

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, September 8, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Jules Bailey and Diane McKeel present. Commissioner Judy Shiprack was excused.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. WE HAVE A FULL AGENDA SO INDICATED LIKE TO GET STARTED. WE ARE YOUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Budget Modification DCS 08 17 Reclassification of an Operations Administrator Position to a Program Supervisor
- C.2 Budget Modification # DCA-04-17: Reclass a Fleet Maintenance Tech 3 Vacant Position to Fleet Maintenance Tech 2 in DCA Fleet Services

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

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. Fill out a speaker form available at the back of the board room and give it to the Board Clerk. Unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer, testimony is taken in the order the forms are submitted.

Board Clerk: YES, WE HAVE 14 SIGNED UP. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME COME FORWARD. I'LL CALL UP FOUR AT A TIME. [READS NAMES] PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN BEGIN, MR. PHILLIPS.

Mr. Phillips: YES, I AM PAUL PHILLIPS AND I SPOKE HERE JULY 7 WAS THE LAST TIME. THE SUBJECT THEN WAS FRAIL, AND THIS TIME IT'S THE SAME SUBJECT FROM THAT, AND I WANTED TO MAKE CORRECTIONS FROM LAST MONTH WHEN I SPOKE. WHEN I WAS EXPLAINING THAT I WAS FRAIL, I HAD -- I HAVE ULCERS FROM TAKING TOO MANY ASPIRINS FOR PAIN. BECAUSE THAT'S ALL THE MEDICATIONS THAT I WOULD TAKE. I WILL NOT TAKE ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. ANOTHER THING IS ROBERT DEMPSEY, WHEN I WAS SPEAKING ABOUT HIM BEING INJURED AND PISSED OFF, HE MIGHT NOT BE AT ALL FOR SHOOTING HIMSELF IN THE BACK AS THE SHERIFF HAD SAID. HE COULD BE HAPPY LIKE EVIL KНИЕVEL, APPARENTLY, YOU KNOW.

Mr. Phillips: EVEL KНИЕVEL, HAS BEEN INJURED SO MANY TIMES, HE JUST DIDN'T CARE ABOUT BEING INJURED. ANOTHER THING IS I TALKED ABOUT CHRISTOPHER REEVES 100 MILLION PEOPLE, MAKING A MOVIE THAT WAS HOPE AND MOTION. HE SAID 100 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE INCURABLE DISEASES. NOW WITH ZIKA BEING OUT, THE MOSQUITO-BOURNE VIRUS, IT'S EVEN SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED AND THE GOVERNMENT SAYING THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF BULL BUT THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 100 MILLION PEOPLE WITH THE BIRTH DEFECTS HAPPENING FROM THE ZIKA VIRUS. THAT'S DANGEROUS AS HELL. THAT WOULD BE MORE DANGEROUS THAN SHOOTING YOURSELF IN THE BACK IN MY OPINION. I'M GLAD JOE WALSH, THE ACTIVIST AND LIGHTNING, THE WATCHDOG IS HERE, AND I AM TRYING TO REMEMBER THE OTHER CORRECTIONS THAT I WANTED TO MAKE. I DON'T THINK THAT I CAN -- I HAVE MEMORY PROBLEMS FROM MY SPINAL CORD INJURIES. THANK YOU.

Ms. Gustafson: YEAH. THANK YOU. I AM ALICE GUSTAFSON. I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT WAPATO JAIL, A CONCERN THAT I HAVE ABOUT WAPATO JAIL. HAVING VISITED THE PROPERTY OF WAPATO IN THE LAST MONTH, I SEE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PICTURE OF THE FACILITY THAN SHOWN IN A RECENT TRIBUNE ARTICLE, AND I THINK THAT YOU ALL HAVE A COPY OF THAT. SEEING IT NOW IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE PHOTO, WHICH IS AROUND 14 YEARS OLD, AND IT WAS A JUST COMPLETED BUILDING. IT IS NOW LANDSCAPED WITH LAWN. VARIOUS TREES AND SHRUBBERY, AND COMPLETELY FENCED IN AND SURROUNDED BY LARGE TREES. I GOT OUT OF THE CAR AND WALK TO THE BUS STOP DOWN TO A SHORT ROAD, WHICH A HEALTHY PERSON CAN DO, AN EIGHTH OF A MILE AWAY.

IT WOULD TAKE 15, 18 MINUTES NORTH ON I-5 IN AN AUTO OR A BUS TO REACH IT, TURN LEFT ON MARINE DRIVE AND THEN TO A SHORT STREET ON LEADLETTER TO THE ENTRANCE. ACROSS THE STREET IS COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR, WAREHOUSE, THE PORTLAND FRENCH BAKERY, AND OTHER BUSINESSES, SO IT'S NOT AN ISOLATED TERRITORY. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION, WHY THIS FACILITY IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED AS A TEMPORARY SPACE? IF IT WAS A MISTAKE TO BUILD IT IN THE FIRST

PLACE, AT COST PAYER'S MONEY, IT SHOULD BE PUT TO USE SO THAT THE TAXPAYERS WON'T FEEL GYPED ONCE AGAIN FOR A COSTLY MISTAKE. US TAXPAYERS WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THE HOMELESS, FOR THE TAXPAYERS, LIKE ME, AND THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THIS DECISION FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Ms. Heisey: GOOD MORNING. I AM HARRIET, I LIVE IN THE WILKES NEIGHBORHOOD. MY COMMENTS CONCERN WAPATO. THE HOMELESS ISSUES HAVE MADE HEADLINES IN THE PAST 60 DAYS, AND IT CHALLENGES KAFOURY AND WHEELER TO SIT DOWN AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE WAPATO AS A TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER. CERTAINLY SHELTER 500 PEOPLE BEFORE WINTER IS A PRIORITY. ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING WAPATO, HOWEVER, NEEDS TO MOVE TEMPORARY SLEEPING SHELTER TO A RESOURCE CENTER WITH TEMPORARY RESIDENCY AND A GOAL OF GETTING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS PERMANENTLY.

Ms. Heisey: A FACILITY WITH A MISSION TO FORM A CORE GROUP OF SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDING MEDICAL, DENTAL, DRUG, AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CLINICS, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS, JOB TRAINING, AND EDUCATION. ALL DESIGNED TO SUPPORT LIFESTYLE CHANGES TOWARDS SELF SUFFICIENCY AND PERMANENT HOUSING. AT THE FIRST VISIT, SCREEN RESIDENTS FOR NEEDS. TREAT NEEDS BY A COORDINATED PEOPLE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS, EMPLOY RESIDENTS WITH NEARBY BUSINESSES, AND TRANSITION TO PERMANENT HOUSING ONCE RESIDENTS HAVE JOBS.

I BELIEVE THIS IS THE MODEL MR. WILLIAMS AND HIS FINANCIAL DONORS HAVE IN MIND FOR TERMINAL ONE. ESTIMATED TO COST \$101 MILLION TO BRING A WAREHOUSE INTO LIVABLE CONDITION. A LAND USE APPEAL AND A LAWSUIT HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST THE CITY, SO THIS PROJECT MAY DIE. OTHER STATES HAVE SIMILAR SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS SUCH AS HAVEN FOR HOPE IN TEXAS. IT IS TWICE THE SIZE OF WAPATO'S CAPACITY. COST \$101 MILLION TO BUILD, A 16.182 MILLION OPERATING BUDGET, AND ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, 1600 ARE SLEEPING ON THE CAMPUS. FORT LYON IN COLORADO WITH A 3.5 MILLION BUDGET SERVES 250 ANNUALLY. PORTLAND'S CENTRAL CITY COMMON OPERATES SIMILAR PROGRAMS FROM FIVE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. CENTRAL CITY HAS A BUDGET OF 47 MILLION AND SERVES 13,000 ANNUALLY.

THE 200-BED HANSEN BUILDING IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$1.315 ANNUALLY. SERVICES PROVIDED ARE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ON HOUSING, HEALTH, AND INCOME RESOURCES. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF KEEPING A HOMELESS PERSON ON THE STREETS IS BETWEEN \$36 TO \$40,000 FOR PORTLAND. IF THE PORTLAND COUNTY JOINT COMMISSION WANT TO END HOMELESSNESS IN PORTLAND, THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO ADOPT AND ADAPT ONE OF THE ABOVE EXTENDED PROGRAMS. THE CYCLE HAS TO BE BROKEN OR THE RESOLVING DOOR WILL BE WITH US FOREVER. IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT THE SHELTERS NEED TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE DEALING WITH

FROM THE GET-GO. WAPATO IS LARGE ENOUGH, MODERN ENOUGH, AND WELL SUITED TO BECOME A STATE OF THE ART RESOURCE CENTER FOR IN-DEPTH HOMELESS TREATMENT.

WAPATO WILL NOT COST \$100 MILLION TO MOVE INTO. SEEK STATE, FEDERAL, AND DONOR FUNDING AND RUN DAILY SCHEDULES TO MAX AT THE EXPO CENTER. STOP THROWING ROADBLOCKS. LOOK UPON WAPATO AS AN ASSET AND NOT A LIABILITY. SUPPORT COMMISSIONER SMITH AND OPEN THE FACILITY AND MAKE SOME REAL PROGRESS. THANK YOU.

Ms. Eng: I AM MARY ENG. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, AND IT'S NOT REFRESHING TO SPEAK ABOUT POLICE BRUTALITY BUT GOES HAND IN HAND WITH HOMELESS ISSUES BECAUSE SOMETIMES PEOPLE WITHOUT HOUSING ARE BEARING THE BRUNT OF FRUSTRATED POLICE, ABUSIVE POLICE OR POLICE IMPROPERLY TRAINED. I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT TO THE PUBLIC FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW, MISS DEBORAH KAFOURY'S UNCLE IS THE MOST FABULOUS POLICE BRUTALITY LAWYER, AND IF WE HAVE 100 YOUNG LAW STUDENTS GOING TO LAW SCHOOL OR MENTORING HIS WORK AND FOLLOWING WHAT HE DOES, WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS WHO CARE AS PASSIONATELY ABOUT THESE ISSUES, AND I AM THRILLED IVAN ABOUT ABLE TO SIT BESIDE HIM IN HEARINGS BEFORE AS WELL AS HIS SON, JASON, AND I FELT HONORED AND PROUD WHEN I WAS BRUTALIZED IN RETALIATION FOR MY WORK ON POLICE BRUTALITY.

I E-MAILED THE BRUISING TO MR. KAFOURY, AND HE SAID HE ADMIRERD ME FOR MY ACTIVISM ALTHOUGH HE WAS TOO OVERLOADED WITH CASES TO TAKE MY CASE. BUT WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT THE PORTLAND POLICE HAVE DONE SOMETHING VERY STRATEGIC. YOU CAN FIND IT IN THE TRIBUNE. THEY SENT IS A NEO NAZI RACIST WHO SUPPORTS BASEBALL BAT MURDERS OF ETHIOPIAN LAW STUDENTS AND THE WHITE ARIAN RESISTANCE AND HIRES WHITE SUPREMACISTS INFORMANTS, AND TO INDUCE RIOT, STRESS, AND RACIALLY HARASS JEWISH PEOPLE, GAY AND BLACK PEOPLE, GYPSY PEOPLE. AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO DO NOT AGREE WITH WHITE POWER RACISM. HE HAS BRAGGED ABOUT ON INTERNATIONAL RACIST WEBSITES AS AN INFILTRATION INTO THE PORTLAND POLICE. HE MAY BE JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG WE DESPERATELY NEED HELP BECAUSE CITY ATTORNEY ELLEN IS HIDING THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

CONSTANTINE SEVERE, WHO I BELIEVE FEELS LIKE I DO, I HOPE, IS FORCED INTO A POSITION OF ACCEPTING A SALARY FOR PEOPLE WHO EXPECT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SUBSERVIENCE FROM HIM TO COVER UP THEIR CRIME OF DELIBERATE HATE CRIMES, HARASSING JEWISH PEOPLE, JEWISH COP WATCHERS IN A MEETING, AND I HAVE CONTACTED THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET NATIONAL SUPPORT FROM GROUPS THAT CARE AS PASSIONATELY ABOUT THESE ISSUES. THE JEWISH PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM CITIZEN OVERSIGHT. JEWISH PEOPLE

SHOULD NOT BE HARASSED BY COAB TRAINEES, WHICH THIS HAPPENED TO -- THIS CONTROVERSIAL ACTIVIST DAVID HIDALGO, I THINK HE'S PRECIOUS, DAVID KIF DAVID, HE'S HOT HEADED AND I IDENTIFY WITH THAT BUT I DON'T THINK THAT HE NEEDS TO BE BLOWN OUT OF PRECIOUS. HE'S A NICE JEWISH MAN, AND HE DOES NOT NEED TO BE HARASSED ON THE INTERNET SECRETLY SO THEN THE CITY ATTORNEYS CAN SAY OH, HE'S A DISRUPTER. HE'S PASSIONATE, AND PEOPLE FROM THE EAST COAST TALK DIFFERENTLY FROM WEST COAST PEOPLE, AND EAST COAST AND WEST COAST NEED TO GET ALONG.

Ms. Hobbs: FOR THE RECORD I AM SARAH HOBBS, AND I AM HERE TODAY AS A VOLUNTEER FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION. THIS MONTH IS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH, BUT THIS WEEK THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION SOCIAL MEDIA WEEK. AND THE THEME FOR THIS CAMPAIGN IS "BE THE VOICE". BUT I'VE BEEN VERY AWARE PERSONALLY, BRINGING UP THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SUICIDE, AND SUICIDE PREVENTION CAN BE VERY FRIGHTENING, AND THAT'S WHY I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GO TO WWW.GETTRAINEDTOHELP.COM, WHICH IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY, AND HEALTH DIVISION, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIONS. PORTLAND IS NUMBER 17 OUT OF EVERY CITY IN THE NATION FOR ITS HIGH RATE OF SUICIDE. I BROUGHT SOME FLYERS. YES, THANK YOU.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BECAUSE THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS. I HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT AT THE PORTLAND CITY HALL, AND I SAY TO YOU ALL, WE NEED TO GO ON THE RECORD TO SAY, WE HAVE A MAJOR ISSUE WITH SUICIDE. PORTLAND, WHICH MEN MEANS WITHIN THE COUNTY, BECAUSE PORTLAND IS WITHIN THE COUNTY TOGETHER. IF WE HAVE THE VOICE, IF WE DO SPEAK UP, WE CAN BRING ABOUT CHANGE. MY PERSONAL GOAL IS I WANT PORTLAND OFF THE LIST FOR THE SUICIDE. I LOVE PORTLAND IN HAPPY WAYS. THIS IS NOT ONE. THIS SATURDAY IS ALSO WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY. AND MY FAVORITE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS AGAINST SUICIDE WHICH IS LOCATED IN DUBLIN, IRELAND, AND I LOVE THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL MODEL, WHICH IS IT'S OK TO NOT ALWAYS FEEL OK, BUT IT IS ABSOLUTELY OK TO ASK FOR HELP. WELL, THEY ARE LOCATED IN IRELAND. I THINK THAT THAT IS A GOOD MODEL FOR EVERYONE, NO MATTER WHERE IN THE WORLD YOU LIVE. THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. I AM LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH'S POSITION ON THIS, ON TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS AND LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITIES. AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM TO ALSO WORK ALONGSIDE YOU ON LOOKING AT NOT JUST PROVIDING HOUSING OR TRANSITIONAL TYPE OF HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS, BUT ALSO UNDERSTANDING THAT DURING THE NATURAL DISASTER, WE ALSO HAVE TO HAVE THE CAPACITY OF ADDITIONAL ROOMS AND SPACE FOR PEOPLE THAT

ARE IN NEED AT THAT TIME, AND THESE MASS SHELTERS WE'RE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT WHICH IS A NEW DIRECTION CAN DO THAT. WE NEED TO ALSO LOOK AT THE FEDERAL FUNDING ON THIS. WE NEED TO SET THESE UP TO WHERE PEOPLE CAN LOCATE THESE PROPERTIES IN THE EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER. WE NEED TO HAVE SUPPLIES ON HAND.

Mr. Lightning: WE NEED TO HAVE TRIAGE CENTERS SET UP. WE NEED TO HAVE THINGS SET UP TO WHERE AS PORTLAND AND MUGGY WE WILL BE PROACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE, IN THE EVENT OF A SERIOUS DISASTER. WE CAN DO THAT WITH THIS MASS SHELTER AT WAPATO. WE CAN DO THAT WITH THE MASS SHELTER PROPOSED AT TERMINAL ONE. WE HAD THE CAPACITY THERE, AND WE HAD THE ADDITIONAL LAND, WHICH IS IMPERATIVE TO HAVE IF YOU ARE GOING TO MOVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE IN A FAST TIME FRAME. BOTH OF THESE SITES ARE SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT FROM THAT DIRECTION ALSO, NOT JUST PERTAINING TO THE HOMELESS, BUT PERTAINING TO THE PEOPLE IN A NATURAL DISASTER, REMOVED OUT OF THEIR HOUSING, AND ALSO HELPING THEM AT THE SAME TIME, SO THESE ARE GREAT PROJECTS, AND WE WILL BE AHEAD OF THE GAME IF WE CAN GET THESE PUSHED TWO. THE SUPER FUND CLEANUP.

I AM AT FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE EPA AT THIS TIME ON THEIR CURRENT PLAN. I AM AT FULL AGREEMENT ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE PEOPLE COMING IN WITH ABOUT 750 MILLION. AGAIN, MY POSITION IS THAT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO CREATE ANOTHER SEPARATE BUREAU AND HAVE IT FOR DREDGING PURPOSES BECAUSE THIS IS GOING TO TAKE A LONG TIME TO DO, AND MY ANALYSIS IS WE'RE GOING TO REMOVE 250,000 CUBIC YARDS PER YEAR ON THE EPA PLAN, AND THAT WILL TAKE SEVEN YEARS. THIS PROBLEM IS MUCH BIGGER THAN WE ANTICIPATE. WE NEED TO DO MAINTENANCE DREDGING FOR THE NEXT 25 YEARS ON THE RIVER, AND WE NEED TO KEEP OUR COSTS CONTAINED, AND THAT IS WHY WE NEED TO CREATE A SEPARATE BUREAU FOR DREDGING PURPOSES AND KEEP THESE COSTS CONTAINED AND ALSO CREATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO DO THIS ABOUT 20 TO 25 YEARS, IS MY ESTIMATE. IF YOU GO UP TO THEIR HIGHEST PLAN, WHICH IS \$10 BILLION, WE'RE TALKING OVER \$30 MILLION CUBIC YARDS. HUDSON RIVER, FOX RIVER, AND HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO REMOVE 250 CUBIC YARDS PER YEAR. THANK YOU.

Mr. O'Callaghan: I AM MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN, AND FIRST I WANT TO COMMENT ON ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT COME HERE THAT TESTIFY BECAUSE THEY ALL CARE, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. OK. YOU HEAR THE TESTIMONY ALL THE TIME AND I DON'T, USUALLY, BUT EVERY TIME I COME HERE THERE ARE PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS. RIGHT. OK. IT'S NOT SOLVED. RIGHT. YOU KNOW WHY? YOU CAN'T SOLVE IT? THE CITY OF PORTLAND CAN'T SOLVE IT? BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE EXPERIENCE. YOU DON'T HAVE THE EXPERTISE. AND YOU DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION. THERE ARE 1,000 PEOPLE ON THE STREET. I READ THAT THE OTHER DAY

WHERE THIS HOUSING PUT 1600 PEOPLE IN HOUSING. HEY, THAT WAS A TOTAL HOMELESS COUNT LAST YEAR, SO THERE ARE NO MORE HOMELESS, ISN'T THIS GREAT? OK. AND AS AN ASIDE I AM IN AND I ASKED FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION AND A RESTRAINING ORDER TO STOP THE SWEEP. THEY DENIED IT AND GRANTED EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION, AND ARE GIVING ME AN ATTORNEY.

Mr. O'Callaghan: OK. I LIVE ON SPRING WATER TRAIL CORRIDOR. AND I HAVE A PLAN, OK. IT'S REALLY PRETTY SIMPLE. I HELPED TO START RIGHT TO DREAM. THE COMMUNITIES, THE VILLAGES, WILL BE 25 OR FEWER. THEY WILL BE FENCED. THEY WILL BE SELF GOVERNING. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONSUMPTION INCLUDING WATER, GARBAGE, WASTEWATER, AND ELECTRICITY. THEY WILL SIGN A COMMUNITY AGREEMENT. THERE WILL BE ONLY WOOD STRUCTURES, AND THEY WILL ALL HAVE NON-VIOLENCE TRAINING. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, THE NON-VIOLENCE TRAINING BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS. ANYWAY THE COUNTY, OK, THE CITY IS IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK WITH. THE COUNTY WILL GRANT A PERMIT TO THREE OR MORE PEOPLE FOR FREE WHO HAVE LINED UP A COMMUNITY AGREEMENT, AND AN ACCEPTABLE PLACE, AND A COMPLETED NON-VIOLENCE TRAINING.

SO THE PERMIT SHALL BE VALID AS LONG AS ALL CONDITIONS ARE MET AND THERE SHALL BE NO OTHER CONDITIONS, OK. THIS IS A PROBLEM WITH DIGNITY VILLAGE. OH, MY GOD THE CONDITIONS ARE ONEROUS, AND THEY HAVE TO HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS INSURANCE POLICY FOR PEOPLE WHO COME ON THE PROPERTY. ALL THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE ABSURD, AND IF YOU WILL WATCH THE HISTORY, DIGNITY VILLAGE HAD TO FIGHT HARD FOR THAT RIGHT, SO DID RIGHT TO DREAM, AND SO IS HAZELNUT GROVE HAVING TO FIGHT HARD FOR THAT. LET'S STOP THE FIGHT AND COOPERATE. HERE'S A SOLUTION. WE CAN DO IT. AND DEBORAH, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF I COULD SOMEWHERE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU RELATIVELY SOON SO WE CAN MOVE ON THIS PROCESS. LIKE I SAID, THERE ARE 12,000 PEOPLE ON THIS STREET AND YOU HAVE NOT GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO HOUSE THEM. IT TAKES 6 BILLION AT 100,000 A UNIT, SO THANK YOU.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING. I AM JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I AM HERE TO CONGRATULATE YOU. ALL OF YOU. AND THE CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE THE MASS MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE OF THE TRAIL IS GOING REALLY WELL ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPERS AND ACCORDING TO YOUR \$100,000 MAN, MARK JOPLIN, IT'S GOING WONDERFUL. THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. NO PLACE TO GO. AND THEY ARE MOVING THEM. THEY ARE STEALING THEIR STUFF. LET ME GIVE YOU A FEELING, MAYBE AN IMAGE, SOMEONE WHO LIVES ON A STREET HAS STUFF THAT THEY CANNOT MOVE. JUST LIKE ME. IF YOU TOLD ME TO MOVE EVERYTHING TODAY IN MY APARTMENT, I COULDN'T DO IT. EVEN IF I GOT A TRAILER. SO I CONGRATULATE YOU, AND YOU KNOW

ON THE WAY HERE I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS. THE MASS MOVEMENT OF 500 PEOPLE MAY BE A WAR CRIME. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF THAT?

Mr. Walsh: I AM GOING TO WRITE TO THE U.N. AND ASK THEM. THE MASS MOVEMENT OF 500 PEOPLE TO NOWHERE AND STEALING ALL THEIR STUFF, IS THAT A WAR CRIME? IS THAT SOMETHING OUT OF BOSNIA OR RUSSIA? I DON'T KNOW. DO YOU KNOW? DOES ANYBODY ON THIS PANEL HERE? MAYBE NOT. BUT I AM GOING TO ASK THEM TO COPY YOU AND ANSWER ME. BECAUSE IT WOULD BE INTERESTING WHAT THE RATIONALE IS. 500? 500,000? IS THERE A DIFFERENCE? IF YOU ARE IN THE 500, NO, THERE IS NOT. IT'S THE SAME. WE HAVE BECOME OR WE HATE, WHAT WE HATE. AND WE SPEND LOTS OF MONEY ON THE TEMPLES SO SOME POLITICIAN CAN PUT THEIR NAME ON IT. AND WE NEVER SOLVED THE PROBLEM BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO. BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE MAKING MONEY OFF THE BACKS OF THE POOR. WE CALL THEM POVERTY PIMPS, AND MARK JOPLIN IS ONE OF THEM. HE MAKES \$100,000 PLUS, AND HE HAS A CONSTRUCTION FIRM, AND HE HAS MONEY FROM JOIN. WHAT THE HELL IS THAT? THAT'S WHO IS LEADING THIS PARADE THAT YOU PUT TOGETHER. WE TOLD YOU MONTHS AGO IF YOU TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING THE PARADE, DAMN IT, MAKE SURE IT GOES OFF REALLY WELL! I AM NOT GOING TO THANK YOU BECAUSE I AM PISSED. THANK YOU.

Mr. Cardinale: THIS IS MATTHEW CARDINALE, CITIZEN ADVOCATE. TODAY WE ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND THE POLICE HARASSMENT OF HOMELESS PEOPLE THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON WAKING HOMELESS PEOPLE FROM THEIR MOMENT OF REST TO INTERROGATE THEM OR INSIST THAT THEY MOVE, CHASING HOMELESS PEOPLE AROUND TOWN FROM ONE ENCAMPMENT TO ANOTHER AND IN HOPES THAT MAYBE THEY WILL DISAPPEAR OR MAYBE THEY WILL JUST LEAVE THE COUNTY LIKE IT'S A GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS. WHO HAS ALL OF THIS MONEY? AND WHY DON'T THEY WRITE A CHECK TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY SO WE CAN OPEN MORE SHELTERS? WE WANT TO PUT YOU ON NOTICE REGARDING THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND IN PARTICULAR THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, WHICH PROHIBITS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON AUGUST 6, 2015 AUTHORED A STATEMENT OF INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN BOISE CHALLENGING A CRIMINALIZATION STATUTE IN BOISE. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STATES THAT THE SHELTER SPACE IS UNAVAILABLE IN A JURISDICTION TO POLICE THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION, THAT CRIMINALIZING BASIC HUMAN ACTS SUCH AS SITTING, LYING, OR SLEEPING AMOUNT TO CRIMINALIZATION OF A STATUS. AND AS SUCH ARE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS UNDER THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL

CONSTITUTION. WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS. THE COUNTRY IS LOOKING TO US TO PROVIDE PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT, YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE IS A CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT? TARRING AND FEATHERING. OK THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE DOING IN 1776.

Mr. Cardinale: BASICALLY WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS THAT THE PRACTICES OF SLEEP DEPRIVATION HAVE THE SAME EFFECT PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL OF TORTURE. WHETHER CARRIED OUT AT GUANTANAMO BAY OR BY OUR LOCAL POLICE. WE DEMAND MULTNOMAH COUNTY PASS A RESOLUTION AFFIRMATIVELY DECLARING THAT SLEEPING IN PEACE AND WITH DIGNITY IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND URGE THE CITIES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO OBSERVE THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S FINDINGS REGARDING THE LAWS AND PRACTICES THAT AMOUNT TO THE CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AND WE NEED TO GO THROUGH OUR OWN LAWS AND ORDINANCES TO REPEAL THE ORDINANCES THAT IS CONFLICT WITH THIS. AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR COUNTY SETTING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IN SALEM FOR FEBRUARY, WE WANT MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS AS PROPOSED BY THE WESTERN REGIONAL ADVOCACY PROJECT, AS WELL. SMART-ALECK, MY NONPROFIT, HAS, AS YOU KNOW, LAUNCHED THE HOMELESS AND LOW INCOME CIVIC EMPOWERMENT PROJECT WHERE WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WORKSHOPS, SEVERAL OVER THE LAST WEEK, AND TALKING ABOUT UNDERSTANDING THE RIGHTS AND TRYING TO COME UP WITH AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT WAYS TO EDUCATE PEOPLE, AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Embery: I AM SUSANA, AND ONE THING THAT I WANT TO SAY BEFORE I GET TO WHAT I WAS WRITING IS OVER THE LAST WEEK OR SO THOSE OF US LIVING DOWNTOWN, WE HAVE THIS HUGE MASS OF PEOPLE THAT CAME FROM EVERYWHERE ELSE. IT'S ABSOLUTE CHAOS. IT REALLY IS. WE HAVE GOT A BUNCH OF NEW PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW WHERE ANYTHING IS OR WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY DON'T HAVE THEIR STUFF BECAUSE THEY LOST A LOT OF IT. SO IT'S BEEN CHAOTIC FOR ALL OF US THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. AND ANYWAY, I WANTED TO SAY, WHAT IS THE RIGHT TO SLEEP MEAN? SOMEONE LIKE ME, I AM OCCASIONALLY PLAGUED BY NIGHT TERRORS. IT MEANS THAT I NEED TO BE ABLE TO GET UP AND TO GET OUT INTO IS A PRIVATE SPACE AND UNTIL MY WORLD COMES BACK INTO FOCUS. IT MEANS I NEED TO ESTABLISH A ROUTINE AND MAKE SURE THAT I CAN GET SEVEN TO EIGHT HOURS OF SLEEP A NIGHT, AND IT MEANS HOPING THAT I WON'T BE WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT BY SOMEONE TELLING ME I NEED TO MOVE. AND IT MEANS NOT CHANGING THE RULES FROM DAY-TO-DAY. I AM A REASONABLE HOMELESS PERSON, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY

TROUBLE FOLLOWING THE RULES AS LONG AS WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT THOSE RULES ARE AND THEY DON'T CHANGE ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Woronowski: I HAVE GONE SO MANY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. IT'S INHUMANE. THE HUMANITY AMONG CITIZENS THEMSELVES AND YOU TOP THE POLICE OFFICERS AND IS THEIR HEAVY HAND, WE ARE DRILLED WITH CHAOS ALL DAY LONG. EVERYBODY IS EXPECTING US TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES. WE'RE DELIVERED WITH CHAOS ALL DAY LONG. THERE IS NO WAY UP. THERE IS NO WAY OUT. YOU ARE TREADING WATER ALL DAY LONG. YOU HAVE TO WALK SOMEWHERE TO YOUR MEALS AND SOMEWHERE TO GET YOUR SHOWER AND YOU WALK SOMEWHERE TO GET CLOTHES AND YOU WALK SOMEWHERE TO GET FOOD, AND TOILETRIES. ANYTHING THAT YOU NEED YOU ARE WALKING SOMEWHERE, BASICALLY, FOR THE MOST PART. THE CHAOS THAT I EXPERIENCE FROM POLICE OFFICERS LEAVING MY LAST HOME LEFT ME IN JAIL WITH NO WAY OUT, EITHER. THEY WANT LIFETIME CRIMINALS WITH THE INHUMANITY I WAS TREATED WITH IN THERE.

SINCE BEING ON AND OFF HOMELESS SINCE 2009, CLEAN AND SOBER, COMING FROM THE EAST COAST, AND I HAD A SHAVED HEAD AND WAS HANGING WITH PEOPLE WHO MAY BE HAD A BEARD HERE AND THERE BUT NEEDLESS TO SAY I WAS JUDGED AND EVERYONE ELSE WAS ON THE HEAVY HANDED WORKS OF THE PERCENTAGE OF THE HOMELESS. AND THOSE PERCENTAGES LIE IN EVERY PERCENT OF THE HUMAN POPULATION, NOT JUST THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND WE'RE ALL TREATED WITH THE SAME INHUMANITY AND THE SAME HEAVY HANDED GOVERNANCE THAT IS NOTHING BUT INHUMANE TO EACH OTHER. AND WE CAN NEVER GET UP. WE DON'T NEED TO BE POLICED LIKE KINDERGARTENERS. MOST OF US CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES BUT FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER WE'RE THAT ONE PAYCHECK AWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS. EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM IS. ONE PAYCHECK AWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL IF YOU ENDS UP OUT HERE BECAUSE IT IS NOTHING BUT CHAOS ALL DAY LONG. YOU ARE FIGHTING CHAOS. FROM THAT 7:30 WAKEUP, NO MATTER WHO KEPT YOU AWAKE AT NIGHT OR STOMPED ON YOUR HEAD OR YOUR BACK, IT'S NOTHING BUT CHAOS ALL DAY LONG.

Mr. Newsome: GOOD MORNING, MADAM AND COMMISSIONER. HOW ARE YOU GUYS TODAY? I ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO COME HERE TO TALK ABOUT SLEEP DEPRIVATION, SOMETHING THAT I KNOW A LOT ABOUT. I HAVE SIX HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT IMPACT THE QUALITY OF MY SLEEP AND NONE ARE BEING TREATED RIGHT NOW. FOR ME AWAKENING IS HYPOXIA. MY BLOOD OXYGEN IS 88% WHEN I AM SLEEPING AND AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST SAY THEY START ASSISTING NUMBERS WITH 86 AND 87% WITH BRAIN DAMAGE. AWAKENING IS NEVER A GOOD THING FOR ME. I ALWAYS WAKE UP FEELING

LIKE I AM DYING. I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THIS BUT IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THIS TIME MIGHT BE BETTER USED TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY EVENING LAST NIGHT. BEING HOMELESS, I TEND TO GO TO SLEEP AND WAKE UP WITH THE SUN THAT HAS ME UP AT 5:00 IN THE MORNING, AND VIRTUALLY EVERY DAY, AND GOING TO BED, AND THIS TIME OF YEAR ABOUT 8:00. I DID IT LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Newsome: I WAS DOWN IN FRONT OF THE OLD TOWN CLINIC ON BURNSIDE AVENUE. A WOMAN WHO WE'LL CALL DECIDED TO LAY DOWN BESIDE ME. I WOULD NOT CALL HER A FRIEND BUT SOMEONE I AM FAMILIAR WITH BECAUSE SHE HANGS OUT IN THE SAME AREA THAT I DO, AND SHE LIKES TO POUR VODKA OVER HER METHAMPHETAMINE, SO I UNDERSTAND THAT DEE IS NOT SOMEBODY THAT YOU WANT TO MESS WITH, MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORDS BUT BY 11:30 HER SCREAMING AND YELLING FIVE FEET AWAY FROM ME, I HAVE HAD ENOUGH. I KNOW WITH HER YOU CANNOT YELL AT HER SO I SAT UP AND SAID HONEY I AM TRYING TO GO TO SLEEP. COULD YOU QUIET DOWN. BUT SHE WAS IN AN ANGRY MOOD. THREE MINUTES OF CUSSING ME OUT, AND A PHYSICAL ATTACK THAT LASTED TWO MINUTES. I HAD TO PUSH HER OFF OF ME, WHICH LANDED HER ON HER BACK. 20 MINUTES PASSED AND SHE WAS CUSSING ME OUT AGAIN AND SHE PHYSICALLY ATTACKED ME AGAIN.

THIS TIME I RESTRAINED HER AND MADE HER PROMISE NOT TO TOUCH ME BEFORE I WOULD LET HER GO. I THOUGHT THAT SHE WENT TO SLEEP BUT TURNED OUT THAT SHE WAS JUST LAYING THERE, AND THEN I WENT TO SLEEP. NOW I HAVE A SLEEPING BAG THAT'S JUST SLIGHTLY WIDER THAN MY SHOULDERS. IT CAN TAKE A MINUTE TO GET OUT AND INTO IT. I AWAKENED WITH HER KICKING ME IN MY FACE AS HARD AS SHE COULD WHILE I WAS ASLEEP SO WE'RE BACK TO HYPOXIA. IT TOOK ME PERHAPS THREE OR FOUR SECONDS TO ORIENTED MYSELF AND PROBABLY SO LONG TO EXTRICATE MYSELF FROM MY SLEEPING BAG SO I TOOK FIVE OR SIX BLOWS TO MY HEAD AND FACE. I ENDED UP PINNING HER TO THE GROUND AGAIN BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A VIOLENT NATURE AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYBODY. TELLING HER THAT SHE NEEDS TO KEEP HER HANDS TO HERSELF OR I WILL NOT LET HER GO. SHE WAITS FOR FOUR DRUNKEN INDIVIDUALS TO WALK BY AND THEN TELLS THEM I AM TRYING TO RAPE HER. I ENDED UP IN A FIGHT WITH THOSE GUYS. THIS MIGHT SOUND PRETTY HORRIFYING, BUT TO ME IT'S JUST THURSDAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU. SO MANY CITIZENS ARE ENGAGING WITH YOU. I USUALLY TRY AND I KIND OF AD-LIB IT BECAUSE I LIKE TO HEAR WHAT THE CITIZENS ARE SAYING AND MIGHT BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT I HAD IN MIND. I MIGHT NEED TO ADJUST SO I THINK THAT IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT I THANK ALICE

GUSTAFSON AND THE WOMAN WHO TESTIFIED AFTER HER ABOUT THE ODD SITUATION THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN OURSELVES INTO OF NOT EVEN WAREHOUSING PEOPLE, WHILE WE SPEND MONEY TO WAREHOUSE A BUILDING, A BUILDING THAT DOES NOTHING, THE WAPATO JAIL. THERE WILL BE FURTHER PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT, HOPEFULLY NOT TOO LONG BEFORE IT OPENS UP. SINCE HOMELESSNESS AND THE TRAGEDY, THE HUMAN RIGHTS, THE FORCED MIGRATION ISSUE HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY SO MANY PEOPLE, I AM GOING TO SAY SOMETHING THAT I THINK THAT I WILL BACK INTO IT.

Mr. Johnson: I THINK THAT I WILL TALK ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE WASHINGTON POST. AND I THINK THE GUARDIAN AND THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, NONE OF YOU GOT INTO THOSE INTERNATIONAL STORIES. THEY WERE NOT THIS WEEK. THEY WERE IN THE PAST MONTH. THE ONLY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE THAT REALLY GOT INTO THEM IS MR. REESE, NOT MR. RHYS, NOT MR. REESE, THE SHERIFF. OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHICH IS ALL EXCITED ABOUT GANG ACTIVITY, WAS UNABLE TO PREVENT THE MURDER OF BRUCE. AND MR. BRUCE WAS MURDERED BY A VEHICLE DRIVEN BY A WHACK JOB WHITE SUPREMACIST CHEERED ON BY HIS GIRLFRIEND. I KNOW A FEW CIVIL RIGHTS AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE AN ISSUE OF THAT, BUT NOT ENOUGH.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT IN THIS COUNTY WHEN WE HAVE HAD TALK ABOUT THE SITUATION OF POVERTY AND HOW POVERTY INFLUENCES CRIME LIKE THE GENTLEMAN WHO JUST TALKED ABOUT, THE NON-CRIMINAL APPEARING SITUATION WHEN HE'S SLEEPING ON THE SIDEWALK LAST NIGHT. AND OVER POLICING IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS. I AM SURE FRUSTRATING FOR YOU AND FOR ME THAT THERE IS STILL A PERCEPTION IN MANY PEOPLE'S MINDS THAT POLICE BEHAVE DIFFERENTLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, ARE NOT REALLY ADEQUATELY PROTECTING THE RIGHT SO I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT, AS MARY ENG MENTIONED HOW WE ARE GOING TO REDUCE THE RACISM AND THE VIOLENCE FROM WHITE SUPREMACY IN THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Walton: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS TERESA WALTON. UNTIL MY RETIREMENT IN JULY OF 2016, I HAD THE DISTINCT HONOR OF SERVING ON THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 17 YEARS. I HAVE SERVED UNDER FIVE COUNTY CHAIRS AND COUNTLESS ELECTEDS. IN MY 17 YEARS OF SERVICE, 13 YEARS WERE SPENT ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS I ALSO SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE CENTRAL CBAC WHEN THE CHAIR WAS FORCED INTO RETIREMENT FOR HEALTH REASONS. I AM A VERY PRIVATE PERSON. I AM NOT ONE TO PUBLICLY TESTIFY. I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY BECAUSE FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS I HAVE LISTENED PAINFULLY

TO THE PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT MY BELOVED COMMITTEE, AND I FEEL COMPELLED TO SPEAK OUT. SOMEWHERE, SOME HOW, THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN LOST. IS THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE IS NOT ABOUT POLITICS OR POLITICAL JAPANESE. IT'S NOT ABOUT EGOS OR ECONOMIC STATUS.

Ms. Walton: IT'S ABOUT BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN ALL OF US. IT'S ABOUT CELEBRATING WHO WE ARE AS A COUNTY. IT'S ABOUT HONORING AND RESPECTING ALL CITIZENS, YOUNG AND OLD OF ALL CULTURES AND COLORS WHO DEDICATE SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGY AND LOVE TO MAKE US A COMMUNITY. FOR 17 YEARS I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF MEETING HUNDREDS OF EVERY DAY CITIZENS AT THE GLADYS MCCOY BUILDING. THESE REMARKABLE PEOPLE DEVOTE COUNTLESS VOLUNTEER HOURS TEACHING OUR PRISONERS TO READ, STOCKING OUR LIBRARY SHELVES AND READING TO OUR CHILDREN. THEY WALK THE DOGS AT ANIMAL CONTROL BEFORE AND AFTER AN EIGHT-HOUR SHIFT OF WORK, AND PATROL OUR RIVERS AND DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS.

THEY COMMIT TO SACRIFICING PRECIOUS HOURS OF FAMILY TIME TO STUDY UNDER THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, THE VARIOUS ISSUES THAT IMPACT OUR EVERY DAY LIFE IN ORDER TO MAKE INFORMED BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. WHEN THEY STAND BEFORE YOU AND SHAKE YOUR HAND IN FRONT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, FOR ONE SPLIT SECOND, THEY ARE APPRECIATED HEROES. THESE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE ARE THE INVOLVED CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THEY ARE ALL THAT IS GOOD. THEY ARE WHAT MAKE US A COMMUNITY. AS YOU MAKE YOUR DECISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THIS DEPARTMENT, PLEASE REFLECT ON ALL THAT IS POSITIVE ABOUT THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTY AND ASK YOURSELF WHAT IS THE TRUE MEANING OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT? HOW WILL THIS PERSON BEST REPRESENT ALL OF US.

Mr. Marschke: I AM GARY MARSCHKE, ANOTHER WEEK AND NO CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT APPOINTMENTS AGAIN. IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 90 DAYS AND SIX PEOPLE AWAIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SIX PEOPLE ARE DANGLING WAITING TO BE APPROVED TO OFFER THEIR VOICE. ONCE AGAIN IT'S THE POWER OF PRIVILEGE AND THE ILLUSION OF INCLUSION. WHEN SIX PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC AND POLITICAL BACKGROUNDS THAT SIMPLY WANT TO HELP MULTNOMAH COUNTY MAKE BETTER DECISIONS ARE HELD UP BY A RESISTING BUREAUCRACY, THAT'S THE POWER OF PRIVILEGE. THE ILLUSION OF INCLUSION IS SAYING THAT YOU WANT EQUITY TRANSPARENCY AND INCLUSION, AND THEN PRACTICING THE TOTAL OPPOSITE.

THE ILLUSION OF INCLUSION IS ERECTING AND MAINTAINING AND REINFORCING THE BARRIERS THAT KEEP THE PEOPLE OUT RATHER THAN LET THEM IN. THE ILLUSION OF INCLUSION IS TELLING THESE PEOPLE WHO WANT

IN, THAT THEY ARE WELCOME, AND THEN SETTING THE CRITERIA TO INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY BE A PERMANENT RESIDENT OR ELIGIBLE TO VOTE OR FORMALLY NOMINATED BY A RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. AND PRIVILEGE IS QUESTIONING THEIR MOTIVES WHEN THEY DO STEP UP AND EXPECTING THEM TO EXPLAIN IF NOT OUTRIGHT DEFEND THEMSELVES. ANOTHER REASON FOR EXCLUSION I HAVE HEARD IS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HAND PICKED BY THE FORMER E.D. IN ORDER TO FURTHER SOME HIDDEN AGENDA OR PERHAPS WORSE TO CHANGE THE COMPLEXION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO SIMPLY ANSWERED THE CALL WHEN THE DOOR WAS OPENED AND THEY WERE INVITED IN.

Mr. Marschke: THESE ARE PEOPLE MOTIVATED BY THEIR CONNECTION TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THE NEED FOR NEW VOICES AND PRIORITY, POLICY, AND BUDGET DECISIONS. THESE ARE PEOPLE BEING SYSTEMICALLY AND PURPOSELY EXCLUDED BY A PRIVILEGED FEW WHO FEEL THREATENED BY THEIR VOICES THAT THINK AND SOUND DIFFERENTLY. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THOSE ANTIQUATED AND DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES OF PRIVILEGE AND CONTINUE TO INVITE MORE DESPERATE VOICES TO THE TABLE. THEY ARE NOT A GROUP OF PERSONAL CONNECTIONS OR PERSONALITIES. THEY ARE GOOD PEOPLE WHO SIMPLY WANT TO MAKE CHANGE FROM THE INSIDE. CHANGE FROM PRIVILEGE AND ILLUSION TO EQUITY AND REALITY. CHANGE FROM INSTITUTIONAL INCLUSION TO UNIVERSAL INCLUSION. NO MORE ILLUSIONS OR PRIVILEGE. INSTEAD VOICES OF RESILIENCE AND PERSPECTIVE AND CHANGE. APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS AND LET CHANGE HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: WE WILL NOW RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER AND CONVENE AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD.

R.1 Resolution Approving a Sole Source Exemption Request for the Department of Community Justice to Contract with Code for America. Presenter: Scott Taylor, Director – DCJ.

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

Mr. Taylor: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER AND IS THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. SCOTT TAYLOR, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. WE ARE BEFORE YOU ASKING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR A SOLE SOURCE. WE HAVE BRIEFED YOU EARLIER ON THIS. THIS IS OUR VICTIMS' PORT 58, WE'RE TRYING TO CONSTRUCTED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND IN OUR PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH CODE FOR AMERICA TO DEVELOP A PORTAL. WE APPLIED AND RECEIVED A FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY, AND THIS IS OUR DESIRE TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT. SO HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR, IF YOU NEED ANY.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Vice-Chair Smith: COULD YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?

Mr. Taylor: WE HAD A FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY, AND WE GO INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM. THEY WILL PROVIDE US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND AS WE MOVE DOWN THIS ROAD THEY WILL PROVIDE US A SET OF FOLKS FROM SILICON VALLEY, EXPERIENCED PROGRAMMERS, WRITERS WHO CAN HELP US TO PUT TOGETHER THIS VICTIM'S PORTAL, AND EXPERTISE. THIS IS NOT WHEN WE THINK OF FELLOWSHIP NORMALLY OR COLLEGE STUDENTS. THESE ARE SENIOR FOLKS WHO DONATE A PERIOD OF THEIR TIME TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS, AND SO WE MATCH CODE FOR AMERICA IN FUNDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORTAL.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL ADJOURN AS THE PUBLIC CONDUCT REVIEW BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

R.2 Briefing on Oregon Project Independence/Senior Assistance Funding. Sponsor: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2. Presenters: Amber Kern-Johnson, Exec. Director, Hollywood Senior Center; and Invited Guests.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AMBER FROM THE HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER IS COMING UP TO TALK ABOUT OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE AND FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SENIORS TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES, AND PREVENT THEM FROM PLACEMENT INTO NURSING HOMES, AND THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT THAT WAS PUT INTO THE BUDGET THAT WOULD ALLOW SENIORS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE WAITING LIST. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING AND TALKING ABOUT THAT THIS MORNING. ARE YOU GOING TO KICK US OFF, AMBER?

Ms. Kern-Johnson: YES. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO. GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WAS IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE THIS MORNING AND TO SPEAK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE. THIS MORNING I AM JOINED BY A NUMBER OF PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT, AND IF YOU LOOK BEHIND ME, I SEE MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK FOR THE DISTRICTS, VARIOUS DISTRICT CENTERS, AND THE STAFF, AND THE REAL STARS ARE OUR SENIORS THAT ARE HERE. BEFORE I GO INTO AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND THE

IMPACT AND WHERE WE ARE, I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO MISS DOROTHY ROGERS, WHO IS 90 YEARS FABULOUS. MISS DOROTHY HAS COME VERY EARLY THIS MORNING AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. WE ARE SO HONORED TO HAVE HER HERE. SHE'S AN OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE CLIENT, AND SHE IS HERE TODAY TO TALK A BIT ABOUT WHAT THIS PROGRAM MEANS IN TERMS OF INDEPENDENCE AND REMAINING IN ONE'S HOME. AFTER THAT, I WILL GO BACK TO THE REST OF MY PRESENTATION, BUT PLEASE HELP ME TO WELCOME MISS DOROTHY ROGERS.

Ms. Rogers: IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE AND THANK GOD I MADE IT. I AM SO PROUD OF THIS PROGRAM, AND I AM GOING TO SAY IT LIKE THIS. YOU NEVER GET PAID FOR PRIVATE SERVICE. WAITING ON PEOPLE, YOU CAN NEVER PAY THEM ENOUGH. TOO MANY THINGS, AND ALL WE GO, DEFINITELY, WE NEED BECAUSE WE CAN NO LONGER CARRY ON LIKE WE DID AT THE AGE OF 35 AND 40 YEARS OF OUR AGE. I AM PROUD OF THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE WHEN I CAME IN CONTACT WITH THIS PROGRAM AGO YEARS AGO I HAD HAD CANCER FOUR TIMES, NEVER HAD ANY TREATMENTS BUT NEVERTHELESS, SOMEONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, AND I'VE BEEN WITH IT FOR EIGHT YEARS. THE THINGS THAT IT DOES FOR ME. I CAN NO LONGER MOP. I CAN BECAUSE I LEAN ON THE KITCHEN SINK, AND WHETHER IT COMES DOWN TO PAYING MY BILLS, I NEED A LITTLE HELP WITH THAT.

WHEN IT COMES TO TRANSPORTATION, I JUST SOLD MY CAR LAST WEEK. DRIVING IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE, SO WE NEED TO, NEED THE TRANSPORTATION. NOT ONLY THAT, WE NEED SOMEONE IN MOST CASES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE TAKE OUR MEDICATION AND SEE THAT IT'S PICKED UP AND THAT IT'S FILLED AND IN THE TRAYS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE. WE NEED THAT. NOT ONLY THAT, THAT'S JUST THE SURFACE OF WHAT THIS PROGRAM HAS DONE FOR ME. IT ALSO HAS PUT ME IN A POSITION WHERE I FEEL INDEPENDENT, THAT I CAN STAY AT MY HOME LONGER THAN GOING TO A FOSTER CARE HOME OR ANOTHER HOME. AND IT ALSO PUTS MY ENTIRE FAMILY, WHAT I HAVE, AT EASE KNOWING I AM HOME AND ABLE TO DO THE THINGS FOR MYSELF AS LONG AS I HAVE SOMEONE COMING IN AT LEAST WHILE I WAS GETTING FOUR HOURS. I AM GETTING THREE HOURS NOW. I COULD STAND THE FOUR HOURS.

BUT I UNDERSTAND THE PROGRAM, AND I UNDERSTAND MOST PROGRAMS, WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH WITH. AND IF WE DON'T BEG AND ASK THE MONEY, IT'S GOING TO GO TO ANOTHER COUNTY OR SOMEWHERE ELSE ANYWAY SO I AM HOPING THAT EVERYONE HERE TODAY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE FOR THE PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHERE I RESIDE AT FOR THE LAST 60 YEARS SO I APPRECIATE THIS PROGRAM. THERE IS ONE THING THAT I WANT TO SAY THAT I WISH I WAS TEN YEARS YOUNGER I WOULD DO MORE FIGHTING. I WOULD LIKE IF THIS PROGRAM COULD SET ASIDE AND ASKING THE STATE TO, IF WE

HAVE THIS PROGRAM GOING, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE CLIENTS COME IN AND BE INTERVIEWED.

Ms. Rogers: THIS THEY ARE INTERVIEWED THEY SHOULD RESHIFT TO ANOTHER PROGRAM FOR A TRAINING FOR FIVE TO SIX WEEKS BEFORE THEY ARE SENT OUT TO SOMEONE'S HOME. BUT AS THE PROGRAM STANDS NOW, IF I WANTED SOMEONE, I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK THAT PERSON OUT MYSELF WHICH IS HARD TO DO WHEN YOU ARE SICK, YOU DO GOOD TO WAKE UP IN THE MORNING AND PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON. SO WHEN SOMEONE WALKS IN MY HOME, AND EVEN MY FRIENDS OR MY RELATIVES OR THE CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE DONE, YOU KNOW, PICKING FOR ME BECAUSE I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO IT. I WISH THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD FIND ANOTHER WAY OF STREAMING TO OUR HOME THAT WOULD KEEP OFF OF ME, WHO I HAVE COMING IN MY HOME. WHEN I FIRST GOT INTO THIS PROGRAM, THE FIRST LADY CAME WITH ME. SHE STOLE ME BLIND, EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE PAINT OFF THE WALLS BECAUSE I WAS GOING AS IF I WAS A PERSON I WOULD NOT SO I WAS INNOCENT. I KIND OF GOT TRICKED WHEN IT CAME TO THAT HELP.

IN THE MEANTIME WE GET TO THE PLACE WHERE WE TAKE A SHOWER. ONCE A WEEK, ON WEEKENDS, MY SON COMES OVER AND THEN I GET IN THE BATHTUB BECAUSE I AM AFRAID TO GET IN THERE BECAUSE I CAN'T GET OUT MYSELF SINCE I LIVE ALONE. SO THE PROGRAM HAS JUST BEEN -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO WITHOUT IT. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN MY GIRLS COME, AND ANOTHER THING, IT'S TRUE. WE LOVE TO TALK. WE ARE LONELY. WE TAKE UP AT LEAST 10 OR 15 MINUTES OF THEIR TIME, AND THEN TWO OR THREE HOURS HAS GONE, BUT IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE FOR SOMEONE TO COME IN AND JUST VISIT WITH US. THE PROGRAM IS MARVELOUS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO WITHOUT IT, AND THERE IS SO MANY MORE PEOPLE LIKE ME THEY DO NOT KNOW ABOUT THE PROGRAM OR HOW TO COME IN AND THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE LIKE THIS. WE ARE IN OUR HOME, AND I AM A GO GETTER AND I HAVE TO GET UP AND DO SOMETHING.

BUT THERE IS SOME OLDER PEOPLE THAT JUST ABOUT GIVE UP, AND WHEN THE CARE PROVIDER COMES IN, WE LIGHT UP AND KEEP TALKING SO I HAVE TO SAY THAT I HAVE ENJOYED THE PROGRAM AND I WISH THAT SOME HOW OR ANOTHER THAT THE GIRLS RUNNING OPI WOULD TRY TO GET CLIENTS, NOT THAT WE PICK ON CLIENTS. IF THEY WANT TO BE HIRED, SEND THEM TO PROGRAM, AND THEY WILL SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR ME. AND IF THEY CANNOT, THERE IS ANOTHER BUILDING OVER HERE AND TWO OR THREE WOMEN HERE GIVING SIX WEEKS OF TRAINING. THAT'S WHAT I WISH WOULD HAPPEN. SO AS I SAY, I AM PROUD OF THE PROGRAM. I ENJOY IT AND NEED IT. I COULD STAND FIVE HOURS A DAY TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, BUT I AM GLAD TO GET JUST THE THREE HOURS A WEEK. I WAS GETTING FOUR, SO THEY CUT ME DOWN SO NOW THREE HOURS A WEEK. SHE COME ON MONDAY AND ON TUESDAY, AND DO THE KITCHEN, AND THE BATHROOM. AND WASH

CLOTHES, WEDNESDAY DOES THE LIVING ROOM AND CLEANS MY BEDROOM UP. SO THAT'S AN HOUR, SO THAT'S THREE HOURS, AND I HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO TALK. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE.

Vice-Chair Smith: MISS DOROTHY I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING IN. YOU ARE THE POSTER CHILD FOR THIS PROGRAM. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO, AND THE REASON WHY WE APPROVED THAT AMENDMENT BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MORE PEOPLE LIKE MISS DOROTHY ARE ABLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOME AND BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITIES SO THANK YOU FOR SPENDING YOUR TIME THIS MORNING EDUCATING US ON WHAT IS NEEDED AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO A BIT BETTER.

Ms. Rogers: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MISS SMITH, I WENT TO SALEM TWO YEARS AGO, AND I MADE A TRIP, AND I RAN INTO A SENATOR SMITH, AND ASKED, AND HE SAID EVERYONE CAN DO IT EXCEPT THE STAFF. SO IT TAKES ME 2.5 YEARS TO GET IT BACK SO NOW WE BLESS OUR FOOD BEFORE WE EAT UP THERE BECAUSE WE ARE SENIOR CITIZENS. ANYTHING FROM 6:00 TO 5:00, YEARS AGO THEY TOLD US TO BLESS OUR FOOD SO I TELL THEM WE ARE NOT PIGS. PIGS CANNOT SEE WHERE THEIR FOOD FALLS FROM BECAUSE THEIR EARS ARE OVER THEIR EYES. SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE EAT. THANK YOU.

Ms. Kern-Johnson: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] THAT WAS WONDERFUL AND WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE TO HAVE MISS DOROTHY HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT WHAT THE OREGON PROJECT, INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM MEANS TO HER. SHE'S ONE OF A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT BENEFITS FROM THIS PROGRAM ON A DAILY BASIS AS SHE SPOKE, IT IS A PROGRAM THAT HAS SEEN CUTS. THAT'S WHY I AM HERE TODAY IS TO SPEAK ABOUT WHERE WE WERE BACK IN JUNE, AND WHERE WE ARE TODAY THANKS TO COMMISSIONER SMITH AND THE BOARD AND YOUR RESOLUTION TO INVEST IN THIS PROGRAM. WE HAVE TREMENDOUS APPRECIATION FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND COMPASSION. LAST NOVEMBER BECAUSE OF BUDGET CUTS TO OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE, THANK YOU AGAIN, MISS DOROTHY FOR BEING HERE.

WE HAD TO ENACT A WAIT LIST FOR OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE IN ADDITION TO CUTTING HOURS AS MISS ROGERS MENTIONED, WE WERE NO LONGER ABLE TO ADD INDIVIDUALS TO THE WAIT LIST. IT LOOKED FROM A BUDGET STANDPOINT THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ADD INDIVIDUALS TO THE OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM UNTIL 2017, JULY. SO AN INCREDIBLY LONG WAIT LIST. WHEN YOU HEAR STORIES AND THE IMPACT THAT IT MAKES, THINK ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED THOSE SERVICES AND WERE PUT ON THE WAIT LIST. AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WERE. INDIVIDUALS LIKE CLIENT A, WHO IS A 68-YEAR-OLD FEMALE. SHE HAD FALLEN ON THE FLOOR WHILE GETTING OUT OF THE BATHTUB AND LAID ON THE COLOR FOR 12 HOURS BEFORE SHE COULD

SCOOT HERSELF TO THE PHONE TO CALL FOR HELP. AFTER THAT SHE WAS AFRAID TO GET BACK IN THE BATHTUB. SHE WAS ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WAITING. SHE WAS ONE OF 197 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE WAITING FOR THIS PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES QUALITY OF LIFE THAT PROVIDES CHOICE AND INDEPENDENCE.

Ms. Kern-Johnson: EARLIER THIS MORNING WE HEARD TESTIMONY AROUND THE HOMELESSNESS AND THE HOMELESS EPIDEMIC. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT KEEPS PEOPLE, OLDER ADULTS IN THEIR HOME, AND MANY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING SUBSIDY WITHOUT THAT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. SO I THANK YOU AGAIN. SO IN APRIL, PARTNERS, THE DISTRICT CENTERS THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAME TOGETHER WITH OTHER ADVOCATES AND CLIENTS, AND WE HELD A PEOPLE'S FORUM TO SPEAK ABOUT WHERE WE WERE WITH SENIOR SERVICES, AND YOU LISTENED. YOU LISTENED, AND YOU RESPONDED. IN JUNE OF 2016, WHEN THAT RECOMMENDATION, RESOLUTION WAS PASSED FOR 400,000 TO COME INTO THE PROGRAM TO MOVE THE 197 INDIVIDUALS OFF THE WAIT LIST, YOU SHOWED US YOU CARE.

YOU SHOWED US YOUR COMMITMENT, AND WE ARE THAT WE ARE THANKFUL, SO NOW I WANT TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER. IT HAS BEEN A BUSY ONE BUT A FULFILLING ONE AS WE WORKED VERY HARD TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS OFF THE WASTE LIST SO THAT INDIVIDUALS LIKE CLIENT A THAT I JUST MENTIONED, SHE'S NOW RECEIVING IN-HOME SERVICES. SHE HAS SOMEONE WHO COMES TO HER HOME AND GIVES HER A BATH. SHE HAS SOMEONE WHO IS PROVIDING HOUSEKEEPING. SHE NOW HAS A MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM THANKS TO HER CASE MANAGER. THESE ARE THE KINDS OF SUCCESS STORIES AND THE IMPACT YOU MADE WITH THAT INVESTMENT WHEN YOU PASSED THAT RESOLUTION. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVED THE GOOD NEWS THAT 400,000 HAD BEEN EARMARKED IN ONE-TIME FUNDING TO HELP TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS OFF THE OPI WAIT LIST, THE NETWORK OF DISTRICT CENTERS MET WITH OF THE STAFF, AND TOGETHER OVER A SERIES OF THREE MEETINGS WE WORKED TO ADDRESS THE FUNDING FORMULAS, THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE CLIENTS.

WE STANDARDIZED THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ONE-TIME FUNDING. AND HOW WE WERE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PARTNER TOGETHER TO CLOSELY MANAGE OPI FUNDS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR WITH THE SHARED GOAL TO MOVE UP TO 100 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS OFF OF THE WAIT LIST BY THE END OF JUNE OF 2017 SO THROUGHOUT JUNE THROUGH AUGUST THE DISTRICT CENTER STAFF WORKED DILIGENTLY. THEY UTILIZED A NEW RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS, SO THOSE INDIVIDUALS, 197 WE WENT BACK AND WE USED THE SAME TOOL TO SEE WHERE THEY WERE IN TERMS OF THE PRIORITY LEVEL SO THAT EVERYONE COULD BE FAIRLY PRIORITIZED. ALL THOSE SCORES WERE GATHERED BEFORE WE STARTED TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS OFF THE WAIT LIST. AND YOU HAVE A ONE-PAGER THAT

WAS PRESENTED TO YOU THAT GIVES AN OVERVIEW OF WHERE WE ARE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2016.

Ms. Kern-Johnson: TO DATE WE HAVE MOVED 31 INDIVIDUALS OFF THE WAIT LIST AND HALF OF THOSE ARE RECEIVING SERVICES. THE OTHER HALF, THE CASE MANAGERS ARE WORKING HARD TO FIND HOME CARE WORKERS TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES. THINGS ARE MOVING VERY QUICKLY NOW, AND WE WILL BE ADDING MORE AND MORE INDIVIDUALS TO THE PROGRAM SO THAT THEY CAN GET THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED TO STAY REMAINING IN THEIR HOME. I AM SO INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE NETWORK THAT I HAVE BEHIND ME. THE VARIOUS DISTRICT CENTERS THAT HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS, THE STAFF, WE HAVE ALL WORKED TOGETHER TO PRIORITIZE AND TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS OFF OF THE OPI WAIT LIST.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THE OTHER CLIENTS THAT OUR CASE MANAGERS ARE ALREADY SERVING. THEY HAVE SPENT A VERY BUSY SUMMER. I ASK AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN RETURN AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND EARLY SUMMER TO GIVE A FULL, COMPLETE REPORT OF THE IMPACT, BUT I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER SMITH AND TO THE FULL BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE NETWORK OF PROVIDERS. ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE CLIENTS, THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING OLDER ADULTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING SOON TO GIVE A FULL REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ABLE TO REMAIN LIVING IN THEIR HOME AND TO PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE BECAUSE OF THAT COMMITMENT. THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME I AM ALSO FORTUNATE TO HAVE PROGRAM MANAGER NORMA FROM THE URBAN LEAGUE HERE AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

Ms. Mullen: I WOULD BE AN HONOR TO SAY THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE URBAN LEAGUE CAME OUT TODAY TO SAY THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] YOU HEARD A WONDERFUL STORY, AND THERE IS SO MANY MORE STORIES THAT COULD BE SHARED OF HOW THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS AND HELPS OUR AGING COMMUNITY. IF IT WASN'T FOR THE PROGRAM AS DOROTHY SAID, MANY PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES INDEPENDENTLY. THAT'S WHAT THEY CHOOSE TO DO, THEY WANTED TO BE AT HOME AND BECAUSE OF THE PROGRAM THEY ARE ABLE TO DO SO. SO WE APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, NORMA.

Ms. Kern-Johnson: THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS, COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN THIS PROGRAM. MUCH APPRECIATION.

Vice-Chair Smith: MISS AMBER I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING IN AND TALKING ABOUT THIS, AND IT WAS CLEAR TO ME WHEN I SAW THE WAITING LIST, WAS REALLY, REALLY LONG. JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW THERE WAS A 5-0 VOTE FROM THE REST OF THE BOARD THAT SAID YES WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS, SO I WANT TO THANK MY OTHER BOARD MEMBERS FOR SUPPORTING THIS. YOU KNOW MANY OF YOU KNOW AND MANY OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE KNOW THAT I HAVE 14 AUNTS. NONE OF THEM ARE ON THE OPI PROGRAM. I THINK THAT THEY HAVE THEIR OWN SMITH FAMILY OPI, AND WHEN ONE OF THEM GETS SICK THEY ARE DISPATCHED OUT TO EACH OTHER'S HOUSE TO HELP THEM STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND LIVING INDEPENDENTLY, SO I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME HERE IF I DID NOT TRY TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THAT SAME EXPERIENCE, SO THEY ARE ALWAYS ON ME ABOUT WHAT I AM DOING AND WHAT I AM NOT DOING.

SO FOR ME, THIS IS NOT ONLY SOMETHING THAT I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR RESIDENTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I THINK THAT ALL OF OUR SENIORS STATEWIDE NEED TO HAVE THIS KIND OF PROGRAM BECAUSE IT'S HUGE. IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN WE HAVE OUR OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, LIVING INDEPENDENTLY. I TALK FREQUENTLY ABOUT MISS WATSON, USED TO LIVE NEXT DOOR TO ME FOR 17 YEARS. SHE WAS 90 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. HER LAWN WAS METICULOUS. I COULD NEVER KEEP UP WITH HER EVEN IF I PAID SOMEBODY. SHE CUT HER LAWN WITH, WITH SCISSORS. AND TO EDGE THEM UP AND I WAS SO EMBARRASSED ALL THE TIME.

SHE WOULD GIVE ME THAT LOOK WHEN I WOULD COME ON MY PORCH LIKE, YOU NEED TO GET YOUR YARD TOGETHER. I KNOW WHAT THAT MEANT AND I COULD NEVER KEEP UP SO FOR ME IT WAS SUCH A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO BE SHOWING WHAT I NEED TO DO AND FOR MY SON IN GENERAL. HE COULD NOT KEEP UP, EITHER. BUT I KNOW THE RIGHT WAY TO DO THINGS, AND IT'S IMPORTANT SO THAT WE CAN HAVE ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND IF THEY NEED HELP, IF WE GOT RESOURCES TO HELP THEM, THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO. IN YOUR FOR COMING. I WILL BE OUT AT THE URBAN LEAGUE OK 22 AND WE WILL DO A PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH THE SENIOR CENTER. YEAH.

Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS AMENDMENT FORWARD, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION ON HOW IT'S HELPING IMPROVE PEOPLE'S LIVES AND THEIR ABILITY TO HAVE THE SERVICES. SO I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN, SO WHO KNOWS, I MIGHT BE ON THE WAITING LIST ONE DAY. I DON'T KNOW. ANYWAY AMBER, HOW LONG DO YOU ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL TAKE TO MOVE THE 197 OFF OF THAT LIST.

Ms. Kern-Johnson: NOT EVERYONE WAS STILL ELIGIBLE OR INTERESTED SO 158 NOW IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, AND WE'RE HOPING TO MOVE QUICKLY,

BUT WE ALSO WANT TO GIVE FLEXIBILITY IN CASE BECAUSE THERE IS STILL A WAIT LIST, AND ENACTED SO IF WE HAVE A CRITICAL CASE, THAT A CLIENT THAT COMES IN THE SPRINGTIME, WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THAT AND CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE, BUT NEXT MONTH AND THE FOLLOWING MONTH I THINK THAT WE WILL SEE THE LARGER NUMBERS, AND PART OF IT IS FINDING THE RIGHT HOME CARE WORKERS AND MAKING SURE THAT IT IS A GOOD FIT. SO THAT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT OF A CHALLENGE. YOU ARE GOING TO SEE THE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WE'RE GOING TO BE HELPING AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN WITH THAT FUNDING.

Commissioner McKeel: ARE THERE MORE PEOPLE COMING ON THE LIST?

Ms. Kern-Johnson: THERE ARE. IT'S MOVING, YOU KNOW, WAIT LIST, SO WE'RE CONTINUING TO ADD PEOPLE ON A REGULAR BASIS WHO NEED THIS SERVICE. WE'RE PRIORITIZING THEN AS THEY COME IN, AS WELL.

Commissioner McKeel: HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE THE HOURS? YOU SAID THAT YOU HAD TO DECREASE THE HOURS.

Ms. Kern-Johnson: UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE NOT. SO THIS FUNDING AND THESE HOURS ARE THE SAME FOR THE OPI CLIENTS THAT WERE GETTING SERVICES BEFORE THE LIST WAS ENACTED. OUR HOPE IS THAT THROUGH ADVOCACY EFFORTS WE CAN CHANGE THAT AND SEE MORE FUNDING FROM THE STATE, AND COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENT. IT MAKES AN IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF OLDER ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY SO IT'S A WISE INVESTMENT.

Commissioner Bailey: I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE STORIES AND THE IMPACT THIS HAVING ON THE COMMUNITY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ALLOW PEOPLE TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO LIVE IN DIGNITY, TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE THE EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND RESOURCES TO OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE BENEFIT FROM ALL OF THESE.

Vice-Chair Smith: ONE OF THE THINGS I HEARD WAS THAT, IN SOME OF THE CASES OF OPI, THAT THERE IS SOME ELDER ABUSE GOING ON, AND THAT FOR THE OLDER ADULTS, WHO IDENTIFY SOMEONE TO DO THE CAREGIVING, IF THEY COULD HAVE LIKE A CLEARING HOUSE AT THE STATE LEVEL TO HELP THEM TO FIGURE OUT WHO IS GOING TO BE BEST TO COME INTO THEIR HOME, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN TALK, HAVE OUR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TALK TO THE STATE ABOUT BECAUSE IF THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY LIKE MISS DOROTHY IS SAYING I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO COME IN THERE AND STEALING THE SENIORS BLIND. SO THAT'S A PROBLEM.

Ms. Kern-Johnson: I WOULD INTERJECT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE AWARE OF AND SENSITIVE TO, AND ANY HOME CARE WORKER THAT IS PLACED IN

THE HOME HAS TO GO THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK. IT IS ON A HOME CARE REGISTRY. IN SPITE OF THOSE SAFEGUARDS, THINGS STILL HAPPEN. THAT'S WHY CASE MANAGEMENT IS SO CRITICAL BECAUSE THAT IS OFTEN WHO IS CALLED UPON TO HELP ADVOCATE AND TO REMOVE THE PARTICULAR HOME CARE WORKER AND TO BRING IN SOMEONE ELSE, BUT IT HAPPENED, NOT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND THIS IS IN SPITE OF THE BACKGROUND CHECKS THAT ARE DONE.

Vice-Chair Smith: IF THE SENIORS ARE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY THEIR OWN CARE GIVER, THAT MIGHT BE A STRETCH FOR SOME PEOPLE. THEY DON'T HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL TO DO THAT, AND ANYONE CAN COME IN WITH A SMILING FACE AND SAY THAT THEY WANT TO HELP SOMEONE, AND THEY COULD BE, YOU KNOW, PUT IN A POSITION THAT THEY JUST CAN'T HANDLE. IT'S REALLY HARD FOR THEM TO SAY, TO SAY NO TO PEOPLE.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS A GOOD CONVERSATION AND WE SHOULD TALK WITH CLAUDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM ABOUT IT. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS COME HERE TODAY ON THIS AND COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK IT'S REALLY WELL TIMED BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TOGETHER, AND WE KNOW AS IS EVERY SESSION, WHEN THEY ARE FACING CUTS, THEY GO STRAIGHT TO OPI BECAUSE IT'S ALL GENERAL FUND DOLLARS. SO IT'S GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM FOR US ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA NEXT SESSION, AND ALONG WITH THAT WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT SOME KIND OF, YOU KNOW, STRENGTHENING THAT PROCESS AND ALLOWING FOLKS TO HAVE CONTROL OVER WHO -- I THINK THAT RELATIONSHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT, BETWEEN THE SENIOR AND THE CARE PROVIDER BUT YOU ALSO DON'T WANT TO HAVE SUCH A BURDEN ON THE SENIORS THAT CAN BE A STRESSFUL SITUATION IN AND OF ITSELF.

Ms. Kern-Johnson: THANKS AGAIN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND INVESTMENT AND TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES WITHIN THE NETWORK WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE MOVING PEOPLE OFF THE WAIT LIST, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING AT SOME POINT FOR A FULL BRIEFING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

R.3 Briefing on The Future Generations Collaborative and Proclamation Proclaiming September, 2016 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Kovi Altmirano, Program Specialist – MHASD; and, Lindsay Goes Behind, Policy Coordinator – Future Generations Collaborative.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WAITING PATIENTLY. THANK YOU.

Ms. Guernsey: A COUPLE PEOPLE COMING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. FROM WE BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE HARMONY AND HAROLD UP TO OPEN THE PANEL WITH AN HONOR SONG. IF PEOPLE COULD STAND IF THEY ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE]

[HONOR SONG IS SUNG]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, HARMONY AND HAROLD.

Ms. Guernsey: I AM JESSICA, YOUR MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH DIRECTOR, STILL GETTING USED TO THE GLASSES THING, SORRY. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY TO BRING FORWARD THIS IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT AND THE NEED FOR ACTION AROUND THE FETAL ALCOHOL DISORDER OR AFSD. THE MATERNAL CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMS AT YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, ALONGSIDE NATIVE-LED ORGANIZATIONS STARTED TO RETHINK SOME OF THE WORK WE WERE DOING IN THE COMMUNITY. ACROSS COUNTY SYSTEMS AND ACROSS GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY TO KICK THIS PANEL OFF.

Ms. Sanchez-White Elk: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO OUR PRESENTATION TODAY IN REGARDS TO FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER. MY NAME IS ANDULIA SANCHEZ-WHITE ELK, I'M AN ADDITION COUNSELOR. I'VE WORKED IN THE NATIVE COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND PROSTITUTION ISSUES. I'VE WORKED IN ADDICTION SERVICES. I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE REASON WHY AS A NATIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER AND A SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL, WHY FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER DESERVES A SPOTLIGHT IN THIS COMMUNITY. GROWING UP IN DYSFUNCTION AND DISMAY AND NOT SEEING THE TRUE PURSE IN THE CLASSROOM, NO ONE HAD SEEN MY BROTHER FOR WHO HE TRULY WAS. ALL THEY SAW WAS A SLOW LEARNER, AN ODD PERSON WHO NEVER BELONGED ANYWHERE. I BELIEVE IN THE SYSTEM OF HERDING CATTLE, WE HAVE DONE AN INJUSTICE. MARCY WAS A FUN BROTHER. HE HAD HIS STRUGGLES.

Ms. Sanchez-White Elk: BOTH MY PARENTS IN WORKING HARD AND DRINKING. WE WERE LEFT TO FEND FOR OURSELVES ON THE WEEKEND VERY OFTEN. MY MOTHER WORKED IN THE TRIBAL LEARNING CENTER BUILDING IN UTAH. WHICH IS WHERE WE ALL LIVED AND GREW UP. MY FATHER WORKED IN WYOMING ON THE OIL RIGS AND CAME HOME ON THE WEEKEND. I WAS THE YOUNGEST OF EIGHT CHILDREN. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WERE NINE YEARS APART FROM ME. WE WERE CLOSE IN AGE. MY PARENTS WERE TELLING ME TO WATCH OUT FOR HIM. MY BROTHER WAS A LITTLE SLOWER THAN OTHER KIDS HIS AGE. MY PARENTS SAYS BECAUSE HE WAS DROPPED ON HIS HEAD WHEN HE WAS BABY. ACCORDING TO MY SIBLINGS, HE HAD FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME. HE WAS A KIND-HEARTED SOUL. HE WOULD ALWAYS TRY TO MAKE ME LAUGH AND PLAY WITH ME, BUT HE HAD A HARD TIME IN SCHOOL AND WAS TREATED WITH DISRESPECT AND BULLIED A LOT AND HE WAS QUIET WITH OTHERS. HE MADE IT THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. HE STARTED HAVING MORE DIFFICULTY WITH PEERS AND BEING JUDGED MORE. IT WAS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO CHEER HIM UP. IN HIGH SCHOOL, I WAS SHIPPED OFF TO BOARDING.

MY BROTHER STAYED BEHIND TO CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH MY PARENTS. MY SOPHOMORE YEAR, MY BROTHER CAME TO THE BOARDING SCHOOL I WAS IN AND STARTED HIS TEENAGE YEARS. HE MADE FRIENDS. ALTHOUGH HE WAS FITTING INTO THE ROUTINE, HE WAS STILL HAVING A HARD TIME WITH HIS PEERS AND WAS STARTING TO BE BULLIED BY OTHER BOYS. I WAS ALWAYS INTERVENE AS OFTEN AS I COULD BUT I WASN'T AROUND A LOT. WE HUNG OUT TOGETHER AS MUCH AS WE COULD. SPEND TIME LAUGHING AND TALKING ABOUT HOME. ONE NIGHT I WAS DOING MY WORK AND THE DORM MATRON CAME IN AND TOLD ME THAT MY BROTHER NEEDED MY HELP RIGHT AWAY. I WENT TO HIS DORM AND HE WAS SITTING ON HIS DORM STEPS, VERY UPSET. I ASKED HIM WHAT WAS WRONG AND HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS ROOMMATES HAD THROWN ALL OF HIS NEW CLOTHES ON THE ROOF BECAUSE HE DIDN'T GIVE MONEY FOR PIZZA. THEY SAID HE WAS A STUPID, SLOPPY PIG. THEY WROTE ME UP FOR BEING DISRESPECTFUL TO STAFF. THE ROOMMATES DID NOT HAVE ANY CONSEQUENCES AT ALL. HE HAD TO BE MOVED TO ANOTHER ROOM BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT FIGHTING GOING ON.

HE HAD A HARD TIME IN SCHOOL. NO ONE HAD EVER SEEN HIS OTHER SIDE. THE ONE THAT WAS A PHENOMENAL DRUMMER, DREW THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK, HE WAS KIND, HIS HEART WAS PURE AND HE LIKED EVERYONE. BY JUNIOR HERE, HE QUIT. MY BROTHER'S LIGHT SLOWLY DIM AS HE DID BECOME INVISIBLE TO MANY, AS WELL AS HIMSELF. AS [INDISCERNIBLE] STATED, THE AUTHOR OF AN ARTICLE CALLED, I JUST WANT TO BE NORMAL, YOU ARE PLACED IN A CURRICULUM THAT ISN'T DESIGNED TO LIBERATE YOU, BUT TO OCCUPY YOU OR TRAIN YOU. THE TRAINING IS FOR WORK, THE SOCIETY DOES NOT BUILD SELF-ESTEEM OR SELF-WORTH. MY BROTHER

DIDN'T GET ANY ADVOCACY THAT HE NEEDED AT HOME AND IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Ms. Sanchez-White Elk: THEY WERE ROBBED FROM SEEING THE TRUE BEAUTY OF THE HUMAN BEING AND THE MAGNIFICENCE OF BEING KIND AND LIVING TO THE HUMAN RACE. WITH HIS KINDNESS AND LOVING SPIRIT, HE IS STILL A BEAUTIFUL PERSON. THE SYSTEM WAS MORE INTERESTED IN PUSHES HIM THROUGH THE DOOR AND IGNORING HIM, HOPING FOR THE BEST. MY PARENTS DIDN'T ADVOCATE FOR HIM, EITHER. THEY WERE BUSY TRYING TO RAISE CHILDREN AND DEALING WITH STRESS WITH SUBSTANCES. MY BROTHER WAS INDEED INVISIBLE. BUT STILL IS ONE OF THE MOST HUMAN BEINGS I KNOW. SO, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS PROCLAMATION BEFORE YOU AND MAKE THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE AGAIN.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Altmirano: HELLO, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KOVI ALTMIRANO. I WORK IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES DIVISION OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SPECIALIST. I SUPPORT THE FUTURE GENERATION'S COLLABORATIVE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING THE FUTURE GENERATION'S COLLABORATIVE. I GREW UP WITH TWO DRUG-ADDICTED PARENTS. MY MOTHER, A CRACK ADDICT. ON APRIL 7, 1990, I WAS BORN THREE MONTHS PREMATURE. I WAS ONLY THREE POUNDS AND COULD FIT IN THE PALM OF MY MOTHER'S HANDS. I WAS NOT RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL UNTIL I REACHED FIVE POUNDS. I HAVE MEMORIES AS FAR BACK AS TWO YEARS OLD, WHERE I CAN RECALL ABUSE AND EXTREME STRESS. MY FATHER AND MOTHER USED DRUGS AND DRANK CONSTANTLY. MY FATHER WAS A VIOLENT DRUNK AND WOULD OFTEN BEAT MY MOTHER AND I. BY AGE 5, MY FAMILY MEMBERS STEPPED IN. THEY SHUFFLED ME AROUND FROM RELATIVE TO RELATIVE. SOMETIMES, I WOULD GO BACK TO LIVE WITH MY MOTHER AND FATHER WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO GET CLEAN AND SOBER. HOWEVER, IN BETWEEN HIGHS AND DRUNKEN STUPORS, I WAS NEGLECTED, ABANDONED, BEATEN OR SEXUALLY ABUSED.

THIS IS THE REALITY OF MY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. IN 2013, I BECAME PREGNANT WITH MY SON. AND WHEN I DID, MY BROKE IN PLACES I DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED. I UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT MEANT TO CARRY ANOTHER LIFE AND FROM THE MOMENT I SAW THE POSITIVE PREGNANCY TEST, I LOVED HIM MORE THAN ANYTHING AND ANYONE. I WOULD DIE BEFORE I SAW ANYTHING BAD HAPPEN TO HIM AND I WAS DETERMINED TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF ADDICTION. MY MOTHER CARRIED ME AND DIDN'T PROTECT ME AND YET PUT ME IN DANGER BY USING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL WHILE PREGNANT RUINED ME. MY MOTHER HAS A DISEASE. A LIFE-LONG STRUGGLE.

Ms. Altmirano: FUTURE GENERATIONS GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAL. FGC IS INTERWOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF THE NATIVE COMMUNITY. THEY SUPPORT ALL NATIVE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO BECOME WHOLE AND HEALTHY. FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST DREAMT OF MY CHILD, I VOWED. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE LOVE, CARING AND TEACHINGS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND I'M PROUD TO WORK AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TO CARRY ON A LEGACY OF HEALTH, SOBRIETY AND WELLNESS FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS TO COME.

Chair Kafoury: AND WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU, THANK YOU.

Ms. Moisa: YOLANDA MOISA, WITH NARA, NATIVE AMERICAN REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO RECOGNIZE YOUR LONG-STANDING SUPPORT THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS HAD FOR US AND OUR COMMUNITY AT-LARGE. AND JUST SUPPORT IN WHAT WE DO. IT'S NOT ONLY IMPERATIVE WHAT WE DO, BUT IT'S ESSENTIAL TO OUR SUCCESS. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELP WITH INTERVENTION SERVICES. WE CHANGE LIVES EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. SO, THANK YOU ON THAT. I WANT TO START OFF WITH THE RECONCEIVED IDEA, MANY PEOPLE HAVE NOTIONS ABOUT NATIVE AMERICANS AND ALASKA NATIVES. ONE IS THAT, AS A GROUP, THEY DO NOT DRINK MORE THAN ANY GROUP OR PEOPLE. I WANT TO REPEAT THAT AGAIN SO THAT WE CAN REPEAT THAT. THERE ARE MORE NATIVE AMERICANS AND ALASKA NATIVES THAT DO NOT DRINK AS MUCH AS ANY PEOPLE. THE ONES THAT DO DRINK, THEY'RE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ALCOHOL AND ADDICTION.

AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE, IT IS OUR PRIORITY. WHAT NARA DOES, WE HAVE BEEN DOING THE COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS, HELPING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER. HAVING A PLACE WHERE PARENTS CAN COME AND WORK WITH THEIR KIDS IN REHABILITATIONS. FATHERS CAN COME, TOO, WITH THEIR CHILDREN IN TREATMENT AND COUPLES CAN COME AND REESTABLISH CARE SO THEY CAN FIGHT THIS ADDICTION. WE PROVIDE MANY SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY AT-LARGE. BUT MORE CAN ALWAYS BE DONE. AND, WE'RE HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE PREVENTION OF FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AND MORE ATTENTION NEEDS TO BE MADE ON THAT. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE. WE COME FROM NONPROFIT, GOVERNMENTAL, HIGHER EDUCATION, CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY AT-LARGE. WE ALL AGREE THAT THE FOCUS ON THE FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER IS IMPORTANT AND IMPERATIVE TO HELPING OUR NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITY.

WE ARE JOINED TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN. TOGETHER, WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. HEALTHY BABIES EQUALS HEALTHY FUTURES. WE NEED TO GO FURTHER AS A GROUP AND AS A COMMUNITY TO WORK UPSTREAM TO PREVENT FETAL ALCOHOL

SPECTRUM DISORDER AND DRINKING AND USING DURING PREGNANCY. MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE, TIMELY ASSESSMENTS, INTERSECTION, ALCOHOL TREATMENT NEEDS TO BE AVAILABLE ON DEMAND. COLLABORATION FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND PRENATAL CARE. ALONG WITH THAT, AS WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT, THERE NEEDS TO BE NON-JUDGMENTAL FOR WOMEN WHO ARE COMING FROM ADDICTION TO GET THOSE SERVICES AND KNOW THEY CAN FIND A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN FIND COMFORT AND HELP IN THE COMMUNITY. WE EXPANDED OUR SERVICES. THEY RELY HEAVILY ON OUR WORK TO WALK WITH THE WOMEN AND FAMILIES DURING THESE CRITICAL TIMES. HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN WE HAVE SUCCEEDED?

Ms. Moisa: WHEN WE HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY COMMUNITY. AGAIN, HEALTHY BABIES EQUAL HEALTHY COMMUNITY. ALL PEOPLE WILL FEEL VALUED, UNDERSTANDING AND FEELING IMPORTANT IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE-FREE BECAUSE THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A NEED TO MEDICATE FOR THE PAST. IT IS WOVEN INTO THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. HEALTH HEALTHY BABIES EQUAL HEALTHY FUTURES. WE THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE AS A PRIORITY AND WHEN WE WORK ALL TOGETHER. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU.

Ms. Goes Behind: GOOD MORNING. WARM GREETINGS TO YOU RESPECTIVE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. MY NAME IS WOMAN WHO SHARES BREATH WITH WOLVES. MY ENGLISH NAME IS LINDSAY GOES BEHIND. I ACT AS THE POLICY COORDINATE FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE AND NAYA. I'M PROUD AND GRATEFUL TO BE HERE TODAY, REPRESENTING MY FAMILY, MY PEOPLE AND THE WORK OF THE FGC. WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THE FGC, MAKING WAY FOR THE WORK OF THE COLLABORATIVE TO GROW AND EVOLVE, TO BRING AWARENESS, UNDERSTANDING AND HEALING FOR THE IMPACTS AND THE HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT GIVE RISE TO FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER IN OUR LOCAL NATIVE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND. THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, I HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS THAT STEM FROM THE HISTORICAL TRAUMA. POVERTY, ADDICTION AND VIOLENCE. AS WELL AS THE HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT ARE A RESULT OF CRITICAL UNDERSERVING AND MARGINALIZING BY AN ARRAY OF SYSTEMS.

I'VE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO EXPERIENCE THE STRENGTH, RESILIENCE AND HEALING POWER OF MY TRIBAL CULTURES AND TRADITION TRADITIONS AND COMMUNITY COHESION. WE HAVE HAD THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD COMMUNITY HEALING AND SERVICE, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND POLICY ADVOCACY EFFORTS. ONE THAT COMES FROM THE NATIVE WAY OF SEEING AND UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD, BUT RESONATES WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL RACES AND WALKS OF LIFE. THROUGH MY WORK, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CREATION OF THE COMMUNITY

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN, RECENTLY COMMISSIONED BY THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Goes Behind: EVENTS BROUGHT TOGETHER MEMBERS OF ALL COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, IMMIGRANT, REFUGEES, YOUTH. WE HEARD FROM THE COUNTY AND SYSTEMS AND COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND CAPACITY BUILDING. THE NEED FOR SERVICE AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND DECISION MAKERS TO REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES THEY'RE SERVING AS WELL AS TO RECEIVE BETTER AND INCREASED CULTURAL-SPECIFIC TRAINING TO IMPROVE PROGRAMMING, POLICIES AND SERVICE DELIVERIES IN THE AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIONS AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE. IN LIGHT OF ALL THIS, WE HUMBLY ASK THAT YOU EMBED IN TRACTS IN ALL AREAS WITH ADDICTIONS, CLINICAL SERVICES, CHILD HEALTH. TRAUMA INFORMED FASD TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP SCREENING, ASSESSMENT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. YOUR STRATEGIC SUPPORT OF THIS APPROACH WILL INSURE ITS SUCCESS. PLEASE CALL UPON US TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE RELATIONSHIP TO AID IN YOUR ONGOING EFFORTS. THANK YOU.

Ms. Baldwin: I REALLY WANT TO ECHO THE GRATITUDE OF OUR GROUP TO BE HERE, TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEND THE TIME WITH SOME OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY, TO SPEND THE TIME WITH YOUR CHIEFS OF STAFF. AS AN OLD WOMAN, I'M QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE COMMITMENT. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE IN THE CONTEXT THAT LOOKS AT, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, SOME OF THE OUTCOMES OF PRENATAL EXPOSURE OUT FETAL ALCOHOL. LOOKING AT HOMELESSNESS, LOOKING AT ASSISTED LIVING. THERE ARE STATISTICS AROUND WHO WE ARE. THERE'S NOT A LOT TO ADD --

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU COULD ADD YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD? [LAUGHTER]

Ms. Baldwin: WELL, THAT'S REALLY UNIMPORTANT. SUSIE BALDWIN. THANK YOU. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE. SPEAKING OF THE BALDWIN, I PLAGIARIZED FOR MY BROTHER FOR THE TITLE OF THE DOCUMENT YOU HAVE. ACTUALLY, FOR THE TRAINING TOMORROW, TOO. AS AN ARCHITECT AND URBAN PLANNER OF THIS COMMUNITY, ONE OF THE THINGS HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WAS WE GROW HOPE, BUT WE DON'T DELIVER THE PROMISE. I HEARD PREVIOUSLY TODAY TO CONTINUE. THE GRATITUDE TO THE PROMISE THAT YOU HAVE ENGAGED IN. BUT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO ENGAGE IN THAT IN A WAY IN WHICH WE BELIEVE SYSTEMICALLY IT WILL CREATE CHANGE. IT WILL SHIFT THE PARADIGM FROM THE WAY IN WHICH WE APPROACH OUR CHALLENGES AND ISSUES OF SOCIETY TO A WAY THAT IS NOT ONLY MORE CULTURALLY CONGRUENT, BUT IN A WAY THAT REALLY WORKS. THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE SEEKS TO REDUCE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DURING PREGNANCY IN WHICH PROGRAMMING AND SERVICE DELIVERY IS TRULY INTEGRATED, COORDINATED AND INFORMED BY

COMMUNITY CULTURE, VALUES AND READINESS. READINESS IS A KEY FEATURE.

Ms. Baldwin: WE CAN'T DO. WE CAN'T PUSH TO OTHERS. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT TODAY LOOKED AT THAT. HUMAN NATURE SOMETIMES. IF WE FEEL WE HAVE AN ANSWER. AT MY RIPE, OLD AGE, I WANT TO BE DOMINEERING AROUND THE THINGS I WANT TO HAPPEN. IF WE NURTURE, WE WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL AND SUSTAIN IT. WITH OUR PRIMARY GOING TO DIMINISHING THE INCIDENTS OF PRENATAL EXPOSURE AND IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF THOSE IMPACTED BY FETE FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER WITHIN THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND AMERICAN NATIVE COMMUNITY, THE MODEL DESIGNS PROBABLY THE MOST UNIQUE FEATURE IS THAT IT IS A COLLABORATIVE. YES, INDEED, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IT PROCEEDS. PART OF WHAT WE INVITE YOU TO DO IS TO LOOK AT THIS AS A TEMPLATE FOR REPLICATION. WE COME HERE AND SPEAK FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT YOU NOT UNDERSTAND THIS FROM THE CONTEXT THAT IT'S A NATIVE PROBLEM, IT'S AN INDIAN PROBLEM.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT EXISTS IN MUCH GREATER NUMBERS WITHIN OTHER ETHNICITIES AND OTHER COUNTRIES. BUT WE HAVE WITHIN THE NATIVE COMMUNITY, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO LOOK AT IT LONGER. TO BRING OUR OWN TRADITIONAL TOOLS AND FILL OUR BASKET OF HOPE WITH THOSE TOOLS BECAUSE THOSE WHO IDENTIFIED IT CAME TOGETHER WITH IHS IN THE EARLY DAYS AND NATIVE COMMUNITIES. SO WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GROW IT IN A WAY THAT IT DOES ENGAGE PEOPLE. AND, THEN IN FACT, TO OUR APPRECIATION AND EXCITEMENT, IT HAS ENGAGED THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY HAS BEEN COLLABORATIVE FROM THE GET-GO IN TERMS OF HONORING THAT DESIRE TO GROW IT FROM THE INSIDE. WE ARE AWARE THAT THOSE WHO ARE MOST REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHILDREN BORN TODAY ARE OFTEN THOSE WHO THEMSELVES ARE IMPACTED BY AN FASD. AS WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU FOLKS, WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO POINT IT OUT.

MANY OF THE THINGS WE DO, WITH GOOD HEART, SEEK TO ADDRESS. WE AREN'T SEEKING IN A WAY THAT WILL CREATE CHANGE FOR THE NEUROLOGY, THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, THE PROCESSING. ONE OF THE REASONS WE GREW IS, WE'VE TALKED WITH SOME OF YOU ABOUT THIS. THERE IS NO WAY, NO MATTER HOW WONDERFUL A PROVIDER YOU ARE. PART OF WHAT'S BROUGHT TO MIND WAS LAST PRESENTATION AROUND THE SENIOR PROGRAM. IS, WE HAVE GOOD IDEAS. WE EVEN KNOW WHAT TO DO. WE KNOW SO MANY STRATEGIES. EVERYONE WHO HAS SPOKEN TO YOU, IS INCREDIBLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN. WHAT WE DON'T HAVE IS THE ABILITY TO ADDRESS WHAT WE GLARINGLY KNOW, THIS IS A CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, WHOSE ORGANIC BRAIN DAMAGE HAS CREATED A LANDSCAPE THAT I CANNOT RETRIEVE OR I CANNOT SUSTAIN

GOOD FEELINGS, POSITIVE ACTION OR THAT WHICH I'M SUPPOSED TO DO RIGHT.

Ms. Baldwin: IF IN FACT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING ME HAVE NOT BEEN MAPPING THE POSITIVE BUT ARE CONTINUALLY AND TELLING ME WHAT I'M DOING WRONG, THAT DOES NOT PRESENT ANY POTENTIAL CHANGE FOR BEHAVIOR. I NEED WHAT IS MAPPED, THAT I AM DOING RIGHT. AND I DID IT FREQUENT. FREQUENCY IS THE VERY ISSUE THAT OUR ELDERS AND NATURAL HELPERS HAVE COME IN TO DO, TO SERVE AS CHEERLEADERS. SELF-ESTEEM. IT'S ONE OF THE FIRST FALL-OUTS. IF I DO NOT FEEL GOOD ABOUT MYSELF AND I HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY WITHIN THE SCHOOL SETTING TO EXPERIENCE THAT, I FEEL LIKE A FAILURE. I MIGHT JUST RECEDE AND I MIGHT MEDICATE WITH PAIN -- WITH MY PAIN WITH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. I MIGHT GIVE UP. I MIGHT GIVE INTO THAT EXTREME HOPELESSNESS AND IT MIGHT BE IN THAT MOMENT OF THAT DAY AND THAT'S THAT MOMENT OF THAT DAY I DECIDE TO TAKE MY LIFE BECAUSE I CAN'T STAND IT. I MIGHT GET REALLY ANGRY, INSTEAD OF BEING THE CHILD THAT IS RECEDING IN A CLASSROOM, I MIGHT DECIDE I CAN BE THE BEST CLASS CLOWN AND THEN I FOUND THE REALLY EFFECTIVE WAY IS TO ACT OUT AND ANNOY THE TEACHERS AND SO I BEING SET UPON THIS TRAJECTORY OF NOT HEALTHY BEHAVIOR. IT'S IDENTIFIED.

I MIGHT VERY LIKELY END UP WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AS A JUVENILE. ALL OF THESE ARE OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE WAY FOR US TO BE ABLE TO INTERRUPT WITH MITIGATING STRATEGIES AND INTERVENTIONS THAT WILL CHANGE THE LIFE COURSE. IF NOT, I VERY LIKELY WILL END UP WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND I WILL BE THAT STATISTIC THAT EXPOSES OUR RATES OF RECIDIVISM. I MIGHT BE LIKELY ENOUGH THAT I GET REMANDED TO TREATMENT BUT THE TREATMENT SETTING MIGHT NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT TO UNDERSTAND HOW I LEARN. SO WHAT WE ARE ASKING AND INVITING WITH THIS PROCLAMATION, IT'S NOT MONEY. WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR DOLLARS. WE'RE ASKING FOR THE CONCEPTUAL SUPPORT THAT WILL IN FACT REINFORCE YOUR ENGAGEMENT, YOUR INTEREST THAT YOU'VE EXPRESSED, WE'VE SEEN OVER THIS LAST MONTH IN A WAY THAT WILL ALLOW THE ENGAGEMENT OF ALL SERVICES IN THE KIND OF SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT THAT IS NOT STIGMATIC. WHAT? YOU DID WHAT? OR EVEN ASKING QUESTIONS IN THE WAY WE DO.

WE ARE ASKING FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY, THAT GIFT TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITHIN YOUR SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS TO CREATE A SENSE OF ACCEPTANCE AROUND WHAT FETAL ALCOHOL IS. THIS IS A DISABILITY THAT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CAN'T AND WON'T AND UNDERSTAND HOW THE BRAIN IS WORKING AND WE DO, WE HAVE PROFOUND SUCCESSES. WE HAVE SUCCESSES INTERNATIONALLY, LOTS IN CANADA, OTHER PARTS OF THIS COUNTRY, EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR YEARS AND WE DO THE SERVICES DIFFERENTLY,

THEY'RE OUT EIGHT, 10, 20 YEARS. SO, I'M INVITING CONCEPTUAL SUPPORT AND I REALLY, REALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR EARS TODAY. I THANK THOSE THAT WENT BEFORE US THAT, I THINK, TOLD OUR STORY, TOO. AND I THANK THE PEOPLE I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK FOR. THEY ARE OUR TEACHERS. AT THE END OF THE DAY, I TRULY BELIEVE WHEN WE LEARN TO SERVE PEOPLE IMPACTED BY PRENATAL EXPOSURE TO ALCOHOL, WE LEARN HOW TO BE HUMAN BEINGS.

Chair Kafoury: WHO IS GOING TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Ms. Baldwin: I THINK YOU FOLKS WOULD BE REALLY APPROPRIATE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE BEGGING AND GRAVELING FOR, THAT IT IS YOUR PROCLAMATION.

[CHAIR KAFOURY READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Vice-Chair Smith: I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO CAME TO TESTIFY THIS MORNING ABOUT FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER. AND AS WE KNOW, THEY HAVE A LONG IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S SOCIAL, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH. AS YOUR PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTED, PEOPLE WITH A FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER ARE AT GREATER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, RECIDIVISM AND OTHER POOR HEALTH ISSUES. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE AT GREATER RISK. FOR ME, IT IS AN HONOR TO SUPPORT THIS PROCLAMATION AND TO SUPPORT THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND WHO WAS THAT, KOVI? YOU'RE NOT RUINED. YOU'RE VALUABLE. YOU'RE EDUCATED. YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL. YOU'RE IMPORTANT AND YOU ARE OUR FUTURE. THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES. YOU KNOW THAT TAKES A LOT OF COURAGE TO COME UP HERE AND SHARE A STORY WITH US. SO, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU -- I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU DO THAT AND I LOVE HEALTHY BABIES EQUAL HEALTHY FUTURES. PERFECT. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Bailey: I'LL EQUAL THAT, THAT HEALTHY BABIES EQUAL HEALTH FUTURES. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND SHARING YOUR STORIES AND DISPELLING SOME OF THE MYTHS AROUND FASD AND HIGHLIGHTING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS AND THE PAIN THAT IS BOTH RESULTS FROM AND THE PAIN THAT IT CAN CAUSE. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE IN DOING THAT.

Ms. Baldwin: I THANK YOU FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF YOUR FACES AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY AND THEREFORE A GIFT, AND THAT'S WHY WE OFFER THIS PROJECT UP, NOT ONLY TO ADDRESS FASD, BUT TO HELP IT ADDRESS ALL COMMUNITIES AND THANK YOU. THANK YOU

FOR READING IT. I THINK THAT'S MEAN TO ASK SOMEBODY TO READ SOMEBODY'S ELSE'S WORK LAUGHS

Chair Kafoury: I THINK YOU'VE CHOSEN A GREAT WAY TO END THIS CONVERSATION, THAT THE LESSON LESSONS THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED ARE REALLY APPLICABLE ALL OVER. GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE FOR WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY NEED. A LOT OF IT REVOLVES AROUND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. I DON'T LIKE TO USE THE PHRASE, MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT. WHEN YOU TAKE THE TIME TO ACTUALLY LISTEN TO PEOPLE'S STORIES AND HEAR WHAT THEY NEED AND WHAT THEIR BACKGROUND IS, IS WHEN YOU CAN START TO HELP THEM AND HAVE THEM SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. I THINK THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE IS SUCH A SIGN OF WHAT WE, AS A BOARD, VALUE AND WHAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY VALUES OF WORKING WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS SO THAT SOLUTIONS COME FROM COMMUNITIES, AND IS BASED AROUND COMMUNITY AND THE BUY-IN FROM THE FOLKS WE WANT TO WORK WITH AND THE FOLKS WHO COME TO US FOR SERVICES. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS RELATIONSHIP AND WHAT FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE IS GOING TO DO NEXT BECAUSE WE HAVE HIGH HOPES. WE NEED TO VOTE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION'S ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE'VE COME TO THE TIME FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: IN ABOUT AN HOUR, WE ARE GOING TO OPEN A WOMEN'S SHELTER IN GRESHAM AT 162ND AND BURNSIDE. IT GOES UNTIL 1:30, SO ANYONE IS WELCOME TO STOP BY AND LOOK AT THE SHELTER. IT WILL HOUSE ABOUT 90 WOMEN, I BELIEVE. AND ALSO THEIR PETS, IF THEY WANT TO SO BRING THEM. AND, SECONDLY, TOMORROW IS THE PORTLAND VETERANS STAND DOWN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM. VISIT WITH OUR VETERANS

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE?

Vice-Chair Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED TO GIVE EVERYONE A HEADS-UP THAT TOMORROW IS CASCADES AIDS PROJECT AND I'LL BE THERE. I BELIEVE THAT COMMISSIONER JUDY SHIPRACK WILL BE THERE AND THEN I'M GOING TO DAWSON PARK FOR THE JAMBALAYA FEED.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING AND WE WILL ADJOURN.
[GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 11:42 a.m.

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