<u>Agenda/Notes</u> Office of Governor Kotek — Racial Justice Council (RJC) 4/20/2023 - Zoom3:00 p.m.

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Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
Welcome and Introductions	What was the last song you listened to?	
Legislative Updates	 I) Governor's Initiatives and Priority Bills Housing: Question: Culturally specific is the language, not just culturally relevant? Yes, that was a change. Question: How are newcomers and migrant works factored in on this, are they considered for housing? For the housing and homelessness investments, we have about 40 million dollars a year for housing, and the Governor is focusing on the ongoing programs such as rehousing and prevention programs. We don't want to limit who can deliver those resources. 	

Question: Who is keeping an eye on refugees who are coming to the state and may become homeless?

- This would not restrict those folks from housing resources.

Comment: I love the inclusion of culturally specific language, and the reality is that we have more white providers who are working in housing, but they are actually doing more harm than good. I saw a headline this weekend that was saying that Governor Kotek was going to fund Ted Wheeler's plan and camps. If they're going to be funded, folks need to know the harm that may be done.

 Our goal is to keep folks safe and secure and increase shelter beds. While I don't fully agree with Wheeler's plan, it is the only plan that can meet the criteria of extra shelter beds by the end of the year.

Comment: Another council member mentioned that there is potential harm from some of these plans. I would agree, folks who are seeking asylum are going to be the first group to be affected.

- We are seeking funds, which are incomplete and imperfect, but we are trying to focus on getting them the help they need as best we can with the current budget reality.

Behavioral Health:

Question: Have we seen more local government take over behavioral health and an uptake in the window around all of it? Also, there are two challenges on the workforce route. If there is the community-based backlog with the inflow/outflow process, it will not work efficiently.

- From the behavioral health side of things, it depends. I've heard there is a site in Washington that is having issues with behavioral health siting but have had no troubles with housing siting.
- Transitional housing and shelter may become an affirmative responsibility.
- To workforce, I haven't talked about everything that is in the bills. The bills are expanding and there are relevant items included in the budget.

Question: Does the State ever plan to supply naloxone/Narcan to facilities that are NOT health care providers but that service many homeless /others at risk for overdose (such as the many entities downtown that provide food (Portland Rescue Mission, Blanchet House, etc.)? Several of them have overdoses that occur right outside their facilities with no way to help those in distress. May not be the person to ask but thought I

would throw it out there. Several of my colleagues working downtown have mentioned the difficulty of getting those doses because of high expense and availability (despite its current approval for over-the-counter availability), among other constraints.

- No matter where a person is, we want to make sure there are no barriers to addiction services and overdose services.

Education:

Question: Are there discussions within the Governor's office to consider targeting the money? Right now, it's a voluntary grant process. In what other arena do we allow a voluntary grant process?

- In an ideal situation, this is the type of bill that would be formed prior to session, but we didn't have the time to do that having only been in office for a few months. I hear you on the targeting, we've tried to establish this in a comprehensive way, we'll make sure all districts are considered and ensure that they are applying. There is baseline funding for the smaller districts, but I hear your concerns. We need to get a minimum of 120\$ million, and our approach is to be comprehensive with where the money goes.

Question: While the bill is going through Ways and Means, is there a way to make sure the money will be used on the schools that really need it? We're using a broken system and need to focus on the kids who are struggling.

 We do not have an answer at this time, but we will take it back to the team and get an answer for you.

Question: What are the possibilities for community partners like CBOs to get involved?

Question: Is ODE tracking when funds are being sunset? Does our state look at what was helpful before creating new programs and processes?

 I can't speak to that specific situation, but it's likely that the funds are coming to a close and some districts may have hired people based off of those funds. Those funds were part of a one-time funding opportunity and people knew those were coming to an end.

Question: Regarding education accountability, what are we doing to future-proof this plan? I love this plan that Governor Kotek has proposed, but how do we make sure this doesn't go away and cause damage in 20 years?

- We are focused on accountability and make sure every student is seen and heard in schools. With

textbooks, we're focused on the language on the bill that makes districts share the books they're buying that aren't approved by the state. If this is the case, everyone will hear why they were selected and evaluated by the state. That way, the entire community knows why resources were approved.

Comment: It would be good for the education recovery committee to talk about this and make sure we're unwinding the standards around equity and race.

I encourage folks to read bill 1045 and share information with legislators on why it's important.

Question: Does SB 104 have accountability processes to hold board members accountable and sanctions for them? It seems punitive to the students within a district to withhold funds for discriminative practices led or initiated by board members.

 Accountability comes into play on the decisions they make, they are elected by the community.
 The individual board members and their actions aren't addressed in this bill.

Other:

Comment: We have had conversations with agencies about making contracts competitive but also lower barriers for smaller organizations to access procurement.

II) RJC Member Priorities

n/a

III) Budget Roadshow

As everyone knows, the co-chairs go on a budget roadshow. We have two more upcoming stops where we will talk about what investments are important to communities and how we can secure those investments by the end of the year.

We have a disagreement with the budget in the legislation, we have \$2B in reserves, and while it's important to save that, we could have up to \$600 million that could be used in the next two years instead of being added the \$2B reserve.

Comment: A lot of folks don't have access to funds, and a lot of these programs that are in talks to sunset will directly affect communities.

There is a lot going on in the legislature right now, and this was just a snapshot. Please feel free to share what bills you're tracking, and we can get back to you with more information.

Question: There are a lot of discussions, but how do we bring things forward for any future workplan? We are collecting feedback through a survey and using that information to inform our future meetings. We also used a Jamboard during our previous meetings to help identify members' priorities. **Comment:** There are so many important bills, but I wanted to highlight SB 564. **Comment:** We sent out a letter asking for support and a lot of folks signed on to the letter and helped us get it passed. Washington County just voted to take some of their money to fix a jail instead of use it on small business, even after they publicly devoted those funds to small businesses. Question: How do we support not putting more money into the reserve fund? We will send information on how to connect with the ways and means. **Comment**: I believe there's an Executive Order about setting up a Taskforce to help to transform our teacher prep programs to get our educators the literacy training they deserve. **Comment**: Thanks for the legislative updates in general, and housing. Taylor, as you know, ULPDX has been hard at work highlighting the importance of continuing services for formerly houseless people through SB 918. We've built expertise and social infrastructure during the COVID state of emergency. It's crucial to our shared goals that the state doesn't derail housing stability for those folks. Plus, there are Black and brown-led orgs across the state now able to do what the CAP agencies don't—support Oregonians of color achieve housing stability. Thank you, Governor, for valuing this work and the Oregonians who are empowered by it. Skipped due to time restraints and Council interest in Housing and pursuing other agenda items. Homelessness **Executive Orders** Update and Discussion Skipped due to time restraints and Council interest in Contracting, pursuing other agenda items. Procurement, and Disparity Study Update and Discussion Skipped due to time restraints and Council interest in Survey and Future pursuing other agenda items. RJC Agenda

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