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AYANNA PRESSLEY, GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER, MY NAME MATT O'MALLEY, THE CITY COUNCILOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTHY WOMEN'S FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS DOCKET NUMBER 0176, MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. MY CRASH SHAH JORDAN AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE BOSTON HEALTH COMMISSION AND 0305, MESSAGE AND ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILEMON LATTICE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION. BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AS WELL.

FIRST A NOTE OF CLARIFICATION. THE ORIGINAL DOCKET SUMMARY ON THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA FOR DOCKET 0176 HAD A TYPO REGARDING DR. MENTOR JORDAN'S TERM, HER TERM WILL EXPIRE IN 2022 AS WRITTEN IN THE DOCKET, NOT 2020, AS WRITTEN IN THE EXPWREPPED, I AM JOINED BY MY DEAR COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND THE DISTRICT COUNCILOR REPRESENTING DISTRICT 2, ED FLYNN, WELCOME, COUNCILOR FLYNN, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

AS WELL AS HEATHER GASPER FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION WHO WILL START US OFF.

BEFORE WE GET INTO THIS CONVERSATION, COUNCILOR FLYNN DID YOU HAVE ANY OPENING COMMENTS?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY AND THANK YOU TO THE STAFF, BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION. FOR YOUR GREAT WORK FOR MANY YEARS IN THE CITY AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ON VARIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH

COMMISSION IN HELPING OUR
RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORHOODS
ACROSS THE CITY.
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH US
TODAY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
>> THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING,
WHICH MEANS IT IS BEING STREAMED
AND TELEVISED, THERE IS ALSO AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC
TESTIMONY, IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC WOULD WISH TO HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT THE
CONCLUSION OF THIS PANEL.
THEY ARE WELCOME TO DO SO IF
THEY WERE JUST TO FILL IN THE
SIGN-IN SHEET TO MY LEFT.
AND FINALLY, ANY INDIVIDUAL
WATCHING THIS ONLINE OR ON
TELEVISION CAN SUBMIT WRITTEN
TESTIMONY BY MAIL OR E-MAIL.
THE E-MAIL ADDRESS IS CCC.HWFC
@BOSTON.GOV.

>> HEALTHY -- ALL RIGHT WE WILL
GET RIGHT INTO IT.

MS. GASPER DO YOU WANT TO GIVE A
QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC
HEALTH COMMISSION AND THE TWO
POSITIONS WE WILL TALK ABOUT
FILLING TODAY?

>> YES, SURE, THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU FOR
HAVING ME.

>> I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF MAYOR
WALSH A'S REAPPOINTMENT OF
DR. MENTOR JORDAN ANDS IN
LATTICE, THE BOARD IS A SEVEN
PERSON BOARD APPOINTED BY MAYOR
WALSH AND THE POWERS OF THE
BOARD ARE TO ADOPT, AMEND AND
REPEAL REASONABLE HEALTH
REGULATIONS, THE BOARD HAS
ADOPTED INNOVATIVE POLICY
INTERVENTIONS INCLUDING NUMEROUS
MEASURES RELATED TO ANYBODY,
YOUTH INITIATION OF TOBACCO AND
NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND BIOLOGICAL
SAFETY MEASURES AND OF COURSE
OUR EXPERTISE SERVES ON THE
BOARD SERVE TO INFORM OUR POLICY
DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION AND
THE WORK WE DO.
SO THEIR PARTICIPATION AND
EXPERTISE ARE VALUABLE TO OUR

WORK.

WE HAVE BEEN THRILLED TO HAVE DR. MENTOR JORDAN ON OUR BOARD NOW, HER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, HER EXPERIENCE WITH LARGE HEALTH CENTER, HER EXPERIENCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE HAVE JUST BEEN INVALUABLE AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO LATTICE THIS TERMS OF BEING A RESIDENT OF GENEVA AND BEING PART OF ANOTHER HEALTH CENTER, WE THINK SHE WILL WILL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR BOARD. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND HAPPY TO TURN IT OVER TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS.

>> GREAT.

I THINK WE WILL TALK TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. JORDAN, DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE A QUICK OVERVIEW OF YOUR CV AND RESUME AND YOUR EXPERIENCE HAVING COME UP ON THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR FIRST TERM ON THE HEALTH COMMISSION.

>> SURE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME AND I APPRECIATE THE ATTENTION TO, THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THIS REAPPOINTMENT. I AM AN INTERNIST BY TRAINING, I AM ORIGINALLY FROM NEW YORK AND DID MY TRAINING AT JOHNS HOPKINS IN INTERNAL MEDICINE AND CAME TO BOSTON IN 2007.

FIRST AS ACHIEVE MEDICAL OFFICER OF ENDEMIC CENTER AND BECAME THE PRESIDENT AND CEO IN 2013.

SINCE TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO SERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS OF BOSTON AND BEYOND. AND REALLY FOCUSING, MUCH OF MY TIME HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE TOBACCO INITIATIVE THAT WAS MENTIONED THAT WE UNDERTOOK AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES FOR THE CITY AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER LEADER, I FIND THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE AND TO REPRESENT THE ALL ABOUT HEALTH

NEEDS AS WE LOOK AT HOW WE TREAT
FLU EPIDEMIC IN SIX FROM H1N1 TO
MY TIME IN BOSTON TO THE VARIOUS
PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES THAT HAVE
ARISEN DURING MY TIME ON THE
COMMISSION, IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR
TO SHARE MY EXPERTISE, MY
CLINICAL EXPERTISE AS WELL AS MY
KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMUNITIES
THAT WE SERVE AND IN REALLY
TRYING TO CRAFT THE PUBLIC
HEALTH AGENDA FOR THE CITY.
I HAVE A GREAT APPRECIATION FOR
THE WORK WITH THAT THE
COMMISSION HAS DONE IN TERMS OF
IDENTIFYING DISPARITIES FOR A
PARTICULAR POPULATIONS AS WELL
AS THE WORK WITH THAT WE HAVE
DONE MORE RECENTLY IN
ESTABLISHING THE TENETS OF OUR
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRYING TO
ENSURE WE ENGAGE VARIOUS
STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PLANNING
PROCESS, PARTICULARLY FOCUSED ON
THE MAYOR'S INTERESTS IN TERMS
OF NOT ONLY 0 IDENTIFYING
DISPARITIES BUT WORKING
DILIGENTLY TO IMPROVE THE
DISPARITIES WE ARE SEEING.
THE WORK THAT THE MAYOR HAS DONE
IN TERMS OF THE OFFICE OF
RECOVERY SERVICES I HAVE
SUPPORTED, I HAVE WORKED WITH
THE MAYOR IN TERMS OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT OFFICE,
AND IN SUPPORTING THAT OFFICE'S
INTEGRATION INTO THE COMMISSION
AS WELL AS THE OFFICE'S OUTREACH
INTO THE COMMUNITY WITH VARIOUS
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS,
INCLUDING THE ENDEMIC CENTER SO
VERY PROUD TO HAVE SERVED ON THE
COMMISSION AND LOOK FORWARD TO
BEING REAPPOINTED AND HAPPY TO
ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU
MAY HAVE.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

AND WHICH NEIGHBORHOOD IN BOSTON
DO YOU LIVE IN?

>> I LIVE IN WEST ROXBURY.

>> THE BEST DISTRICT KNOWN TO
MAN.

[LAUGHTER.]

>> TERRIFIC.

PHILLY LATTICE CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE?

>> SURE.

GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK THE MAYOR FOR HIS APPOINTMENT.

SO AM A LIFELONG RESIDENT IN YES THEY VARKS BORN AND RAISED IN BOSTON, STARTED MY EARLY WORK AROUND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH THAT HAS BEEN KIND OF WHAT I HAVE DONE UP UNTIL THE POINT THAT I GOT TO THE HEALTH CENTER.

SO I HAVE BEEN ON BOLDEN STREET FOR OVER TEN YEARS AND NOW IN THE CURRENT ROLE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SO I STARTED AS MANAGER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH. VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WORKING AT THE HEALTH CENTER AND ALSO THINKING ABOUT WHAT THIS ROLE MEANS AS A COMMUNITY RESIDENT, SOMEONE WHO HAS APPEAL, RAISING CHILDREN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT I GREW UP IN THAT WE SERVED, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.

SO LOOKING FORWARD TO -- I HAVE HAD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION DURING MY TIME, MY ENTIRE TIME AT THE HEALTH CENTER, STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIPS ON ISSUES SUCH AS VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION, TRAUMA, FOOD ACCESS AND REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT I CAN BRING TO THE TABLE AS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN ON THE GROUND AND A ALSO CURRENTLY SERVING AS A LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN BOSTON.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

>> AND WHICH HIGH SCHOOL DID YOU ATTEND?

>> I WENT TO BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL.

>> EXCELLENT.

>> SO YOU BOTH -- YOU ARE THE EXECUTIVE -- DR. MENTOR JORDAN IS CEO OF THE ENDEPP MICK, ENDEMIC CENTER. TWO OF THE BEST EPIDEN MICK CENTER.

TWO OF THE BEST BY FAR .. HOW MANY DO YOU SEE AT THE CLINICS.

>> SURE WE HAVE ABOUT 11,000 PATIENTS AND WE DO ABOUT 40, ABOUT 45,000 VISITS A YEAR.

>> GREAT.

>> AND AT THE ENDEMIC STERN ROUGHLY 19,000 FAMILIES AND A.

>> ARE YOU THE BIGGEST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN BOSTON.

>> THE SECOND LARGEST TO EAST BOSTON.

>> EAST BOSTON IS THE LARGEST, EXCELLENT.

AND, YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE A LOT OF THE WORK YOU TALKED ABOUT, SPECIFICALLY AS IT IS AROUND HEALTH DISPARITIES, THIS IS SOMEWHAT OFF TOPIC BUT I WOULD BE REALLY APPRECIATIVE IF YOU BOTH COULD COME BACK IN A FORMAL CAPACITY OR EVEN JUST TO HELP GUIDE US BUT, COUNCILOR KIM JANEY AND I THE FIRST THING WE AUTHORED WAS BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH AND THE FACT WE HAVE FOUR TIMES, FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE GIVING CHILDBIRTH IF YOU ARE A BLACK WOMAN AS POSITIONED TO A WHITE WOMAN SO WAYS WE CAN ADDRESS THAT, BECAUSE NOT ONLY IS IT THE PRENATAL PIECE BUT ALSO OTHER THINGS SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

AND THEN TO THAT POINT, YOU KNOW, FOR ME AND I KNOW YOU GOES SHARE THIS, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION THAT VALUES AND RESPECTS EVERY BOSTONIAN NO MATTER WHERE THEY COME FROM, YOU KNOW, CITIZENSHIP STATUS, YOU KNOW, WHO THEY LOVE, GENDER, IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, SO CAN YOU TALK MORE ABOUT AT THAT THE EFFORTS WE CAN MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND INDEED THE CITY, I KNOW THE

MAYOR SHARES THIS AS WELL, IS OPEN AND WELCOMING A PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD, YOU KNOW, AS ANY OTHER.

>> I AM HAPPY TO START.

>> YES.

>> AND I THINK PART OF IT IS LOOKING AT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND WORKING WITH THE HEAD OF THE COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT HER COO LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS OTHERS 0 IN THE COMMISSION REFLECT THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE AND IT DOES THAT.

I BELIEVE QUITE WELL THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM TO GROW WITHIN THAT.

I THINK IT IS DIVERSITY OF THE COMMISSION IS IMPORTANT, OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS.

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE REFLECTION.

THE OPEN MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE AND WE TRY TO CREATE A VERY WARM ENVIRONMENT AND ENGAGING ENVIRONMENT FOR THAT.

I AM CONFIDENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR NEW CHAIRPERSON, THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THOSE EFFORTS.

SO ENSURING THAT THE PUBLIC FEELS APPROPRIATELY ENGAGED IN OUR CONVERSATIONS AND THAT THOSE CONVERSATIONS ARE OPEN.

WE TACKLE A NUMBER OF TOPICS AROUND DISPARITIES, REALLY HITTING ON ALL OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS THAT YOU HAVE JUST MENTIONED AND I THINK THOSE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH OPEN AND ENGAGING TO THE PUBLIC.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

>> AS SOMEONE COMING IN, I HAVE KNOWN DR. JORDAN FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND ALSO MANNY LOPES AS WELL, I KNOW I AM COMING ON TO A VERY STRONG TEAM.

I HEARD A LOT OF GREAT THINGS ABOUT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

LOOKING AT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DISPARITIES IT IS SOMETHING THAT

IS ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE WORK WE DO, AND MAKING SURE THAT HEALTHCARE IS ACCESSIBLE AND ALSO EQUITABLE, I THINK WE ALL SHARE THE SAME STRUGGLES AS WE TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, MATERNAL, FETAL HEALTH AND, YOU KNOW, HOW THE OUT COMES OF THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SO GREAT AND HOW DO WE MOVE THE DIAL ON THAT AND HOW DO WE MAKE THE CHANGE? SO FOR ME, COMING IN, VERY -- COMING IN VERY ENERGETIC AND VERY OPEN TO SHARING AND REALLY WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MISSION TO SEE WHAT KNOWLEDGE OR, YOU KNOW, SERVICES THAT I CAN BRING TO THE TABLE THAT WOULD REALLY HELP TO MOVE THE DIAL ON A LOT OF THESE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH IN THE CITY.

>> GREAT.

GIVEN THE FACT YOU BOTH HAVE SUCH EXPERTISE AT TWO CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE RELATIONSHIP WITH SOME OF THE LARGER SCALE HOSPITALS INCLUDING MASS GENERAL -- SUPPORTING SOME OF YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS? I KNOW FOR EXAMPLE IN MY DISTRICT, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HAS A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MARTHA CENTER NEXT TO THE FORM.

>> MILDRED HALEY THAT HAS BEEN A GOOD RELATIONSHIP. HAVE YOU SEEN THAT AS WELL, SOME GOOD SYNERGY WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE HEALTH CENTERS AND PROGRAMS SOME OTHERS.

>> WE ARE LICENSED BY DEACONNIST MEDICAL CENTER, AND, YOU KNOW, THINKING BACK TO LIKE THE STORIES THAT I HAVE HEARD, A PART OF I WASN'T A PART OF THE EARLIER CONVERSATIONS BUT WHEN WE SURVEYED OUR PATIENTS ABOUT WHERE THEY WANTED TO RECEIVE THEIR CARE, THE NUMBER ONE CHOICE THAT THEY HAD WAS BETH ISRAEL AND ALSO FOR OUR PARENTS,

THEIR FIRST CHOICE WAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND WE HAVE A VERY STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

SO WHEN IT COMES TO SERVICE, WHEN IT COMES TO ADVOCATING FOR OUR PATIENTS TO HAVE EQUAL ACCESS, I HAVE NOT HAD THINK ISSUES.

>> GREAT.

>> AND THEY HAVE BEEN PRETTY STRONG.

>> GOOD.

>> YES.

I WOULD AGREE.

I THINK THE HOPS HAVE BEEN GREAT PARTNERS WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN BOSTON.

I THINK THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN TERMS OF HOW WE THINK ABOUT A .. ALIGNING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENDA OF OUR HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN THE COMMISSION AND I SEE COMMISSION IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE AS BEING ABLE TO DO THAT AND I KNOW THAT WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

OF BRINGING THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER AND AGREEING ON A COMMON HEALTH AGENDA FOR BOTH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND HOSPITALS.

SO -- BUT I THINK THAT WORK IS FOUNDED IN THIS PRINCIPLE OF AMAZING SUPPORT FROM THE HOSPITALS TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS A AND TO THE COMMISSION, AND I SEE US WORKING TOGETHER COLLABORATIVELY IN ORDER TO PUSH FORWARD A COMMON PUBLIC HEALTH AGENDA.

>> GREAT.

I APPRECIATE YOUR WORK ON 0 THE TOBACCO INITIATIVE.

I THINK THAT IS REALLY, THAT REALLY HAS BEEN IMPORTANT FOR A WHOLE HOST OF REASONS.

SHOULD YOU BE APPOINTED OR REAPPOINTED, WHAT IS ONE SORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSION TO REALLY DIG DEEP ON IN THE YEARS

AHEAD?

WE WILL START WITH YOU, PHILLY.

>> SURE.

SO COMING IN FOR ME, IT WOULD BE
OUR THE PUBLIC SAFETY.

I SIGNED ON AS VALIDATOR FOR ONE
OF THE BILLS THE MAYOR WAS
PUTTING FORWARD TO ASK QUESTIONS
AROUND THE ACCESS AND JUST
VIOLENCE TO OUR PEDIATRIC
PATIENTS ESPECIALLY SO WE
STARTED A PILOT AT THE HEALTH
CENTER WHERE WE ARE ACTUALLY
LOOKING AT ASKING THOSE
QUESTIONS IN THE MEDICAL VISIT.
SO ASKING QUESTIONS LIKE, IN THE
PAST, SEVERAL WEEKS OR IN THE
PAST MONTH, HAVE YOU BEEN IN AN
ALTERCATION?

OR HAVE YOU HAD ANY VERBAL
DISPUTE?

AND AFTER THAT, THE FOLLOW-UP
QUESTION WOULD BE DO YOU THINK
THAT ISSUE WAS RESOLVED?
IT.

>> IF THEY SAY NO THEN MORE THAN
LIKELY THEY MAY BE CARRYING SOME
FORM OF PROTECTION AND WE WOULD
SEEK OUT OTHER RESOURCES TO
ASSIST.

SO FOR ME WHEN I THINK OF THE
MOST RECENT HIT THAT OUR
COMMUNITY HAS HAD AND I WOULD
TALK ABOUT THAT JESSE CORREA,
THINKING ABOUT HOW THE COMMUNITY
CAME TOGETHER, NOT JUST THE
COMMUNITY, IT WAS PEOPLE FROM
EVERYWHERE, BOWDEN STREET WAS
JAM-PACKED ON FRIDAY AND
SATURDAY WITH THE SERVICES.
SO WHEN I THINK ABOUT THAT AND
HOW THAT IMPACTS PEOPLE .. IF
YOU THINK ABOUT DIABETES, IF YOU
-- THE WAY TO PREVENT TYPE
2 DIABETES IS TO EXERCISE AND
EAT HEALTHY, IF YOU DON'T FEEL
SAFE YOU ARE NOT GOING TO GO OUT
AND EXERCISE.

THERE ARE SO MANY -- THERE IS
SUCH A RIPPLE EFFECT WHEN YOU
THINK ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AND
OTHER INITIATIVES, SO FOR ME,
LENDING MY HAND TO THAT IS
SOMETHING THAT I WOULD BE MOST

INTERESTED IN.
AND THEN OBVIOUSLY, OTHER ISSUES
AROUND TOBACCO, THEY ALL CONNECT
IN SOME WAY.

SO THAT WOULD BE IT FOR ME.

>> OKAY.

>> IT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT ONE.

>> I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE IN
THAT BEING A PRIORITY FOR THE
COMMISSION MOVING FORWARD.

I WOULD ADD SUBSTANCE ABUSE
DISORDER, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT
CONTINUES TO IMPACT BOSTON AS
WELL AS THE COMMONWEALTH
DISPROPORTIONATELY TO THE REST
OF THE COUNTRY.

I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF
INCREDIBLE WORK THAT HAS BEEN
DONE BUT WE CONTINUE TO SEE
RISING RATES OF OVERDOSE,
PARTICULARLY WITHIN COMMUNITIES
OF COLOR.

AND SO I THINK WE, THERE IS
STILL ROOM TO GROW IN TERMS OF
HOW WE NOT ONLY PROVIDE ACCESS
TO TREATMENT SERVICES BUT ALSO
EDUCATION, AND I THINK
PARTICULARLY WITH THE
LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA, I
THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME
FOR US TO DOUBLE DOWN ON THE
EFFORTS AND REALLY MAKE SURE
THAT WE ARE PREVENTING FURTHER
OVERDOSES AND OPIATE USE TO
BEGIN WITH, WITHIN NOT ONLY
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR BUT THE
BROADER BOSTON COMMUNITY.

>> HAS THE PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMISSION WEIGHED IN ON HARM
REDUCTION SITES OR SAFE
INJECTION FACILITIES?

>> NOT FORMALLY NO.

>> ANY THOUGHTS YOU WANT TO
SHARE?

>> NONE AT THIS TIME.

I THINK THERE IS SOME MORE -- I
THINK PART OF WHAT -- THE CAVEAT
OF WHAT, I WILL KAVANAUGH RAT IN
TERMS OF WHAT I AM SAYING, WE
NEED TO THINK MORE BROADLY OF
WHAT HARM REDUCTION IS, WE FOCUS
ON THE MORE COMPLEX TOPICS
WITHIN HARM REDUCTION, YOUR HARM
REDUCTION IS ALSO WEARING

BICYCLE HELMETS, SO I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE ARE A DEEPER DISCUSSION AT THE COMMISSION LEVEL AND WITH THE PUBLIC ABOUT CHANGING OUR IDEAS AROUND HARM REDUCTION INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON THE MORE COMPLEX ISSUES BUT REALLY THINKING MORE BROADLY ABOUT WHAT THE CONTINUUM OF HARM REDUCTION LOOKS LIKE, THERE ARE THOSE CONVERSATIONS THAT ARE BEGINNING BUT WE HAVEN'T FORMALLY --

>> NO, THAT'S FAIR AND I THINK WE SHOULD BE -- I AM GLAD AT LEAST THAT THE HEALTH COMMISSION IS BEGINNING THESE CONVERSATIONS, BECAUSE THEY ARE IMPORTANT.

I KNOW THERE IS -- A WHOLE HOST OF ISSUES SURROUNDING THEM, BUT I KNOW THE MAYOR ALSO HAS BEEN UP FRONT ABOUT TALKING ABOUT THE NEED TO BE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION, SO I APPRECIATE THAT.

>> HOW OFTEN DOES THE BOARD MEET?

>> ONCE A MONTH.

>> AND IS THERE A STY END FOR SERVING ON THE BOARD?

>> THERE IS NOT.

>> THERE IS NOT.

>> NO.

>> SO YOU GUYS ARE WILLING TO DO THIS FOR 0 A LOT OF WORK AND NO MONEY.

SO I THINK THAT SHOULD BE NOTED BECAUSE I DO REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE, ON PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES.

I KNOW YOU ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB EDUCATING AND PROVIDING AS MUCH INFORMATION AND WORKING CLOSE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR GREAT WORK ON THAT.

AND DR. JORDAN, I WAS INTERESTED IN SOME OF YOUR COMMENTS ON

TOBACCO INITIATIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

>> UH-HUH.

THAT YOU SPOKE ABOUT EARLIER. I HAVE HAD A CHANCE A TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF ON AN UPCOMING, AN UPCOMING FORUM, WE ARE GOING HAVE IN CHINATOWN ON PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED ISSUES, INCLUDING TOBACCO, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS.

SO YOUR STAFF, THE PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF HAS BEEN EXCELLENT IN WORKING CLOSELY WITH ME BUT THE COMMUNITY IN CHINATOWN HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CANCER RATES OF ANY NEIGHBORHOOD, ETHNIC GROUP, CHINESE COMMUNITY, IN BOSTON, THEY ARE BELOW A SCREENING, A WOMAN FOR BREAST EXAMINATIONS OF ANY ETHNIC GROUP, HIGH SMOKING, AND DIABETES RATES.

SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOUR STAFF ON THE UPCOMING FORUM.

BUT, YOU KNOW, CHINATOWN IS SURROUNDED BY, YOU KNOW, THE MASS PIKE AND SURROUNDED BY THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND WE SEE OUR YOUNG KIDS, STUDENTS OF JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL THAT ARE EXERCISING, PLAYING IN THE SCHOOL YARD RIGHT OFF THE MASS PIKE AND BREATHING IN THOSE FUMES, UNFORTUNATELY, ALL THE TIME.

BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT IS CURRENTLY, HOW WE CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE AS IT RELATES TO THESE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS?

>> I DO THINK THE COMMISSION CAN CONTINUE TO TAKE ON A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES AND I THINK AS WE THINK ABOUT POLICIES THAT IMPACT WHERE, YOU KNOW, HIGHWAYS ARE PLACED OR WHERE HIGHWAYS -- WHERE STREETS ARE PLACED OR WHERE DIFFERENT BUSINESSES ARE PLACED TO REALLY CONTINUE TO PUSH FORWARD WITH THE HEALTH POLICY, THAT THERE IS

A RECOGNITION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THESE TYPE OF DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE, AND THE COMMISSION HAS MADE SOME GREAT STRIDES, PARTICULARLY IN PEDIATRIC ASTHMA AROUND A THAT, WE CAN CONTINUE TO TAKE THAT POSITION ON AS A LEADERSHIP ROLE, AND REALLY PUSHING ON NOT ONLY IN HOUSING BUT ALSO AGAIN IN TERMS OF HOW WE ARE THINKING ABOUT COMMUNITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE COMMUNITIES.

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>> AND AS AN EXAMPLE, I KNOW SOUTH COVE IS DOING A LOT OF GOOD WORK ON ABANDON HEALTH ISSUES, BUT I WAS DISCOURAGED WHEN I DID FIND OUT THAT CHINESE WOMEN HAD A LOW EXAMINATION RATE AND, YOU KNOW, WE ARE ACROSS THE STREET FROM TUFTS MEDICAL CENTER, I THINK WE CAN BE DOING MORE WORK ON THAT ISSUE.

>> YES.

>> ESPECIALLY FOR OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, FOR PEOPLE IN PUBLIC HOUSING, BUT I KNOW THAT IS SOMETHING I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH HEATHER ON AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN A FOCUS 0 OF MINE GOING FORWARD.

>> YES.

>> ONE OF THE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS THAT COMMISSION HAS TAKEN IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING THE HEALTH OF BOSTON IS BEING ABLE TO, AND PART OF WHY I WAS REALLY EXCITED AT THE LAST COMMISSION MEETING TO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR HEALTH OF BOSTON IS GOING TO GO ONLINE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT DATA, LOOK AT DATA IN DIFFERENT WAYS, PARTICULARLY AROUND GEOGRAPHY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPACT IS OF CERTAIN DISEASE PROCESSES IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.

WE CAN LINK THAT INFORMATION AND PROVIDE DATA AROUND THAT AND SHARE THAT WITH OUR HOSPITAL PARTNERS AS I TALKED ABOUT EARLIER, BRINGING THE HOSPITALS

TO THE TABLE AS STAKEHOLDERS IN CREATING A COMMON HEALTH AGENDA WITH THAT LEVEL OF DATA CAN HELP TO DRIVE MORE MAMMOGRAM SCREENINGS, MORE EDUCATION IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED.

>> OKAY.

>> AND PHILLY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON SO MANY PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AS WELL. I KNOW YOU ARE ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH SEASONAL WITH. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE COMMUNITY SOUTH END HEALTH CENTER YESTERDAY TO TOUR AND MEET WITH SOME OF THE STAFF THERE.

ONE OF THE CONCERNS THEY WERE EXPRESSING TO ME ASK A LOT OF THE CUTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN REIMBURSEMENT RATES.

THEY ARE ACTUALLY CUTTING A PROGRAM, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IS DOING TREMENDOUS WORK ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES FOR KIDS AND THE ISSUE WAS THAT BECAUSE OF THE CODING SYSTEM THESE YOUNG KIDS DIDN'T HAVE THE DIAGNOSIS OF A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUE, SO THEY WERE WORKING WITH THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THESE ISSUES, BUT BECAUSE OF THE CODING SEASONAL THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO GET REIMBURSED ON IT BECAUSE THERE WASNESS AN OFFICIAL DIAGNOSIS AT THE TIME. I THINK IT WAS A CUT OF \$75,000 TO THE SOUTH END COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.

BUT ARE YOU SEEING SOME OF THESE TYPE OF ISSUES AROUND VARIOUS HEALTH CENTERS ACROSS THE CITY?

>> YES.

AND I CAN SPEAK TO IT A LITTLE BIT, SO -- IS LICENSED WE ARE NOT FEDERALLY QUALIFIED SO WE DO NOT GO DIRECTLY AFTER FEDERAL DOLLARS.

BUT AS IT RELATES TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, YES, THERE IS A CONCERN THAT,, YOU KNOW, THE CODING, THE DIAGNOSES, SO ONE OF THE THINGS

THAT WE, YOU KNOW, HAVE HAD TO SEEK, GRANT FUNDING FOR IS WHAT WE REFER TO AS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION GO WHILE THERE AREN'T FORMAL DIAGNOSES WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR PATIENT POPULATION AS IT RELATES TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUR PATIENT COMES IN AND IT IS EPISODIC, THEY DON'T COME EVERY WEEK FOR A VISIT, THROUGH THE COURSE OF A YEAR, WE MAY SEE THEM ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE TIMES WHEN THEY ARE IN CRISIS MODE AND THEN THEY WILL DROP OFF AND THEY WILL SHOW BACK UP AGAIN.

AS IT RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO THE INTEGRATION PIECE, IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE A LICENSED THERAPIST, SOCIAL WORKER WHO IS ON CALL THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF A PRIMARY CARE VISIT IF THE PROVIDER SEES THAT THERE IS A NEED OR A PATIENT EXPRESSES THAT THEY ARE DEPRESSED OR THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES GOING ON, WE CAN HAVE A SOCIAL WORKER COME IN DURING THAT VISIT AND HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THEM AND AT THAT POINT DO AN ASSESSMENT ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP.

WOULD THEY BENEFIT FROM LONG-TERM OR SHORT-TERM INTERVENTION?

AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT REIMBURSABLE.

SO I THINK MANY OF THE HEALTH CENTERS ARE DOING SOME MORE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION AND NOT GETTING REIMBURSED FOR IT BUT WE SEE IT AS A NEED FOR OUR PATIENT SO WE DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE WELL.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT.

THANK YOU FOR THAT ANSWER.

I KNOW YOU ALSO TALKED ABOUT FOOD ACCESS PROGRAMS.

>> UH-HUH.

>> WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH DOING ON THAT ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IN PUBLIC

HOUSE SOMETHING.

>> RIGHT.

SO THE -- I AM GOING TO MESS THIS UP, I KNOW THERE WERE SNAP BENEFITS, DOUBLE YOUR MONEY, THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF INITIATIVES AROUND EDUCATION, OUTREACH, TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT THOSE DOLLARS EXIST.

I THINK THAT THERE WERE -- THERE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE THAT ARE -- THAT QUALIFY FOR SNAP BENEFITS THAT ARE NOT GETTING IT, SO ONE OF THE APPROACHES IS ONE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF EDUCATION, THEY HAVE BEEN COMING OUT TO THE FARMERS MARKET.

BOWDEN I KNOW IS ONE HEALTH CENTER THAT HAS A .. FARMERS MARKET OR FARM STAND ON-SITE SO WE DO HAVE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION FOR OUR PATIENTS TO LET THEM KNOW THESE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM AND HOW TO ACCESS THEM.

OTHER AREAS AND THINGS THAT THEY HAVE DONE ARE MAKING SURE THAT THEY DO STRATEGIC OUTREACH AROUND COUPONS OR VOUCHERS FOR SENIORS, ESPECIALLY, IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WE DO HAVE ONE SENIOR HOUSING AND THAT IS ON BOWDEN STREET CAUSE THE PACHUCO HOUSE AND WE DO EXTENSIVE OUTREACH THERE AND PARTNER WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION TO DO THAT AS WELL AND LET THEM KNOW THE RESOURCES EXIST.

I THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES IS TO GET WORD OUT.

I THINK PEOPLE IF THE LANGUAGE BEARERS ARE ARE AN ISSUE WITH FOLKS THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT SUPPORTS ARE IN PLACE FOR THEM.

SO WE PARTNERED WITH THEM BECAUSE OF THE LANGUAGE CAPACITY FOR THE HEALTH CENTER TO MAKE SURE WE G AT THE TIME EDUCATION OUT THERE.

>> YES.

I WAS ALSO I BELIEVE PRESSED WITH THE HEALTH STERN'S COMMITMENT TO OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN THIS PUBLIC HOUSING.

I SEE IT IN ALL OF MY HEALTH CENTERS INCLUDING SOUTH BOSTON DOES, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK IN PUBLIC HOUSING, WHICH IS CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT, AND JUST ONE FINAL, ONE FINAL ISSUE IS, I AM WORKING ON AN UPCOMING HEARING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREA CAMPBELL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS OR HAVE ANY THOUGHTS, DOCTOR, ON WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE OUR OUTREACH TO, YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS AT THE SOUTH END COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER YESTERDAY, I WAS ASKING THEM ABOUT THE YOUNG BOYS THAT ARE -- THAT SEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THEIR OWN HOMES, AND IS THERE A LIKELIHOOD THESE YOUNG BOYS WHEN THEY GROW UP WILL ALSO, UNFORTUNATELY, BE, YOU KNOW, BE DOMESTIC ABUSERS WHEN THEY GET OLDER?

SO IS THERE ANY TYPE OF OUTREACH THAT WE CAN DO OR CONTINUE TO DO WITH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ON HELPING YOUNG BOYS GET THE COUNSELING THAT THEY NEED SO THAT THESE ISSUES WON'T BE PREVALENT WHEN THEY GET OLDER?

>> SURE.

SO I THINK SOME OF THE THINGS WE DO AT THE ENDEMIC CENTERS WE SCREEN EVERY PATIENT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THAT INCLUDES THE PARENTS, THE ADULTS AS WELL AS CHILDREN.

SO PART OF IT IS ASKING THE QUESTIONS, WHICH THEN OPENS UP A CONVERSATION FROM A PREVENTION STANDPOINT IS WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS, THOSE THAT DO HAVE COUNSELORS ON THOSE ON THOSE SITES, SOME OF THEM ARE OVERWHELMED BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THEY ARE STANDING FOR AND THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THERE ARE RESOURCES TO CONNECT

THE STUDENTS, SHE SPOKE OF THAT
A BIT BUT OF THE IN TERMS OF
HAVING PSYCHIATRISTS AS WELL AS
COUNSELORS AND PEED
PEDIATRICIANS WORKING TOGETHER
IN THE SAME COLLISION AND
SHARING THE SAME INFORMATION
ABOUT PATIENTS AND MAKE SURE WE
ARE CAPTURING ALL OF THE
PATIENTS THAT SEEK CARE WITH US.
BUT PART OF IT IS EDUCATION.
AND ACCESS TO TREATMENT AS WELL
AS OPENING THE CONVERSATION AND
HELPING TO REDUCE SOME OF THE
STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH
DISCUSSING ABUSE WITHIN THE
HOME.

>> AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD TO
THAT, I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS
THAT MAKE COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTERS UNIQUE WHICH YOU
PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW IS THAT WE
SEE GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES, AND
SO THAT TRUST FIRST AND
FOREMOST, WE CAN SCREEN AS MUCH
AS WE WANT, BUT IF THERE IS NO
TRUST BETWEEN THE PROVIDER OR
ANY STAFF MEMBER, IT WOULD BE
HARD TO GET THAT INFORMATION AND
HARD TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ANY
SORT OF SUPPORT IF THAT TRUST IS
NOT THERE.

>> THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS.
AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
TO BOTH OF YOU FOR BEING HERE,
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR YOUR
LEADERSHIP ON PUBLIC HEALTH
ISSUES FOR MANY YEARS IN OUR
CITY.

AND HEATHER, I JUST WANT TO SAY
THANK YOU TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF
AND YOUR TEAM FOR THEIR
TREMENDOUS WORK AND COOPERATION.
YOU ARE GIVING WITH ALL CITY
COUNCILORS AND RESIDENTS OF
BOSTON ON THESE CRITICAL ISSUES,
AND I KNOW WE ARE GOING TO BE
GOING INTO THE BUDGET SEASON
VERY SOON AND IF THERE IS
ANYTHING I CAN DO TO BE HELPFUL
TO PUBLIC HEALTH, PLEASE LET ME
KNOW.

I AM SURE COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
FEELS THE SAME WAY.

WE HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT
FOR THE WORK YOU ARE DOING
ACROSS THE CITY.

SO WE ARE HERE ALSO TO BE
HELPFUL TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM AS
WELL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN
FOR THOSE GREAT QUESTIONS.

ALL RIGHT.

THE LAST QUESTION I WILL HAVE
IS, I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO TALK
ABOUT SOMEBODY THAT INSPIRED YOU
TO GET INTO THIS LINE OF WORK.

IT COULD BE A PROFESSOR, IT
COULD HAVE BEEN A DOCTOR, IT
COULD HAVE BEEN SOME OTHER
PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, BUT
JUST SOMEONE WE MAY KNOW.
SOMEONE WE MAY NEVER HAVE HEARD
OF.

SO WE WILL START WITH YOU,
DR. JORDAN.

>> WE WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU HEARD
OF HER, IT IS MY MOM.

[LAUGHTER.]

>> SHE LIVES IN NORTH CAROLINA.
BUT MY MOTHER WAS A NURSE FOR 35
YEARS IN QUEENS, NEW YORK, AND
REALLY INTRODUCED ME TO
HEALTHCARE AND AS A NURSE HER
SPIRIT OF GIVING TO HER PATIENTS
EVERYTHING THAT SHE HAD WAS
REALLY INSPIRATIONAL FOR ME.
SO I WOULD DEFINITELY SAY HER.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

AND I AM SURE SHE IS SO-SO PROUD
OF YOU.

THANK YOU.

>> AND FOR ME, IT WOULD BE AN
EXPERIENCE THAT I HAD WITH MY
DAUGHTER, WHICH IS HOW I GOT TO
BOWDEN STREET.

THE DETAILS OF THE STORY, SHE
DID INGEST A HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE
PILL WHILE BEING CARED FOR BY
BOTH MY PARENTS AND WALKING INTO
MY MOM JUST BRINGING HER TO
BOWDEN STREET BECAUSE THAT WAS
WHAT SHE KNEW, AND THE CARE THAT
I RECEIVED THERE, NOT BEING A
PATIENT, EVEN THOUGH I LITERALLY
LIVED DOWN THE STREET FROM IT,

WE ACTUALLY, IRONICALLY, MY APPEAL WHEN THEY FIRST CAME, FROM TRINIDAD THEY LIVED IN ROXBURY SO -- WAS OUR HEALTH CENTER SO SHE BROUGHT HER INTO BOWDEN AND FOR ME, THE CARE THAT WE RECEIVED THERE THAT DAY, BEING ASKED TO COME BACK FOR A VISIT, BEING CALLED THAT NIGHT WHILE AT CHILDREN'S, BY ONE OF THE PEDIATRICIANS, DR. -- WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU, PLEASE BRING YOUR DAUGHTER BACK. GOING THERE, RUNNING, HAVING HER RUN UP AND DOWN THE HALLS AND GIVING HER STICKERS AND BOOKS AND JUST SAYING, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU, I AM GLAD SHE IS OKAY, AND THEN HAPPENED TO SEE A POSTING FOR A POSITION AT THE HEALTH CENTER, BUT NO WAY THIS IS NOT REAL.

SO KNOWING THAT THAT TYPE OF CARE EXISTS IN THE COMMUNITY, THAT ANYONE CAN GO TO AND HAVE ACCESS AND BE CARED FOR WITH COMPASSION AND, YOU KNOW, THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CARE, REALLY DID SOMETHING FOR ME.

>> AND HAD YOU BEEN WORKING IN HEALTHCARE BEFORE YOU APPLIED?

>> SO I WORKED AT THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION AND MY DAD WAS A DIABETIC, I LOST HIM TO DIABETES SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND THAT WAS THE START OF IT FOR ME. I KNEW I WANTED TO DO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT I WANTED TO DO MEANINGFUL WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.

>> YES.

>> BUT I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THAT WAS.

AND UNTIL I HAD THAT INSTANCE AT BOWDEN STREET AND I WAS LIKE, YES, THIS IS IT.

>> THOSE ARE WONDERFUL STORIES, BOTH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> SO I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH. I WILL BE FORWARDING THESE WITH A POSITIVE VOTE FOR THE COMMITTEE AND THEN HOPEFULLY THE FULL COUNCIL ARE, IF NOT

TOMORROW, TOMORROW OR NEXT
WEDNESDAY, WHATEVER THE TIME
FRAME IS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE BOTH
OF YOU FOR DOING THIS INCREDIBLY
IMPORTANT WORK FOR NO MONEY, NO
GLORY OTHER THAN YOU BOTH ARE
TRUE PUBLIC SERVANTS IN EVERY
POSITIVE SENSE OF THE TERM AND I
AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOU BOTH.
AS WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU TOO,
HEATHER GASPER FOR THE WORK YOU
AND YOUR COLLEAGUES DO AT THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION.
SO UNLESS THERE IS ANY PUBLIC
TESTIMONY, WHICH I DO NOT SEE, I
WILL HEREBY ADJOURN THIS HEARING
ON DOCKET 01 SW -- I WILL BE
RECOMMENDING YOUR REAPPOINTMENT
AND THANK YOU, PHILLY LATTICE, I
WILL RECOMMEND YOUR APPOINTMENT
AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THIS HEARING IS HEREBY
ADJOURNED.

>> I WILL HEREBY ADJOURN THIS
HEARING ON DOCKET 0176 AND 0305.

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