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>>> WELCOME TO BOSTON CITY HALL.
I'M ESSAIBI-GEORGE, CHAIR OF THE
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS,
MENTAL HEALTH, AND RECOVERY.
I'M JOINED BY MICHELLE WU, CHAIR

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION.
THIS IS A DOCKET REGARDING THE

RECONSTRUCTION LONG ISLAND
BRIDGE AND THE REOPENING OF
RECOVERY SERVICE FACILITIES.
THIS HEARING WAS SPONSORED BY
MYSELF, COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, AND
COUNCILOR BAKER.
I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THIS
HEARING IS BEING RECORDED AND
BROADCAST LIVE ON COMCAST 8, RCN
82, AND VERIZON CHANNEL 1964.
PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES
AND ANY OTHER DEVICES THAT MAKE
NOISE.
I'D LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE WHO IS
WITH US TODAY TO PLEASE SIGN IN.
IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK AFTER OUR
PANELISTS, PLEASE CHECK THE YES
BOX.
WE ARE ALSO JOINED TODAY BY OUR
COLLEAGUES COUNCILOR ED FLYNN
AND COUNCILOR JOSH ZAKIM.
NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th, MARKS
THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
EVACUATION OF ALL RECOVERY
PROGRAMS AND SHELTERS ON LONG
ISLAND DUE TO THE IMMINENT
FAILURE OF THE ONLY BRIDGE TO
LONG ISLAND.
IT ELIMINATED HUNDREDS OF
RECOVERY BEDS AND SHELTER BEDS
FOR THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN
BOSTON, WHICH REALLY PUT A LOT
OF PRESSURE -- HAS PUT A LOT OF
PRESSURE ON OUR CITY'S
RESOURCES.

DESPITE MAKING UP THE BEDS THAT WERE LOST AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE, THE OPIOID CRISIS HAS FURTHERED THE NEED FOR FACILITIES ON LONG ISLAND.

TODAY'S AN IMPORTANT INFORMATIONAL CONVERSATION TO HAVE AS A COUNCIL AS WE SUPPORT THE MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS IN OUR FIGHT TO END THE CURRENT OPIOID AND HEALTH EPIDEMIC.

WE NEED THIS NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART RECOVERY CENTER.

WE NEED IT NOW.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS HEARING AND HEARING FROM OUR PANELISTS AROUND THE STATUS OF THE BRIDGE, THE ISLAND, AND ITS FACILITIES SINCE TERMINATION OF SERVICES IN 2014.

I HOPE TO LEARN ABOUT THE PLANNING, THE STATUS OF PERMITTING, AND THE STATE OF OUR RECOVERY CAMPUS THAT WE PLAN ON THAT ISLAND.

I WILL NOW INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES STARTING WITH COUNCILOR WU AND THEN IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL FOR COMMENTS, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME AND NOTE THAT WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY COUNCILOR CIOMMO AND COUNCILOR BAKER.

COUNCILOR WU?

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIRWOMAN. I'M PROUD AND PLEASED TO COCHAIR THIS WITH YOU.

ANY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING ACROSS THE CITY FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE AND BETTER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR RECOVERY AND ALSO ABOUT THE IMPACTS THAT A GROWING OPIOID CRISIS IS HAVING ON BOSTON AND EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, SO I'M REALLY PLEASED TO BE HERE TO GET AN UPDATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY AS THIS IS ONCE AGAIN AN ISSUE THAT BOSTON IS TAKING ON AND SUPPORTING THAT

HAS MUCH LARGER IMPACT AND ATTEMPTING TO FILL A GAP THAT IS MUCH LARGER THAN JUST WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND EVEN OTHER GOVERNMENT IN THE SAME LEVELS THAT ARE INVOLVED, BUT APPRECIATE SO MUCH THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE CALLED FOR THIS HEARING.

OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT, OUR CHAIR HERE, AND COUNCILOR BAKER IN MAKING SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS AND TRACKING AND KEEPING UP ON BOTH THE LONG-TERM GOALS BUT ALSO THE STEPS IN BETWEEN.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR FLYNN?

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR WU AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL AND COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER AS WELL FOR YOUR GREAT WORK ON THIS ISSUE.

PRIOR TO THIS POSITION, I WAS A PROBATION OFFICER AT SUFFOLK SUPERIOR COURT FOR TEN YEARS AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT LONG ISLAND AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK SUPERVISING PEOPLE ON PROBATION. IT WAS ALMOST AN HONOR FOR ME TO VISIT THE ISLAND.

I OBSERVED FIRSTHAND THE TREMENDOUS LEVEL OF SUPPORT THAT A LOT OF PROBATIONERS DID RECEIVE ON THE ISLAND, DRUG TREATMENT, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, JOB TRAINING, DRUG TESTING AS WELL FROM THE PROBATION STAFF.

YOU KNOW, I ALSO NOTICED OVER THE YEARS THAT THE BRIDGE ITSELF -- THIS IS MAYBE SIX,

SEVEN YEARS AGO.

THE BRIDGE WAS DETERIORATING ALMOST WEEKLY.

YOU COULD SEE IT HAPPEN.

LOOKING BACK AT IT NOW, I THINK IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS

EVER MADE BY A MAYOR WAS TO SHUT
DOWN THE BRIDGE IMMEDIATELY.
THAT'S WHAT MAYOR WALSH DID
BECAUSE IT WAS DESPERATELY
FALLING APART.

I OBSERVED THAT EVERY DAY, AND I
ALSO OBSERVED THE HARD WORK
SINCE THAT TIME FROM THIS
ADMINISTRATION OF TRYING TO HELP
PEOPLE GET INTO DRUG TREATMENT
PROGRAMS, COORDINATING SERVICES,
SO I STAND TODAY AND JUST WANT
TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK OF
THE CITY ADMINISTRATION AND MY
COLLEAGUES IN GOVERNMENT THAT
ARE ALSO WORKING HARD ON THIS
ISSUE AS WELL.

I'M PROUD TO BE HERE.

THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU.

I'D LIKE TO ALSO NOTE WE'VE BEEN
JOINED BY COUNCILOR CAMPBELL,
O'MALLEY.

COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE
DOING ABOUT THIS.

I REMEMBER GOING WITH COUNCILOR
WU SHORTLY AFTER WE WERE SWORN
IN 2003 AND WITH SOME OF OUR
STAFF AND OTHERS TO SEE THE
FACILITY.

ONLY ONE CAR AT A TIME ACROSS
THE BRIDGE.

THIS HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING
PROBLEM.

I'M GLAD WE'RE ADDRESSING IT.
MAYOR WALSH AND YOUR TEAM AND
THE ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING
HARD TO FIX THIS BECAUSE IT IS A
NEEDED RESOURCE.

MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES,
PARTICULARLY THE CHAIR AND
OTHERS, HAVE TALKED ABOUT HOW SO
MANY FOLKS WHO ARE SUFFERING
FROM ADDICTION ISSUES FROM
SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES COME TO
BOSTON AND THAT WE ARE BEARING
QUITE A BURDEN.

AND WE ARE DOING THAT BECAUSE WE
PROVIDE SERVICES, BECAUSE WE
WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE
THE SERVICES THEY NEED, BUT

HAVING THIS FACILITY IS
INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM
YOU AND SEEING HOW THIS BODY CAN
SUPPORT THE REOPENING AND
EXPANSION OF ADDICTION AND
RECOVERY SERVICES FOR EVERYONE
IN THE BOSTON AREA.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.
LET ME JOIN MY COLLEAGUES IN
THANKING YOU AND THE OTHER
MEMBERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT THIS
FORWARD.

WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT OF
COOPERATION.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE SPEARHEADING
THIS EFFORT, BUT WE NEED
COOPERATION FROM OUR NEIGHBORS
IN QUINCY AND OTHER STATE
AGENCIES.

THIS IS GOING TO BE QUITE AN
UNDERTAKING.

IN ORDER TO KEEP THE BALL
MOVING, WE WANT TO BE YOUR
PARTNER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
KEEP FOLLOWING THE STEPS AND GET
PERIODIC UPDATES ON HOW WE CAN
BE HELPFUL TO KEEP ADVANCING
THIS BALL.

IT IS NOT JUST FOR THE CITY OF
BOSTON BUT CERTAINLY FOR THE
WHOLE REGION, SO THANKS AGAIN,
MADAME CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR BAKER?

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.
THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS
HEARING, AND COUNCILOR
PRESIDENT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
LEADERSHIP.

I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
HERE TO LOOK AND THINK
DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THE WAY PEOPLE
ARE GETTING HEALTHY.

THE WAY IT IS HAPPENING NOW
WE'RE ALMOST A VICTIM OF OUR
SUCCESSES.

WE DO IT AS A CITY BETTER THAN
ANYBODY ELSE, SO WE'RE DRAWING
MORE AND MORE PEOPLE.

THAT BEING SAID, I THINK IF WE

CAN LOOK AT THE LONG ISLAND AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REALLY LONG-TERM TREATMENT -- BECAUSE SIX MONTHS, NINE MONTHS, SORRY -- SIX MONTHS, NINE MONTHS, IT'S NOT ENOUGH. THE WAIT THAT WE WILL HAVE FROM WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AND THE PREVIOUS HOWEVER MANY YEARS YOU WANT TO PUT ON WHEN DID THE OPIOID CRISIS START, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE ANY LIFE SKILLS. THEY NEED -- WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO BRING PEOPLE BACK FROM -- GET THEM OFF THE OPIOID AND THEN IT BECOMES LIFE SKILLS, LEARNING HOW TO COMMUNICATE NORMALLY AGAIN, LEARNING HOW TO WORK AGAIN, IF THEY'RE EVER OLD ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A JOB. A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT THERE, THEY WENT FROM TEENAGE YEARS, PRETEEN YEARS, RIGHT INTO THIS LIFE, SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THOSE PEOPLE HEALTHY? IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN UNLESS WE COME UP WITH A REGIONAL PLAN THAT HAPPENS AT LONG ISLAND, AND I THANK YOU GUYS FOR PUSHING THIS PROJECT FORWARD. LET'S NOT LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE. THE BRIDGE NEEDS TO COME FIRST, AND THAT'S WHERE WE'LL SEE ALL THE POLITICAL BACK AND FORTH, BUT WE NEED TO GET THIS BRIDGE BUILT. WE NEED TO SHOW OUR NEIGHBORS THAT WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS. I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT THE PLAN IS FOR AS THE BRIDGE IS BEING BUILT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN FOR SERVICES OUT THERE SO WE CAN LOOK AT QUINCY AND SAY, WELL, WE'RE DOING THESE THINGS NOW. WE'RE NOT LOOKING TO -- AT LEAST I HOPE WE'RE NOT LOOKING TO TAKE OUR PROBLEM THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SOUTH END AND SOUTHAMPTON STREET AND DUMP IT ON LONG ISLAND. WE'RE THINKING ABOUT IT, THAT WE

WANT PEOPLE TO GET HEALTHY, AND THIS SHOULD BE A REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY.

THIS ISN'T JUST BOSTON.

WE'RE HANDLING A LOT OF THIS CRISIS AS FAR AS MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, PEOPLE FROM DOWN SOUTH, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS.

I THINK THAT THIS IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE TO USE ALL THESE RESOURCES TO JUST GET PEOPLE SO THEY'RE OKAY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR. COUNCILOR CAMPBELL?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, AND THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING ON THIS HEARING ORDER.

WE CALLED FOR IT TO GET MORE INFORMATION BUT ALSO NOT TO KEEP THAT INFORMATION WITH US BUT FOR THE PUBLIC TO OBVIOUSLY KNOW WHAT THE PLANS ARE WHEN IT COMES TO RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE, WHEN IT COMES TO THE PROGRAMMING THAT'S GOING TO GO THERE BUT ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO WEIGH IN AS TO WHAT THAT PLAN SHOULD BE.

WE OBVIOUSLY KNOW THAT WE ARE SORT OF IN A CRISIS POINT. WE HAVE LETTERS HERE FROM DIFFERENT CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESS LEADERS, PARTICULARLY AROUND CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON THAT ARE STRUGGLING BECAUSE OF THE ACTIVITY THAT'S CURRENTLY HAPPENING ON SOME OF OUR CITY STREETS.

WE KNOW WE NEED THE BRIDGE REBUILT.

I HOPE YOU CONSIDER US A PARTNER IN THIS, HERE SORT OF LISTENING TO YOU GUY, AND TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO.

I'M LOOKING AT YOU, TRISH, BECAUSE OF YOUR WORK WHEN IT COMES TO NEW SCHOOLS AND OTHER WORK THAT OFTEN DOESN'T GET RECOGNIZED, SO THANK YOU.

THANK YOU GUYS FOR BEING WITH US TODAY.

COUNCILOR BAKER I HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM.

HE'S DISTRICT 3.

I'M DISTRICT 4.

I KNOW HE'S PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, SO WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT PROGRAMMING THAT IS LONGER, A LOCATION THAT IS SAFE BUT ALSO NOT A LOCATION THAT FORCES PEOPLE BACK OUT IN THE STREET AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, THAT GIVES THEM A SPACE TO TRULY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AT SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY AND REBUILDING OF THEIR LIVES, PLACES AND SPACES EVEN FOR US TO INTERACT IN A MORE HUMAN WAY IN ORDER TO NOT ONLY MEET THEIR NEEDS BUT ALSO TO SEE HOW MANY OF THESE FOLKS CAN MEET NEEDS OF COMMUNITY IN OTHER WAYS AS WELL. I THINK THE REAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THIS OUTSIDE JUST THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE, PROGRAMMING TO BE EVEN MORE THOUGHTFUL AND INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE ABOUT WHAT CAN ACTUALLY HAPPEN HERE, SO I'M EXCITED TO SUPPORT THE MAYOR AND HIS DECISION TO REBUILD THE BRIDGE AND YOU GUYS AND THE WORK AND FOR THE HEARING TODAY.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND COUNCILOR WU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY?

>> THANK YOU.

I'M DELIGHTED TO PARTNER WITH YOU AND BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY. I DON'T NEED TO BE REPETITIVE. ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY ACCURATE, AND I THINK THEY'RE VERY THOUGHTFUL REMARKS UNDERSCORE THE FACT OF THIS ISSUE, THE WEIGHT OF THIS ISSUE, THE ENORMITY OF THIS ISSUE, THE NEED TO FIX THE BRIDGE, REBUILD THE BRIDGE, AND TO BE ABLE TO OFFER SERVICES AND RECOVERY PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT. I THINK MAYOR WALSH HAS SHOWN TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP ON THIS

ISSUE.

I THINK ALL OF YOU HAVE SHOWN
TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP.
SITTING HERE READY AND ABLE TO
PARTNER WHERE I CAN.

IT IS AFFECTING EVERY
NEIGHBORHOOD.

IT IS AFFECTING EVERY FAMILY.
IT IS HIGH TIME THAT WE WORK TO
MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN OFFER
THOROUGH AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT
TO THOSE WHO NEED IT SO
DESPERATELY.

THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY?

>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

THANK YOU, EVERYBODY, FOR
COMING.

I THINK COUNCILOR BAKER SAID IT
BEST AND CLEARLY.

THIS LONG-TERM GOAL AND
LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS ARE NEEDED.
WHEN I WAS IN PUBLIC WORKS, MY
OFFICE WAS THERE TEN YEARS AGO.
TEN YEARS AGO, WE WERE TALKING
ABOUT THIS BRIDGE.

THIS ADMINISTRATION GOT SADDLED
WITH A COMPLETE WHITE ELEPHANT.
THAT BRIDGE WAS GOING TO FALL
INTO THE HARBOR, AND I THINK
THIS ADMINISTRATION ADDRESSED IT
AS BEST AS THEY POSSIBLY COULD.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING
ABOUT THE TIMETABLE, HOW FAST WE
CAN MOVE THIS ALONG.

I CLEARLY THINK THE PEOPLE WHO
ARE ON THE STREET, WHO ARE
SUFFERING FROM THE -- VICTIMS OF
THIS OPIOID CRISIS NEED THE HELP
OBVIOUSLY SHORT TERM AND LONG
TERM.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT IS THE
BUSINESSES AND THE NEIGHBORS WHO
LIVE IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT
SEE IT AND LIVE WITH IT EVERY
DAY, IT IS NEGATIVELY AFFECTING
THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE TOO.

AS MUCH AS THE OPIOID CRISIS IS
HURTING THE PEOPLE ENTHRALLED IN
IT THEMSELVES, IT IS CLEARLY
NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE
BUSINESSES IN THAT AREA AS WELL
AS THE NEIGHBORS, SO I'M LOOKING

FORWARD TO MOVING THIS AS
QUICKLY AS WE CAN, SO THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.
I'M NOT SURE WHO PLANS ONGOING
FIRST.

CHIEF MARTINEZ?

>> I GET TO GO FIRST.

CHIEF MARTY MARTINEZ, CHIEF OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR
MAYOR WALSH AND THE
ADMINISTRATION.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND COUNCILOR WU,
FOR SORT OF LEADING THIS EFFORT.
THANK YOU TO ALL THE COUNCILORS
WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO GET AN
UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LONG
ISLAND, BOTH THE BRIDGE, THE
BUILDING -- I SHOULD SAY THE
BRIDGE, THE BUILDINGS, AND THE
CAMPUS.

WE'RE GOING TO DO IT IN THAT
WAY.

WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE
SERVICES.

WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE BRIDGE AND
TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE WORK
AROUND THE BUILDINGS AND
UNDERSTANDING WHAT EXISTS THERE,
SO WE'RE GOING TO DO IT IN THOSE
BUCKETS.

BEFORE GIVING SOME BACKGROUND, I
JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE
COMMENTS AND ALL THE NOTION OF
HAVING TO CREATE A LONG-TERM
PLAN IS EXACTLY WHAT THE
ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING ON.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT VERY
SPECIFICALLY RECOVERY IS NOT
JUST ABOUT TREATMENT PROGRAMS.
IT'S A PORTION OF WHAT IT MEANS
TO CREATE A CAMPUS, AND SO, WE
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE -- AND
IT IS REALLY A
ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY
TO LOOK AT THE ISLAND SORT OF

HOLISTICALLY, THINK ABOUT THE
SERVICES THAT ARE THERE, THINK
ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE
THERE, THE GAPS THAT EXIST IN
THE CONTINUUM OF CARE TO CREATE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOLKS TO NOT

ONLY GET WHAT THEY NEED TO GET
TREATMENT BUT ALSO WHAT THEY
NEED TO STAY IN LONG-TERM
RECOVERY.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW DO WE
STRATEGICALLY THINK ABOUT THE
SERVICES THAT ARE THERE TO
MEET

THE NEEDS OF THE EPIDEMIC WE'RE
FACING TODAY.

I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU ABOUT
THE EPIDEMIC.

YOU SEE IT EVERY DAY IN OUR
STREETS AND COMMUNITIES.

A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND.

WE'RE SORT OF LEADING THIS
EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT NEEDS
TO BE THERE.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, WHEN THE BRIDGE
CLOSED, MAYOR WALSH ALONG WITH A
VARIETY OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
PRIORITIZED RELOCATING ESSENTIAL
HOMELESS AND RECOVERY SERVICES
AND MORE THAN MET THAT GOAL.
THE CITY ALSO INCREASED CAPACITY
WITHIN TWO YEARS TO BE ABLE TO
DO THAT.

RECOVERY SERVICE AND HOMELESS
SERVICE PROGRAMS HAD TO COME

TOGETHER -- AND SOME OF THOSE
PROVIDERS ARE HERE TODAY -- TO
MAKE SURE THOSE SERVICES DIDN'T
GET LOST.

THE SERVICES WERE NEEDED, AND
THEY'RE NEEDED EVEN MORE TODAY.
THE MAYOR WAS ALREADY HALFWAY
THROUGH CREATING WHAT WAS THE
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF RECOVERY
SERVICES, THE FIRST MUNICIPAL
RECOVERY SERVICES OFFICE IN THE
COUNTRY WHEN THE BRIDGE WAS
CLOSED, SO THE MAYOR'S
COMMITMENT TO REIMAGINE HOW WE
THINK ABOUT DELIVERING SERVICES
AROUND RECOVERY AND TREATMENT
WAS ALIGNED WITH THE CREATION OF
THIS OFFICE.

SINCE THEN, AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE
CITY HAS INVESTED ROUGHLY OVER
\$60 MILLION IN COMBATTING
ADDICTION IN OUR CITY,
INCREASING ACCESS TO SERVICES,
PUBLIC SAFETY, OUTREACH

STRATEGIES, STREETS, ALL THE SERVICES THAT THE CITY PROVIDES. WE HAVE INVESTED OVER \$60 MILLION TO DO THAT, AND WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THOSE RESOURCES.

WE LIVE IN A CITY THAT HAS GREAT SERVICES AND GREAT ADDICTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES AND IS LEADING THE COUNTRY, THE NATION, IN PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES, BUT THERE ARE STILL GAPS IN THOSE SERVICES.

SINCE 2013, THE EPIDEMIC HAS RACED ONWARD.

THE EPIDEMIC HAS ONLY GROWN. IT'S TAKING MORE LIVES AND LEAVING MORE PEOPLE IN NEED OF CARE IN BOSTON AND ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH.

SINCE 2013, THERE'S BEEN MORE THAN 1,000 DEATHS RELATED TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC.

DATA SHOWS THIS EPIDEMIC HAS NOT TURNED THE TIDE.

THE STATE GENERALLY HAS REPORTED A TURN IN THAT DATA, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN THE CITY AND IT'S NOT WHAT OUR PARTNERS HAVE SEEN, SO WE MUST CONTINUE TO THINK ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY ON THE ISLAND TO MEET THIS GROWING DEMAND AND TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO CREATE A CAMPUS THAT IS GOING TO MEET THAT DEMAND.

SOME OF THE THINGS WE'RE CONTINUING TO DO, TO GIVE YOU AN UNDERSTANDING, WE HAVE SPENT THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS COLLECTING DATA, TALKING TO HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS, PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, THE STATE, OUR HOSPITALS, OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE GAPS IN SERVICES TODAY, WHAT ARE THOSE GAPS, WHERE DO WE NEED TO SEE MORE RESOURCES AND MORE SERVICES, AND HOW DO WE ENSURE WE'RE GOING TO HELP TURN THE TIDE WITH THE CREATION OF THIS CAMPUS.

WE'VE HAD FOCUS GROUPS HERE IN BOSTON, OUTSIDE OF BOSTON AS WELL.

I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU -- AND I THINK COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE HAS SAID THIS MORE THAN ONCE -- MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING REGIONALLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SERVICES.

WE ARE A REGIONAL HUB FOR ALL OUR SERVICES, NOT JUST SERVICES RELATED TO RECOVERY AND TREATMENT.

WE HAVE FOCUS GROUPS OUTSIDE OF BOSTON AND IN THE NORTH SHORE AND SOUTH SHORE TO HEAR FROM PROVIDERS DOING THAT IMPORTANT WORK.

WE HAVE KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND FROM THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY WHAT ARE THOSE PIECES THAT FOLKS NEED, WHAT ARE THE GAPS IN TERMS OF REACHING ADOLESCENTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH THESE ISSUES.

WE'VE CONTINUED TO COLLECT DATA AND INFORMATION AND LOOK AT NOT ONLY THE QUALITATIVE INFORMATION WE HAVE COLLECTED BUT THE STATE DATA, NUMBERS OF BEDS, WHAT ARE THE GAPS IN TERMS OF WHEN SOMEONE GETS INTO DETOX AND GOES TO THE NEXT CONTINUUM OR THE NEXT LEVEL OF CARE, WHAT ARE THE GAPS IN BEDS.

WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT WHILE WORKING WITH THE STATE AS WELL. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE STATE IS GOING THROUGH A PLANNING PROCESS AROUND THE SHADDOCK. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO STAY IN CONVERSATION, HAVE MEMBERS OF THE STATE MAKE SURE WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE DOING THROUGH THEIR PROCESS SO THEY CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS ON LONG ISLAND.

AS WE PLAN THIS CAMPUS AND COLLECT ALL THIS DATA, WE'RE DOING IT IN A HOLISTIC WAY. THERE WERE MANY IMPORTANT SERVICES BEFORE THE BRIDGE WAS CLOSED, BUT MANY OF THOSE

SERVICES WERE NOT INTENTIONALLY
THOUGHT OUT TOGETHER.
THEY WERE PUT IN INDIVIDUALLY.
THEY WERE DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND
DIFFERENT PROGRAMS PUT IN NOT
NECESSARILY ALL ALIGNED AND PUT
IN TOGETHER.

WE'RE USING THIS OPPORTUNITY
FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO
UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE GAPS AS
WE CREATE THIS CAMPUS.

THE NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS
FOR US WILL BE TO CREATE ANOTHER
OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO
WEIGH IN.

THIS WEEK WE'LL RELEASE A
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, A CALL
FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS,
COMMUNITY GROUPS, NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATIONS TO WEIGH IN ON WHAT
THEY THINK THE CAMPUS SHOULD
INCLUDE, HOW DO WE THINK ABOUT
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD THIS
CAMPUS IN A WAY THAT INCLUDES
THE BEST RESOURCES THAT ARE
NEEDED BUT ALSO SERVICES AROUND
JOB TRAINING AND OTHER PROGRAMS
THAT WILL KEEP PEOPLE ENGAGED IN
RECOVERY AND KEEP PEOPLE ENGAGED
IN THEIR PATH TO BECOMING
HEALTHY.

THAT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
WILL ALLOW US TO HAVE AN OPEN
PROCESS FOR ANYONE TO WEIGH IN
TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEIR
INPUT AND TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE
WE'RE BEING AS TRANSPARENT AND
OPEN AS POSSIBLE AS WE PLAN THIS
CAMPUS.

WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF
THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS
COLLECTING THAT DATA AND BEING
ABLE TO LIFT UP WHAT ARE THE
MAIN THEMES THAT NEED TO EXIST
AND WHAT ARE THE BUCKETS OF
SERVICES THAT NEED TO EXIST ON
THE CAMPUS.

WE CAN TELL YOU FROM SOME OF THE
WORK WE'VE ALREADY DONE THERE'S
NOT AN INTENTION TO RETURN OUR
HOMELESS SERVICES TO THE CAMPUS.
WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THOSE
HOMELESS SERVICES ON THE
MAINLAND, IF YOU WILL.

WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THEM IN THE CITY, BUT WE ARE LOOKING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SPECIFIC LEVELS OF SERVICES NEED TO EXIST ON THE ISLAND.

NOW I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THOSE GAPS ARE TODAY, BUT REMEMBER THIS ISLAND IS GOING TO GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN FOR THE FEATURE, SO WE'RE PLANNING NOT ONLY A FIRST PHASE OF SERVICES.

YOU'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE BUILDINGS.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A FIRST PHASE OF SERVICES AND THEN A SECOND PHASE OF SERVICES ALL UNDER A LARGER VISION OF WHAT THIS CAMPUS WILL INCLUDE.

AS WE HAVE COLLECTED DATA, IT'S GIVEN US THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE GAPS ARE AND GIVEN US AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SOME OF THOSE ISSUES MAY BE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO WORK ON. THE LAST THING I'LL SHARE WITH YOU IN TERMS OF OUR PROCESS ON THE SERVICES, WE DON'T NEED TO RECREATE THINGS THAT ALREADY EXIST, BUT WE DO NEED TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

AS IN ANY EPIDEMIC, THE FACE CHANGES.

THERE'S ADDITIONAL ISSUES THAT COME UP.

THERE ARE ADDITIONAL WAYS THAT THE DISEASE COULD IMPACT THE COMMUNITY, AND SO, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO LOOK INTO THE FUTURE AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT NEEDS TO BE ON THE CAMPUS AND CONTINUE TO DO THIS PLANNING SO THAT WE'RE READY TO CREATE THE CAMPUS AS NECESSARY.

AS OUR FOLKS -- I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO THE CHIEF IN A SECOND TO TALK ABOUT THE BRIDGE. WHILE THAT PROCESS IS GOING, WE'RE COLLECTING ALL THE DATA AND INFORMATION THAT WE CAN TO ENSURE WE CREATE THE BEST

POSSIBLE CAMPUS IN AN
INTENTIONAL WAY TO MEET THE
NEEDS OF THIS EPIDEMIC.
I'LL ASSUME WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS
AT THE END OF THE PANEL, BUT I
JUST STRESS THAT THE WORK WE'RE
TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT
ONLY PLANNING FOR TODAY BUT
TOMORROW AS WELL.
I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE CHIEF.
>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHIEF
MARTINEZ.

AS THE CHIEF SAID, THE GOAL HERE
IS TO OPEN A REGIONAL RECOVERY
CAMPUS ON ISLAND.

AS THE MAYOR HAS MADE CLEAR, AS
EACH OF YOU HAVE MADE CLEAR, IN
ORDER TO OPEN THAT REGIONAL
RECOVERY CAMPUS, WE NEED TO
RECONSTRUCT THE LONG ISLAND
BRIDGE, SO I'M GOING TO WALK
THROUGH THREE QUICK THINGS.
ONE, AN OVERALL DESCRIPTION,
SECOND, A TIMELINE, AND THIRD,
THE ACTUAL PERMITTING PROCESS
AND WE ARE IN THAT.

THE BRIDGE OVERALL, AS FOLKS MAY
KNOW, WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1951.
FOUR YEARS AGO, IN 2014, THE
BRIDGE WAS CLOSED.

THERE WAS REMOVAL OF THE SUPER
STRUCTURE OF THE BRIDGE.
WE HAVE STARTED THE PROCESS TO
RECONSTRUCT THAT SUPER STRUCTURE
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
CITY'S LEAD ENGINEER.

THAT BRIDGE IS FUNDED THROUGH
THE CITY OF CAPITAL BUDGET,
THROUGH THE BUDGET WHICH YOU
PASSED THIS PAST SPRING.
IT'S AROUND \$108 MILLION FOR THE
BRIDGE OVERALL.

THAT INCLUDES SOME OF THE DESIGN
WORK AS WELL AS SOME OF THE
PREVIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORK THAT
WAS DONE WITH THE BRIDGE.
THE RECENT ALLOCATION IN THIS
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR WAS \$80
MILLION.

THE BRIDGE, AS FOLKS MAY BE WELL
AWARE, IT'S ROUGHLY 3,000 FEET
IN LENGTH.

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE BRIDGE IS
VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS THERE

BEFORE, BUT THE BRIDGE WE'LL BE BUILDING WILL BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE.

THAT SUPER STRUCTURE WILL HAVE ONE LANE GOING IN AND ONE LANE GOING OUT TO AND FROM THE ISLAND AND WILL INCLUDE SIDEWALKS AND LIGHTING ON THE BRIDGE STRUCTURE ITSELF.

THE PREVIOUS BRIDGE THOUGH HANDLED STORM WATER RUNOFF BY DRAINING IT INTO THE HARBOR THROUGH A SERIES OF SCUFFERS. WE'RE CHANGING THAT WITH THIS NEW BRIDGE AND TAKING ALL THE STORM WATER AND TREATING IT BEFORE HAVING IT GO INTO THE HARBOR THAT WAY IT IS MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY.

ADDITIONALLY WITH AN EYE TOWARD SEA LEVEL RISE, WE'RE MAKING SURE OUR APPROACH TO THE SUPER STRUCTURE ITSELF IS PREPARED FOR SOME OF THE CLIMATE CHANGES WE EXPECT IN BOSTON HARBOR.

VERY IMPORTANTLY, THE MEANS AND METHODS WE'RE TAKING AS WE BUILD THIS BRIDGE ARE BEING DONE WITH AN EYE TOWARDS MINIMIZING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE IMPACT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AS WELL AS ANY ABUTTERS, INCLUDING OUR NEIGHBORS AT QUINCY.

THIS MEANS MUCH OF THE BRIDGE ACTUALLY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OFF OF OR ON LAND AND ACTUALLY FLOATED IN SECTIONS OUT INTO BOSTON HARBOR AND THEN FLOATED INTO PLACE USING 13 OF THE EXISTING 15 PIERS FROM THE PREVIOUS BRIDGE.

THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR, TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE TIMELINE, AND A LITTLE BIT OF NEXT IS ABOUT PERMITTING AND DESIGN. OUR EXPECTATION IS ON THE IE

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AGGRESSIVE TIMELINE IS WE'LL GO OUT TO BID FOR NEXT YEAR WITH CONSTRUCTION COMPETING IN 2021. THERE'S A SERIES OF PERMITS THAT WE'RE WALKING THROUGH, PUBLIC

PERMITTING PROCESSES THAT WE'RE WALKING THROUGH BOTH AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, STATE LEVEL, AND LOCAL LEVEL.

THE FEDERAL LEVEL PERMITTING WORK IS BOTH WITH THE ARMY CORP. OF ENGINEERS, AND THE LEADING ENTITY IS THE U.S. COAST GUARD. THEY REALLY FOCUS A LOT OF THEIR PERMITTING WORK ON THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL.

IT IS SPANNING AN IMPORTANT NAVIGABLE CHANNEL IN BOSTON HARBOR, AND THAT CHANNEL WILL REMAIN OPEN WHEN THE BRIDGE IS COMPLETE.

AT THE STATE LEVEL, THERE'S TWO MAJOR SETS OF PERMITTING PROCESSES.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT PROCESS AS WELL AS THE CHAPTER 91 PROCESS.

THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF MANY OF YOU IN THIS ROOM ON THE CITY COUNCIL IN PARTICULAR BUT MANY OF THE PROGRAM PROVIDERS WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GOTTEN THROUGH THE PROCESS, A CERTIFICATE OF THE NOTICE OF PROJECT CHANGE AFFIRMING THE APPROACH WE WERE TAKING WAS ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROGRESS THE PROCESS WITHOUT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW. CHAPTER 91 IS LARGELY FOCUSED ON ENSURING THERE REMAINS PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC TITLE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

THE OTHER PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH OVER THE YEAR AHEAD IS REALLY THE LOCAL PERMITTING PROCESS.

THE LOCAL PERMITTING PROCESS IS BOTH WITH BOSTON AND WITH QUINCY.

THIS IS THE BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND THE QUINCY CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

BOTH OF THOSE CASES, THOSE CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS REALLY FOCUS ON THE IMPACT A PROJECT HAS ON WETLANDS.

THE BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR

ISSUED ORDERS OF CONDITION THAT ALLOWED US TO PROCEED WITH OUR PROJECT ON THE BOSTON SIDE.

THE QUINCY CONSERVATION ON JUNE 6th INVITED US FOR THEIR FIRST PUBLIC HEARING.

WE CAME BACK AGAIN ON AUGUST 21st TO OFFER ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY.

WE CAME BACK SEPTEMBER 5th TO OFFER ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY TO THE QUINCY CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS FOLKS MAY BE AWARD.

THEY ISSUED A NEGATIVE ORDER OF CONDITION, WHICH WAS A DETERMINATION ABOUT OUR PROJECT. WE ARE PLANNING ON APPEALING THE QUINCY CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S NEGATIVE ORDER.

THROUGHOUT ALL OF THESE PUBLIC PERMITTING PROCESSES, THERE'S OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT FROM ALL OF YOU, FROM THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY, FROM RESIDENTS IN BOSTON AND QUINCY AND BEYOND.

WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN INVITING THAT FEEDBACK FOR US. IT IS INCREDIBLY HELPFUL FOR US IN THIS PROCESS.

WITH AN EYE FIGURING OUT HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED ABOUT THE PROCESS IN FRONT OF US, OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT AND TO STAY UP TO DATE ON THE STATUS OF THE BRIDGE PROJECT AS WELL AS THE LARGER WORK THAT CHIEF MARTINEZYONS ARE WORKING ON, THE CITY WILL BE LAUNCHING A WEBSITE WHERE PEOPLE CAN KEEP UP TO DATE ABOUT INFORMATION ON THIS PROJECT AND WHERE WE STAND IN OUR EFFORTS TO REOPEN THAT REGIONAL RECOVERY CAMPUS.

WITH THAT AS OUR QUICK OVERVIEW WITH WHERE WE ARE ON THE BRIDGE, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO TRISHA LYONS.

ALL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF BOSTON REALLY GET BUILT THROUGH HER LEADERSHIP AND HER TEAM STEWARDSHIP.

>> THANK YOU, CHIEF OSGOOD.

AS CHIEF MARTINEZ AND HIS TEAM ARE DEFINING THE SERVICES THAT ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED ON THE ISLAND AND CHIEF OSGOOD IS FINDING A WAY FOR US TO GET THERE, WE'RE SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT BY MAKING SURE WE HAVE BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABLE ON THE ISLAND THAT WILL SUPPORT THE SERVICES THAT WILL BE DEFINED IN THE GREATER VISION.

TO THAT POINT, WE ARE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY BASICALLY TAKING AN INVENTORY OF THE BUILDINGS AND THE STRUCTURES AND THE CONDITIONS ON THE ISLAND SO THAT WE CAN START TO BUILD A DATABASE OF KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH.

WE'VE HIRED A CONSULTING ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING TEAM THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN OUT TO THE SITE AND VISITED EACH OF THE BUILDINGS AND STARTED TO ANALYZE BUILDING SYSTEMS, BUILDING CONDITIONS, SITE CONDITIONS, UTILITY CONDITIONS, CODE REQUIREMENTS, ALL KINDS OF CONDITION ANALYSIS ON THE BUILDINGS OUT THERE.

THE GOAL OF THIS IS TO FORMULATE A FINAL PLAN BY THE END OF THE YEAR SO THAT WE KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO START WITH, THAT WE WILL HAVE SOME SENSE OF NEED AND REQUIREMENTS AND COST BY THE END OF THE YEAR, AND AGAIN, THAT'S EXISTING CONDITIONS.

THAT'S WHAT WE'LL BE FOCUSING ON AT THIS POINT.

AS THE EFFORTS CONTINUE ON DETERMINING WHAT KINDS OF SERVICES WILL BE REQUIRED OUT THERE, WE'LL START TO BUILD -- WORK WITH CHIEF MARTINEZ'S TEAM TO BUILD A MASTER PLAN OF WHAT THE RECOVERY CAMPUS WANTS TO LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE. AND WE'LL START TO MAKE A PLAN FOR PHASING SOME BUILDING REPAIRS OR A MASTER PLAN OF INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL SUPPORT THOSE FACILITIES.

ESSENTIALLY, WE'RE ON TRACK TO HAVE SOME REALLY GOOD BASIC INFORMATION BY THE END OF THIS YEAR THAT WILL BE ABLE TO BE USED IN THE UPCOMING BUDGET CYCLE SHOULD WE START TO DEFINE PROJECTS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO GET UNDER WAY.

OUR ULTIMATE CONCERN WOULD BE THAT WE WANT TO HAVE USABLE BUILDINGS IN TIME FOR -- ONCE THE BRIDGE IS OPEN TO BE ABLE TO BE USED.

AND SO, THE IDEAL PLAN WOULD BE TO SORT OF START TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THE PROJECTS NEED TO BE AND IDEALLY GET SOME UNDER WAY AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR.

ONCE WE HAVE THAT SORT OF INVENTORY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH CHIEF MARTINEZ TO BUILD A FUTURE MASTER PLAN THAT COULD BE PHASED IN A REASONABLE WAY.

>> THANK YOU.

IS PARA PRESENTING?

YOU'RE HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR THAT PRESENTATION.

I JUST WANT TO ADD TO CHIEF MARTINEZ WHO OPENED UP ABOUT THE CRISIS AND WHAT WE SEE, I WOULD SAY THE POPULATION -- THE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GOING TO MOST BENEFIT FROM THE WORK THAT WILL EVENTUALLY BE HAPPENING ON LONG ISLAND ARE THE FOLKS THAT WE DON'T SEE AND THE CRISIS THAT THEY'RE EXPERIENCING AS WELL. CHIEF OSGOOD, WOULD YOU JUST RUN THROUGH THE COST ONCE AGAIN? YOU OUTLINED THEM PRETTY QUICKLY.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THEM CORRECTLY.

>> UNTIL WE GO TO BID, WE CANNOT SAY WITH GREAT RECIPROCITY OR

-- OUR FINAL COST OF THE BRIDGE.

THE ORIGINAL ORIGINAL ESTIMATION IS \$90 MILLION.

IT DOES INCLUDE EXPANDED RESOURCES FOR THE ACTUAL REMOVAL OF THE SUPER STRUCTURE.

THAT ADDITION IS \$80 MILLION FOR
GENERAL OBLIGATION FUNDING AND
PARKING METER FUNDS.

OUR EXPECTATION IS IN THAT \$90
MILLION RANGE, BUT UNTIL WE GO
TO BID, IT IS TOO SOON TO PUT A
NUMBER ON IT.

>> ON THE PERMIT PROCESS, WE
DIDN'T HAVE ANY MENTION HERE YET
THIS MORNING ABOUT THE
STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS OF THE
STRUCTURE THAT STILL EXISTS.

>> RIGHT.

THERE ARE 15 PIERS THAT EXIST
THAT HELD UP THE ORIGINAL SUPER
STRUCTURE.

13 OF THOSE PIERS WOULD BE
REUSED FOR THE NEW BRIDGE.
ONE OF THE THINGS WHICH HAS BEEN
ASKED ABOUT IS THE STRUCTURAL
INTEGRITY OF THOSE PIERS.

PART OF THE DESIGN PLAN IS TO
ACTUALLY STRENGTHEN THOSE PIERS,
AND OUR DESIGN TEAM FEEL VERY
CONFIDENT THAT THOSE PIERS
THROUGH THE METHOD OF
CONSTRUCTION THAT WE ARE
PROPOSING WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH
TO UPHOLD THE SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR
THE LIFE SPAN OF THE BRIDGE.

>> THANK YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE WE'VE
ALSO BEEN JOINED BY COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY AND COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.
COUNCILOR WU?

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR YOUR
PRESENTATION.

I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE GIVEN SOME
BRIEFINGS IN THE PAST, SO
APOLOGIES FOR REPETITION.
HOW MANY BEDS OR HOW MANY PEOPLE
DO YOU PROJECT NOW TO BE ABLE TO
OFFER SERVICES TO ON THE ISLAND
ON A DAILY, MONTHLY BASIS, AND
HOW ARE YOU PROJECTING WHAT THE
NEED MIGHT BE?

IS THE GOAL TO FILL ALL OF IT?
WHAT IS THE CAPACITY GOING TO
BE?

>> YEAH, I MEAN, THAT IS A
SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT QUESTION TO
ANSWER.

WHEN THE SERVICES WERE THERE

BEFORE, I THINK THEY WERE -- I CAN GIVE YOU MORE DETAILS. I THINK THERE WERE CLOSE TO 1,000 BEDS, BUT THAT INCLUDED THE SHELTER BEDS. WE'RE NOT RELOCATING THE SHELTER BEDS BACK OVER TO THE ISLAND. AGAIN, IT'S GOING TO DEPEND ON WHAT LEVEL OF SERVICES WILL END UP BEING THERE. SOME SERVICES MIGHT BE FACILITIES THAT HAVE 40 TO 50 BEDS, BUT WE'RE AGAIN FOCUSED ON THE LONG TERM. WE ANTICIPATE SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT WILL BE THERE WON'T NECESSARILY BE JUST TREATMENT SERVICES. WE'RE GOING TO REALIZE THAT THE BED NUMBER IS GOING TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON WHAT WE END UP GETTING LICENSED OUT THERE AND WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO. AS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE, IT'S NOT SURPRISING -- IT WON'T BE SURPRISING TO ANYONE HERE DETOX FACILITIES AND ACCESS TO THEM IS GENERALLY ACCESSIBLE. IT'S THE NEXT LEVEL OF SERVICES THAT ARE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT ARE LESS ACCESSIBLE. THOSE ARE THE BEDS WE'RE LIKELY TO SEE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A NUMBER AS OF TODAY. IT WILL REALLY DEPEND ON WHAT ENDS UP BEING THE DIRECT LEVEL OF SERVICES WE WANT TO PUT ON THE ISLAND.

>> IF WE THINK ABOUT THE ISLAND BEING A CERTAIN AREA -- WHAT IS ACREAGE OUT THERE?

>> I DON'T KNOW.

>> WE CAN GET THAT FOR YOU.

>> OUT OF THAT LAND MASS, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF IT WILL BE USED FOR -- IS THE WHOLE THING GOING TO BE USED FOR CONTINUUM OF CARE SERVICES OR SUPPORT SERVICES? IS THERE ANY PLAN TO THINK ABOUT IT FOR OTHER TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT OR CITY SERVICES OR ANYTHING ELSE?

>> I CAN SORT OF GIVE YOU AN UPDATE.

THERE'S OTHER THINGS ON THE ISLAND TODAY.
THERE'S CAMP HARBORVIEW.
IT IS A CAMP FOR BOSTONIAN YOUTH THAT ARE THERE TODAY.
THERE'S ALSO A SMALL FARM THAT'S OUT THERE TODAY THAT THE HEALTH COMMISSION -- THERE'S ALREADY USE AND NO INTENDED USE TO NOT HAVE THAT FARM STILL THERE.
WE DEFINITELY WANT TO PRIORITIZE AND THINK ABOUT OPEN SPACE.
THERE ARE SOME OTHER USES CURRENTLY ON THE ISLAND, OTHER USES THAT ARE HAPPENING TODAY THAT WE DON'T PLAN TO MOVE.
THE WHOLE ISLAND ITSELF, AGAIN IT WOULD BE THINKING ABOUT THE FOOTPRINT OF THE BUILDINGS.
TO BE FRANK, SOME OF THE BUILDINGS NEED TENDER LOVING CARE.
IT IS LIKELY THAT FOOTPRINT WILL STAY.
SOME OF THE BUILDINGS PROBABLY.
WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE LOOK AT THE NEED, LOOK AT THE CONTINUUM, BUT UNDERSTAND THIS IS PRECIOUS LAND AND WE HAVE OPEN SPACE, SO HOW DO WE THINK ABOUT THAT AS PART OF THIS EQUATION AS WELL.
SO, THAT'S THE INTENTION AS OF RIGHT NOW, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON.
>> NO PORTION OF IT WILL GO TO ANY SORT OF PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT OR DISPOSITION?
>> CURRENTLY, WE ARE WORKING ON THE CREATION OF THAT CAMPUS.
THAT'S BEEN THE ONLY FOCUS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AT THIS POINT.
>> OKAY.
THIS IS LAND THAT IS OWNED BY A PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT OR -- AS WE'RE GOING THROUGH OTHER SURPLUS PROCESSES WITH THE COUNCIL, I KNOW PUBLIC WORKS HAS STUFF COMING IN AND D&D.
>> THE BPHC OWNS THE BUILDING.
>> WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THE SPECIFICS.
>> GOT IT.

BUT IF THERE WERE ANY
CONVERSATION ABOUT ANY
DISPOSITION, IT WOULD HAVE TO GO
THROUGH SIMILAR PROCESSES WITH
THE COUNCIL?

>> CORRECT.

>> WHAT DO YOU ANTICIPATE WILL
BE THE CHANGE TO OR THE IMPACT
ON THE RECOVERY ROAD, NEW MARKET
AREA AFTER ALL OF THIS IS SET
UP?

>> YEAH, IT'S ALL
INTERCONNECTED, RIGHT?
THE CONTINUUM OF CARE IS FOLKS
THAT ARE NOT YET ACCESSING CARE,
RIGHT?

I THINK TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT
WE CREATE -- ELIMINATE BARRIERS,
ACCESSIBLE LEVEL OF CARE ON THE
ISLAND.

IT IS VERY COMPLEX WHAT WE'RE
SEEING THERE, BUT WE'RE SEEING
FOLKS THAT ARE NOT EVEN READY
YET FOR CARE.

THE DIRECT LINK TO LONG ISLAND
ISN'T GOING TO BE THERE, BUT WE
ALSO SEE FOLKS WHO ARE FOLKS WHO
MAY HAVE BEEN IN CARE AT SOME
POINT, BUT THAT NEXT LEVEL OF
CARE WASN'T ACCESSIBLE TO THEM,
SO THEY HAVE GONE BACK TO WHAT
IS HAPPENING IN THEIR LIVES AND
SOME OF THOSE CHALLENGES.

WHAT WE HOPE TO SEE IS WHEN
FOLKS ARE ABLE TO START THAT
PROCESS THAT WE HAVE BEDS
ACCESSIBLE FOR THEM TO CONTINUE
DOWN THAT PATH.

WE DO THINK WE'LL SEE MORE FOLKS
ENGAGED IN CARE, MORE
OPPORTUNITIES TO NOT ONLY GET
TREATMENT, BUT GET ADDITIONAL
SUPPORTS AROUND RECOVERY BECAUSE
WE KNOW IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT
MEDICAL SUPPORT OR MEDICAL
TREATMENT.

IT'S ALL CONNECTED AND LINKED,
BUT I DON'T WANT TO CREATE THIS
FALSE SENSE THAT THE CREATION OF
THE CAMPUS ELIMINATES THE
CHALLENGES BECAUSE THAT'S NOT
TRUE, BUT AGAIN, WE NEED MORE
SERVICES.

THAT'S PART OF THE CHALLENGES

WE'RE SEEING THERE.

>> SITTING IN THIS MOMENT NOW,
OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LOT OF
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DISCUSSION LEFT TO GO, BUT HOW
WOULD YOU DEFINE LET'S SAY FIVE
YEARS DOWN THE LINE WHEN
EVERYTHING IS UP AND RUNNING
WHAT YOU'LL CONSIDER A SUCCESS
IN TERMS OF WHAT THE CITY IS
DOING NOW AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
IMPACTS AND THE OPIOID CRISIS
ACROSS THE CITY AND/OR NUMBER OF
PEOPLE SERVED?

>> YEAH.

SUCCESS IS REALLY MAKING SURE
THAT WHEN FOLKS ARE AT THAT
MOMENT, THAT THEY'RE READY TO
GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO
BUILD A HEALTHIER LIFE THAT WE
HAVE THE ACCESSIBLE SERVICE TO
PROVIDE THEM.

TODAY THAT IS NOT THE CASE.
THERE ARE FOLKS WHO CANNOT GET
TO THAT NEXT LEVEL OF SERVICE.
SUCCESS ON LONG ISLAND, WE HAVE
INTENTIONALLY CREATED A CAMPUS
WHERE WE HAVE THIS PRECIOUS LAND
AND THAT THE PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES THERE COMMUNICATE WITH
EACH OTHER.

IT IS MEETING THE GAPS THAT ARE
BEING IDENTIFIED WITH THIS
EPIDEMIC.

FIVE YEARS FROM NOW, THE
EPIDEMIC COULD LOOK DIFFERENT
THAN IT DOES TODAY, SO I BELIEVE
SUCCESS WILL BE THAT WE HAVE
CREATED A FLEXIBLE ENOUGH
CONTINUUM THAT WE CAN ADAPT TO
THE GROWING NEEDS OR CHALLENGES
THAT MIGHT SURFACE FROM THIS
EPIDEMIC, SO THAT WILL REALLY BE
SUCCESS.

WE NEED TO GIVE PEOPLE EVERY
OPPORTUNITY TO GET HEALTHY, AND
WE'RE TRYING TO DO THAT WITH
LETTING THE ISLAND BE PART OF
THE TOOLS THAT WE'RE USING.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR FLYNN?

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

THANK YOU, CHIEF MARTINEZ, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

I KNOW YOU'RE DOING EXCELLENT WORK HERE.

CHIEF, I WAS WONDERING, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS A PROBATION OFFICER, MORE THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE I HAD ON PROBATION AT SUFFOLK SUPERIOR WERE LIVING OUTSIDE OF BOSTON AT THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST.

THEY CAME TO BOSTON BECAUSE OF ITS COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE THAT NEEDED HOUSING OR FOR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

AND I WAS WONDERING IS THERE SOME TYPE OF WAY TO ENGAGE GREATER BOSTON OR THE STATE ITSELF IN TERMS OF RAISING MONEY TO ASK COMMUNITIES AND TOWNS ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS IF THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM WE HAVE HERE IN BOSTON.

IT'S NOT JUST A BOSTON PROBLEM.

IT'S A STATE PROBLEM.

IT'S A NEW ENGLAND PROBLEM.

IS THERE A WAY FOR US TO AT LEAST CONSIDER ASKING CITIES AND TOWNS ACROSS THE STATE TO BE MORE ACTIVE, MORE ENGAGED IN PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I MEAN, I THINK PART OF THE WORK THAT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES UNDER JEN TRACY'S LEADERSHIP -- PART OF THE WORK THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO IS ENGAGE PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, BUT ALSO THE STATE IN THIS EXACT CONVERSATION.

YOU KNOW, WE'RE A REGIONAL HUB FOR OUR SERVICES.

WELL, NOT JUST IN RECOVERY AND TREATMENT BUT IN OTHER PLACES, SO I DON'T THINK WE SHY AWAY FROM THAT.

BOSTON IS WILLING TO SAY IF PEOPLE NEED THEIR NEEDS MET, WE'RE GOING TO HELP THEM, BUT WE ALSO NEED THE STATE PARTNERSHIP TO DO THAT.

IT MEANS MORE SERVICES IN OTHER

PLACES ACROSS THE STATE.
PEOPLE AREN'T COMING FROM MASS
AV BECAUSE THEY WANT TO AND IT'S
A
THEY'RE COMING THERE MANY TIMES
FOR A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT
CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT ONE OF IT IS
BECAUSE THERE'S LOTS OF
TREATMENT PROGRAMS THERE.
THERE'S LOTS OF SERVICES AND
OPPORTUNITIES TO GET HELP.
WE HAVE MORE OF THOSE SERVICES
IN OTHER PLACES ACROSS THE STATE
THAT WOULD HELP WITH SOME OF THE
CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE
EXPERIENCING.
WE'RE ALSO LEANING INTO
PHILANTHROPY.
WE'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK IN THE
CITY, MOBILE SHARPS TEAM,
OUTREACH WORKERS.
WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF DIFFERENT
THINGS WITHIN THE HEALTH
COMMISSION.
WE HAVE ASKED PHILANTHROPY TO
GET INVOLVED AS WELL, BUT OF
COURSE, THIS IS A REGIONAL
ISSUE.
WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM THE
COUNCIL TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO
NOT ONLY ENCOURAGE THE STATE BUT
OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS TO GET
INVOLVED IN THE WAY WE'RE TAKING
IT ON.
OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS ARE DOING
THINGS TOO, SO I DON'T WANT TO
LOSE THAT WE'RE THE ONLY ONES,
BUT THE HEAVY BURDEN IS HERE.
WE NEED TO HAVE STRONGER
PARTNERSHIPS SO THEY CAN ENGAGE
AND ALSO SUPPORT THE WORK, AND
THAT'S WHY SUPPORTING THE BRIDGE
AND LONG ISLAND AND THE CAMPUS
IS ONE REALLY POSITIVE WAY THAT
THEY CAN GET INVOLVED TO HELP US
MAKE IT HAPPEN.
>> THANK YOU, CHIEF.
THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO?
>> THANK YOU.
REFRESH MY MEMORY, PLEASE, ABOUT
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FROM THE
DAY YOU GET THE PERMIT TO

FINISHING THE BRIDGE.

>> TWO YEARS.

ROUGHLY, TWO YEARS.

>> TWO-PLUS YEARS.

AND, CHIEF MARTINEZ, YOU'RE WORKING ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR WHAT THE CAMPUS LOOKS LIKE, WHICH IS GOING TO DRIVE WHAT THE BUILDINGS LOOK LIKE AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

JUST WONDERING THE COORDINATION -- WE CAN'T GET ON THE ISLAND FOR TWO YEARS, BUT CAN WE COORDINATE IT SO IT KIND OF ALL COMES TOGETHER IN A COORDINATING FASHION, I GUESS?

>> YEAH, I'LL JUST OFFER A LITTLE BIT.

THEN I'LL TURN TO YOU.

THE NOTION IS THAT WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE TWO PHASES.

MEANING, SOME BUILDINGS AGAIN MIGHT NEED SOME TENDER LOVING CARE, SO THEY NEED LESS SUPPORT OR LESS DEVELOPMENT OR LESS RESOURCES.

WE MAY BE ABLE TO HAVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THERE, SO IT IS OUR INTENTION TO CUT THE RIBBON ON THE BRIDGE TO SOME SERVICES ALREADY.

HOW WE WILL BUILD THAT AND DO THAT TRISHA CAN MENTION THAT TO YOU, BUT THE INTENTION IS TO HAVE A MASTER PLAN, BUT PART OF

THAT MASTER PLAN TO BE A FIRST PHASE THAT WILL BE SOME SERVICES THAT WILL BE READY TO GO TO MEET THAT DEMAND.

BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT THREE YEARS, RIGHT?

WE NEED THEM TODAY.

THE SECOND WILL BE ONCE THE BRIDGE IS OPEN AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT AND DEVELOP THE REST THAT WE NEED TO DO.

>> JUST A QUICK ONE.

WOULD IT BE FAIR TO SAY THAT MAYBE THE FIRST PHASE WILL BE OUTPATIENT OR ARE WE LOOKING FOR RESIDENTIAL RIGHT AWAY TOO?

>> I WOULDN'T WANT TO SAY THE FIRST PHASE WILL BE OUTPATIENT.

I THINK THE FIRST PHASE FOR US WILL BE WHERE'S THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT IN TERMS OF THE BUILDING FIT.

ARE THESE TWO STRUCTURES THAT ARE READY FOR THESE KIND OF SERVICES AND THE NEED IS CONSISTENT WITH THE VISION, THEN THAT'S WHAT WOULD BE THERE FIRST.

I WOULDN'T WANT TO LEAN ON A SPECIFIC LEVEL JUST YET.

>> I WOULD SIMPLY ADD THERE'S A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF COORDINATION GOING ON BETWEEN THE THREE TEAMS.

THE GOAL ESSENTIALLY WILL BE WHAT CAN WE HAVE OVER THERE WHEN THE BRIDGE IS OPEN.

SO, WE WILL WORK TOWARD THAT FIRST PHASE, AS CHIEF MARTINEZ SAID, BEING WHATEVER IT IS WE CAN ACCOMPLISH AND WHATEVER SERVICES ARE OF VALUE TO HAVE THERE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

IT MAY NOT BE SORT OF A PERMANENT SOLUTION.

IT MAY BE A FIRST PHASE, AND THERE MAY BE OTHER THINGS THAT HAPPEN.

ULTIMATELY, THE CAMPUS WILL BE BUILT AS A PHASED SORT OF -- WELL, NOT EVEN A RENOVATION. A PHASED PLAN, I SHOULD SAY. THAT IS BEING DEVELOPED AS WE'RE MOVING FORWARD.

>> RIGHT.

SO WE HAVE NO IDEA COST ESTIMATES OBVIOUSLY AT THIS TIME FOR WHAT IS REQUIRED, WHICH WILL TAKE MORE CAPITAL DOLLARS TO DEAL WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE, BUILDINGS, AND PROGRAMS ONCE THE MASS AV PLAN IS COMPLETE. THE HOPE IS TO IMPLEMENT THE MASTER PLAN.

>> I THINK WE'RE HOPING BY THE END OF THE YEAR TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF THE BUILDING SYSTEM NEEDS AT LEAST, THE HEATING SYSTEM, THE PLUMBING, THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, THE TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO HAVE ANYTHING

OCCUPIED BY THE TIME THE BRIDGE IS BUILT.
WE'LL START TO BE ABLE TO BUILD THOSE.
ONCE WE COMBINE THAT IN WITH THE PROGRAMMING, WE'LL START TO HAVE A BETTER SENSE.
>> WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE SOME KIND OF REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION FOR WORK THAT YOU WANT TO GET DONE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AT THE VERY LATEST.
>> THAT'S THE GOAL.
THAT IS DEFINITELY A GOAL.
>> THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.
>> RIGHT.
COUNCILOR BAKER?
>> THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.
TRISH, THE END OF THIS YEAR, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR INVENTORY DONE, A SENSE OF WHAT THE BUILDINGS LOOK LIKE, AND THEN MARTY WILL -- PART OF THIS VISION, DO WE ENVISION MAYBE BUILDING MORE BUILDINGS OUT THERE FOR --
>> IT'S HARD TO SAY UNTIL THAT PROCESS IS COMPLETE TO KNOW WHAT IS USABLE AND WHAT ISN'T AND WHAT NEEDS SUPPORT.
IT IS HARD TO SAY BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW THERE ARE QUITE A FEW BUILDINGS OUT THERE THAT HELD A LOT OF SERVICES BEFORE.
>> AND THE FOCUS GROUPS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, IS THERE ANY -- FROM NORTH SHORE AND SOUTH SHORE, IS THERE ANY COMMONALITY IN THE THEME COMING FROM THEM? WHAT ARE THE BIG ASKS? WHAT ARE THEY ASKING FOR IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES?
>> THEY'RE SAYING LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT WE'RE GOING TO LOCATE ALL THESE SERVICES IN ONE CENTRAL PLACE, AND LET'S THINK ABOUT IS -- I'LL LIST A COUPLE EXAMPLES.
IS THERE POTENTIALLY A WAY TO ENSURE THAT IF A PERSON NEEDS THIS SERVICE, THIS SERVICE, AND THIS SERVICE, IT IS ALL IN THE SAME LOCATION?
ANY BARRIER TO ELIMINATE PEOPLE

FALLING OUT OF SERVICE, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS ON THIS ISLAND, RIGHT?

WE'VE HEARD FOLKS SAY WE NEED DIFFERENT LAYERS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

ONE OF THE CHALLENGES OF PEOPLE WHO GET OUT OF TREATMENT IS THEY'RE NOT READY TO GO AT IT ON THEIR OWN BUT THEY NEED THIS LEVEL OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND THERE'S NOT ENOUGH IN THE COMMUNITY.

PEOPLE FALL OUT OF IT AND END UP IN SILVER HOMES THAT MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT FIT FOR THEM.

THERE'S BEEN SOME OF THOSE GAPS. I THINK FOLKS HAVE BEEN CLEAR THAT RECOVERY IS JUST NOT ABOUT TREATMENT PROGRAMS, SO THERE NEEDS TO BE ANOTHER LAYER OF SUPPORT.

WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT ON THE ISLAND, SO HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT'S A PART OF IT. YOU WON'T BE SHOCKED.

IT WASN'T SHOCKING TO US, BUT AGAIN, WE WANT TO COLLECT AS MUCH FEEDBACK AS WE CAN.

>> I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE IF THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HOUSING OUT THERE, THE TRANSITIONAL-TYPE HOUSING, AND THEN HOW DO WE MOVE THOSE PEOPLE IF THEY'RE A YEAR IN SOBRIETY AND YOU SHOULD BE GOING TO WORK, HOW ARE WE GOING TO BE MOVING THOSE PEOPLE AND SOME OF THOSE CHALLENGES.

I LIKE THE WAY YOU ANSWERED COUNCILOR WU WHEN WE'RE MEASURING SUCCESS.

I WOULD MEASURE SUCCESS ANYBODY THAT IS ABLE -- EXCUSE ME -- TO LEAVE THAT ISLAND AFTER A YEAR AND SAY THAT THEY'RE ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE FOR A YEAR.

IF WE COULD SAY THAT WITHOUT THEM BEING ON METHADONE AND SOBOXONE, THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER CHECK FOR ME.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THE BASIS?

>> THERE WAS A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT THEY NOTED.

ONE RELATED TO COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE'S QUESTION AROUND
THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY.
THEY WANTED GENERAL INFORMATION
ABOUT THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
OF THE PIERS.
WE PROVIDED THAT INFORMATION IN
JULY.

WE HAD OUR CONSULTANTS THERE
SEPTEMBER 5th TO ANSWER
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE
QUINCY CONSERVATION COMMISSION.
THAT IS ONE OF THE PIECES OF
INFORMATION THEY WANT.
THEY STILL WANT ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON.

THEY NOTED SOME ADDITIONAL
THINGS THAT ARE ACTUALLY OUT OF
SCOPE FROM THE ACTUAL PROJECT.
THERE WAS -- THEY RAISED THE
ISSUE OF THE USE OF COPPER DAMS
FOR WORK ON THE PIERS.
WE'RE NOT USING COFFERDAMS.

>> WHAT ARE COFFERDAMS?

>> IF YOU ARE BUILDING A
BRAND-NEW PIER, WE NEED TO KEEP
THE WATER AWAY.
THAT IS APPLICABLE, BUT WE ARE
NOT DOING THAT.

THEREFORE, YOU DON'T NEED ONE.

>> THERE WAS A NOTE ABOUT THE
MOON ISLAND CAUSEWAY.

THE MOON ISLAND CAUSEWAY IS NOT
PART OF THIS PROJECT.
THERE WERE A COUPLE OF THINGS
THAT WERE RAISED IN THE NEGATIVE
ORDER OF CONDITIONS WHICH WAS
INFORMATION THAT WE ALREADY
PROVIDED.

WE FEEL CONFIDENT IN THE APPEAL
PROCESS THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO
MOVE FORWARD.

>> OKAY.

SOME OF THE THINGS I HEARD IN
QUINCY MEETINGS WAS ACCESS TO
THE ISLAND FOR QUINCY RESIDENTS
AND THINGS LIKE THEY WERE UNABLE
TO SEE THE

WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
QUINCY ABOUT THAT FOR THE
SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

COULD ANY OF US HERE ACCESS THE
ISLAND?

ARE WE HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS?

>> THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN OUR MAYOR'S OFFICE ONGOING. WE DID HEAR IN THAT JUNE 6th HEARING. OUR FOCUS RIGHT NOW IS CREATING THAT.

>> ONCE WE HAVE THAT FOOTPRINT, WE CAN FIGURE OTHER THING OUT. MY LAST QUESTION. WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT COORDINATING TEAM, WHO IS ON YOUR TEAM HEADING THIS UP?

>> OUR PROJECT MANAGER IS MAUREEN ANDERSON.

>> OKAY.

>> OUR PLANNER. SURE.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILORS. AND ALSO TO THE HELP MISSION AND JEN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. A QUICK NOTE. THE WEBSITE THAT WAS MENTIONED THAT'S NOT UP AND RUNNING YET. AM SOUGHT POINT IS PLAN IS TO ROLL THIS OUT. WHAT'S THE TIME LINE AND THE WEBSITE IT'S ACTUALLY LIVE NOW. OUR INTENTION IS FOR THE OVERALL BUILDING.

>> THE RFI THAT WILL GO OUT, WILL THERE BE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH TO SOLICIT COMMUNITY INPUT INTO THE PLANNING PROCESS BESIDES THAT?

>> WE HAVE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT -- WE'VE DONE INFORMANT INTERVIEWS, WE HAVE A LONG LIST OF PROVIDERS, THE PROVIDERS IN THE CORE. WE'VE GONE INTO THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY. THERE IS A BROAD SCOPE FOR EVERYONE AND ANYONE WHO WANTS THE WEIGH INCH WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILORS TO SEND US THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS. SO THAT'S THE MAIN NEXT MECHANISM. BUT AS YOU KNOW WELL, PEOPLE

HAVE IDEAS AND WANT TO REACH MYSELF OR THE RECOVERY SERVICES TEAM, WE'D BE GLAD THE HEAR FROM FOLKS.

>> DO WE KNOW WHEN THIS WILL BE RELEASED?

>> THE PLAN IS TO HAVE IT RELEASED TOMORROW.

>> AND THEN LOOKING AT THE TIME LINE OF THE BRIDGE OVERALL, PERMITS ARE ISSUED AFTER THAT, THE BRIDGE ROADS ARE UP.

I'M ASSUMING, AND I NEVER LIKE TO ASSUME, BUT THAT'S THE FASTEST WE CAN CONSTRUCT THIS.

>> YES.

>> IT'S 3,300 FEET LONG. WE'VE SORT OF DONE THIS AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN, BUT THE NEED FOR THIS -- [INAUDIBLE].

>> THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.

OBVIOUSLY FOR FOLKS WHO EITHER NEED SERVICES OR THOSE WHO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING SERVICES, THERE'S A VERY LONG TIME, SO IN THE MEANTIME, WHAT IS OUR PLAN BEFORE WE MEET. WE ARE ALSO DEALING WITH OTHER FOLKS WHO ARE NOT EQUIPPED LIKE OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OTHERS, NOT EQUIPPED TO RESPOND ON EVERY SINGLE DAY.

WHAT'S OUR PLAN IN THE MEANTIME FOR NEXT THREE YEARS?

>> IN THE MEANTIME OUR PLAN IS TO KIND OF THREE THINGS.

ONE, DOUBLE DOWN ON WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING.

SUPPORTING PEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR FOLKS TO ENGAGE, GREATER INVESTMENT WITHIN SORT OF OUR CITY DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, E.M.S., THE HOUSE COMMISSION, YOU KNOW, WE'VE DONE A LOT.

WE'VE INVESTED A LOT WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

SO WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT.

LOOKING AT HOW EFFECTIVE THE ENGAGEMENT CENTER IS, THAT'S HOW WE CONTINUE TO SEE ABOUT GETTING PEOPLE INSECURE TESTIMONY SECOND BUCKET IS REALLY PARTNERING WITH

THE STATE.

MOST OF THESE SERVICES IF NOT ALL OF THEM ARE LICENSED THROUGH THE STATE.

IT'S REALLY OUT OF THE STATE'S INMATE INVESTMENTS, HOW DO THEY LIFT UP OPPORTUNITIES, THEN THE LEADERSHIP WITH BEN TRACY, REALLY PARTNERING WITH EIGHT PARTNERS AND CBOs AND PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY WHAT THOSE MIGHT BE AND ALSO ASKING PHILANTHROPY TO BE MORE INVOLVED TO SORT OF PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES.

AND THEN THE THIRD I WOULD SUGGEST IS REALLY FOCUS ON HOW DO WE ENSURE, AND THIS IS PART OF THE PLAN, HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT NO ONE GETS LEFT BEHIND. YOU KNOW, WHEN DISEASES LIKE THIS COME, SOMETIMES WE LOOK AT ONE POPULATION, AND WAS START TO SEE THINGS CHANGE, WE'RE NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE AT.

SO WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT THE DATA AND CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT THE GAPS AND TRYING TO LIFT UP AND RAISE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES.

I'LL GIVE YOU A GAP OR A CHALLENGE THAT CAME UP.

MANY PROBABLY SAW THAT RECENTLY THERE WAS A SPIKE IN H.I.V. INFECTIONS IN LAWRENCE AND LOWELL REALLY CONNECTED TO THE EPIDEMIC, REALLY CONNECTED TO INTRAVENOUS DRUG USE.

SO THEY DISCOVERED THE INFORMATION, WHAT HAPPENED, WHO IT AFFECTED, AND NOW WE'VE BEEN HAVING CONVERSATIONS HERE, THE HEALTH COMMISSION, MY OFFICE, AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT CAN WE DO TO COUNTER WHAT IS IN FRONT OF US IN TERMS OF A SECOND H.I.V./AIDS INFECTION RATE.

SO WE'RE TRYING TO -- THAT THIRD BUCKET, WE HAVE TO BE NIMBLE AND RESPONSIVE.

WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT AS THE EPIDEMIC OPENS UP A NEW DOOR, A NEW CHALLENGE, THAT WE WALK THROUGH IT WITH RESOURCES AND

NOT BE AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT THE THINGS WE NEED TO DO TO IMPROVE IT.

SO THOSE ARE THE THREE BUCKETS. WE'LL KEEP WORKING THOSE BUCKETS AND CLOSE THAT G.P. AND MAKE SURE PEOPLE CAN GET INTO CARE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE AS A CITY, WE RUN SOME PROGRAMMING, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE OVERSIGHT OF ALL THOSE SERVICES.

THAT REALLY COMES FROM THE STATE.

THAT'S PART OF WHY WE'RE CONTINUING THAT ADVOCACY.

>> SO JUST ON THE EPIDEMIC, THAT'S ONE REASON THE SHERIFF HAD THE PULL HIS FOLKS BACK FOR VOLUNTEERING TO CLEAN UP THAT AREA.

I THINK THAT'S BEEN A FRUSTRATION FOR HIM.

IN ASKING THEM WHAT IS THEIR INPUT, THAT'S SOMETHING TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM FOCUSED THROUGH AND THEM SAYING YOUR PLAN IS TO REBUILD THIS.

WHERE IS YOUR MONEY AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

SO UNDERSTANDING THAT CONTEXT, WE NEED MORE RESOURCES, IF WE HAVE PLAN TO CLOSE THESE GAPS, THE PLAN TO COVER THESE TWO YEARS OR TWO YEARS BEFORE THIS IS REBILLED, WHAT'S THE OVERALL COST?

I THINK THAT HELPS US AT EAST ON THE COUNCIL SIDE UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH WE NEED THIS WITHIN OUR COUNCIL BUDGET.

ALSO, WHAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ARE CONTRIBUTING, HOW WE FORCE THEIR HAND A LITTLE BIT, GIVEN THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS FOR CONSTITUENTS.

OF COURSE, WE DON'T WANT THE TURN PEOPLE AWAY, BUT WE WANT EVERYONE TO DO THEIR FAIR SHARE. SO I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHAT THE COST FOR THE PRICE TAG WOULD BE FOR THOSE THREE BUCKETS THAT YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH.

>> WE'D BE GLAD TO SORT OF LOOK AT KIND OF A NUMBER FOR YOU.

I THINK THE REALITY IS THERE IS SO MUCH WE CAN DO. THERE IS A POLICY SITE TO ALL OF THIS.

IT'S ABOUT HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT, WHAT'S REIMBURSABLE, HOW IS IT. HOW DOES SHIEWRN PLAY ITSELF OUT IN THIS WORK, AND WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THINGS IN TERMS OF PROVIDERS DOING PROGRAMMING, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE CBOs WHO HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION TO NOT PROVIDE THAT LEVEL OF DEBT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T GET REIMBURSED AT A RATE THAT WILL MAKE IT FEASIBLE.

SO AGAIN, THE COST IS SOMETHING WE CAN TALK THROUGH AND TRY TO GIVE YOU AN ESTIMATE.

I STRESS TO YOU THAT THERE ARE MANY WILL EVERS ON THIS PROBLEM. THE CITY IS ONE.

THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER PLACES WHERE WE NEED TO SORT OF APPLY PRESSURE, WHICH IS ALSO WHY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES IS DOING POLICY WORK AND MAKING PARTNERSHIPS REGIONALLY SO WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING OTHER PLACES.

TAKE HOMELESSNESS, FOR EXAMPLE, ON A SUBSET.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, WE HAVE TO THINK, YOU MIGHT BE HOMELESS IN BOSTON TODAY BUT YOU'RE HOMELESS IN CAMBRIDGE TOMORROW.

WE HAVE TO THINK THAT ON A REGION MALL BASIS AND WHO IS DOING WHAT IN WHAT CITY.

WE'RE TRYING TO DO THAT TODAY WHILE WE'RE RESPONDING, IN THE DAY-TO-DAY ISSUES.

WE'RE DOING A COMBINATION OF THOSE THINGS.

AN WE'LL TRY PROVIDE A NUMBER THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR DO YOU LOOK AT.

>> I ONLY ASK TO GET MORE DETAIL, BECAUSE WHEN WE'RE OUT AND ABOUT, I WAS IN A METRO MAYOR'S MEETING, AND OUR MAYOR PARTICIPATES IN THESE REGIONAL

CONVERSATIONS RELATED TO THE
OPIOID CRISIS.
MY QUESTION IS WHAT'S OUR MAYOR
DOING?
DOES HE FEEL LIKE HE'S OUT ON
HIS OWN?
IT WOULD HELP US TO HAVE A
BETTER SENSE OF NOT ONLY WHAT
THE PLAN IS BUT TO DLOAZ CLOAZ
THE GAP IN THESE COUPLE YEARS
WHERE WE WAIT FOR THE REBUILDING
OF THE BRIDGE, BUT ALSO WHAT THE
PRICE TAG IS.
I'M NOT CONFIDENT, FRANKLY, THAT
THE STATE IS SUDDENLY GOING TO
STEP UP OVERNIGHT.
IT MAY NOT HAPPEN.
THIS MAY MEAN WE HAVE TO
SHOULDER MORE THAN WE LIKE.
THAT'S HORRIBLE TO SAY, BUT IT
IS WHAT IT IS, RIGHT?
BUT AT LEAST WE HAVE A SENSE OF
WHAT LANDSCAPE IS IN TERMS OF
PRICE TAG.
I THINK IT ALLOWS US TO GEAR
MORE AS A COLLECTIVE TO PUSH
OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, THE STATE,
PHILANTHROPY IN OTHER PLACES IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU GUYS.
LASTLY, MY QUESTION WAS JUST ON
THE \$108 BILLION.
SO \$80 -- SO ABOUT \$80 MILLION
SORE WE APPROVED THE LAST.
>> CORRECT.
THERE IS A NEW AUTHORIZATION OF
\$80.
MILLION THAT'S \$50 MILL OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION, \$30 MILLION
IN COMMUNITY FUNDING.
THAT'S ESSENTIALLY THE ROUGH
BREAKDOWN.
>> AND IS ANY OF THAT...
>> I'M SO SORRY, IF I COULD ADD,
WE HAVE A BUDGET BOOK.
IT SHOWS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
MONEY FOR THE BRING FROM THE
TIME IT BECAME A SITUATION,
WHICH WAS IN 2014, SO FIRST \$20
MILLION WAS TO TAKE THE
SUPERSTRUCTURE OUT.
SO THAT'S TO PUT THE BRIDGE
BACK.
THEN ANOTHER EIGHT TO PUT THE
CONSULTANTS TOGETHER.

THAT'S HOW THE \$108 COMES.
>> DOES THIS ALSO COVER ANY OF
YOU DEPARTMENT'S COSTS.
>> NO, BRIDGE ONLY.
>> WHAT IS THAT COSTING YOU IN
TERMS OF GOING OUT TO ASSESS THE
CURRENT EXISTING CONDITIONS AND
ALL OF THAT TO GIVE US A REPORT
BY THE END OF THE YEAR AS TO
WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?
>> SO RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A
CONTRACT WITH HEX ENGINEERING,
WHICH IS A CONSULTING FIRM.
THEY HAVE A FULL COMPLEMENT OF
CONSULTANTS AND ENGINEERS FOR
THE VARIOUS DISCIPLINES.
THE CONTRACT AMOUNT RIGHT NOW IS
ABOUT \$432,000.
>> AND THIS IS MY LAST QUESTION,
QUINCY, HOW LONG IS THIS APPEAL
GOING TO TAKE, AND IF QUINCY
KEEPS APPEALING OR IF QUINCY
JUST FRANKLY NEVER COMES TO THE
TABLE AND IS LIKE, I'M STANDING
AGAINST THIS UNTIL THE VERY END,
WHAT DOES THIS DO IN TERMS OF
THE TIME LINE AND THE OVERALL
PROJECT OF RECONSTRUCTING THE
BRIDGE?
>> SO WE START THE APPEAL
PROCESS, WHAT TRIGGERS THE
APPEAL PROCESS IS THE RECEIPT OF
THE WRITTEN NEGATIVE ORDER OF
CONDITION FROM QUINCY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION.
WE RECEIVE THAT ON THE 27th.
WE HAVE TO GET OUR APPEAL BACK
WITHIN TEN DAYS, THE LOCAL LEVEL
WITHIN 60.
OVERALL, AGAIN, WE FEEL
CONFIDENT IN THE APPROACH THAT
WE'RE TAKING.
WE THINK THAT OUR APPROACH
REALLY IS ABOUT MINIMIZING THE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND SORT OF
ANY SORT OF IMPACT THAT
RECONSTRUCTING THIS SUPER
STRUCTURE WILL HAVE.
THAT'S WHY WE THINK WE WILL BE
SUCCESSFUL IN THE APPEAL
PROCESS.
YES, OUR TIME LINE IS
AGGRESSIVE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING

TO GET DONE, WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AS FAST AS WE CAN. IT'S BEEN ACTUALLY VERY HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS WITH QUINCY. THEY ARE VERY OPEN, SOME CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION. THERE WE'RE HOPEFUL WE'RE ABLE TO WORK WITH THEM GOING FORWARD, AS WELL.

>> IF WE CAN'T, WORST-CASE SCENARIO, I'M NOT SAYING THAT WILL BE IT, BUT IT'S A QUESTION SOME CONSTITUENTS OBVIOUSLY ASK, EVEN IF THEY DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THESE HEARINGS.

THEY READ THE NEWSPAPER AND THEY'RE CONCERNED IF QUINCY DOESN'T STEP UP, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR OUR PLANS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON?

>> SO THE APPEAL AT THE QUINCY CONSERVATION COMMISSION AT THE -- FOR THEIR STATE ORDINANCE IS TWO MASS, AND THERE'S AROUND APPEAL TO THE LOCAL LEVEL TO THE COURTS WORKING WITH TAKING OUR APPEALS TO BOTH THOSE BODIES. WE WILL BE WORKING ON THAT AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN OVER THE NEXT TEN AND 60 DAYS.

OUR HOPE IS WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND AGAIN I THINK WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT BOTH THE E.P.A. AND THE COURTS WILL SUPPORT OUR APPEALS PROCESS AND ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO GO FORWARD.

>> IF QUINCY SAYS NO, CAN THIS BRIDGE BE BUILT?

>> THERE IS ALWAYS A POINT OF APPEAL.

>> IF WE LOSE ALL THE APPEALS AND QUINCY SAYS NO --

>> IF ULTIMATELY WE LOSE OUR APPEALS, IT WILL BE HARD FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD.

>> WE'LL KEEP ADVOCATING WITH YOU.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS VERY, VERY THOROUGH OVERVIEW.

I WAS JUST ON THE WEBSITE,
BOSTON.GOV/LONGISLAND.
IT'S A VERY WELL DONE AND DENSE
SITE, WHICH IS GREAT, BECAUSE I
THINK WE'RE ALL COMMITTED TO
SHARING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS
WE CAN.

I WANT TO SORT OF TALK BRIEFLY
SO MY COLLEAGUES CAN GO ON A
BEST-CASE SCENARIO AND THEN SOME
MORE PROCESS-ORIENTED QUESTIONS.
SO BEST-CASE SCENARIO, TWO YEARS
FROM NOW, IT'S OPEN, BRIDGE IS
GREAT, \$90 MILLION, ON TIME,
UNDER BUDGET HOPEFULLY.

YOU TALK ABOUT HOW THE RECOVERY
SERVICES WOULD BE EXPANDED FOR
DETOX, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT,
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, ONGOING
CARE AND SUPPORT, THAT'S FROM
THE WEBSITE.

BRIEFLY, GIVE ME ONE OR TWO
SENTENCES WHAT THAT MEANS, HARM
REDUCTION, FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT DO
YOU MEAN BY THAT?

>> SO HARM REDUCTION, THE BUCKET
OF SERVICES, MEETING CLIENTS
WHERE THEY'RE AT.

THERE COULD BE A VARIETY OF
SERVICES.

SERVICES HERE INCLUDE FOLKS WHO
ARE USERS AND TRYING TO GET THEM
INTO SERVICE AND, YOU KNOW, WE
HAVE NEEDLE EXCHANGE AND THINGS
LIKE THAT THAT WE WOULDN'T DO
THAT, BUT IT'S THAT BUCKET OF
HARM REDUCTION SERVICES.

>> DOES IT INCLUDE SAFE
INJECTION FACILITIES.

>> IT DOES NOT.

>> IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'RE
LOOKING AT, THE MAYOR IS LOOKING
AT?

>> CURRENTLY, AS --

>> I KNOW THERE ARE NONE IN THE
UNITED STATES.

>> CURRENTLY FOLKS KNOW THE
MAYOR HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE
STATE TO SIT ON A COMMISSION.
HE ADVOCATED TO BE CREATED TO DO
A STUDY ON SAFE INJECTION SITES.
SO WE'RE STUDYING IT AND
PROVIDING INFORMATION.
HE'S CHARGED US AND THE OFFICERS

IN HHS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE
IMPACT OF SAFE INJECTION SITES
IN COMMUNITIES AND IN
NEIGHBORHOODS.

I THINK OBVIOUSLY IT IS PART OF
THIS LARGER CONTINUUM, BUT
UNDERSTANDING HOW IT WOULD FIT
IS A MUCH LARGER QUESTION.

>> OKAY.

THAT'S... I DON'T WANT TO GET
INTO SPECIFICS, BUT THAT'S
HELPFUL INFORMATION.

DETOX IS PRETTY
SELF-EXPLANATORY.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, THAT WAS
TO COUNCILOR BAKER'S POINT WHERE
HE'S CALLING FOR THAT AS NEXT
LINE, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.

DO YOU HAVE ANY... IS IT TOO
EARLY TO PUT NUMBERS IN PLACE IN
TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF SPOTS?

CAN YOU GIVE ME ONE WERE TO
SENTENCES ON SORT OF RESIDENTIAL
TREATMENT AND TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING.

>> IT IS TOO EARLY TO PUT
NUMBERS MANY PLACE, BUT ONE OF
THE PATHS TO KEEP PEOPLE IN
TREATMENT TO GIVE THEM SUPPORT,
HOUSING SUPPORT SOME THAT WILL
LIKELY BE PART OF THIS SCENARIO.
WE HEAR TIME AND TIME AGAIN
THAT'S WHY PEOPLE FALL OUT OF
TREATMENT OR FALL OUT OF
RECOVERY.

>> I THINK THAT IS PROBABLY THE
MOST... AMONG THE MOST IMPACTFUL
THINGS WE OUGHT TO BE LOOKING AT
HERE FOR THIS TO TRULY BE A
SUCCESS.

AND PEER SUPPORT I ASSUME VERY
SIMILAR TO HARM REDUCTION, BUT
CAN YOU TALK ABOUT HOW THAT
WOULD BE DIFFERENT?

>> YEAH, LIKELY.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE HEARD
THROUGH THE FOCUS GROUPS IS THAT
FOLKS BEING ENGAGED WITHIN THE
RECOVERY COMMUNITY IS AN
IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORK.
SO SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN THERE,
WHO HAS BEEN THROUGH IT, IT'S
VERY SUPPORTIVE AND CAN HELP
KEEP SOMEONE THROUGH THEIR

PROCESS.

SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT BE IN LONG
ISLAND AND AWAY FROM THE CITY OF
BOSTON, THAT THE COMMUNITY IS
STILL ENGAGED AND CONNECTED.
SO PEER-TO-PEER PROGRAMS ARE
REALLY IMPORTANT TODAY.
AND WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO ENSURE
THAT THERE MAY WITH THAT
OPPORTUNITY TO STILL HAVE THAT
IN LONG ISLAND, EVEN THOUGH
THERE WILL BE DISTANCE.

>> GREAT.

CHIEF, YOU TALKED A LITTLE BIT
ABOUT HOW IT WILL BE
ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE AND
ADDRESSING THE FACT IT IS AN
ISLAND, WE ARE DEALING WITH
CLIMATE CHANGE.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE
ABOUT THAT, AND IN TERMS OF HOW
WE CAN MAKE IT SORT OF --

>> DURING THE CONSTRUCTION
PROCESS, IT SOUNDS TO ME THAT
THERE WOULD BE A REAL
OPPORTUNITY TO MAYBE INVEST IN
SOME RENEWABLE ENERGY
INFRASTRUCTURE.

I'M TALKING ABOUT WIND TURBINES,
FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE IT'S BEING
BUILT, THAT COULD BOTH SERVE THE
CAMPUS AS WELL AS SERVE OTHER
BOSTONIANS.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE
IN MIND?

>> YEP, SO THE ENVIRONMENTAL
EFFORTS, MANY, MANY DETAILS ARE
SPECIFIC TO THE BRIDGE
THEMSELVES SOME IN TERMS OF
SUSTAINABILITY, IT'S ABOUT HOW
WE TREAT THE PEERS AND ENSURING
THAT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT SEA
LEVEL RISE AND SORT OF RAISING
WHERE THE PURE CAP AND THE BASE
OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE IS.
IN TERMS OF MAKING IT MORE
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, IT'S
REALLY ABOUT HOW WE TREAT STORM
WATER RUN-OFF.

SO RATHER THAN HAVING TOMORROW
WATER RUN-OFF, IT'S ABOUT
CREATING IT BEFORE IT ACTUALLY
GETS THERE.

YOU THINK THAT OUR OVERALL APPROACH IS A SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL ONE, AND I THINK THAT'S AGAIN WHY AT THE END OF LAST YEAR MEMA SAID WE CAN GO FORWARD AND ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE.

IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT OTHER COMPONENTS, RENEWABLE ENERGY, THAT HAS NOT BEEN PART OF OUR EFFORT SO FAR, EITHER THINKING ABOUT THE BRIDGE OR ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

I'LL DEFER TO TRISH ON, THAT BUT I'M HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN NOTIONS OF OTHER WAYS YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PROJECT.

>> THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.

I WANT TO BE CLEAR ON WHAT THE MISSION IS HERE.

I DON'T WANT TO BRING YOU GUYS TOO FAR AFIELD.

HOWEVER, I THINK THERE IS AN ENORMOUS OPPORTUNITY AS IT RELATES TO BUILDING WIND TURBINE, SOLAR, PBSO FARMS AS THE CONSTRUCTION IS HAPPENING THAT COULD BOTH SERVICE THE CAMPUS AND PROVIDE AN IMPACT FOR THE REST OF THE CITY.

SO I'LL BE CONTINUING TO PUSH THAT.

OKAY.

AND THEN THE -- SO THE D.E.P.M. SENT A FAVORABLE LETTER, YOU JUST REFERENCED IN THE QUINCY -- I WON'T BELABOR THE POINT, BUT THE QUINCY CONSERVATION COMMISSION SENT A LETTER OR WAS IT IS CITY OF QUINCY SENT A LETTER OF DENIAL LAST MONTH.

>> THE QUINCY CONSERVATION COMMISSION SENT A NEGATIVE ORDER OF CONDITIONS.

THAT WAS ON OUR NOTES OF INTENT. THAT WAS ESSENTIALLY THEM DENYING OUR NOTICE OF ENTET AT THE QUINCY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE REASON FOR WHICH WE HAD SORT OF DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY.

IT IS THAT WHICH WE WILL THEN BE

APPEALING SHORTLY.

>> WELL, AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THAT.

I UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL SORT OF -- I DON'T... I DON'T SAY I AGREE WITH IT.

I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND WHY IN A SIMILAR HEARING NOT TOO LONG AGO WE HAD THE NORFOLK COUNTY D.A. TO WHAT HAPPENS TO BE AN ABUTTER LIST THE REASONS WHY HE HE'S AGAINST THIS I THOUGHT IT WAS NIMBYISM AT ITS WORST.

I'VE TALKED TO SOME FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN QUINCY WHO RECOGNIZE THIS IS GOING TO SERVE ALL RESIDENTS, NOT JUST BOSTONIAN, NOT JUST RESIDENTS OF QUINCY.

SO I CERTAINLY WOULD JUST RITTMAN ITERATE MY SUPPORT FOR THIS COMPLETED PROJECT AND THE PEOPLE MORE IMPORTANTLY WHOM IT WILL SERVE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

MY QUESTION REALLY GOES BACK TO THE POINT OF QUINCY.

AS OF LAST WEEK, THE QUINCY MAYOR ASKED THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ANOTHER \$250,000, 250,000, TO HIRE MORE LAWYERS TO FIGHT. SO WE CAN TALKING ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE BRIDGE. WE CAN TALK ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT UNTIL QUINCY... UNTIL WE FINISH WHERE WE STARTED, IF WE DON'T GET PERMISSION, THERE IS AN ISSUE.

SO WE'VE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU CAN TAKE THE BRIDGE DOWN, YOU CAN DO FERRY, BOATS, ALL THESE OTHER THINGS FOR UMPTEEN MONEY.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THE FERRIES AND ALL THIS WOULD COST. I'VE HEARD MEDICALLY YOU COULDN'T DO IT BECAUSE YOU'D NEED NURSES ON BOARD AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER STUFF.

CAN YOU JUST -- TO COUNCILOR CAMPBELL'S POINT, IF YOU COULD JUST EXPLAIN BETTER THE

TIMETABLE OF THESE APPEALS,
BECAUSE I'M NOT A LAWYER, AND
NOR DID I EVER WANT TO BE ONE.
BUT IT IS VERY -- IT'S VERY
VAGUE.

I KNOW THAT NOTHING HAPPENS FAST
IN THE WORLD OF JUSTICE.

SO CAN YOU JUST GIVE ME A TIME
TABLE ON HOW THAT WOULD BE AND
HOW THAT WOULD NEGATIVELY OR
POSITIVELY AFFECT HOW WE MOVE
FORWARD.

>> SURE.

PARDON ME FOR THE ACTUAL TIMING,
BUT THE APPEALS PROCESS STARTS
THAT WE HAVE THE NEGATIVE ORDER
OF CONDITIONS FROM QUINCY.
THERE IS A TEN-DAY WINDOW TO
APPEAL AT THE STATE LEVEL.
THAT APPEAL IS TO D.E.P.
THERE IS A 60-DAY WINDOW TO
APPEAL THEIR LOCAL ORDINANCE.
THAT PROCESS, YOU KNOW, WE'LL BE
MOVING QUICKLY ON THIS EFFORT,
AND OUR HOPE IS THAT OVER THE
COURSE OF THIS YEAR THAT ALL OF
THESE PIECES ARE INDEED
RESOLVED.

WE DO FEEL VERY CONFIDENT IN THE
ACTUAL PROJECT THAT WE HAVE.
AND AGAIN, I WOULD BE AFFIRMED
BY MEFA EARLIER, THE END OF LAST
MONTH, WE THINK THE APPROACH
WE'RE TAKING IS REALLY BEING
RECOGNIZED AS AN APPROACH THAT
MINIMIZES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT,
MINIMIZES THE IMPACT DURING
CONSTRUCTION FOR ANY ABUTTERS IN
QUINCY AS WELL AS ANYWHERE ELSE
SOME WE ARE CONFIDENT IN THIS
PROCESS GOING FORWARD.

>> THERE'S NO DOUBT IT'S
CONCERNING THAT THE MAYOR IS
ASKING FOR MORE DOUGH TO STOP
THE PROJECT.

>> TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S
POINT, WITH YOUR CONTINUED
COLLABORATION, THAT'S REALLY
IMPORTANT.

>> I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT
IF WE GOT INTO THE LOOP A LITTLE
BIT BETTER, AS WELL, IF THEIR
CITY DOWN SLIRS ARE READY TO CUT
A CHECK FOR \$250,000, MAYBE WE

SHOULD BE INVOLVED A LITTLE BIT
CLOSER WITH THEM, AS WELL, AS
PARTNERS.

THANKS.

>> COUNCILOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND
OUR THANKS TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT
CAMPBELL AND COUNCILOR GEORGE.

I APPRECIATE ALL OF MY
COLLEAGUES.

GREAT LINE OF QUESTIONING.
OUR PANEL'S COMPREHENSIVE
RESPONSES.

I'LL DO MY BEST TO NOT BE TOO
REPETITIVE HERE.

BUT I DO JUST... MANY OF MY
QUESTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
ANSWERED RELATIVE TO PRIVATE
DEVELOPMENT, TIME LINE,
CAPACITY, I WANTED TO BETTER
UNDERSTAND WHAT SORT OF AUDITING
WE'VE BEEN DOING IN THE WAKE OF
THE CLOSING OF LONG ISLAND, SO
FOR THOSE FOR WHOM SERVICES WERE
DISRUPTED, HAVE WE BEEN TRACKING
THOSE FOLKS?

AND I KNOW AGAIN WE ARE A
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY AND WE DON'T
WANT TO TURN ANYONE AWAY, BUT I
WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT WERE
DISRUPTED AND DISPLACED, THAT
THEY ARE BEING PRIORITIZED AND
THAT WE KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED
TO THEM, AND THEN FOR THOSE
PROGRAM MODELS THAT WERE PROVEN
AND THAT WERE SUCCESSFUL, I'M
UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT AT
LEAST TWO OF THOSE HAD TO
SHUTTER THEIR PROGRAMMING
ENTIRELY.

AND I'M JUST CURIOUS IF WE'RE
ALSO KEEPING TRACK OF THOSE
PROGRAMS AGAIN THAT WILL PROVE
MODELS IN WHAT IS OUR COMMITMENT
IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS AS A
CONTINGENCY PLAN BUT REALLY NOT
EVEN A CONTINGENCY PLAN JUST TO
MEET THE NEED WHICH CONTINUES TO
GROW TO REHOUSE THOSE PROGRAMS
IN COMMUNITY, WHETHER LONG
ISLAND, HOW QUICKLY THAT HAPPENS
OR NOT.

>> WHAT I CAN SAY IS THAT
ABSOLUTELY ONE OF THE GOALS WHEN

WE HAD THE MAKE A DIFFICULT
DECISION TO CLOSE THE BRING WAS
TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE ENSURE
WE DON'T LOSE ANY BEDS.

SO ON THAT FRONT WE WERE ABLE TO
LOCATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
CBOs VERY QUICKLY.

TO RELOCATE THE SERVICES, MOST
OF THE SERVICES THAT WERE BEDS.
AND THAT WAS REALLY ABOUT
ENSURING THAT WE DIDN'T CREATE A
GAP WITH THOSE UNFORESEEN
CIRCUMSTANCES WERE CREATED.

I THINK THE REALITY IS THAT
SINCE THE BRIDGE WAS CLOSED
TODAY, THE EPIDEMIC HAS GOTTEN
WORSE.

THERE IS NO QUESTION.

WE'VE SEEN MORE OVERDOSE, MORE
DEATH, MORE INVESTMENT, MORE
RESOURCES NECESSARY IN ORDER TO
MEET THAT DEMAND.

SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT NOT
ONLY DID WE REPLACE THE BEDS, WE
INCREASED THE CAPACITY AND
PARTNERSHIP WITH NOT ONLY THE
HEALTH COMMISSION, BUT IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE, SOME
SERVICES DID GO AWAY THAT WERE
NOT ACTUALLY RESIDENTIALER IS
VERSE, BUT SOME SERVICES DID GO
AWAY, BUT WHAT WE HAVE TRIED TO
DO IS MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE
PROVIDERS THERE IN LONG ISLAND
BEFORE HAVE HAD A VOICE IN THIS
PROCESS, SO WE'VE REACHED OUT TO
THEM, WE HAVE GOTTEN INFORMATION
FROM VICTORY PROGRAMS AND EVEN
THE SHELTERS WHO WERE THERE JUST
TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE
SERVICES THAT WERE THERE THAT
THEY WERE PROVIDING AND HOW DO
WE MAKE SURE THAT WE BRING THOSE
BEST PRACTICES WITH US AND TO BE
FRANK, COUNCILOR, WHAT WASN'T
WORKING.

AND THEY WERE VERY HONEST ABOUT
WHAT WASN'T WORKING.

>> PERFECT SEGUE.

BECAUSE I DO ALL -- ALSO FEEL
THAT BECAUSE WE ARE SO DESPERATE
THAT AT TIMES WHAT WAS HAPPENING
AT LONG ISLAND WAS BEING
ROMANTICIZED.

BECAUSE WHEN YOU SPOKE TO PEOPLE THAT WERE ON THE ISLAND, THERE WERE A LOT OF CHALLENGES, AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS A POST-MORTEM AND AN AUDIT THAT IS ENGAGING THOSE WHO WERE IN SERVICES WHO LIVED ON THE ISLAND SO THINGS LIKE, YOU KNOW, MAKING SURE THAT THE SERVICES ARE CULTURALLY COMPETENT, THAT WE WERE CONSIDERING THOSE THAT HAD JOBS AND THE CURFEW WHEREBY THEY HAD TO RETURN WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH FOLKS WORKING AND ALSO GETTING TO THE ISLAND.

TO YOUR POINT, CHIEF, AROUND NEW H.I.V. INFECTION, WHAT WE SEE IS AN INCREASE I THINK 15 TO 19 YEAR OLDS AND 20 TO 24 YEAR OLDS.

SO PEOPLE ARE USING MUCH EARLIER, AND THEN ENGAGING IN OTHER HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR. AND I SEE THIS ESPECIALLY IN GROWING NUMBERS, DEMOGRAPHIC VASTLY GROWING IN YOUNG MEN OF COLOR.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT AS WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESET THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THOSE SERVICES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND THAT WE ARE HONORING THAT IN THE NEW SYSTEM.

SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IS THERE AN AGE REQUIREMENT?

I MEAN, THE THING I HEAR FROM SO MANY YOUTHS THAT ARE EITHER BATTLING SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, BUT THERE ISN'T A PLACE FOR THEM.

SO HOW DO WE -- IF THIS IS THE FASTEST GROWING NUMBER AND THAT ARE MOST AT RISK, HOW ARE WE SUPPORTING THEM?

>> THERE IS NO QUESTION THERE IS A GAP IN SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, ED ADOLESCENTS. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH SERVICES CURRENTLY.

SOME OF OUR PARTNERS WILL RAISE THAT UPEN AND IT'S A

CONVERSATION WE'VE BEEN HAVING.
CLEARLY THERE IS A NEED TO
FIGURE OUT WHAT THOSE SERVICES
LOOK LIKE.
THERE WON'T BE A LIMIT ON AGE IN
TERMS OF WHAT COULD BE OUT
THERE.
IT'S REALLY GOING TO BE ABOUT
THOSE GAPS AND HOW DO WE FILL
THOSE GAPS.
SO CLEARLY UNDERSTANDING HOW TO
MEET THE NEEDS OF AN 18 YEAR OLD
WHO HAS HAD THIS EXPERIENCE AND
WHO IS STRUGGLING WITH THESE
CHALLENGES, JUST BECAUSE YOU
KNOW THE WORK DOESN'T MEAN YOU
KNOW HOW TO DO IT WITH AN 18
YEAR OLD AND TO SERVE THEM
ADEQUATELY.
THAT'S PART OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING
TO FIGURE OUT.
THE ONE THING I WANT TO SPEAK TO
YOU THAT YOU MENTIONED IS THAT,
YOU KNOW, THERE'S NO POSSIBLE
WAY THAT WE CAN JUST RECREATE
WHAT WAS THERE AND NOT ASSESS
WHAT WAS THERE.
SO WE HAVE TO DO THAT, AND
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING.
AND EVEN IF IT MEANS HAVING
TOUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH SOMEONE
WHO MAYBE RAN A PROGRAM THERE
FOR A LONG TIME BUT MAYBE THAT'S
NOT THE KIND OF SERVICE THAT WE
WANT TO GO BACK, THAT'S WHAT
WE'RE DOING AS THE CHIEF OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE, THAT'S
THE WORK I THINK I'M CHARGED
WITH LEADING.
SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT
WE PUT THERE NOT ONLY HAS OTHER
LAYERS IN PLACE, BUT ALSO
THINKING ABOUT THE CULTURAL
COMPETENCY OF PROVIDERS AND THE
SERVICES THEY PROVIDE.
SO WE'RE DOING THAT WORK AND
WELCOME INPUT FROM FOLKS.
MANY OF THE FOLKS DOING THIS
WORK INCLUDING FOLKS FROM
RECOVERY SERVICES OFFICE HAVE
WORKED ON THE ISLAND AND NEW
SERVICES THAT WERE THERE AND
UNDERSTAND WHERE THERE WAS SOME
GREAT STRENGTH BUT ALSO WHAT

SOME OF THE CHALLENGES ARE.
>> TWO OTHER QUICK POINTS.
SO EARLIER TODAY, I WAS
PARTICIPATING IN A CONFERENCE
CALLED HEALING THE HEALING THE
HEALERS.
PRIORITIZING SELF-CARE FOR THOSE
WHO DO THIS WORK.
>> I MISSED YOU.
>> SO YOU KNOW WHERE I'M GOING.
YOU AND I ARE OF ALIGNED MINDS
ON.
THIS THIS IS WORK THAT IS SLOWLY
BEGINNING TO HAPPEN IN MORE AND
MORE OF THESE SPACES, AND IT
NEEDS.
TO I WANT TO BE CLEAR, WHEN I
TALK ABOUT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
AND WRAP AROUND TALKING ABOUT
HOW DO WE MAKE SURE PROVIDERS
CAN BEST SERVE THOSE IN NEED,
BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPORTING
PROVIDERS, BECAUSE SOME OF THAT
MIGHT BE ABOUT CAPACITY AND
BANDWIDTH AND SO JUST TWO OTHER
THINGS ON THIS.
I WANTED TO BRING THAT INTO THE
SPACE AND MAKE SURE THAT'S A
PRIORITY, AS WELL.
AND THE GENDER PIECE.
I'M ALWAYS BRINGING THIS UP.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR CURRENT
DATA, IS AT ONE POINT, FOR EVERY
EIGHT BEDS AVAILABLE FOR MAN
THERE WAS ONLY ONE AVAILABLE FOR
A WOMAN.
SO I WANT THE MAKE SURE THAT
WE'RE BEING MINDFUL OF THOSE AGE
DEFICITS OR GAPS THAT NEED TO BE
ADDRESSED, BUT THAT WE CONTINUE
TO SEE GENDER DISPARITY WHEN IT
COMES TO SERVICES.
AND THEN BACK ON STAFFING AND
BAND WITH, THIS WILL BE MY LAST
POINT FOR NOW, I APPRECIATE VERY
MUCH COUNCILOR CAMPBELL'S LINING
OF QUESTIONING AND WANTING TO BE
GRANULAR ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE
STATE AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES.
I WANTED TO GET CLEARER ON OUR
RESPONSIBILITY, NOT ONLY IN
PUSHING FOR GREATER
COLLABORATION AND GREATER
INVESTMENT REGIONALLY, BUT WHAT

MORE DO WE NEED TO BE DOING.
SO FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE
OFFICE OF RECOVERY, SHOULD WE...
WHAT SORT OF SUPPORT DO WE NEED
TO INCREASE CAPACITY THERE, TO
SUPPORT THAT PROGRAMMING.
I DON'T RECALL RIGHT NOW.
I THINK IT'S THE LAST BUDGET FOR
THE OFFICE OF ARE RECOVERY
SERVICES MIGHT HAVE BEEN
\$400,000.
>> I CAN GIVE YOU THE EXACT
NUMBER.
I CAN GET IT TO YOU.
>> DOES IT SEEM -- DEFINITELY
NOT ENOUGH.
>> NO.
>> IF THERE IS ANY MAGIC NUMBER
THAT YOU NEED OUR COLLECTIVE
SUPPORT TO BE LOBBYING FOR FOR
THE OFFICE OF RECOVERY OR ACROSS
OTHER AGENCIES.
>> THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD TO
THAT, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT,
THE CAPACITY ISSUE IS IMPORTANT,
BUT I THINK IT'S... AND ANYONE
THAT'S WORKING THE CITY KNOWS
THIS, I'M TRYING TO MAKE SURE
PEOPLE REALIZE IT'S NOT JUST THE
OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES WHO
NEED TO TACKLE THIS WORK.
WE NEED ALL OF OUR CITY
DEPARTMENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE
ROLE THEY PLAY.
THAT'S CHITICALLY IMPORTANT SOME
WHEN WE'RE THINKING ABOUT
INVESTMENTS, WE WANT THE MAKE
SURE THAT E.M.S. AND STREETS AND
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS,
BECAUSE AGAIN, THESE ISSUES DIG
VERY DEEP, TO AGAIN, I THINK
THAT'S A PART OF THAT
CONVERSATION.
BUT I THINK WHAT THE OFFICE OF
RECOVERY SERVICES IS TRYING TO
DO AND I THINK WE'RE LOOKING AT
A VARIETY-OF-OTHER PIECES, BUT
TRYING TO MAKE SURE WHATEVER
WE'RE DOING, WE'RE THINKING
ABOUT HOW TO SHARE BEST
PRACTICES WITH OTHER CITIES AND
TOWNS, SO WE'VE HAD SOME TOOL
KITS.
IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S PRETTY FAR

REMOVED FROM THE WORK.
BUT IF WE KNOW WHAT'S WORKING ON
THE STREETS IN BOSTON AND
DIFFERENT PLACE, WE WANT OTHER
CITIES ATOWNS TO KNOW THAT, AS
WELL.
HOW TO GET PEOPLE ENGAGED.
SO OF COURSE MORE CAPACITY IS
ALWAYS NECESSARY.
I WANT TO BROADEN IT BECAUSE
OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS NEED TO
SEE THEMSELVES IN THAT WORK, AS
WELL.
>> SURE.
THAT'S CENTRALIZED, THE
RESPONSIBILITY.
GOT IT.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.
>> I WOULD LIKE NOTE WE'VE BEEN
JOINED BY COUNCILOR JANEY AND
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND
THANK YOU TO THE LEAD SPONSORS.
GOOD TO SEE EVERYBODY.
CHRIS, MARTY, AND TRISH.
I'M GOING TO BE MORE CRITICAL
RESPECTFULLY IN THAT WE'RE IN A
FIGHT, NOT JUST WITH THE OPIOID
CRISIS, BUT WE'RE IN A FIGHT
WITH THE CITY OF QUINCY.
YOU GUYS ARE HERE.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASKING US FOR
TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.
WHEN IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE IT
WILL BE NORTH OF \$100 MILLION
AND YOU'RE HERE, YOU CAN'T TELL
US HOW MANY BEDS, THE BREAKDOWN
BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE, BETWEEN
ADULT AND ADOLESCENT, BETWEEN
BASICALLY WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES
FROM DETOX TO AFTER-CARE TOIAN
AROUND.
WE CAN'T EVEN ENSURE THE
RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF RED
SOXBURY AND DORCHESTER, SOUTH
END, SOUTH BOSTON AND THE
SURROUND COMMUNITIES THAT WHEN
THE LONG ISLAND CAMPUS OPENS
THAT THAT FIASCO WILL COME TO AN
END.
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO TRY
TO KEEP THAT GOING AND KEEP THE
CAMPUS GOING.

AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT IF FOLKS
HAVE THE CHOICE TO CONTINUE TO
RUN THEIR PROGRAM DOWN AT MASS
AND CASS, THREE QUARTERS OR 80%,
90%, THEY'RE NOT CONTINUING TO
DO THAT DESPITE THE FACT WE HAVE
THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART
FULL-SERVICE CAMPUS OUT AT LONG
ISLAND.

IF YOU WANT METHADONE, SUBOXONE,
YOU NEED TO GO OUT TO THE
ISLAND.

THAT'S OUR OPPORTUNITY TO
POTENTIALLY GET TREATMENT AND
RECOVERY FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL,
BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO SPEND OVER
\$100 MILLION OUT AT LONG ISLAND
AND CONTINUE TO HAVE THE CHAOS
OVER AT MASS AND CASS, I THINK
THAT'S TREMENDOUSLY
DISRESPECTFUL TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THOSE COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS
THE BUSINESSES WHO HAVE BEEN
WORKING HARD SHOULDER TO
SHOULDER WITH US TO FIGHT THIS
PROBLEM.

SO I NOW YOU'RE WORKING ON IT.
I THINK WE NEED TO WORK QUICKER.
IF THE MAYOR OF QUINCY OR THE
CITY COUNCILS FROM CITY CALL US,
WE'RE GOING TO LOOK PRETTY
STUPID WHEN WE CAN'T ANSWER
BASIC QUESTIONS OF HOW MANY
BEDS, WHAT'S THE BREAKDOWN MALE
TO FEMALE, ADOLESCENT OR ADULT.
AND WHAT OTHER SERVICES AND WHO
ARE THE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND
WHAT ARE THE PARTNERS.

WE'RE GOING TO DO HUBBA HUBBA
HUBBA.

WE'RE IN A FIGHT, AND YOU NEED
ALLIES AND WE NEED ANSWERS
BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE
AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURES.
WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE
PROGRAM IS OUT THERE.
AND THIS ISN'T THE FIRST HEARING
ON THE SUBJECT MATTER.

MAYOR MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT
SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

THIS BODY HAD A HEARING, FOLKS
FROM QUINCY CAME IN.

SO I GUESS THAT'S GOING TO BE
SORT OF A DIRECT OPINE, IF YOU

WILL, OR SOME CRITICISM.
WE NEED ANSWERS AND WE NEED THEM
YESTERDAY.

PARTICULARLY IN THIS FIGHT.
AS MY COLLEAGUE ELUDED TO, THE
CITY OF QUINCY, THEY'VE LORD UP
AND THEY'RE GOING TO PURSUE
EVERY POSSIBLE AVENUE TO SORT OF
BLOCK THIS FROM HAPPENING.
BUT MEANTIME, WHAT'S OUR PLAN IN
WHAT'S OUR VISION?

WHERE IS THE MEAT ON THE BONE SO
WE COULD ADVOCATE AS ALLIES AS
THE WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT, NOT
JUST FOR THE CITY, BUT FOR ALL
THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AND
FINALLY I WOULD LIKE A CENSUS.
I WOULD LIKE A SURVEY DONE OVER
AT MASS AND CASS, RESPECTING
HIPAA.

I JUST WANT THE TOWNS AND THE
COMMUNITIES THAT THOSE
INDIVIDUALS ARE FROM, I'M
PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH
QUINCY, SQUANTUM AND HOUSENECK,
AND I WOULD PROBABLY BROADEN THE
CIRCLE TO MILTON, BRAINTREE,
WEYMOUTH, COMMUNITIES THAT TOUCH
QUINCY.

I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY A
SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
INDIVIDUALS OVER THERE,
PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY
AND/OR TRYING TO FIND THEIR WAY,
COME FROM THOSE COMMUNITIES.
SO WHEN FOLKS FROM QUINCY KIND
OF POINT TO US AND SAY, THAT'S
KIND OF -- THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM,
WE NEED TO SORT OF BROADEN THAT
CIRCLE.

AND WITH RESPECT TO FOLKS THAT
ARE GOING TO COME INTO OUR CITY
AND CONTINUE... BECAUSE WE'RE
THE ONLY ONE THAT'S DOING IT.
NO ONE ELSE WANTS TO PICK UP THE
SLACK, PARTICULARLY ON SUBURBAN
COUNTERPARTS, BUT MAYBE WE
SHOULD PUT A DETOX OR AN
INJECTION SITE IN ONE OF THOSE
NEIGHBORHOODS.

WHY DOES IT ALWAYS FALL ON
BOSTON?

I THINK IF WE DO A CENSUS AND A
SURVEY OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT

ARE OVER, THERE I THINK IT WOULD OPEN UP EVERYONE'S EYES TO THE FACT THIS ISN'T AS BE PROBLEM. S BE WAS TRYING TO ASSIST IN ARGUABLY A SIGNIFICANTLY WIDER GEOGRAPHICAL PROBLEM THAN I THINK ANYONE COULD EVEN IMAGINE. SO THAT'S MY TWO CORRECTS FOR THE DAY.

I'M ASKING FOR A SURVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SO WE CAN HAVE THE DATA AS TO WHERE THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE FROM, WHERE THEIR HOMETOWNS ARE FROM, WHERE THEY GREW UP. AND ALSO WE REALLY NEED TO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE GET MORE DETAILS ON THE VISION AND THE PLAN FOR THAT CAMPUS, PARTICULARLY IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASKING FOR THE FUNDS AND/OR LOOKING FOR ALLIES IN THE FIGHT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PEOPLE OVER THERE, I CAN'T SPEAK, I KNOW IT'S COUNCILOR BAKER'S DISTRICT, AND I THINK IT'S ALSO ABUTTS AND IS SHARED WITH COUNCILOR JANEY, BUT THEIR PHONES MUST RICK OFF THE HOOK FROM THE RESIDENCES AND THE BUSINESSES OVER THERE.

WE NEED TO BRING AN END TO THAT FIASCO OVER AT MASS AND CASS, AND CLEARLY THE CHILD CAMPUS IS THE HOPE FOR THAT.

BUT I'M IN THE HEARING THAT. I'M HEARING THEY'RE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER.

AND I WOULD CAUTION YOU JUST HAVING THE FAMILIARITY AND THE LENGTH OF SERVICE HERE AND ALSO MY INVOLVEMENT AROUND TREATMENT AND RECOVERY, IF THAT OPTION CONTINUES TO EXIST, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO OUT TO THE CAMPUS. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT. THEY'RE GOING TO HANG AT MASS AND CASS.

THAT'S THEIR OPTION THAT. WILL CONTINUE THEIR PROGRAM. VERSUS IF YOU MOVE EVERYTHING OUT FROM THE LONG ISLAND CAMPUS, THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO GO.

THAT'S WHERE OUR BEST SHOT OF
CAPTURING THEM AND GETTING THEM
THE HELP AND THE TREATMENT THAT
THEY NEED.

SO THAT'S THAT ON THAT.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME
COMMENTS ON WHEN WE'LL GET SOME
MEAT ON THE BONE HERE.

>> SURE.

SO IN TERMS OF THE SURVEY, WE
CAN WORK WITH OUR OUTREACH
WORKERS TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE
COLLECT SOME INFORMATION.

OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ARE
TRANSIENT THERE, AND SO IT'S NOT
LIKE IT WOULD BE EASY TO GET ALL
THIS INFORMATION, BUT WE CAN TRY
TO IDENTIFY SOME OF IT.

WITH ENO THAT MORE THAN HALF THE
FOLKS ACCESSING SERVICES ARE NOT
FROM BOSTON.

SO I'M NOT SURE WE NEED THE
SURVEY TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT
QUESTION.

>> I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US
TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE MAYOR OF
QUINCY AND THE CITY COUNCILORS
FROM QUINCY THAT A LOT OF THE
INDIVIDUALS OVER THERE ARE FROM
QUINCY.

THEY'RE FROM SQUANTUM AND WE'RE
DOING THE BEST WE CAN.

WE NEED PARTNER HERE.

WE DON'T NEED, YOU KNOW, AN
ADVERSARY IN THIS FIGHT.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I'M NOT SURE THAT GIVING THEM
THE INFORMATION HOW MANY
ARE FROM QUINCY ARE GOING TO
PREVENT THEM FROM TRYING TO STOP
US, BUT WE CAN YES GET THAT
INFORMATION FOR YOU.

I GUESS IN ALL RESPECT, I THINK
PLANNING A COMPREHENSIVE
RECOVERY CAMPUS DOESN'T HAPPEN
IN THREE MONTHS.

WE HAVE TO DO OUR WORK TO BETTER
UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS AND THE
GAPS THAT EXIST, AND TO TRY TO
MINDFUL PLAN FOR TWO YEARS WHAT
WILL HAPPEN TO THIS EPIDEMIC.
EPIDEMICS AND DISEASES CHANGE
OVER THE COURSE OF TIME SOME WE

HAVE TO DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE.
IT MAY TAKE LONGER THAN PEOPLE
LIKE, THEN WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND
WHAT IS KEEPING PEOPLE SICK,
WHAT IS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CARE, AND
HOW DO WE CLOSE THE GAPS TO MAKE
SURE EVERY POPULATION THAT NO
ONE GETS LOST, THAT IT'S NOT
JUST MEANT FOR CERTAIN PEOPLE
BUT ALL PEOPLE ACCESS THOSE
RESOURCES REGARDLESS OF WHAT ZIP
CODE THEY COME FROM OR WHERE
THEY LIVE SOME THERE IS WORK TO
BE DONE, WE'RE DOING THAT WORK
TO UNDERSTAND THAT CONTINUUM AND
TO UNDERSTAND THE GAPS.
AND TO DO IT IN A MEANINGFUL,
THOUGHTFUL WAY.

IT HAS TO TAKE TIME.
WE'RE NOT GOING TO JUST DANGLE
SOME RESOURCES AND HOPE THAT
THAT'S ENOUGH INFORMATION TO
MAKE PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THERE'S
THE MEAT.

I BELIEVE THAT FROM A PUBLIC
HEALTH APPROACH THAT WE HAVE TO
DO IT IN WAY THAT IS THOUGHTFUL,
BRINGS IN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS
WE CAN, SO PEOPLE HAVE A VOICE
IN THE PROCESS.

BUT MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE WHAT
REALLY IS GOING THE MOVE THE
NEEDLE.

BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THE CREATE
A CAMPUS THAT MAKES PEOPLE FEEL
LIKE WE DID SOMETHING.

WE WANT THE CREATE A CAMPUS
THAT'S ACTUALLY GOING TIME PACT
THE ISSUE.

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO.
WE HAVE DETAILS THAT WE'RE
BORING THROUGH, BUT I
RESPECTFULLY WANT TO HAVE THE
TIME, BECAUSE I WANT THE HEAR
PEOPLE'S VOICES.

THOSE IN THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY,
THOSE CB ODD Os, THOSE
PROVIDERS, OUR NEIGHBORS.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN.

THAT'S THE PROCESS WE'RE ENGAGED
IN TODAY SOME DEFINITELY CAN
GIVE YOU AS MUCH INFORMATION AS

WE CAN SO YOU CAN JOIN THIS
FIGHT.

WE HAD I THINK ROUGHLY 900
LETTERS OF SUPPORT INTO THE MEPA
PROCESS.

I APPRECIATED THAT, HAVING CLOSE
TO 1,000 LETTERS FROM PROVIDERS
INCLUDING MANY OF YOU HERE SOME
THE SUPPORT IS THERE.

WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO BUILD IT,
BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE
COUNCILORS KNOW THAT I WANT THE
PROCESS TO BE THOROUGH AND I
WANT US TO HAVE THE INFORMATION
TO DO WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO
MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE DISEASE.

>> WHAT ABOUT MASS AND CASS WHEN
LONG ISLAND IS OPEN?

WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THAT?

>> WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO
WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO NOW,
TACKLE THIS IN MULTIPLE WAYS.

JUST LIKE ALL OF YOU ARE GETTING
CALLS, WE'RE GETTING THOSE SAME
EXACT CALLS SOME TRYING THE
TACKLE THIS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY,
FROM STREETS, FROM THE RECOVERY
SERVICES AND THE HEALTH
COMMISSION.

WE JUST NOW ARE GOING TO INVEST
MORE RESOURCES IN NEEDLE PICK-UP
AND OUTREACH WORKERS AND GETTING
PEOPLE IN LINE IN THE SERVICES.
OBSVIOUSLY, COUNCILOR, WE'RE IN
AN EPIDEMIC.

WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE DYING
AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SICK SOME
IT'S NOT PRETTY.

IT'S NOT ALWAYS WHAT YOU SEE, AS
COUNCILOR GEORGE SAYS, THERE ARE
THINGS WE DON'T SEE, BUT WE'RE
FIGHTING IT ON MULTIPLE FRONTS.
WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT
WORK SOME YES, WE WANT TO MAKE
SURE THAT MASS AND CASS CAN BE
IMPROVED.

THERE ARE STRATEGIES WE'RE
TAKING ON, BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE
SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT
WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE MORE
OPPORTUNITIES ON LONG ISLAND SO
MORE PEOPLE CAN GET INTO CARE
AND STAY INTO CARE AND GET INTO
THAT PATH OF RECOVERY.

THERE IS NO INTENTION TO LEAVE MASS AND CASS THE WAY IT IS. YOU KNOW THAT AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MAYOR TO MAKE SURE WE DO IT.

I THINK WE HAVE TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE BEING AS MINDFUL AS POSSIBLE TO TACKLE MASS AND CASS AND WE'RE MEETING ON IT EVERY WEEK TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS THAT WILL CLEAN UP THE AREA.

BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE SICK.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

COUNCILOR JANEY IN?

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SO I SHARE I THINK THE SENSE OF URGENCY AND FRUSTRATION THAT YOU HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOU WANTING TO BE VERY THOROUGH IN YOUR APPROACH.

THIS IS AN EPIDEMIC, THAT PEOPLE ARE SICK.

I'M VERY MUCH INTERESTED AS A DISTRICT COUNCILOR THAT REPRESENTS ROXBURY AND SOUTH END, TWO NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE HIT PRETTY HARD BY THIS EPIDEMIC.

HEARING THE OVERALL PLAN IS, I SEE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE AS BEING ONE PIECE OF IT. AND THAT'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE ALL THAT WE SEE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

AND SO I'M SORRY IF YOU'VE ALREADY KIND OF COVERED, THAT BUT I'M INTERESTED IN WHAT KIND OF THE OVERALL PLAN IS BEYOND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE.

>> SO WORKING MANY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES, WE ARE CONTINUING DOWN A THREE PATHWAY STRATEGY, ONE OF THIS IS TO DOUBLE DOWN ON THE SERVICES WE'RE CURRENTLY PROVIDING. WE'VE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF OUTREACH WORKERS.

WE'VE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF FOLKS ON THE MOBILE SHARPS TEAM, INCREASED FOLKS WITHIN OUR PATH THROUGH THE HEALTH COMMISSION SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN GET INTO TREATMENT AND GET INTO CARE. WE'VE INCREASED OUR NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN ACCESS THOSE RESOURCES.

AND SPECIFIC COUNCILOR JANEY, WE'VE ALSO LOOKED AT DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS, SO THINGS PUSH OUT AND PUSH INTO DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS, AND SO WE'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS AROUND SOME OF THE ISSUES IN DUDLEY SQUARE AND THE MOBILE CARAVAN IS THERE IN DUDLEY SQUARE TRYING TO GET MORE PEOPLE ENGAGED IN RESOURCES AND TREATMENT.

WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH A VARIETY OF OTHER PROVIDERS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING, SO THAT FIRST BUCKET IS TO DOUBLE DOWN ON WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AND THE WORK WE'VE BEEN DOING. THE SECOND IS TO SORT OF RAISE UP THE NEED TO HAVE MORE PARTNERS AT THE TABLE. AND TO HAVE BETTER PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION WITH OUR STATE PARTNERS.

THE STATE IS DOING SOME OF ITS OWN STRATEGIES.

WE NEED TO PARTNER WITH THE STATE TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE ENOUGH SERVICES ACCESSIBLE AND AVAILABLE FOR ALL PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS.

WE'RE DOING THAT LAYER OF WORK, AS WELL, THROUGH THE CITY. AND THE THIRD PIECE IS TO ENGAGE NOT ONLY THE STATE, BUT ALSO TO ENGAGE OUR PHILANTHROPY AND NOW THE SUPPORTERS AND FUNDERS TO BE ABLE TO CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES.

AS YOU KNOW, WE JUST RELEASED A PREVENTION REPORT. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT WHEN WE HAVE AN EPIDEMIC. IT ALWAYS STARTED SOMEWHERE ELSE.

IF WE DON'T CONCENTRATE ON PREVENTION, WE'LL RECREATE WHERE WE'RE AT.

PART OF THAT IS TO BRING IN, WE LAUNCHED A PREVENTION REPORT WHICH SAYS A LOT ABOUT THE ISSUES IMPACTING YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUTH OF COLOR IN OUR COMMUNITY AROUND SUBSTANCE USE, SO THERE IS A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES IN THAT REPORT THAT WE RELEASED, AND WE HAVE ENGAGED A BUNCH OF THUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPY TO GET INVOLVED IN THAT, AS WELL, TO TACKLE THAT AND TAKE THAT ON.

AND THE ONLY OTHER THING I'LL MENTION IS WE'RE DOING ALL THIS WORK.

WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T LOSE THE LARGER PLAN. PLANNING LONG ISLAND, GOING THROUGH THESE THREE STRATEGIES AND ENSURING THAT WE CAN KEEP MOVING AND PAYING ATTENTION AND MOVING FORWARD.

>> Kris: THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING ABOUT.

THE COMPREHENSIVE LARGER PLAN THAT ISN'T JUST KIND OF PIECEMEAL.

CAN I ASK SOME FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS.

YOU'VE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF OUTREACH WORKERS.

>> I HAVE TO GIVE YOU THE EXACT NUMBER FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSION, BUT LITERALLY THE PROCESS OF INCREASING TWO MORE FULL-TIME OUTREACH WORKERS RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF FIGURING OUT.

WE HAVE INCREASED CERTAIN NUMBERS ON THE STREET.

THE MORE PEOPLE CAN ENGAGE ON THE STREET, THE MORE LIKELY THEY ARE TO GET THEM INTO SERVICE OR TREATMENT.

>> WHERE ARE THEY IN TERMS OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS?

>> RIGHT NOW THE BULK OF THEM, AS YOU IMAGINE, ARE MASS AVE AND MELNEA CASS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, BUT WE ALSO HAVE OUTREACH

WORKERS INTO OTHER
NEIGHBORHOODS.

I'D HAVE TO GIVE YOU SPECIFIC
INFORMATION SO I DON'T MISQUOTE
WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING, BUT
WE ARE INCREASING OUTREACH TO
WORKERS AND PLAN TO INVEST IN
SOME OF THE PEER PROGRAMS.
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THIS.
THE PEER PROGRAMS ARE REALLY
IMPORTANT.

FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN IN TREATMENT
OR BEEN IN RECOVERY, SHOULD I
SAY, CONNECTING WITH OTHER FOLKS
WHO ARE NOT YET.

THERE THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT
PART.

SO WE'VE BEEN INVESTING IN
CBOs DOING THAT WORK AND WANT
TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THAT SO WE
CAN HAVE MORE OF THAT ON THE
GROUND.

>> SO WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING?
YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THE
PROBLEM MOVING.

WE TALK ABOUT CLEANING UP AN
AREA, WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.
SO FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S BEEN A
LOT OF ATTENTION IN DUDLEY,
WHICH I'M GRATEFUL FOR.

>> YEP.

>> AND IT'S NEEDED.

>> UH-HUH.

>> BUT IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY
MEAN THAT PEOPLE ARE NOW WELL OR
HEALTHY.

IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT PEOPLE HAVE
JOBS OR HOMES SUDDENLY.

SO WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'RE DOING
OR OTHER AGENCIES ARE DOING
WITHIN THE CITY TO REALLY HELP
PEOPLE REBILL THEIR LIVES.

WHAT IS HAPPENING SO WE'RE IN
THE JUST KIND OF MOVING PEOPLE
ALONG.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT WE'RE
ACTUALLY GETTING PEOPLE INTO
SERVICES THAT THEY NEED.

>> SO LET ME CLARIFY, IF A
STREET OUTREACH WORKER IS
WORKING IN CERTAIN AREAS AND
CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE ON THE
STREET ABOUT SERVICES OR
RESOURCES OR PROGRAMS, IF I'M

NOT THERE AND I DON'T WANT TO
TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT, I GO
SOMEWHERE ELSE.

RIGHT?

SO IT'S NOT US PUSHING PEOPLE
INTO OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS.
IT'S US SAYING THERE ARE
OUTREACH WORKERS HERE TRYING TO
ENGAGE AROUND TREATMENT, TRYING
TO ENGAGE AROUND, HEY, YOU
SHOULD USE CLEAN NEEDLES, YOU
SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY THE
THINK ABOUT ARE THERE JOB
PROGRAMS, THE ENGAGEMENT CENTER,
THEY'RE DOING SOME TRAINING
THERE.

WHEN YOU DON'T WANT THE HEAR
THAT MESSAGE, YOU'RE LIKE, I'M
GOING TO STAY AWAY FROM THIS
AREA BECAUSE I'M NOT READY FOR
THAT MESSAGE.

WHAT'S HAPPEN SEASONING WE'RE
GETTING PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT.
WE'RE GETTING PEOPLE INTO CARE.
WE'VE SEEN HUNDREDS OF FOLKS GET
INTO TREATMENT THROUGH THEIR
ENGAGE.

, THROUGH THE ENGAGEMENT CENTER
WHO MAYBE JUST CAME IN FOR A
COFFEE OR JUST TO GET OUT OF THE
WEATHER AND THEN MET AN OUTREACH
WORKER AND GOOD INTO ENGAGEMENT
OR TREATMENT.

WE'VE SEEN THE NUMBERS.

WE'VE GIVEN OUT THOUSANDS AND
THOUSANDS OF CLEAN NEEDLES WHICH
ARE IMPORTANT TO KEEP PEOPLE
SAFE AND HEALTHY IN TERMS OF
HARM REDUCTION, AND TO THINK
ABOUT INFECTIONS AND H.I.V. AND
HEPATITIS AND ALL THOSE THINGS.
WE'RE SEEING THOSE PIECES AS
WELL AS THE EMPLOYMENT PIECE
WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT CLEAR
PATHWAYS PROGRAMS FOR FOLKS WHO
ARE READY, BUT THE REALITY IS IF
YOU'RE ON THE STREET AND YOU'RE
USING AND YOU'RE NOT READY FOR
AN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

RIGHT?

THERE'S OTHER LAYERS OF SUPPORT
YOU NEED, AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO
HELP DO ALL THOSE LAYERS OF
SUPPORT WITH OUR PROGRAM, AND

LISTEN TO OUR PROVIDERS.
BECAUSE THE CITY ONLY PROVIDES
THIS MUCH RESOURCE.
THE PROVIDERS ARE DOING THE BULK
OF THAT WORK.
SO LISTENING TO THEM, WHAT THEY
NEED AND HOW THEY NEED US TO
SUPPORT THEM AND TO MAKE SURE WE
WE'RE RESPONDING TO THE
EPIDEMIC.
THERE IS NOT ONE STRATEGY.
NO SILVER BULLET.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE'RE NOT
DOING.
THERE IS NO ONE STRATEGY TO
THIS.
IT'S A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH.
AND IT DOESN'T ALWAYS LOOK
PRETTY, BUT IT'S COMPREHENSIVE
AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
DO.
>> I APPRECIATE THAT.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I APPRECIATE YOU HIGHLIGHTING
THE PROVIDERS.
AND THE WORK THAT THEY'RE DOING.
AND IN TERMS OF THE NUMBERS, YOU
TALKING ABOUT THE NUMBER OF
NEEDLES AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
GETTING INTO SOME SORT OF
SUPPORT OR SERVICE.
AND DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THAT DATA
WITH YOU?
>> I DON'T HAVE THE ACTUAL
NUMBERS IN TERMS OF PEOPLE IN
SERVICES.
WE TRACK IT ON A REGULAR BASIS.
I CAN GIVE YOU THE LATEST
NUMBERS OF WHERE WE'RE AT.
>> IN TERMS OF PARTNERS LIKE THE
STATE, YOU MENTIONED THE STATE
BEING A PARTNER IN SOME OF THIS
WORK.
IS THAT ALSO TRUE AROUND THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE?
>> NO, THAT IS REALLY A CITY-LED
PROJECT.
>> OTHER MUNICIPALITY, NO ONE
ELSE CHIPPING IN?
>> NOT FINANCIALLY.
OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A PROJECT THAT
GOES THROUGH A SERIES OF REVIEW
PROCESSES, BUT NOT FINANCIALLY.
>> IN TERMS OF THE CONSTRUCTION

OF THE BRIDGE, WHAT COMMITMENTS DO WE HAVE IN TERMS OF MEETING THE GOALS OF THE BOSTON RESIDENCY JOBS POLICY OR MAKING SURE THAT MBAs AND WBAs ARE BEING HIRED AS WELL AS THE GOODS AND SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE AND THE CAMPUS?

>> I'M CONFIDENT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY THOSE CITY REGULATIONS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES TO DO TO THE LEVELS THAT ARE PRACTICAL, BY WHICH I MEAN IF THERE IS SOME EXTREMELY HIGHLY SPECIALIZED WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF IT, BUT WE ALWAYS CONTINUE TO ASPIRE TO ALL REGULATIONS INSTITUTED BY THE CITY.

>> AND IS IT GOING TO BE MONITORED BY THE BECK, THIS PROJECT?

>> I BELIEVE, SO BUT I'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THE SPECIFICS OF THAT.

>> COUNCILOR, YOU ASKED FOR A NUMBER AND I REAL I HAVE ONE. THROUGH OUR OWN PROGRAM THROUGH THE HEALTH COMMISSION, THAT PROGRAM IS SENDING 20 PEOPLE A DAY INTO TREATMENT PROGRAMS CURRENTLY.

SO THAT'S THE NUMBER THAT I CAN GIVE YOU.

I CAN GIVE YOU THE TOTAL NUMBER, BUT ON AVERAGE IT'S 20 PEOPLE A DAY COMING IN, MEETING WITH A COUNCILOR OR CASE MANAGER AND GETTING PLACED INTO A TREATMENT PROGRAM.

NOT ALWAYS IN BOSTON, BECAUSE MANY OF THESE TREATMENT PROGRAMS ARE NOT IN BOSTON, BUT THEY ARE BEING THEN SERVICED AND CONNECTED TO A TREATMENT PROGRAM.

>> DO YOU ALSO TRACK WHETHER PEOPLE COME BACK AGAIN?

>> YES.

THEY'RE TRACKED.

ONCE THEY'RE CONNECTED TO US, THEY'RE PART OF OUR CASE MANAGE.

SYSTEM THROUGH THE HEALTH
COMMISSION.

SO WE THIS TRACK THAT, SO WE
KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM.
BECAUSE WE WANT TO KEEP THEM
ENGAGED LONG TERM, NOT JUST A
ONE-OFF.

>> YEP.

AND FINALLY AND SOMEWHAT
UNRELATED BUT CERTAINLY
CONNECTED TO THE OVERALL WHEN WE
TALK ABOUT RECOVERY SERVICES IS
SHATTUCK.

COULD YOU GIVE A THREE MINUTE
WHAT IS OR ISN'T WITH SHATTUCK?
THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS AND
CONCERNS I'M GETTING FROM
CONSTITUENTS IN MY DISTRICT
AROUND THE PLANS FOR SHATTUCK.

COULD TO YOU JUST TELL US --

>> 60 SECONDS BECAUSE THAT'S

WHAT I HAVE ABOUT THE SHATTUCK.

WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THERE IS
A PLANNING PROCESS THAT THE
STATE IS RUNNING AND A PLANNING
PROCESS THEY'VE HIRED AN OUTSIDE
CONSULTANT WHO IS LEADING A
COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP.

FOR THE CITY, JEN TRACY, CHIEF
DYLAN FROM D&D.

I THINK CHIEF COOK FROM PARKS
ARE SITTING ON THAT ADVISORY
GROUP, WHICH IS WEIGHING IN ON
THE COMMUNITY PROCESS, BUT
AGAIN, THIS IS THE STATE
PROCESS.

THEY, AS PEOPLE MAY REMEMBER,
THEY ARE MOVING SOME OF THEIR
SERVICES FROM THE SHATTUCK.
AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO SORT OF
REDEFINE THEIR BUILDINGS AND
LIKELY BUILD A NEW BUILDING AND
THINK ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT
ARE THERE.

SO THEY ARE KNEE-DEEP INTO THAT
PROCESS.

I CAN GIVE YOU AN UPDATE WITH
MORE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION, BUT
THEY HAVE A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
THAT THEY'RE ENGAGED IN, AND
THIS ADVISORY GROUP IS HELPING
TO SHAPE WHAT ULTIMATELY BEEN
THE PLAN THAT THEY RELEASE AND
GET FEEDBACK FROM.

BUT THEY'RE STILL IN THAT
PROCESS TODAY.
>> DID YOU WANT TO ADD?
>> SURE.
>> THANK YOU.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
>> WE DO HAVE THREE INDIVIDUALS
WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC
TESTIMONY.
SO I'M GOING THE TAKE THAT NOW
BEFORE WE DO ANOTHER ROUND OF
QUESTIONS.
KEITH SULLIVAN, JONATHAN SCOTT,
AND SARAH PORTER FOR TESTIMONY
PLEASE.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
>> I'M SUE SULLIVAN.
I KNOW A LOT OF YOU.
I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE NEW MARKET BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION.
AND I'M REPRESENTING OVER 200
BUSINESS OWN, AND 25 EMPLOYEES
WHO WORK IN THE NEW MARKET AREA.
NEW MARKET IS TRULY THE FACE OF
CRISIS OUT OF CONTROL.
EVERY DAY THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE STANDING ON THE STREETS,
STREET CORNERS, SHOOTING UP.
THEY ARE DRUG DEALERS POPULATING
OUR RESTAURANTS AND OUR STREET
CORNERS, AND ON ANY GIVEN DAY,
THERE ARE TREMENDOUSLY IMPAIRED
INDIVIDUALS FLOWING INTO THE
STREET OR SWAYING INTO TRAFFIC.
OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR EMPLOYEES
ARE FRUSTRATED.
NOT WITH THE PROBLEM, BUT WITH
THE FEELING OF FIGHTING AGAINST
A CONTINUALLY RIDING TIDE.
WHAT WE SEE OUT THERE IS
INHUMANE.
MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON THE
STREET HAVE SET LONG-TERM
RECOVERY.
SADLY, THERE IS A SEVERE
SHORTAGE OF LONG-TERM TREATMENT
BEDS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, AND
THIS ABSOLUTELY HAS TO CHANGE.
OUR CURRENT BREADTH OF ADDICTION
SERVICES IS NOT ENOUGH THE
HANDLE THE CRISIS OF ADDICTION
THAT WE ARE FACED WITH IN THE

COMMONWEALTH.

WE NEED TO CREATE A MORE HOLIST,
APPROACH, SURROUNDING THE
TREATMENT OF THE ADDICTED BY
PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN
WHICH THEY CAN MANAGE THEIR
HEALTH, WORK TO OVERCOME
ADDICTION, AND MANAGE THEIR
MENTAL ILLNESS.

IT NEEDS TO FOCUS NOT JUST ON
RECOVERY, BUT ON LONG-TERM
STABILITY.

WE FULLY SUPPORT MAYOR WALSH AND
THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO BUILD
THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART,
COMPREHENSIVE FACILITY ON LONG
ISLAND.

WHERE THERE IS SIGNIFICANT
INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDINGS
ALREADY IN PLACE, AVAILABLE LAND
FOR EXPANSION, AND THE CLEAREST
PATHWAY FOR THE ADDICTED TO
THRIVE IN TREATMENT WITHOUT
OUTSIDE DISTRACTIONS AND
TEMPTATIONS.

AND THE QUESTION BECOMES HOW DO
WE TRANSPORT THESE INDIVIDUALS
TO THE ISLAND.

THE ONLY LOGICAL ANSWER IS
REBUILDING THAT BRIDGE FROM
SQUANTUM TO LONG ISLAND.

WHILE A COSTLY VENTURE, IT IS
LOGICALLY THE BEST CHOICE BY
FAR.

WE APPLAUD THE CITY'S AGGRESSIVE
PLAN THE REBUILD THE BRIDGE AND
OPEN THIS ADDICTION RECOVERY
CAMPUS.

IT IS ACTUALLY OUR HOPE THAT
THIS WILL BECOME A MODEL FOR
MORE OF THESE MUCH-NEEDED
FACILITIES ACROSS THE
COMMONWEALTH.

ADDICTION IS NOT JUST AS BE
PROBLEM.

-- BOSTON PROBLEM.

ADDICTION IN MASSACHUSETTS TODAY
AFFECTS EVERYONE.

IN ORDER TO REVERSE THIS CRISIS,
ALL OF OUR CITIES AND TOWNS NEED
TO STEP UP AND EMBRACE THE
ADDICTED IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY
AND STOP STIGMATIZING THE
AFFLICTED.

YOU NEED -- QUINCY NEEDS TO STOP
SENDING THEIR SICK TO BOSTON
WHILE FIGHTING AGAINST THE
BRIDGE.

BY THE WAY, I SPEAK OF THIS FROM
FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE I
LIVED IN QUINCY ON THE ROAD OUT
TO THE ISLAND FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
WHEN LONG ISLAND WAS OPERATING
PREVIOUSLY.

THERE WAS NO NEGATIVE IMPACT
WHATSOEVER.

IN FACT, THERE WAS NO IMPACT AT
ALL.

MAYBE THIS CAMPUS IS NOT THE
SOLUTION TO STOPPING ADDICTION
FROM HAPPENING, BUT IT IS AN
IMPORTANT FIRST STEP BY WHICH WE
CAN ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO ARE
ADDICTED HAVE THE GREATEST
CHANCE OF RECOVERY.

I'M GOING TO ADD ONE MORE
THING, AND BECAUSE IT CAME UP A
LITTLE BIT EARLIER, AND THAT WAS
WHAT DO WE EXPECT TO SEE AT MASS
AND CASS.

WHAT DO WE THINK THIS IS GOING
TO ACHIEVE?

THE ANSWER IS AND WAS EARLIER:
AND THE ANSWER IS AND WAS
EARLIER, IT IS A MULTI-PRONGED
APPROACH TO SOLVING THE ISSUES.
WE DID NOT GET HERE OVERNIGHT.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE
ADDICTED.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE
UNFORTUNATELY HOMELESS.

THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE FROM
EVERY STEP OF LIFE FROM MENTAL
ILLNESS, FROM THOSE WHO JUST
HAVE NOWHERE TO GO.

AND IT IS A MULTIPRONGED -- IT
IS DECENTRALIZING METHADONE AND
NOT HAVING 1300 METHADONE
PATIENTS ALL IN ONE PLACE.

THE GOVERNOR'S BILL THAT'S BEEN
ENACTED RECENTLY TO STUDY
SERVICING METHADONE,
DISTRIBUTING METHADONE AT OUT OF
AREA PHARMACIES, EVERYONE ELSE
WANTS TO STIGMATIZE THEM BUT IT
WOULD EMBRACE EVERY COMMUNITY,
EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE
COMMONWEALTH WOULD BE EMBRACING

THOSE WITH ADDICTION ISSUES.
IT IS NOT JUST THAT.
IT IS SO MANY DIFFERENT PIECES
OF IT.
BUT THIS EXUTION IS A NECESSARY
FIRST -- THIS CAMPUS IS A
NECESSARY FIRST STEP AND I TRULY
BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, THE
COMMONWEALTH FOLLOW ALONG AND
HAVE MORE OF THESE GOING
FORWARD.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU TWO.

NEXT WE HAVE MAYBE SARAH PORTER,
AND THEN WE'LL DO ANOTHER ROUND,
A QUICK ROUND FROM OUR
COLLEAGUES AND FINISH UP WITH
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

>> I AM SARAH PORTER, VICE
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING
OFFICER OF (INAUDIBLE) THANK YOU
TO COUNCILOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND
CARLO, AND (INAUDIBLE) WE'RE
THERE TO PROVIDE -- THANK YOU
FOR PROVIDING UNITED SUPPORT FOR
RECONSTRUCTION OF BOSTON'S LONG
ISLAND BRIDGE AND THE OPENING OR
REOPENING OF THE RECOVERY
COMMUNITY.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT
(INAUDIBLE) INCREDIBLY KEY IN
PROVIDING MAJOR EFFORTS IN
RELOCATING VICTORY PROGRAMS, AS
WELL AS OTHER TWO ADDICTION
TREATMENT PROGRAMS WHO WERE
LOCATED ON LONG ISLAND,
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA WHEN THE
BRIDGE CLOSED.

(INAUDIBLE) FAMILY HOMES
(INAUDIBLE) ALL OF THE WOMEN
WERE RELOCATED TO THE NIGHT AND
EVENTUALLY LONGER TERM, ALL OF
THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WORKED IN
THAT PROGRAM LOST THEIR JOB THAT
EVENING.

SO WE WERE ABLE AS AN AGENCY TO
MAKE SURE WE DIDN'T HAVE A
WORKFORCE CRISIS AT THE SAME
TIME.

SO FOR FOUR DECADES VICTORY
PROGRAMS HAVE SPECIALIZED IN
LONG TERM PLACEMENT CARE,
PLACING SOME OF THE MOST

DIFFICULT TO PLACE IN TERMS OF
SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

LAST YEAR WE PROVIDED CARE AND
TREATMENT TO JUST OVER 2500
INDIVIDUALS ALONG WITH ABOUT 100
DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

LAST YEAR WE ALSO STARTED TO
THINK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE CALLING
THE OPIOID SINDEMIC BECAUSE OF
THE ARE AEPIDEMIC.

HEPATITIS A OF LATE, HOW DO WE
MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THESE
EPIDEMICS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE
BECAUSE OF INTRAVENOUS DRUG USE
OR RELATED TO INTRAVENOUS DRUG
USE RELATED TO HAD A.

MAYOR WALSH'S EFFORT TO REBUILD
BOSTON HARBOR BRIDGE, TO
ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY OF
SERVICES ON THE ISLAND IS
CRITICALLY NECESSARY URGENT AND
VERY MUCH HISTORICALLY ALIGNED
WITH THE LAST 150 YEARS OF HUMAN
SERVICES CITE SITED ON LONG
ISLAND.

BOSTON PROPER IS A HIGH TICKET
REAL ESTATE CITY, SEEKING
AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE
HOUSING STOCK TO BUILD A
RECOVERY CENTER OR RECOVERY HOME
OR ANY TYPE OF RECOVERY SERVICES
IS AT BEST FINANCIALLY DAUNTING
AND AT WORST AN IMPOSSIBILITY.
TRYING TO SITE EVEN A SMALL
RECOVERY TREATMENT GROUP HOME
PROGRAM IS FORMIDABLE, OFTEN
TAKES YEARS AND MANY WORTHY
PROJECTS FAIL TO EVEN BREAK
GROUND.

CHECK US TWO AND A HALF YEARS
FROM THE TIME JOE LYNN'S CLOSED
AND TO REOPEN IT IN THE ROXBURY
DORCHESTER TIME, IS UNBELIEVABLY
QUICK TWO AND A HALF YEARS FROM
THE TIME IT CLOSED TO THE TIME
IT OPENED.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND HASN'T
CHANGED.

THE DIRE LIMIT OF SUPPLY FOR
TREATMENT AND HIGHEST DEMANDS
FOR SERVICE BEDS HAS NOT
CHANGED.

THIS OUR 40 YEARS OF WAITING
LIST FOR THOSE SEEKING

TREATMENTS HAS NEVER STOPPED AND HAS RARELY IF EVER SLOWED. AS OF TODAY WE HAVE SIX-MONTH WAITS TO GET INTO OUR RECOVERY HOMES.

SO EVEN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A HIGH PRIORITY YOU'RE STILL LOOKING AT TWO MONTHS FROM THE TIME YOU GET ON THE LIST.

TO REITERATE, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR BOSTON CITY COUNCIL TO REMAIN AWARE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S PLANS TO CLOSE ALL PROGRAMS ARE AT THE SHAT SHAT YOU SHATTUCK HOSPITAL.

STABILIZATION PROGRAM FOR 32 WOMEN IN VERY -- THE VERY EARLY STAGES OF RECOVERY, THAT PROGRAM WAS FOUNDED IN 1986.

WE ALSO RUN WITH WHAT'S CALLED THE LIVING AND RECOVERY PROGRAM, LARK PROGRAM FOR 25 MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE LIVING WITH HIV DISEASE, ADDICTION, HOMELESSNESS, SOME OF THE MOST COMPROMISED FRAGILE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE SERVE AND PROBABLY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, REOPENING LONG ISLAND WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURE, THOSE OF US WHO ARE DOING THIS WORK OFTEN HAVE CREATIVE IDEAS, SOLUTIONS, OPTIONS, THINGS WE'D LOVE TO SEE HAPPEN, THAT WE RARELY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KIND OF DO.

THE IDEA OF TO RESPOND TO AN RFI TO PUT SOME OF THOSE ON PAPER AND HAVE THEM BE CONSIDERED AS WE BUILD AND LOOK AT BUILDINGS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ON LONG ISLAND IS REALLY EXCITING.

WE ALSO ARE WILLING TO GO FIRST. WE WILL BE THE ONES THAT REOPEN OUR PROGRAM THE MINUTE THE BRIDGE OPPOSITE.

BOSTON HARBOR LONG ISLAND HAS THE POTENTIAL TO AGAIN BE A POWERFUL RESOURCE FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT.

LONG TERM SUPPORT FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS FOR OUR CITY.

WE APPLAUD BOSTON CITY'S SUPPORT AND THE REOPENING OF THE

PROPOSED RECOVERY CAMPUS.
THIS VISION HAS THE POTENTIAL OF
BECOMING A NATIONAL MODEL AND A
LEGACY FOR ALL THOSE WORKING
DILIGENTLY TO RETBILD ISLAND'S
ONLY ACCESS BRIDGE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH SARAH.
SO WE'RE GOING TO DO A QUICK
ROUNDS HERE.

I ASK US ALL TO BE QUICK WITH
OUR QUESTIONS AND IF YOU COULD
BE CONCISE WITH YOUR ANSWERS
THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

JUST ONE QUICK COMMENT BEFORE I
ASK MY QUESTION.

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WHEN WE
LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MASS
AND CAST.

WHEN WE THINK OF WHAT'S
HAPPENING, WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON
LONG ISLAND, THAT WE ARE
REEVALUATING HOW WE'RE
CLUSTERING SERVICES.

BECAUSE ONE ITEM THAT WE HEAR
QUITE A BIT ABOUT IS SORT OF
MASS AND CASS THEY ARE RECOVERY
SERVICES, FOR ADDICTION, THE TWO
MIXED TOGETHER IS VERY
CHALLENGING FOR INDIVIDUALS
ESPECIALLY THAT ARE SEEKING THAT
LIFETIME OF RECOVERY.

TWO QUICK QUESTIONS.
ONE CAN WE GET BOATS MOVING OUT
THERE TO PROVIDE ANY SERVICES IN
THE MEANTIME?

>> HEARD REPEATEDLY FROM THE
PROGRAM PROVIDERS, YOU NEED A
BRIDGE TO PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF
RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION TO RUN
AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM.

DURING THE SUMMER CAMP HARBOR
VIEW AS CHIEF RTSDZ MARTINEZ
MENTIONED BUT TO RUN THE TYPE OF
SERVICES WE REALLY EXPECT ON THE
ISLAND REALLY REQUIRES THE
BRIDGE.

>> SO THE ADMINISTRATION HAS
BOTH ON THE TABLE, FOR
POLICEMANNING SERVICES.

>> COUNCILOR, IF I MAY ADD,
PASSENGER FERRIES AND PASSENGER
AND VEHICLE FERRIES FOR THE TYPE
OF TRANSPORTATION THAT IS

PROVIDED, NEEDS TO CARRY
VEHICLES SERVICE TRUCKS AND
PASSENGERS.

WE DON'T HAVE THAT CAPACITY IN
THE GREATER BOSTON AREA.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU.

AND THEN IF WE WERE TO LOOK AT
THIS POINT IN TIME AWHAT ARE WE
MISSING FOR THE LEVEL OF WORK
THAT WE'RE DOING NOW?

>> THAT'S A HARD THE QUESTION TO
ANSWER WITH A SPECIFIC NUMBER.

I COULD GIVE YOU A BETTER
ESTIMATE OFFLINE.

I CAN GIVE YOU THAT.

YOU HEARD OF WAITING LISTS.

SO WE HAVE A FAVORITE PICTURE
BUT I CAN GIVE YOU A NUMBER WITH
SOME OF THE PROVIDERS THAT WE'VE
WORKED WITH, I CAN GIVE YOU
THAT.

>> THAT'S IT FOR ME.

COUNCILOR WU.

>> NOTHING.

The Clerk: COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

I KNOW WE HAVE GREAT WEALTH IN
THIS STATE BUT CAN WE CONSIDER
ENGAGING THE BUSINESSES IN
GREATER BOSTON TO POSSIBLY SEEK
A VOLUNTARY TAX SUCH AS WE HAVE
WITH THE PILOT PROGRAM?

YOU KNOW, RECORD PROFITS ARE UP,
MAYBE THESE BUSINESSES WOULD BE
WILLING TO HELP AS PART OF THE
SOLUTION, AND I GUESS MY SECOND
PART OF THE QUESTION IS?

NOT TO PICK ON ANY SPECIFIC CITY
OR TOWN, BUT TOWNS THAT ARE VERY
WEALTH SUCH AS THE WELLESLEYS OR
THE DOVERS, DO YOU THINK WE CAN
ENGAGE THEM TO SEE IF THEY WOULD
BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO HELP
THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS ACROSS THE
STATE GET INTO DRUG TREATMENT
PROGRAM?

I THINK IT'S CRITICAL, IT'S NOT
JUST A BOSTON PROBLEM AS I
MENTIONED, IT'S A STATE PROBLEM
AND THOSE WITH THE GREAT WEALTH
SUCH AS THESE GREAT BUSINESSES
THAT ARE IN GREATER BOSTON, THEY
SHOULD BE DOING THEIR PART AS
WELL.

ANY THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT?
>> THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY, WE
THINK EVERYTHING IS ON THE
TABLE, EVERY RESOURCE EVERY
PARTNER IS ON THE TABLE.
OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY MANY ARE
STEPPING UP AND DOING MANY
THINGS BUT AGAIN WHATEVER WE CAN
DO TO GARNER MORE SUPPORT
EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE TOP.
>> THANK YOU.

AND THEN MY FINAL QUESTION, OR
COMMENT, IS MYSELF, COUNCILOR
JANEN AND COUNCILOR BAKER DO
HAVE A HEARING SCHEDULED TO
ADDRESS QUALITY OF LIVING, THE
NEW MARKET AREA, SOUTH BOSTON
THE SOUTH END.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR US IN
TERMS OF WHAT COMMUNICATION WE
CAN ESTABLISH WITH THE RESIDENTS
AND BOTH HOW THE SITUATION WILL
IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
ALL THE RESIDENTS, WHAT CAN OUR
RESIDENTS DO IN THE MEANTIME, WE
WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE STAYING
ON TOP OF QUALITY OF LIFE
ISSUES.

HELPING PEOPLE GET INTO DRUG
TREATMENT BUT IT IS ALSO
CRITICAL DEALING WITH THE
QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES WITH
THOSE RESIDENTS AND THOSE
IMPACTED AREAS.

>> SO YES, WE COULD PROBABLY
GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION.
ONE THINGS TO STRESS, THIS CITY
IS IN ALL HANDS ON DECK MODE
AROUND THESE ISSUES, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT JUST PUBLIC HEALTH, IT
INCLUDES STREETS, IT INCLUDES
DPW, INCLUDES PUBLIC SAFETY.
ALSO WORK ON NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL
ISSUES.

WE'RE WORKING TO ADDRESS SOME OF
THOSE THINGS AND ARE OFTEN TO
IDEAS AND THOUGHTS THAT HAVE
COME IN FROM NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS
MANY OF WII WE HAVE IMPLEMENT --
OF WHICH WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED.
UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE FACE OF
AN EPIDEMIC THERE ARE CHALLENGES
THAT ARE BEYOND OUR CONTROL BUT
WE'RE WORKING TO ADDRESS THEM.

>> YES, THANK YOU CHIEF.
AND AS WE DO DEAL WITH THIS
EPIDEMIC CAN WE ALSO FOCUS ON
THE IMPACTED NEIGHBORHOODS IN
THOSE IMMEDIATE AREAS AND MAKING
SURE THAT NOT ONLY DO THEY GET
THEIR BASIC CITY SERVICES, THAT
WE ALSO FACTOR THOSE SPECIAL
CONSIDERATIONS IN, WHEN WE'RE
PROVIDING THOSE BASIC CITY
SERVICES, THAT WE MAY NEED TO
SPEND MORE TIME EFFORT,
RESOURCES IN THOSE AREAS BECAUSE
OF THE ONGOING CRISIS?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

ABSOLUTELY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNSELOR FLYNN.
COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

>> EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ADDRESSING
THE PEOPLE IN THE ELECTRONICS OF
THIS CRISIS, WE GOT TO MAKE SURE
THAT THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE
THERE ARE HELD WHOLE AS WELL AND
THERE ARE TWO HOTELS ON THERE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY STAY OPEN
TO BE HONEST FROM YOU.

I COME IN FROM HYDE PARK, I COME
IN FROM MASS VAMPLET AND I SEE
IT EVERY MORNING, EVERY NIGHT
COMING HOME, THERE IS A
CUMBERLAND FARMS THAT WAS THERE,
NOW OUT OF BUSINESS.

IF CUMBERLAND FARMS IS GOING OUT
OF BUSINESS THAT IS A TELLTALE
SIGN THAT THINGS ARE NOT WELL IN
AND AROUND THAT AREA.

IF WE WANT TO FOCUS ON THE
FUTURE, WE HAVE TO ADDRESS SOME
OF THOSE THINGS NOW.

I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING, BUT THAT
STRETCH FROM THE OLD FIRE HEAD
CORNERS IN AROUND THE CORNER IS
SOMETHING I'VE NEVER SEEN IN
BOSTON.

THANKS.

>> SOUNDS COMPLICATED.

THANK YOU.

JUST A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION ON THE
RJP GOALS.

SO IT'S GOOD TO HOPE TO MEET THE
GOALS.

I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE
PLAN IS TO MEET THE GOALS.

LIKE, HOPE IS NOT A PLAN SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT WILL BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE HITTING THE MARK.

>> IF I COULD GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT, RIGHT NOW WE'RE FOCUSING ON GETTING A DESIGN AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ABIDE WITH ALL CITY REGULATIONS BUT HOPEFULLY YOU'LL AFFORD ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK TO YOU WITH MORE SPECIFICS ON THAT IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU.

>> NO PROBLEM.

ONE MORE QUESTION MADAM CHAIR. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SEVERAL HOMES THAT SERVE PEOPLE IN RECOVERY WHO ARE REBUILDING THEIR LIVES AND I'VE SEEN SOME PRETTY AMAZING WORK HAPPENING IN MY DISTRICT WHICH IS GREAT.

WHEN I VISIT THESE PLACES THOUGH, I DON'T SEE -- I DON'T SEE EVERYONE BEING REPRESENTED IN THE HOME.

SO I GUESS AS WE TALK ABOUT THE LONG ISLAND CAMPUS, AS WE TALK ABOUT OTHER PLACES THAT DO RECOVERY WORK I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN MAKING SURE THAT -- SO WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT BASED ON RACE OR ZIP CODE. IT CAN IMPACT ANYONE AND EVERYONE.

WHEN I VISIT THESE PLACES I DON'T SEE THAT REFLECTED. SO THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PLACES IN MY DISTRICT THAT I'VE GONE TO AND MY DISTRICT IS LARGELY PEOPLE OF COLOR.

NOT SOLELY PEOPLE OF COLOR. BUT I DON'T SEE PEOPLE OF COLOR REPRESENT.

SO I'M HOPING THAT SOMEONE CAN SPEAK TO HOW TO ENSURE THAT THE LONG ISLAND CAMPUS AND THAT OTHER AREAS AS WE PARTNER WITH PROVIDERS THAT THERE'S MORE EQUITY AND INCLUSION.

>> YES, ABSOLUTELY, AND COUNCILOR JANEY, I THINK YOU'RE

ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, THEY'RE NOT
ABLE TO ACCESS THE PROGRAMS
THEY SHOULD BE ACCESSING.

MOST OF THE PROGRAMS DO NOT
SERVE THE SAME POPULATION THEY
SERVE FOR EVERYTHING ELSE THEY
DO.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE ARE DOING
IS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE
SOME OF THOSE BARRIERS TO
GETTING INTO THOSE PROGRAMS,
WHAT ARE BOTH FROM -- HOW DO YOU
ENSURE PROGRAMS ARE CULTURALLY
COMPETENT, HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT
DIVERSE COMMUNITIES UNDERSTAND
THE PATHWAYS AND THE CONTINUUM
OF CARE AND HOW DO WE MAKE SURE
THAT PEOPLE IN DIVERSE
COMMUNITIES UNDERSTAND THE
SERVICES AND RESOURCES AND
OPPORTUNITIES.

THE STATE DATA SHOWED US, THE
LAST STATE DATA THE OVERDOSE
RATES AMONG LATINOS AND AFRICAN
AMERICANS HAVE DRASTICALLY
INCREASED.

WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S
EQUITY IN TERMS OF CARE AND
TREATMENT.

IT IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR
WORK JUST SO YOU KNOW THAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.

SO WE'LL FINISH WITH PUBLIC
TESTIMONY.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY IN THE
PIT OR THE PANEL STAY HERE OR
WATCH FROM THE SIDE.

I'D LIKE TO CALL UP SEVENA
MARTIN.

OR MARTY ACTUALLY, AND JAMES
SHERA.

AND WE HAVE TWO MICS, FIND YOUR
WAY TO BOTH MICS.

AND WE ALSO HAVE AMY COOLIDGE
AND MICHAEL KANE.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON CAN YOU HEAR
ME OKAY?

I REP EVERYBODY'S METHOD OF
APPROACHES AND THE WAY WE'RE
TRYING TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS
BUT IT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH,
RESPECTIVELY.

MY NAME IS SEVENA MARTIN AND

OVER 30 YEARS AGO I WAS JUST GETTING OUT OF THE MILITARY AND HAD A TRAGEDY IN MY FAMILY AND I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BECOME ADDICTED TO YOUR MEDICATION. I WAIM BECAME AN ACTIVIST FOR OTHERS IN THE SAME SITUATION. MAYOR FLYNN AT THAT TIME DECIDED TO GIVE US YOU KNOW SOME HELP. HE DIDN'T APPRECIATE THE WAY WE WENT ABOUT IT, SO WE WERE DESPERATE IN THE COMMUNITIES OF ROXBURY, DORCHESTER AND MATTAPAN.

WE TOOK OVER A HOME HELD A PROTEST AND GOT ARRESTED AN LATER ON REQUISITIONED THE BUILDING FOR A DOLLAR.

THE FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR NEW GROWTH AND SUPPORT.

WE WROTE TONS OF GRANTS, HAD A FEASIBILITY STUDY DONE BY BACK THEN THE PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT.

BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, SIR: WE HAD TO DO A LOT OF WO WORK.

IT TOOK US THREE TO FIVE YEARS BUT BEFORE WE EVEN GOT MASTER PLAN IN PLACE, AND HAD THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY TO HELP WOMEN, WE DID A COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT, WE CONDUCTED A COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT. WE DOOR-KNOCKED IN THAT COMMUNITIES.

IN THE AREA THEY DID NOT WANT BECAUSE OF THE STIGMATIZATION OF WOMEN AND MEN WHO ARE IN RECOVERY, THEY DID NOT WANT US THERE.

WHY?

BECAUSE THEY HAD NO EDUCATION. SO WE HAD TO SURVEY. WE HAD TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY. OKAY.

SO HERE IT IS 30 YEARS LATER. AND THAT HOUSE IS STILL PROVIDING HOMES FOR WOMEN. THE GAPS IN SERVICES THAT WE FOUND OUT WAS THAT SINGLE MOTHERS WOULD WERE ADDICTED OFTEN LOST THEIR CHILDREN TO

FOSTER CARE.
THEY COULDN'T GET HOUSING
BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THEIR
CHILDREN.
SO WE PROVIDED THOSE EIGHT TO 12
ROOMS FOR WOMEN TO LIVE THERE
FOR UP TO TWO YEARS.
RECOVERY TAKES TIME, RIGHT?
SO HERE WE ARE 30 YEARS LATER.
THE CONDITIONS HAVE GOT WORSE,
RIGHT?
WE HAVE A HOMELESS HOUSING AND
OPIOID COMMITTEE.
WE'RE ON THE GROUND HERE.
WE'RE DOING THE SAME THING NOW,
30 YEARS LATER.
BUT IN ROXBURY, DORCHESTER AND
MATTAPAN, WE HAVE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO ARE RECOVERING AND
PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY
TODAY.
THEIR CHILDREN ARE NOT
DRUG-ADDICTED.
I BELIEVE THERE IS SOME
CORRELATION, THERE'S A LOT OF
VIOLENCE, BUT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT
THAT.
THERE HAS TO BE CRITICAL THOUGHT
IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING OR
PEOPLE ARE GOING TO CONTINUES TO
OVERDOSE IN MASS NUMBERS AND
WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO
ADVOCATE, EDUCATE AND ACTIVATE
PEOPLE ON THE GROUND.
PERHAPS WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE
OVER ABANDONED BUILDINGS TO PUT
PEOPLE IN BECAUSE OF THE
DESPERATION RIGHT NOW.
THIS IS A MAN-MADE HEALTH
CRISIS.
IT'S A MAN MADE HEALTH CRISIS.
MY MASTER'S THESIS WAS ON
VETERAN WOMEN AND THE LACK OF
SERVICES.
TODAY I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A
PARTICIPATORY ACTION FOR MY
DISSERTATION.
I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS TO BE
ADDICTED.
WE HAD TO PARTNER WITH DILMICK
COMMUNITY CENTERS BUT TODAY I'M
A LITTLE RIGHTEOUSLY ANGRY
BECAUSE WE ARE NOT BEING
REPRESENTED.

SO YOU MUST INVITE US TO THE
TABLE.
YOU CAN'T KEEP PREACHING TO THE
CHOIR.
THESE SERVICES ARE IMPORTANT.
THEY'RE IMPORTANT.
AND WE'VE GOT TO BEGIN TO, YOU
KNOW, HOST THOSE FOCUS GROUPS OF
PEOPLE WHO ARE IN RECOVERY, AND
BEING REPRESENTED.

OKAY?

I'VE GOT A LOT TO SAY.

BUT I WON'T GO THERE.

THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF EMOTION
HERE BECAUSE WOMEN ARE DYING,
RIGHT?

WOMEN DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH BEDS AT
ALL.

30 YEARS AGO, WHEN WE CONDUCTED
A SURVEY ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT
THERE WERE UPWARDS TO 1500
PEOPLE WAITING FOR TREATMENT.
WE FOUND OUT DURING THIS TIME
THERE WERE ONLY THREE DETOKS
DETOXIFICATION CENTERS.

SO WE MUST INSTITUTE BETTER BEST
PRACTICES, WE'VE GOT TO THINK
OUTSIDE THE BOX FOR THIS
PARTICULAR TIME.

WE'RE DEALING WITH A WHOLE NEW
ANIMAL OF FENTANYL AND WHAT DOES
THAT REALLY MEAN?

I WISH YOU WOULD HAVE HAD
NUMBERS, DATA THAT WE COULD
REALLY SEE.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S HANG ON
THE GROUND AND PARTICULARLY THE
GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZERS.

WE'RE DEALING WITH IT EVERY DAY.

I KNOW ALL OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE -- THAT HAVE RELAPSED, I'M
OUT THERE ON THE GROUND BY
DUNKIN' DONUTS, WE'RE MEETING IN
DUNKIN' DONUTS TRYING TO FIGURE
OUT WHAT ARE THE SERVICES THAT
YOU NEED.

YOU HAVE OUTREACH FOLKS.

USE US!

LET US BE A PART OF THIS
PROCESS.

MAYOR FLYNN DID IT.

HE PUT US IN THIS PEACE PLAN.

WE SPENT MONTHS AND MONTHS AND
MONTHS, JIM HERE, JIM KNEW IT.

MICHAEL KANE AND OTHERS WHO ARE

STILL ON THE GROUND 30 YEARS
LATER.

I'VE WORKED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY
FROM CALIFORNIA TO ARIZONA, AND
I'VE WORKED EVERYWHERE AND I'M
BACK HERE IN BOSTON.

WORKING ON THE GROUND AGAIN,
ORGANIZING.THANK YOU.

>> SEBENA THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
THANK YOU.

JAMES.

AMY -- OH JAMES IS HERE.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY.
THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO BE HERE.

FIRST I WANT TO READ SOMETHING.
THE SUDDEN ENCLOSURE OF LONG
ISLAND SHELTER RESULTED IN
WHATEVER WAS A DIRE SITUATION TO
RESULTINGS CATASTROPHE AND CHAOS
FOR NEARLY 1,000PEOPLE
STRUGGLING ON DRUG USE AND
HOMELESSNESS RESULTING IN MANY
OVERDOSES AND MEANINGLESS DEATH
AND SUFFERING.

SOON THE NEW GROUND ZERO CAME TO
KNOWN AS THE NEW METHADONE MILE.
DOWNTRODDEN SISTERS AND BROTHERS
WANDER AROUND FOR THEIR DAILY
CIRCLE OF STRUGGLE, FROM
EMERGENCY DETOXES TO
DANGEROUSNESSES TO OVERCROWDED
PUBLIC SHELTERS TO HALFWAY
HOUSES AND TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS
THAT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT ARE
TRANSITIONED TO NOTHING BUT
FURTHER HOMELESSNESS.

WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO
REBUILD THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE
WE HAVE FERRY SERVICE NOW, SO
THAT SERVICES CAN BE REBUILT ON
THE ISLAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
AT THE SAME TIME, WE DECLARE AND
WILL NOT COMPROMISE IN OUR
DEMAND THAT EVERYONE THAT LIVES
IN THE CITY OF GREAT WEALTH
SHOULD HAVE A DECENT PLACE TO
LIVE.

AND SHELTERS ARE NOT A REMEDY
BUT A RESULT OF REAL ESTATE
GREED.

WE WILL NO LONGER SETTLE FOR
CRUMBS.

HAVING SAID THAT ONE OF THE

THINGS THAT CAME OUT TODAY WAS
THE FACT THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE
ANY SHELTER SERVICES ON THE
ISLAND.

PEOPLE ARE NOT ON METHADONE MILE
JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE USING.
THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT
HAVE NO PLACE TO GO.

WE ALL KNOW THAT THE SHELTERS
ARE OVER CROWDED, CONSTANTLY.
WINTER'S COMING, IT'S GOING TO
BE THAT WAY AGAIN.

WHEN LONG ISLAND SHELTER WAS
OPENED AND I AS A FORMATTERLY
HOMELESS PERSON WAS COMFORTABLE
WITH THE FACT THAT IF I COULDN'T
GET A BED IN THE CITY I COULD
GET TO THE ISLAND, YOU KNOW?
AND THAT SHOULD HAPPEN, THAT
NEEDS TO BE SHELTER SERVICES
ALONG WITH RECOVERY SERVICE BACK
ON THAT ISLAND.

PERIOD.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

BECAUSE IF WE DON'T DO THAT,
THINGS DOWN IN MOLINA CASK ARE
NOT GOING TO CHANGE AND PEOPLE
ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DIE.
THANK YOU.

>> IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE
RECORD.

>> AMY COOLIDGE.

I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF BECAUSE
THERE HAS BEEN A VERY ELOQUENT
DESCRIPTION OF WHAT OUR ISSUES
ARE HERE TODAY.

SO I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU JUST
BRIEFLY ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND
HOW THIS AFFECTS HOMELESSNESS.
WE ARE TREATING ABOUT 1600
HOMELESS PEOPLE EACH DAY IN BOTH
SHELTER AND HOUSING, MANY
STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION, AS A
RESULT THEY LANGUISH IN HOMELESS
SHELTERS FAR TOO LONG AND THAT'S
BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF
AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT BEDS.
THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC HAS
PRESENTED OUR SHELTER OPERATIONS
WITH CHALLENGES THAT WE ARE
OFTEN ILL EQUIPPED TO FACE.
WE DO OUR BEST TO STABILIZE
THOSE WITH ADDICTIONS BUT LONG
TERM CARE IS WHAT IS REALLY

NEEDED.

OUR SHELTER BEDS REMAIN FULL
BECAUSE RECOVERY BEDS ARE JUST
ABSENT.

BEFORE THE BRIDGE CAME DOWN PINE
STREET OPERATED A 200 BETH BED
PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS MEN IN LONG
ISLAND.

AND 50 MEN WERE ENROLLED A
PROGRAM THERE.

WE FOUND THAT THE ISLAND WAS THE
OPTIMAL LOCATION FOR RECOVERY
PROGRAMMING AS IT'S FREE FROM AS
HAS BEEN DISCUSSED DISTRACTIONS
AND TEMPTATIONS.

HAVING A CONTINUUM OF RECOVERY
SERVICES IN ONE LOCATION THAT
SPANS THERE DETOX TO LONG TERM
TREATMENT IN A SAFE, RECOVERY
COMMUNITY IS WHAT'S NEEDED.

IN FACT I WOULD SAY FOR THOSE
WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH
ADDICTION, IT'S A GAME-CHANGER.
AND AGAIN FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS
WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH THESE
ADDICTIONS THAT IS A
GAME-CHANGER FOR THEM.

SO WE MEEF THAT THE EXISTENCE OF
THIS RECOVERY CAMPUS ON LONG
ISLAND PRESENTS A TREMENDOUS
NEEDED TREATMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR
THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM
ADDICTIONS AND WE ASK THAT YOU
LOOK FAVORABLY UPON THIS PLAN.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, AMY.

MICHAEL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR AND
THANK YOU ALL FOR HOLDING THIS
HEARING.

AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE PLANS
THAT ARE UNDERWAY FROM THE CITY,
IT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE.

I'M MICHAEL KANE, I WORK FOR
MASS ALLIANCE OF HUD TENANTS BUT
I'VE BEEN VOLUNTEER TIRG ON THE
COMMITTEE SINCE THE SHUTDOWN OF
LONG ISLAND.

AS YOU KNOW THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE
WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO THAT ARE
CURRENTLY HOMELESS PEOPLE IN
RECOVERY AND EVERYONE TO STREETS
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHUTDOWN.
AND WE HAVE BEEN VERY CRITICAL,

WE WERE VERY CRITICAL AT THE TIME NOT JUST OF THE DECISION TO TEAR DOWN THE BRIDGE BUT THE REALLY SEPARATE DECISION TO SHUT DOWN ALL THE RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY PROGRAMS.

THERE WERE 265 PEOPLE IN 11 PROGRAMS, WHO WERE LIVING ON LONG ISLAND.

AND THEY WERE DISPLACED WITH NO NOTICE OR PLAN.

AND PUT ON BUSSED AND TRUNDLED OVER THE BRIDGE THAT HAD JUST BEEN CONDEMNED.

WE NEVER QUITE GOT AN ADEQUATE ANSWER AS TO WHY THAT DECISION WAS MADE OR WHY THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE PLAN.

BUT I THINK THE MAYOR IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR RECOGNIZING THAT WE ALL THINK THIS.

I THINK THAT IN THE COMMITTEE THAT THE RECOVERY CAMPUS CONCEPT IS IDEAL FOR LONG ISLAND, FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE OUT OF THE TRIGGERING ENVIRONMENTS,

RECOVERY, I THINK MAYOR IS TO BE COMMENDED BY FINALLY MAKING THAT COMMITMENT AND WE SHOULD ALL BE SUPPORTIVE OF HIM ON THAT.

BUT THE MAIN -- SINCE THE SHUTDOWN, WE SPONSORED A COUPLE OF RESOLUTIONS HERE AT THE COUNCIL IN EARLY 2015.

THE COUNCIL CREATED A WORKING GROUP THAT CAME OUT WITH A REPORT WHICH YOU MAY NOT -- THIS WAS FROM 2015.

I CAN SHARE IT WITH THE CHAIR. AND IT SUMMARIZED A LOT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TRT COMMUNITY AT DPRKSZ FROM THE COMMUNITY AT THAT TIME.

A LOT OF WHAT IS GOING ON NOW IS RESPONSIVE TO THOSE

RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT'S WHY THE MAYOR DESERVES COMMENDATION. THE MAYOR NEVER TOOK ACTION AT THAT POINT, THERE WAS JUST A REPORT.

AND THERE MAY BE SOME OPPORTUNITIES NOW.

ONE SPECIFIC IDEA WE WOULD ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THIS IS TO GO BACK TO THE IDEA OF USING BOATS,

FERRIES AND AN AMBULANCE BOAT,
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, THERE WAS
A 24 HOUR CLINIC STAFFED BY
MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS WHO WAS ON
LONG ISLAND UP UNTIL '43.
REMEMBER THAT LONG ISLAND
OPERATED WITHOUT A BRIDGE UNTIL
1951.

THERE WERE OVER A THOUSAND
PEOPLE OUT THERE.

SO IF THE TECHNOLOGIES EXISTED
TO GET PEOPLE AND SUPPLIES BACK
FROM THE ISLAND, THEN IT CLEARLY
DOES NOW.

AND THERE ARE A FEW GOOGLE
AMBULANCE BOATS, THERE ARE
10,000 ENTRIES THAT COME UP.
THERE ARE ISLANDS ALL AROUND THE
WORLD THAT USE AMBULANCE-BOATS
FOR EMERGENCIES.

YOU CAN MAKE THEM TAILOR MADE,
WHATEVER YOU WANT INCLUDING AN
ICU UNIT IN A HIGH SPEED BALANCE
AMBULANCE BOAT.

IT MAY BE WITH QUICKER TO GET
FROM LONG ISLAND TO MASS GENERAL
THAN TRUNDLE INTO DOWNTOWN
BOSTON.

I THINK IN YOUR PLANNING, IF YOU
WORK THAT IN IN CASE THE BRIDGE
IS DELAYED OR BLOCKED, YOU HAVE
A CONTINGENT PLAN.

WHAT WE WERE TOLD AT THE TIME IS
THE STATE SAID NO, WE ASKED THE
STATE AND THEY SAID THAT WASN'T
QUITE TRUE.

THE CITY HAD NEVER FILED A PLAN,
A SAFETY PLAN FOR THEM TO REVIEW
SO.

THEY HADN'T REALLY SAID NO.
SINCE THEN MONICA BURRELL WHO
USED TO RUN THE CLINIC OFTEN
LONG ISLAND HAS MET WITH OUR
GROUP AND SHERIDAN THAT IT
WOULDN'T WORK VERY WELL TO USE
AN BALANCE BOAT FORA DETOX
PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RATE
OF EMERGENCIES.

SO IT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE
THERE THE DETOX PROGRAM IF YOU
ARE USING FAISHZ.

FERRIES.

BUT ALL THE OTHER PROGRAMS CAN
BE ASSESSED IN TERMS OF THEIR

LIABILITY AND RISK AND THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THAT THE PROVIDERS WOULD HAVE WITH THE INSURANCE.

THOSE WERE THE OBSTACLES WE WERE TOLD, THE REASON WHY THE FERRY OPTION WASN'T BEING CONSIDERED. YOU RECALL AT THE TIME JACK COLLINS OFFERED TO PAY FOR A FERRY FOR FIVE YEARS, AND UPGRADING THE FERRY DOCKS TO BE AN ALL -- WEATHER EMERGENCY DOCK.

HE WAS WILLING TO DO THAT THEN, HE CAN BE APPROACHED NOW.

THAT OPTION REALLY SHOULD BE WORKED INTO THIS, WE THINK, AND THAT WAY YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GET SERVICES OUT FASTER AS WELL AND NOT HAVE TO WAIT THE THREE YEARS, SERVICES TO DEAL WITH THE CRISIS AND EMERGENCY YOU JUST HEARD ABOUT FROM SEVENA SO.

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SHARE.

AND THERE IS A LIST OF THE PEOPLE THAT'S TESTIFIED AT THE HEARING, THEN A NUMBER OF THEM WERE PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED BY THAT RECOVERY CAMPUS, BUT WE HAVE A BOARD MEMBER IN OUR ORGANIZATION THAT WAS ONE OF THEM, JOHN LANER, ANOTHER WHO LIVE IN QUINCY NOW. HE HAD HIS LIFE TURNED AROUND THEN.

AND THOSE PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF THE DISPLACEMENT THAT OCCURRED IN 2014.

SO THERE'S SOME URGENCY TO THIS. WE APPRECIATE YOU HOLDING THIS HEARING AND PLEASE TAKE THAT INTO YOUR PLANNING.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU MICHAEL.

AT THIS TIME DESTINY CLOSING COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES? COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO TESTIFIED AND YOUR PATIENCE AND WAITING TO TESTIFY.

BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS AWESOME INCREDIBLE WEBSITE AND IT'S A PLACE AWHERE PEOPLE CAN BE

DIRECTED TO NOT ONLY WAIT
INFORMATION RELATED TO THE LONG
ISLAND BRIDGE I THINK IT CAN BE
AN INCREDIBLE RESOURCE TO SPEAK
TO SOME OF THOSE GAPS WE SPOKE
TO EARLIER.

AND OUR PLANNING WE NEED TO DO
NOW IN SHORT AND LONG TERM TO
MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS, NOT
JUST THE THINGS WE WERE TALKING
ABOUT BUT THE WIDER ISSUES THAT
HAVE COME UP TODAY AND BEFORE
HAPPENED.

IT MIGHT BE THE FINANCIAL
BARRIERS OR GAPS OR THE WORK
WE'RE DOING TO ADDRESS THAT, OR
YOUR PROPOSALS IN TERMS OF
EXPANDING JEN'S TEAM AND OTHERS.
IF WE ARTICULATE WHAT THOSE GAPS
ARE IT ALLOWS THE COMMUNITY TO
SAY THIS IS HOW I WANT TO PLAY A
ROLE IN FILLING THAT GAP.

AND WE SEE THE COMMUNITIES AS
PARTNERS IN THE WORK, RIGHT?
THEN OF COURSE WE ON THE COUNCIL
I KNOW ALL OF US WE CAN SPEAK TO
THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE ARE READY
TO TO SUPPORT AND EACH COUNCILOR
HAS DEMONSTRATED IN THEIR OWN
PARTICULAR WAY, HAVING THAT IN
THE SPACE AND SEE THAT PEOPLE
CAN SEE IT, AND WITH RESPECT TO
MEETING THOSE NEEDS WOULD BE
EXTREMELY HELPFUL FOR ALL OF US.
I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE
CONVERSATION AND THANK COUNCILOR
COUNCILORESSAIBI-GEORGE FOR HER WORK ON
THIS SPACE AS WELL.

>> I MISSED CASSANDRA FOR HER
TESTIMONY SO GO AHEAD.
THIS IS FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.
>> I'M KATHY HERTZ, I'M A MEMBER
OF THE BOFORT SOLIDARITY
COMMUNITY, I WORK WITH
INDIVIDUALS WHO DEAL WITH
HOMELESSNESS IN THE GREATER
BOSTON.

THREE THINS, IT HAS BEEN TEN
MONTHS SINCE THIS HEARING ORDER
WAS MADE AND WE LOSE SIX FOLKS
EVERY DAY.
THE URGENT DIRE NEED IS HERE AND
THAT HADN'T BEEN SAID YET.
I WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT WAS

SAID.

THE SECOND IS THAT THE ISLAND IS THERE FOR PURPOSE OF THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF GREATER BOSTON.

WE DO CURRENTLY HAVE PRIVATE USE FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY ON THE ISLAND, THE HOPE IS TO BE GOOD, MY HOPE IS FOR IT TO BE RETURNED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THE SERVING OURSELVES PROGRAM, PEOPLE IN EARLY RECOVERY, PEOPLE IN RECOVERY COULD CERTAINLY BENEFIT FROM BOTH WORK ON THE FARM AND THE ORGANIC FOOD THAT THE FARM PRODUCES.

AND LASTLY THAT I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS HEARING COULD BE CONTINUED AND WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GATHER ACTUAL INFORMATION ONCE FOLKS COULD GET THAT TOGETHER.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND THANK YOU ALL FOR CALLING THIS LAYERING.
>> THANK YOU KATHY.

THE HEARING WILL BE ADJOURNED. I WILL SAY ALTHOUGH THAT THE HEARING WAS CALLED FOR MANY MONTHS AGO, WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK ALONG THE WAY THROUGH OUR BUDGET PROCESS.

THROUGH SOME OF THE WAYS AND MEANS APPROPRIATION ET CETERA, AND THROUGH SOME OF OUR OTHER WORK AS A COUNCIL.

SO ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE OFFICIAL HEARING ON THIS HEARING ORDER WE HAVE HAD MANY PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS THAT INCLUDED THE GUESTS THAT WERE HERE TODAY ON THE PANEL, THE OFFERS OF RECOVERY SERVICES, BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION, EMC, THAT THE WHOLE NINE YARDS, AND MORE.

SO I APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE TODAY ONCE AGAIN, APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING IN THE EFFORT AHEAD.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ECHO I THINK SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES HERE TODAY MENTIONED THE NEED TO USE US FOR SUPPORT AS YOU GO FORWARD WITH THIS WORK ESPECIALLY WITH OUR NEIGHBORING

CITIES AND TOWNS.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE WEBSITE.
AND OUR PLANNING PROCESS GOING
FORWARD.
THANK YOU ALL.
[GAVEL]