLY SORT OF INSPIRING AND KIND OF A MODEL PROCESS FOR, YOU KNOW, HOW I THINK THAT WE CAN FUNCTION TOGETHER AS AN INTEGRATED, AS INTEGRATED TEAMS AND PARTNERS. I HAD A QUESTION. NOT SURE HOW TO FRAME THIS, BUT ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THAT WE HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY ABOUT THAT

HAS BEEN CUT FROM OUR YOU KNOW, CURRENTLY NOT IN OUR BUDGET IS THE COUNTER POINT PROGRAM. I AM NOT SURE IF YOU ARE AWARE OF THAT. IT'S THE TREATMENT FOR SEXUALLY OFFENDING, NON-ADJUDICATED YOUTH. WHAT CARES REALLY CONVEYED TO ME WAS HOW IMPORTANT THAT WAS FOR PREVENTION EFFORTS AND AFFECTING VICTIMS DOWN THE ROAD, AND THAT THERE ARE REAL VICTIMS TO THOSE INCIDENTS AS WELL. I AM WONDERING, GIVEN THE BROADNESS OF THE CAMI, AND OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, NOT NECESSARILY FOR THIS BUDGET CYCLE OR ANYTHING, BUT THAT TYPE OF PROGRAM IS SO CRUCIAL, AND PART OF THE CONTINUUM THAT DOES NOT EXIST REALLY ANYWHERE ELSE. THERE ROOM WITHIN THAT, THAT YOU SEE THAT THERE COULD BE FUNDING ALLOCATED YOU KNOW, TOWARDS THAT TYPE OF PROGRAM? IT'S SMALL BUT SO IMPORTANT.

Chuck Sparks: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN I WILL BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THAT. I REPORT TO MISS NEE, OUR GRANT ADMINISTRATOR, AND SHE RULES ON ALL THINGS EXPENDITURE-WISE, BUT YOU ARE TOUCHING ON A POINT THAT IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE, THAT UNADJUDICATED YOUTH WHO ENGAGE IN THOSE BEHAVIORS ARE OFTEN ENGAGING IN BEHAVIORS DONE TO THEM, SO THEY ARE OFTEN UNTREATED VICTIMS THEMSELVES. YOU, OBVIOUSLY, NEED TO INTER-DISTRICT AND KEEP THEM FROM MOVING INTO THE DEEPER END OF THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE ADULT SYSTEM. EVERYBODY ABSOLUTELY WANTS, SO I WILL HAPPILY LOOK INTO THAT AND REPORT BACK TO YOU AS TO WHETHER WE CAN LOOK TO BUILD THAT INTO OUR NEXT BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR CAMI FUNDING, JUST TO SEE WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE, AND IF NOT THEM, WHAT ARE THE OTHER POSSIBILITIES? TREATMENT FOR SEX OFFENDERS, WE USED TO HAVE EXCELLENT STATE LEVEL ADULT SIDE TREATMENT AT THE STATE HOSPITAL. THAT HAS BEEN GONE FOR 15 YEARS. WHEN I WAS TRYING THOSE CASES AT THAT TIME, WE HAD THE OPTION OF HAVING SOMEONE SPEND THE LAST 18 TO 24 MONTHS, AND I THINK IT WAS 51B AT THE STATE HOSPITAL, GETTING HANDS-ON TREATMENT BEFORE THEY REINTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY. FOR YOUTH WHO HAVEN'T BEEN ADJUDICATED, OFTEN OF TENDER YEARS, THEY ARE AT THE MOST HOPEFUL STAGE OF ALL OF THAT POPULATION. SO I WILL HAPPILY LOOK INTO THAT.

Chair Kafoury: OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

**R.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DA-07-18: Increasing Fed/State fund by \$178,671 for Termination of Parental Rights (TPR).**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R4. WELCOME AGAIN.

Allen Vogt: AGAIN, I AM ALLEN VOGT, FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFERS HERE WITH CHIEF DEPUTY CHUCK SPARKS. OUR SECOND BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST IS TO INCREASE THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL

RIGHTS FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF OREGON, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$178,671. AS WITH CAMI, WE'VE BEEN RECEIVING THIS FUNDING FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, OUR ADOPTED BUDGET INCLUDES 1.1 MILLION IN TPR FUNDING. 98% OF THAT FUNDING GOES TO MCDA PERSONNEL. WE HAVE THREE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, TWO INVESTIGATORS, AND 2.5 OFFICE STAFF IN OUR ADOPTED BUDGET. THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION WOULD FUND ONE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITION. I WILL LET CHIEF DEPUTY SPARKS DESCRIBE THAT.

Chuck Sparks: AND FOR CLARITY, OUR CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, WE HAVE FOUR IN THAT UNIT, AND WE DID NOT CUT WHEN THE 10% CAME THROUGH. WE GOT THE GOOD NEWS THAT THE 10% CUT WAS NO LONGER BEING REQUESTED, SO THIS ALLOWS US ON PAPER TO RYE -- RESTORE THAT PERSON BUT THE INDIVIDUAL DOING THE WORK HAS CONTINUED TO DO THE WORK IN THAT CASELOAD. TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IS THE EXTREME RESULT WHEN YOU HAVE A HORRIBLE ABUSE, OR NEGLECT, CONTINUING LONG-TERM IN A CHILD'S LIFE. TPR CASES ARE FILED AS NOTED ONLY IN THE MOST EXTREME CASES, WHEN ALL EFFORTS AT REUNIFICATION AND REFORM FOR THE PARENT HAVE FAILED, AND THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION TO KEEPING THE CHILDREN SAFE AND HEALTHY. WE HAVE DONE THIS WORK FOR A LONG TIME. OBVIOUSLY IN THE CONTRACT, IT RUNS THROUGH JUNE 30 OF NEXT YEAR. CONSISTENTLY WITH THE STATE REQUESTS THAT ALL STATE BUDGETS BE REDUCED BY 10%. THAT, IN FACT, WAS DONE, AND ULTIMATELY, WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE 10% WAS NOT IMPOSED, IF YOU WILL, AND IT ALLOWS US TO, ON PAPER, IN THE BUDGET, RESTORE THAT POSITION. WE REQUEST THAT WE BE ALLOWED TO DO THAT.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? GO AHEAD.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU FOR THAT. I ACTUALLY HAD A QUESTION MORE ON THE ISSUE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. I WAS CURIOUS, IF YOU HAD ANY DATA AS WE ARE TAKING A LOOK ACROSS OUR PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM AT RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES ON IF THERE IS ANY DATA THAT YOU HAVE CAPTURED ON -- IN CASES OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS LIKE RACIAL OR ETHNICITY INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THOSE CASES ARE GOING.

Chuck Sparks: THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. NO, I DON'T HAVE THAT. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE IF THAT QUESTION -- I AM CERTAINLY SOMEBODY HAS ASKED THAT QUESTION. I AM NOT IN POSSESSION OF THAT, OF THAT INFORMATION, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON. I CAN SAY, HAVING PROSECUTED CHILD ABUSE FOR A LONG TIME, 15 YEARS, AND SEEING A NUMBER OF MY CASES, RIPEN, IF YOU WILL, SADLY, INTO TPR SITUATIONS WHERE YOU HAVE OFTEN A NON-OFFENDING PARENT WHO IS NEGLECTFUL, INATTENTIVE, AND THE OFFENDING PARENT IS PROSECUTED FOR

SOMETHING REALLY SIGNATURE AND SERIOUS, AND YOU WANT THE NON-OFFENDING PARENT TO BE RESTORED TO PARENTING THAT CHILD OR THOSE CHILDREN. EACH CASE IS DRIVEN UNIQUELY BY ITS FACTS. I CAN, I CAN SAY FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, THAT THE FAMILIES ARE ACROSS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITIES, IF YOU WILL, THAT CHILDREN LIKEWISE OF THOSE FAMILIES ACROSS THE BROAD SPECTRUM, BUT I WILL BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE IF I CAN GET SOME MEANINGFUL ANSWERS AND REPORT THAT BACK TO YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

**R.5 Proclamation Proclaiming May 2018 as Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R5. OPENING COMMENTS? GOOD MORNING, WHO IS KICK THINKING OFF?

David Hidalgo: GOOD MORNING, I WILL BE KICKING IT OFF. WE HAVE ONE MORE IMPORTANT GUEST WHO WILL JOIN US. GET OUR CHAIRS FILLED. GOOD MORNING CHAIRS, I AM DAVID HIDALGO, NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN THIS MORNING. DIRECTOR FOR OUR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES. TODAY I AM JOINED BY THREE VERY IMPORTANT GUESTS. DEANDRE KENYANJUI AND BRANDY FISHBACH AND CARLY GUESS. TODAY WE ARE WITH THE SUPPORT OF COMMISSIONER MEIERAN. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER, HERE TO CELEBRATE AND PROCLAIM MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MANY OF YOU KNOW WE HAVE CELEBRATED MENTAL HEALTH MONTH YEAR AFTER YEAR. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR LIVES. MENTAL HEALTH MONTH HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY SINCE 1949. SO IT IS A SIGNATURE EVENT ANNUALLY HERE ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. EACH YEAR A THEME IS SELECTED. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS FITNESS. WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY FACTORS IN FITNESS, BE THAT EXERCISE, SLEEP, NUTRITION, STRESS, AND THEY ALL PLAY I A ROLE IN OUR MIND AND BODY CONNECTION AND TO OUR OVERALL HEALTH. JUST LIKE EVERYONE HAS MENTAL HEALTH, EVERYONE ALSO HAS HEALTH FITNESS AND WELLNESS. BY OBSERVING MENTAL HEALTH TODAY AND IN THIS MONTH WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN ALL RESIDENTS' LIVES HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING HOW ANYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY CAN GET ACCESS TO HELP 24-7.

David Hidalgo: MULTNOMAH COUNTY HELPS ALL RESIDENTS ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND PERSON CENTERED. THE BEST WAY IS TO CONTACT 503-9 8-4888. THIS IS A SERVICE THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES FREE TO ALL RESIDENTS. IT IS STAFFED BY MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS WHOSE JOB IS TO LISTEN, HELP AND SUPPORT EACH INDIVIDUAL TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR THEIR OWN RECOVERY AND WELLNESS. IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANYONE WHO IS IN NEED OF HELP TODAY OR IN NEED OF HELP IN THE FUTURE, THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS HERE WHEN YOU NEED US AND WE ARE HERE 24-7. AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE BELIEVE IN THE RESILIENCE OF INDIVIDUALS, IN SUPPORTING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH, AND BELIEVE THAT HEALING IS POSSIBLE AND RECOVERY IS EXPECTED FOR ALL. WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO OUR IMPORTANT GUESTS. DEANDRE WILL TALK ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE, AND ALSO HIS ROLE AS A COORDINATOR WITH OUR OFFICE OF CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT.

Deandre Kenyanjui: HI GUYS, I AM DEANDRE KENYANJUI, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE TODAY, IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE TO SPEAK UP ON MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, NOT FOR MYSELF ONLY, FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE NOT FOUND THEIR VOICE YESTERDAY. IT WAS NOT THAT LONG AGO WHERE I DIDN'T HAVE A VOICE, AND I WAS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION ISSUES. I WAS LUCKY TO REACH OUT AND FIND THE HELP, I WENT THROUGH A FEW PROGRAMS, AND I RECEIVED HELP FROM THE RECOVERY MENTOR PROGRAM, AND I SOUGHT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THERE, AND I GOT TO WORK THROUGH MY TRAUMAS AND MY ISSUES THAT I WAS SUFFERING FROM. IT IS AMAZING TODAY THAT I AM HERE. TO USE MY EXPERIENCE, I HELPED SOMEONE ELSE, THAT'S THE BLESSING OF USING YOUR VOICE AND HAVING PEOPLE RESPOND TO IT. I THINK THAT WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO THOSE PEOPLE IN NEED. I DO WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, VOICING THEIR OPINIONS AND DESTIGMATIZING MENTAL HEALTH. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DESTIGMATIZE THAT. SO MY ROLE AS THE COORDINATOR IS AMAZING. ME AND MY PARTNER ARE WORKING ON IMPROVING SYSTEMS AND CHANGING POLICIES TO EFFECTIVELY HELP THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS COMMUNITY. SO IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

David Hidalgo: THANK YOU DEANDRE. WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO RECRUIT THIS IMPORTANT OFFICE AS WELL, SO THANK YOU. AND YOUR PARTNER IS RIGHT THERE. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO THEN MOVE TO BRANDY WHO WILL SHARE HER EXPERIENCE, AS WELL.

Brandy Fishbach: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM BRANDY FISHBACH. I WORKED FOR CENTRAL CITY CONCERN AS A GRAPHIC DESIGNER

ON A GRANT. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. MY BACKGROUND IS SIMILAR TO OTHER ADDICTS. I GREW UP WITH ADDICTS AS PARENTS. I STARTED USING DRUGS CONSISTENTLY AT AGE 14. I ALWAYS WANTED SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR MY LIFE. WHEN I WAS 22 I WENT TO MY FIFTH TREATMENT CENTER AND GOT CLEAN FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS. I STRUGGLED WITH MENTAL HEALTH. I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION. I TRIED VARIOUS MEDICATIONS, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE ANY SUPPORT AT THE TIME. MY HUSBAND DIDN'T BELIEVE IN MEDICATION SO I WOULD HIDE MY MEDS.

EVENTUALLY I WENT OFF THEM ALL TOGETHER. BEING CLEAN AND NOT SELF-MEDICATING WAS HARD. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH ALL OF THE UPS AND DOWNS. RECENTLY AFTER SEEING A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER ON A REGULAR BASIS, I WAS DIAGNOSED AS BIPOLAR. KNOWING THAT AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT THAT MEANS IS HALF THE BATTLE FOR ME. KNOWING WHAT TO EXPECT HELPS ME TO RECOGNIZE WHEN I NEED SUPPORT. DURING THAT PERIOD OF CLEAN TIME I HAD FOUR CHILDREN AND WAS GOING TO SCHOOL TO BE A GRAPHIC DESIGNER. THERE WAS SO MANY DAYS THAT I WOULD CRY AND CRY. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS WRONG WITH ME, AND IT WAS TOO MUCH TO HANDLE. I WAS SUICIDAL AT TIMES. WHEN I HAD ABOUT 13 YEARS CLEAN MY FAMILY WENT THROUGH A TRAGIC EVENT. I SPENT MANY DAYS CRYING ON THE FLOOR NOT ABLE TO FUNCTION. MY FAMILY WAS MOVED FROM ALASKA TO OREGON BY THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES. I WAS SO DEPRESSED AND HAD NO SUPPORT AND DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GET IT. I WAS ALONE WITH MY FOUR KIDS AND MOVED TO THE STATE OF OREGON. I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE. I RETURNED BACK TO MY FAMILY FOR SUPPORT.

THAT'S WHEN I TRIED HEROIN FOR THE FIRST TIME. MY LIFE AND MY CHILDREN'S QUICKLY SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL. MY HUSBAND MOVED TO OREGON AND TOOK THE KIDS. I WAS SO OUT OF CONTROL BY THEN USING EVERY DAY. MY HEALTH WAS ALREADY BAD, AND IT GOT SO MUCH WORSE. I WAS HOSPITALIZED FIVE TIMES IN ONE YEAR AT OHSU. THAT IS WHEN I GOT MY BREAK AND WAS INTRODUCED TO THE IMPACT TEAM AT OHSU. THEY SPECIALIZE IN ADDICTION AND ALL THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT. MY MENTOR IS STILL A HUGE SUPPORT IN MY LIFE. OHSU SENT ME TO LIVE AT CENTRAL CITY CONCERNS HENRY BUILDING IN THE RECUPERATIVE CARE PROGRAM. WHILE THERE THEY TOOK ME TO EVERY APPOINTMENT I NEEDED TO GO TO INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH. NOT ONLY WAS I WANT ABLE TO GET MY PHYSICAL HEALTH UP TO PAR, BUT THEY TOOK ME TO SEE A COUNCILOR, A MENTAL HEALTH PRESCRIBER ALONG WITH TAKING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEDICATED ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAM.

Brandy Fishbach: I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET MYSELF TO ALL THOSE APPOINTMENTS. IT SCARES ME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF IT WAS NOT FOR THEM TAKING ME TO THE NEEDED

APPOINTMENTS AND GETTING ME STABLE ENOUGH SO I COULD START MAKING BETTER DECISIONS FOR MY LIFE. CENTRAL CITY CONCERN HELPED ME TO PUT MYSELF BACK TOGETHER STRONGER THAN BEFORE. I WAS ABLE TO GO FROM THE HENRY BUILDING TO THE EIGHT BY EIGHT PROGRAM AND LIVE THERE FOR SEVEN MONTHS WHILE I WAS STABLE. IT TOOK A LONG TIME BUT I WAS REALLY FAR DOWN. THEY HELPED ME TO GET MY, TO GET ME TREATMENT FOR MY ADDICTION, TO SEE TWO MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, AND TO GET ACUPUNCTURE, GO TO A GROUP FOR WOMEN WITH PTSD CALLED SEEKING SAFETY, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. I PARTICIPATED IN EVERYTHING I COULD. THEY HELPED ME TO REBUILD ME AS A WHOLE. THEY HAD A PROGRAM OR A CLASS OR COULD REFER ME TO ONE THAT HELPED TO REBUILD ALL THE PARTS OF ME, NOT JUST THE ADDICTION PARTS. I EVEN WENT TO A COOKING CLASS AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROVIDED.

I CAN'T EXPRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF AS A WHOLE. AS A WHOLE BEING AND NOT TO NEGLECT ANY PART OF MYSELF. I GOT TO BUILD A BIKE WITH A CHAIN REACTION PROGRAM. I GET TO GO ON BIKE RIDES ALL THE TIME WITH MY SON AND DAUGHTER NOW. I KNOW PHYSICAL HEALTH IS PART OF WHAT KEEPS ME STRONG AND IN A GOOD PLACE. I RECENTLY HAVE BEGUN EATING HEALTHY FOLLOWING A PALEO LIFESTYLE. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO I WENT TO SEE MY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOCTOR AT THE OLD TOWN CLINIC. WHEN I MENTIONED TO HER ABOUT MY NEW WAY OF EATING TO IMPROVE MY PHYSICAL HEALTH, SHE TOOK AN EXTRA TEN MINUTES TO SUPPORT ME IN MY JOURNEY. I LEFT THAT APPOINTMENT NOT ONLY FEELING CONFIDENT ABOUT MY MENTAL HEALTH MEDICATION, BUT SUPPORTED IN EATING THE PALEO WAY. I LOVE THE PROVIDERS CARE ABOUT ME AND ALL OF THE PARTS OF ME. THEY WILL EITHER SUPPORT ME IN ANYTHING THAT I NEED OR FIND SOMEONE WHO WILL. MY LIFE IS SO PROMISING NOW. I HAVE A GREAT JOB AS A GRAPHIC DESIGNER AT CENTRAL CITY CONCERN. I HAVE A WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL FOUR OF MY KIDS. I HAVE A LITTLE OVER A YEAR CLEAN AND SOBER, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF MY OXFORD HOUSE. TODAY I HAVE THE SUPPORT THAT I NEED TO DO ANYTHING THAT I WANT TO DO. THANKS TO THE IMPACT TEAM AT OHSU, CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GREAT.

David Hidalgo: THANK YOU BRANDY. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR STORY OF RECOVERY, AND I THINK IT HIGHLIGHTS IN MANY WAYS THE IMPORTANCE OF TREATING ALL ASPECTS OF A PERSON. WE KNOW THAT CONDITIONS THAT ARE CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER ALL NEED TO BE TREATED AT THE SAME TIME, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING PEOPLE WALK THE PATH WITH YOU ALONG THE WAY. SO I AM REALLY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE WITH US TODAY. THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT. AND NEXT CARLY.

Carly Guess: GOOD MORNING. CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE THIS MORNING. I AM A CLIENT WITH ESA PROGRAM, AND TODAY I WILL SHARE WITH YOU A SHORTENED VERSION OF MY EXPERIENCE WITH PSYCHOSIS.

Chair Kafoury: YOU JUST NEED TO STATE YOUR NAME.

Carly Guess: I AM CARLY GUESS.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT.

Carly Guess: I WILL START WITH A BRIEF CONTEXT OF MY LIFE. MY MOM AND SISTER AND I MOVED HERE IN 1999 AFTER MY PARENTS SEPARATED. I STARTED KINDERGARTEN HERE AT IRVINGTON, WENT THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL AT GRANT IN 2012. YEAH. PORTLAND NATIVE PRETTY MUCH. THROUGHOUT MY CHILDHOOD, I HAD A LOVING AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. I WAS ENGAGED IN SCHOOL, CHOIR, TRACK, GREAT FRIENDS, AND GREAT TEACHERS. BLESSED CHILDHOOD, ABSOLUTELY. FAST FORWARD TO 2012, GRADUATED, WENT TO U OF O AND STUDIED FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES. I GRADUATED IN 2016, BUT THROUGHOUT MY LIFE IN COLLEGE I HAD PROBABLY MOST SIGNATURE UPS AND DOWNS, EDUCATIONALLY, EMOTIONALLY, DEMANDING AND A CHALLENGE. WITH THE CULTURE COMES SUBSTANCE EXPERIMENTS, AND AT TIMES OF HIGH STRESS, SOME ABUSE AT TIMES. AND TURNING TO WAYS TO COPE PRETTY MUCH WITH ALL THAT WE WERE GOING THROUGH IN SCHOOL. I GRADUATED IN 2016.

DURING THAT YEAR MAY AND SEPTEMBER ARE MY FIRST EXPERIENCES OF EXPERIENCING MANIA OR DEPRESSION, ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW IT AT THE TIME. DURING 2016 I, IN JULY, I HAD A MINOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FROM A BIKE ACCIDENT, AND THEN A MONTH FOLLOWING THAT ACTUALLY WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT WHERE I, I WAS ON MY WAY TO WORK, I WORKED AT A FARM AFTER I GRADUATED AND HIT A DEER WITH MY CAR. SO THOSE ARE TWO TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES, WHICH IN SEPTEMBER OF THAT -- THOSE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS WAS WHEN I FIRST ENCOUNTERED SIGNATURE DEPRESSION. I MOVED HOME. I WAS KIND OF FLOATING IN BETWEEN DIDN'T REALLY SEE A FUTURE FOR MYSELF QUITE YET AND IN DECEMBER OF 2016 I WENT TO INDIA WITH A GROUP THROUGH MY PROGRAM. I HAD GONE IN 2014 AND I LOVED THE TRIP. MY FAVORITE PROFESSOR AND I KIND OF TAG TEAMED IN 2016, AND I WENT WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS. FOLLOWING THAT I HAD BEEN BACK IN EUGENE FOR ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF WHEN THE PSYCHOSIS HAPPENED. TO TELL YOU A BIT ABOUT THAT.

Carly Guess: I EXPERIENCED TYPICAL SYMPTOMS, PARANOIA, THE FEELING THAT EVERYTHING WAS SOME HOW CONNECTED TO ME, AND EVERYTHING I

SAW ON THE STREET SOME HOW HAD THIS EXTREME MEANING. I WAS TERRIFIED. DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON AT ALL. MY REALITY WAS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT THAN THE WORLD'S, HOWEVER NOT KNOWING IT AT THE TIME. SO IN THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY I WAS BROUGHT BACK HOME WITH MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I WAS HOSPITALIZED AT UNITY FOR ABOUT TWO NIGHTS, SO IT'S A LITTLE FOGGY. ONCE I WAS STABLE I MOVED BACK AT HOME WITH MY MOM AND STEP-DAD. DURING THAT TIME WAS THE MOST CHALLENGING TIME OF MY LIFE. I EXPERIENCED MY LOWEST LOW, UNHEALTHY WEIGHT GAIN. NO MOTIVATION. APATHY TOWARDS EVERYTHING. COMPLETELY LACK OF EMPATHY FOR MYSELF, FOR OTHERS. HOPEFULNESS. ANGER. EMBARRASSMENT, CONFUSION. MY WHOLE EXPERIENCE IN UNDERGRAD, I HAD NEVER HEARD THE WORD PSYCHOSIS. I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH BACKGROUND ON WHAT THAT WAS OR IF IT WAS TALKED ABOUT IN THE CLASSES. IT NEVER CAUGHT MY EYE. MARCH, FAST FORWARD TO ESA, I GOT CONNECTED WITH THEM. IT WAS FABULOUS. VERY NEW TO ME.

Carly Guess: I WAS SURROUNDED WITH THE HOLISTIC SUPPORT TEAM ALL ROOTING FOR ME. IT WAS INCREDIBLE. I HAD MY OWN PSYCHIATRIST. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST. NUTRITIONIST. JUST A WHOLE GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WERE ROOTING FOR ME. PEER COUNCILOR. I ENDED UP GOING TO THE MULTI-FAMILY GROUPS AND CONNECTING WITH OTHER PARENTS THAT HAVE CHILDREN GOING THROUGH THIS. THAT WAS INCREDIBLE. BUT TWO VERY SIGNATURE THINGS FROM THE ESA PROGRAM WAS I HAD BOMBED MY FIRST INTERVIEW IN MY LIFE FOR NEW SEASONS, AND COMPLETELY THOUGHT IT WAS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT TASHA WAS HELPING ME BRIDGE THAT GAP, AND I GOT A SECOND INTERVIEW, AND NOW I'VE BEEN WORKING THERE FOR ALMOST A YEAR, AND I LOVE IT. LOVE MY CO-WORKERS OF I FEEL SO BLESSED. AND ESA HELPED ME TO FIND THE RIGHT MEDICATION. SO PRETTY MUCH SINCE BEING CONNECTED WITH THEM, I HAVE REBUILT MY LIFE IN A BETTER, STRONGER WAY THAN I EVER THOUGHT THAT I COULD. I PLAN ON DOING SOME VOLUNTEER WORK WITH PEAR DOWN THE ROAD ONCE I TURN 25. I AM JUST ENDLESSLY GRATEFUL FOR MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, ABSOLUTELY GRATEFUL. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

David Hidalgo: THANK YOU CARLY FOR SHARING YOUR STORY. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT YOU GOT CONNECTED TO THE ESA PROGRAM. I THINK WHAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW IS THAT RECOVERY IS NOT ALWAYS A STRAIGHT LINE. I THINK THAT THE STORY THAT YOU SHARED TALKS AROUND THE TWISTS AND TURNS THAT IT CAN TAKE OVER TIME AND ALSO THE FACT THAT PEOPLE CAN AND DO RECOVER. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FOR BEING WITH US.

Carly Guess: THANK YOU.

David Hidalgo: SO WITH THAT WE HAVE ONE THING THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IF YOU WILL INDULGE US QUICKLY BEFORE WE READ THE PROCLAMATION, COMMISSIONER. MANY EVENTS HAPPEN DURING THE MONTH OF MAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. ONE IS THIS SUNDAY RELATIVE TO THE THEME OF FITNESS, THE NAMI WALK, ALL RESIDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE. IT'S FREE. IT'S A CHANCE TO GET YOUR STEPS IN. IT'S A CHANCE TO GO AHEAD AND IMPROVE YOUR FITNESS. IT STARTS AT 12:00 NOON ON THE EAST SIDE ESPLANADE, AND THE WALK TAKES OFF AT 1:00 P.M. ONE OF THE OTHER ACTIVITIES NEW THIS YEAR CREATED BY A COUPLE OF OUR STAFF, VERY CREATIVE STAFF IS AN INITIATIVE CALLED HOPE ROCKS. THE HOPE ROCKS INITIATIVE WAS A WAY TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY, ENGAGE STAFF, AND ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS IN CREATING SOMETHING THAT THEY COULD CARRY AND BRING WITH THEM. WHEREVER THEY ARE, AND TO HAVE SOMETHING AS A TOUCH STONE. AS A RESULT OF THE CREATIVE ACTIVITY, OUR MANAGER FOR CRISIS SERVICES HAS SOME HOPE ROCKS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU AND WITH OUR GUESTS AS WELL. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING?

David Hidalgo: ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU. WE WILL ALL CARRY WITH AND CHERISH AND REMEMBER MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. SO WITH THAT, I BELIEVE THAT COMMISSIONER MEIERAN IF YOU WOULD DO THE HONORS FOR US OF READING THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Meieran: YES. I AM VERY HONORED TO READ THIS PROCLAMATION. PROCLAIMING MAY 2018 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THE MULTNOMAH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS NUMBER ONE, HEALTH AS DEFINED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IS A STATE OF PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SOCIAL WELLBEING. JUST AS EVERYONE HAS PHYSICAL NEEDS, ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SEEK TREATMENT. NUMBER TWO, ONE IN FIVE ADULTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY EXPERIENCE A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION. MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES CAN AFFECT PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE REGARDLESS OF AGE, GENDER, RACE, OR SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA, DISCRIMINATION, HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY, AND CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS. EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS HAVE PROVEN TO PREVENT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES FROM DEVELOPING OR WORSENING LATER IN LIFE. MULTNOMAH COUNTY ACTS EARLY BY SUPPORTING FAMILIES, PROMOTING PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS FOR ALL LEVELS OF NEED.

Commissioner Meieran: TO SPOT EMERGING ISSUES, MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN 48 SCHOOLS ACROSS SIX SCHOOL DISTRICTS. EVERYONE NEEDS ACCESS TO SAFE, STABLE HOUSING,

ESPECIALLY THOSE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. OF THE 1,668 MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS LIVING UNSHELTERED, THAT IS SLEEPING OUTSIDE, IN A VEHICLE, TENT OR OTHER PLACE NOT INTENDED FOR HUMAN HABILITATION, IN 2017, 44.8% IDENTIFIED AS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SERVICES THAT MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF PEOPLE SIMULTANEOUSLY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. ## ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2018.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING YOUR STORY. I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT -- I SEE A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THERE SHOULD BE NO STIGMA WITH SHARING THAT. IT'S JUST TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF. AND FRANKLY, I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEBODY BECAUSE NONJUDGMENTALLY. I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO REACH OUT AND GET THE HELP THAT THEY NEED AT WHATEVER LEVEL THAT THEY NEED IT. AND THAT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG -- IN FACT, I THINK IT IS MUCH MORE HEALTHY -- SOME OF YOU TALKED ABOUT RECOGNIZING WHAT YOU NEED AND RECOGNIZING WHAT EACH PERSON NEEDS AT THE TIME THAT THEY ARE IN THEIR LIVES IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND GIVING YOURSELF PERMISSION TO SAY HEY, I NEED HELP BECAUSE WE ALL NEED HELP, AT SOME POINT, IN OUR LIVES SO I THINK THAT IS COMPLETELY HEALTHY. I'M SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU AND SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO SHARE AND GIVE BACK AND HELP TO DESTIGMATIZE HOW WE TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES AND TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I'M SO GLAD WE'RE DOING THIS PROCLAMATION TODAY AND DEANDRE AND BRANDY AND CARLY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING HERE TO SHARE YOUR STORIES AND HELP US AS WE REALLY LIFT UP THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING ON THIS ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT SO MANY OF THE THINGS THAT YOU GUYS TALKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, RECOGNIZING THE COMPLEXITY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, THE WAY THESE -- HOW WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF REACHING IN AND OFFERING HELP, WHETHER IT'S JUST KNOWING THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE EVENTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE REALLY HARD FOR PEOPLE TO COPE WITH, JUST IN THE COURSE OF EVERYBODY'S LIVES AND WE SHOULD BE HAVING A DISCUSSION AND DIALOGUE AND AWARENESS OF AMENDMENTS HEALTH LIKE YES, THESE ARE PLACES WHERE YOU CAN GO IF THOSE THINGS HAPPEN AND YOU NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT THAT, TOO, IF THESE THINGS HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE AND GOING TO COLLEGE IS ONE OF THEM. I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, LOSING SOMEBODY IS ONE OF THEM. AND THEN ALSO, I REALLY APPRECIATE IN THE PROCLAMATION HOW THERE'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF TIMES PEOPLE WHO ARE KIND OF SELF-MEDICATING OR, YOU KNOW, REALLY TRYING TO DEAL WITH ISSUES THAT THEY CAN'T CONTROL THEMSELVES FIND THEMSELVES WITHOUT HOUSING AND WE DO NEED TO HAVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND SPECIAL OUTREACH TO THAT

SO THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH FOR COMING HERE TODAY AND HELPING US PASS THIS PROCLAMATION.

Commissioner Smith: SO THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANKS TO MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS FOR SUCH SUPPORT IN THIS AND I FEEL PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION FORWARD TODAY. I FIRST WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE AND SHARING YOUR STORIES. IT REALLY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE AND DEANDRE, YOU KNOW, IT WAS REALLY GREAT HEARING FROM YOU. YOU TALKED ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T YET FOUND THEIR VOICE, AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON FINDING YOUR VOICE AND BEING ABLE TO BE THERE AND STAND UP FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T YET FOUND THEIRS SO THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THAT. ALSO FOR BRANDY, THERE WERE A FEW THINGS THAT JUST REALLY RESONATED WITH ME IN WHAT YOU SAID AND ONE IS WHEN YOU FIRST ARE HAVING SORT OF SYMPTOMS OR FEEL THAT FEELING OF BEING OUT OF CONTROL AND JUST NOT EVEN KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON AND HAVING SOMEONE THERE TO TALK TO AND SAY YOU KNOW WHAT, THIS IS A THING.

THIS IS A REAL THING AND TO EVEN BE ABLE TO NAME IT IS JUST SUCH AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE WHOLE BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY AND I LOVED WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT AND DAVID MENTIONED THIS AS WELL TO YOU, BUT YOU SPECIFICALLY SAID YOU KNOW, YOU BEGIN A PROCESS OF REBUILDING YOURSELF AS A WHOLE HUMAN BEING AND THAT IS SO KEY AND JUST GETTING TO ALL THOSE SERVICES LIKE THE COMPLEMENTARY ONES TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOU RECOVERY SO I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ABLE TO CHANNEL YOUR PASSION FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN NOW AND THE ABILITY TO HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR KIDS. SO IT'S WONDERFUL. AND THEN ALSO, CARLY, I WANTED TO JUST TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING YOUR STORY. I THINK A LOT OF TIMES, WE HEAR THINGS LIKE PSYCHOSIS OR WE HEAR THINGS LIKE SEVERE DEPRESSION.

YOU ACTUALLY TOLD US WHAT THAT MEANT, LIKE WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE, AND IT IS REALLY POWERFUL AND MEANINGFUL TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU AND YOUR WORDS REALLY RESONATED WITH ME AND I SO APPRECIATE YOUR DOING THAT AND I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON GOING THROUGH THE PROGRAM AND BEING WHERE YOU ARE NOW AND BEING AT NEW SEASONS AND I JUST -- I WISH ALL OF YOU THE BEST AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M REALLY PROUD TO WORK IN A PLACE WHERE WE LEARN WITH AND FROM PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE AND THOSE ARE THE BEST EXPERTS ON MENTAL HEALTH AND IT DOES SO MUCH TO HAVE PEOPLE THERE TO HELP REDUCE THE STIGMA THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AND I WILL ADD TO WHAT

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, I APPRECIATE YOUR MENTIONING THAT YOU HAD BEEN IN THERAPY AND I HAVE AS WELL AND, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO BE TALKING ABOUT THIS. THIS IS PART OF HEALTH AND IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF

US SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT FORWARD AND MY SEVERE THANKS TO YOU, DAVID. YOU ARE NOT ONLY JUST A SKILLED LEADER AT THE HELM OF MENTAL HEALTH WORK AT THIS COUNTY BUT YOU'RE ALSO AN ADVOCATE AND YOU BRING THE VOICE OF CONSUMERS AND PEERS, PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE TO THE FOREFRONT AND THAT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE MANY THINGS I VALUE IN YOU AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO. SO CLEARLY MENTAL HEALTH IS AN ISSUE THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND WHAT I LIKE SO MUCH ABOUT OUR PROCLAMATION IS THAT IT'S REALLY -- IT PUTS POSITIVE -- IT'S RECOVERY ORIENTED BECAUSE RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE SO AS WE KEEP IN MIND THINGS THAT WE CAN IMPROVE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT THE GAPS AND OUR BROKEN SYSTEM, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME THINGS OUT THERE THAT WE ALL NEED TO WORK ON, BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS FOCUS ON WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT AND THE THINGS THAT ARE WORKING AND HOW WE CAN, HOW WE CAN TAKE THAT AND EVEN MAKE IT BETTER SO THINGS WORK FOR ALL OF US AND I LOVE THAT YOU CALLED IT A TOUCHSTONE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU DID THAT AS AN INTENTIONAL PUN OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT, BUT I LOVE MINE, IT SAYS BREATHE AND I'M GOING TO TAKE IT TO HEART. SO THANK YOU AND AS DAVID MENTIONED, THIS SATURDAY, THE WALK IS A REALLY FANTASTIC EVENT. YOU WALK IN THE ESPLANADE, YOU CROSS TWO BRIDGES, IT'S BEAUTIFUL, REALLY GREAT ATMOSPHERE. SO I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, AS WELL FOR COMING TODAY. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN FOR SPEARHEADING THIS PROCLAMATION AND ALL OF THE OTHER ATTENTION, NEW EYES THAT YOU'RE BRINGING TO OUR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY CALL OUT YOUR THREE. I THINK COMMISSIONER MEIERAN DID A REALLY NICE JOB OF SUMMARIZING YOUR STORIES AND APPRECIATING YOU FOR COMING AND SHARING AND

I THINK LAST NIGHT WE HAD OUR FINAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING IN EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND ONE OF THE SPEAKERS OR TWO OF THE SPEAKERS, AFTER WE LEFT, I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT. AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL THEY'RE LOOKING TO OPEN A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINIC. THEY DID A SURVEY OF THE STUDENTS TO FIND OUT WHAT HEALTH SERVICES STUDENTS WANTED AND NEEDED AND SURPRISINGLY TO THEM AND I THINK SURPRISINGLY TO US, MENTAL HEALTHCARE WAS THE NUMBER ONE, FAR SURPASSED PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE, SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, IT WAS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT THE STUDENTS WANTED AND WE HAVE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS INVESTED MORE DOLLARS AND TIME AND ENERGY INTO SCHOOL BASED SERVICES, BUT IT JUST SHOWS --

I MEAN, IT'S JUST ONE SMALL SURVEY AT ONE LARGE HIGH SCHOOL, REALLY SHOWS THE NEED IS OUT THERE AND I JUST WISH THE STUDENTS -- I FEEL

FOR THEM AND I WISH THEY COULD BE HERE TODAY AND SEE THE THREE OF YOU AND KNOW THAT NOT ONLY IS RECOVERY POSSIBLE, BUT SUCCESS, YOU ALL THREE ARE SYMBOLS OF SUCCESS AND PEOPLE DON'T DEFINE YOU BY THE MENTAL HEALTH EXPERIENCES THAT YOU'VE HAD OR THE EXPERIENCES THAT YOU'LL HAVE GOING FORWARD. THEY SEE YOU AS LOVING, CARING, ENGAGED PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. AND THANK YOU AGAIN COMMISSIONER MEIERAN. ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE] CAN WE GET A PICTURE? WOULD YOU COME UP AND TAKE A PHOTO WITH US?

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, DO WE HAVE ANYTHING FOR BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS? I THINK COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MENTIONED THE WALK ON SUNDAY. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE. SO SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,

**ADJOURNMENT – 11:15 a.m.**

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