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Subject: John: Oregon Advocacy Comms follow up to Ways & Means hearing yesterday
Attachments: Updated OACs Roster.pdf; OACO Phone Log of Customer Service.pdf

John –

Here is the Oregon Advocacy Commission's Office follow up information for the Joint Ways & Means General Government subcommittee, following yesterday's hearing:

1. A current roster for all four Commissions is attached. Here is a summary:
 - Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA) has 7 Commissioners and 2 open positions
 - Oregon Commission on Black Affairs (OCBA) has 5 Commissioners, 3 additional Commissioners awaiting Senate confirmation plus 1 open position
 - Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA) has 8 Commissioners, 1 additional Commissioner awaiting Senate confirmation and 0 open positions
 - Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW) has 6 Commissioners, 2 additional Commissioners awaiting Senate confirmation plus 1 open position
2. I have attached the Phone Log of calls from the public to which I respond. I started the Phone Log in June 2012, and removed the names, phone numbers and emails from the document. Over the last 9 months the average number of phone calls received from the public is 10 per month.
3. As per Co-Chair Steiner Hayward's question about what resources would the Advocacy Commissions need to accomplish their missions and duties: Lucy Baker reached out to all Commissioners yesterday and is awaiting their responses on this question. She will provide LFO and the Governor's Office with an overview and analysis of the Commission responses next week.
4. Here is the link to the article that Oregon Commission on Black Affairs Chair Isaac Dixon referenced in the OAC's Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee hearing yesterday, 3/1//13: <http://news.yahoo.com/u-probes-racial-disparities-seattle-school-discipline-122525970.html>

Lucy is still working on providing a clarifying response for Senator Whitsett's statement about 6% increases to OACO's budget.

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Four Oregon Advocacy Commissions Rosters, updated as of 03/12/13

Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA)

	State Senator	Jackie	Dingfelder
	State Representative	Gene	Whisnant
1	OCAPIA Chair	Stephen	Ying
2		Ping	Khaw-Sutherland
3	Independent Consultant	Jennifer	Kleskie
4	APANO	Joseph	Santos-Lyons
5	Director, Treasury, Pacificorp	Mahendra	Shah
6	Attorney at Law	Michelle	Vlach-ing
7	OCAPIA Vice Chair/ Portland Business Alliance	Mari	Watanabe
8	OPEN		
9	OPEN		

Oregon Commission on Black Affairs (OCBA)

	State Senator	Rod	Monroe
	State Representative	Lew	Frederick
1	Lewis & Clark College, HR & OCBA Chair	Isaac	Dixon
2		Karol	Collymore
3		James	Manning Jr.
4	NW Mutual Ins.	James	Morris
5	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	Lorraine	Wilson
6	Willamette University College of Law	Robin	Morris Collin
7	Center for Intercultural Organizing	Kayse	Jama
8	Maxville Heritage Center	Gwendolyn	Trice
9	OPEN		

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Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA)

	State Senator	Chip	Shields
	State Representative	Chris	Harker
1	OCHA Chair	Andrea	Cano
2	Willamette University College of Law	Gilbert P.	Carrasco
3	Benton County DA's Office	John	Haroldson
4		Lupita	Maurer
5	Oregon Latino Health Coalition	Alberto	Moreno
6		Judith	Parker
7		Carlos	Perez
8		Santiago	Ventura
9		Cynthia	Gomez

Awaiting confirmation by the Senate

Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW)

	State Senator	Laurie	Monnes Anderson
	State Representative	Betty	Komp
1	OCFW Chair	Stephanie	Vardavas
2		Jeanne	Burch
3	Greenleaf Agency, LLC	Jenny	Greenleaf
4	Law Office of Megan Jacquot	Megan	Jacquot
5	OHSU	Cynthia	Scheines
6	American Consulting Engineers, Inc.	Mariahm	Stephenson
7		Jessica	Rodriguez-Montegna
8		Barbara	Spencer
9	OPEN		

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YAHOO! NEWS

U.S. probes racial disparities in Seattle school discipline

By Laura L. Myers | Reuters – Thu, Mar 7, 2013

SEATTLE (Reuters) - The Education Department is investigating whether Seattle's public school district discriminates against black students by subjecting them to tougher and more frequent discipline than white students, agency and district officials said.

The inquiry, launched in May 2012, is focusing in part on the district's own statistics showing that African-American high school students are suspended or expelled more than three times as often as other students, school officials said on Wednesday.

In middle school, the racial disparity is greater, with blacks 3 1/2 times more likely to be disciplined than other students, according to district data shared with Reuters.

More than a quarter of all black middle school pupils have received short-term suspensions in any given year since at least the 2006-07 academic year, compared with 7.4 percent or less annually for white students, the data shows.

African-Americans represent just over 20 percent of the 12,500 high school students in the Seattle district and 18 percent of 8,000 middle school students there, and yet they account for more than 40 percent of all suspensions and expulsions in those schools.

The racial disparity in student discipline "is a problem," Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Jose Banda, who was appointed last May to oversee the district, told Reuters. "It is a concern for us."

School officials said they were unsure what led the Education Department to single out Seattle, but Banda added, "It was something that I was aware of when I started. The community has voiced concerns."

U.S. Education Department officials declined to say what led to the review. But spokesman Jim Bradshaw said the department was looking at whether Seattle schools were discriminating against blacks by disciplining them "more frequently and more harshly than similarly situated white students."

Banda said he believed Seattle was only the second school district, after Oakland, California, to come under a similar examination by the federal government.

That inquiry was concluded, according to the Seattle Times, when Oakland settled the matter by agreeing to avoid suspensions and expulsions as much as possible and to take a variety of other steps designed to minimize racial disparities.

Seattle, with some 50,000 students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, ranks 99th among the nation's 100 largest public school districts, according to ProximityOne.com, an education resources website.

A sweeping study by the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights last year found black and Latino students across the United States were far more likely to be suspended than white students, and far less likely to have access to rigorous college-preparatory courses.

Among the study's findings were that one in five African-American boys, and one in 10 African-American girls, was suspended from school during the study period, the 2009-10 academic year.

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People who contact the OACO for a service or need

Date	Description	Action
8/23/11	OCHA: Husband is facing deportation because of being picked up on a DUI	called back 8/25. Offered Immigration Counseling Service resource 503-221-1689 (OCHA)
8/1/11	OCHA: scholarship information	emailed her 8/25/11 with scholarship sugg. from ACano (OCHA)
	Son was beaten in Multnomah County juvenile facility	emailed Carlos (OCBA)
1/9/12	Called from Best Care in Madras, Jefferson County	referred her to Citizen Representative Office and the DHS Ombudsman
3/23/12	Chilean Independence Day, wants to invite a rep of the Oregon State government	Forwarded to Andrea (OCHA)
5/22/12	Seeking early release of probation - prefers to discuss this in Spanish. Called him 6/11/12 to follow up - he would like the forms to ask for clemency. He called 6/21/12 Inmate 00423555. please mail him forms to 412 black walnut st., gervais or 97026, needs records expunged	(OCHA)
6/4/12	Milwaukie school employee seeking info on Dream Act for undocumented Hispanic high schoolers	Forwarded to Andrea (OCHA)
6/6/12	Need to translate a birth certificate from Spanish to English. Success!	Lane County Health and Human Services (OCHA)
6/7/12	Looking for Judy Parker, who is a Willamette alum	Emailed Judy the message

6/11/12	Will be homeless later this week, no job, out of money. Housing help when she moves to Portland? Son is schizophrenic and needs to be evaluated. Checking with Lucy on this	Sent her Housing link from OCFW's Resource Guide (OCFW)
6/11/12	Looking to move to a U.S. state friendly towards undocumented immigrants.	Emailed Andrea (OCHA)
6/14/12	Asking OCBA to write a letter in support of the issue Amber Starks has raised about braiders of Black hair being required to obtain a cosmetology license	Emailed Lucy and Isaac (OCBA)
6/15/12	Invited Commissioner Santiago Ventura to represent his Indigena Powerpoint to a consortium of Clackamas County agencies	Will forward to Santiago (OCHA)
6/15/12	Records request for employees on administrative leave or home assignment	forwarded to Vicki J; responded "The Advocacy Commissions Office has not put any employees on administrative or home assignment in the specified time frame."
6/18/12	Interested in OCFW's efforts to bring more women into government and wants to know what other Commissions have done	forwarded to Sunny (OCFW)
7/3/12	Was updating her information regarding how best for Trimet to communicate with communities of color.	Referred her to Lucy & Andrea (OCHA)
7/7/12	Bad family situation, needs a lawyer	Referred her to LASO, Bend office
7/2/12	Invitation to OCHA and OCAPIA Chair & Vice Chair for reception for Dante James	Forwarded invitation on to Chairs & Vice Chairs

7/9/12	Trouble with Senior and Disability services	Referred her to DHS Ombudsman
7/10/12	Interested to know if OCHA has considered getting business owners/business people onto their Commission	Referred him to Andrea (OCHA)
7/11/12	Called regarding restaurant in Milwaukie. Concerned that the owners do not speak English and are headed for bankruptcy.	Referred to LASO
7/12/12	Seeking a rural Hispanic community organization that gives voice to the minority	Referred her to former Commissioner Marcela Mendoza and Centro LatinoAmericano (OCHA)
7/12/12	Job opportunities and wants to reach out to the Hispanic community	Forwarded to Chair Cano (OCHA)
7/21/12	Seeking info on barriers to access of healthcare for the Hispanic population in Oregon	Referred her to Chair Cano (OCHA)
7/24/12	Seeking legal services around not being able to pay her bills before she reaches social security	Forwarded her info to Lucy and Megan McKibben. Sent her LASO info
7/24/12	Invitation to Women's Int'l League for Peace event 8/25, for OCFW Commissioner to talk about the OCFW	Referred to OCFW Commissioners. Someone needs to get back to her
7/25/12	Interested in knowing when next Commission meetings are for OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA	Gave her dates & updated web pages for 3 Commissions
7/26/12	Seeking a bilingual store manager candidate for place in Medford.	Forwarded her email to Andrea (OCHA)
7/28/12	Spanish speaker; do not know why he called	Took his number and forwarded to Andrea (OCHA)

7/31/12	Inviting Stephen to be key-note speaker at Hillcrest luau	Forwarded info to Stephen (OCAPIA)
8/1/12	Wanted Lucy's email address	Called her back with LB's email (OACO)
8/3/12	Looking for info on Korean Day Commission	Checked with Carol Suzuki & emailed Bethany back (OCAPIA)
8/7/12	Wanted to reach Andrea Cano	Gave him her email address (OCHA)
8/12/12	Does OAC want to post a link to her resources of online schools in Oregon	Will check with Lucy and asked about other state agencies (OACO)
8/13/12	Harrassment. Looking for women to stand with her in court.	Contacted Commissioner Stephenson (OCFW)
8/14/12	Looking for State Board of Accountancy	Looked it up and gave it to him. He lamented that there was no general info # for the State (and no Ombudsman)
8/15/12	Looking for a statement from the OCBA re: racist graffiti on Haitian Masonic Temple	Judge Kemp gave an interview, NK sent statement (OCBA)
8/20/12	Seeking legal assistance for 2 boys who assaulted the man who allegedly raped her daughters	Referred her to LASO in Medford. Reached out to Megan at CRO - Anna already called them.
8/21/12	Looking for the total ex-husband owes in child support (back 20 years ago)	Emailed Megan McKibben. Records are at Child Support Program

9/7/12	Charitable legal services	Directed him to LASO and the OS Bar
9/18/12	State claimed she owed taxes and went in to her bank account for the money due	Sent her to LASO
9/18/12	? Did not leave info on why she was calling and when I called her back I got her voice mail which was not set up to take messages	
9/20/12	DV issues, so ex-husband can have family time with children. Wants the system to change - financial abuse can continue speaking 10/24/12. Can't move to a place with more resources and job prospects. Resources available after violence is over	Referred her to CRO
9/24/12	Discrimination issue at Kaiser, incident was July 2nd. Wants doctor reported, and comments removed from her records	Referred her to Citizen Rep Office, but turns out they have no jurisdiction over medical field
9/27/12	there is a constituent who has a collection of Latino music they would like to donate.	Copied Andrea - he can call her. Sent him her number. (OCHA)
9/27/12	Wanted to invite OCAPIA to the Emergency Housing Network meeting; did not say when	Called back 10/9
9/27/12	Works for a trainer - wants to make sure OCFW knows about her	
9/27/12	Wants to create a 504 plan for his elementary school son	Referred him to CRS
10/2/12	Oregon state tax information	Lucy spoke to him and referred him to Gov's CRS, and they to Dept of Revenue

10/4/12	Question regarding dental insurance	Called her back with Board of Dentistry number (971.673.3200)
10/9/12	Seeking a lawyer and help with domestic violence	Referred her to LASO, Oregon Helps and the OCFW Resource Guide (OCFW)
10/16/12	Problem with tax returns, IRS. Is working with an IRS advocate and needs help with the Oregon Dept of Revenue	Directed him to Citizen Representative Office
10/17/12	Trying to recruit bilingual speakers for a call center in Tigard	Asked her to send job description and I will forward to Andrea (OCHA)
10/17/12	NW Health Foundation referred her to Lucy. Working on a project that improves the way minority communities in Oregon receive info from the State regarding tobacco use	NK to contact chairs with Yovana's info
10/17/12	Called for Lucy. Has a job opening and is looking for help with candidates	Gave LB message
10/22/12	(former OCAPIA Commissioner). PSU issue regarding alleged discrimination against a student	Contacted BOLI but not their jurisdiction. Frank Garcia's office in contact with PSU about this. (OCAPIA)
10/23/12	Trying to track down DHS advocate named Martha who he worked with previously.	Looked up Marthas who work for the State and directed him to Martha Gaugh
	Survey for Commissioners	Sent to Chairs and also sent it to Frank

10/24/12	Being harassed by people in her housing complex in Hillsboro	Referred her to Community Alliance of Tenants and Oregon Housing and Community Services (OCBA)
10/24/12	Wants to nominate Debbie Hall of Salem for 2013 WOA	Directed her to keep an eye out for WOA nom form posted in early 2013
10/30/12	I am wondering what sort of relationships your organization has with non-Mexican Latinos, and if anyone at could recommend any additional resources to consult or contact regarding these groups.	Followed up belatedly (OCHA)
10/24/12	Survey for Commissioners	At Chair's request, asked to see survey first. No response.
10/31/12	Next OCFW meeting 11/16/12 - open to public? What is happening regarding women's issues at the state level?	Called her back. Added her to OCFW mailing list.
11/1/12	Spouse going to jail - child support?	Referred her to CRO
11/2/12	Asking OCBA to help support next steps for a strategy to eliminate the Student Discipline Gap.	Checked with Isaac who wants to speak with her. Emailed Mary 11/19, asking if there are any additional documents. (OCBA)
11/12/12	Looking for James Morris	Forwarded her email to James and let her know I have done so (OCBA).
11/12/12	Express Employment Professionals	Looking for bilingual speakers. Forwarded to Andrea (OCHA)

11/13/12	Called from United 4 Equality seeking support of OCFW to ratify the 1972 ERA	Emailed Stephanie (OCFW)
11/17/12	Student Veteran Advocate, Portland Community College, Cascade. Seeking one of the OCBA James Manning.	Forwarded email to James Manning, Jr. (OCBA)
11/20/12	Wants to connect with the OCFW	Forwarded her message to Stephanie 11/26/12 (OCFW)
11/26/12	Helping a friend whose partner is dying	Referred him to Stevens-Ness (will) and LASO for power if attorney info
11/27/12	Issue with boyfriend being abusive & selling drugs; custody of children	Referred her to DHS; checking with Megan McKibben, Sunny and Megan Jacquot. Also re'fd her to LASO and the Family Law Facilitators (OCFW)
11/27/12	Call from Marion County Fair Housing, will be back in touch in January 2013	Wants to send info about affordable housing in Marion County to communities of color
11/29/12	Wants to know: how many women in all of Oregon history have been Oregon Senators and Representatives?	Referred her to the State of Oregon Library
12/12/12	Wants to know the racial and ethnic composition of minority women in Oregon, county-by-county, for all of Oregon	Brian McGuirk at State of Oregon Library very helpful
12/12/12	Called back, farther down her journey. She believes medical practitioner is unsafe to women. Dr. is at Kaiser	Contacted Naomi Steenson at Gov's Advocacy Office

12/13/12	White male with dreadlocks feels he is being discriminated against by police officer. Lives in Clatsop County, case #	Checked with Diane Sykes at DOJ. Referred him to LASO, OSB and the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability (OCBA)
12/19/12	Sister was attacked in Springfield, Oregon. Story not covered well by local media. Wants to speak with Lorraine	Forwarded his info to LW; called Springfield police for report 541.726.3714 (OCBA)
12/26/12	Looking for help on behalf of immigrants in Tennessee. Contractor not paying people he knows the full amount agreed upon. Miguel's combed the internet looking for ways to help them.	Forwarded to Andrea (OCHA) Also suggested TN CCB (http://tn.gov/commerce/complaint.shtml)
12/26/12	Not sure what he is looking for - he asked for a Spanish speaker, so he could explain what he needs.	Angela Rico tried calling on 12/27 - no answer. Forwarded to Andrea. (OCHA)
12/27/12	Sent diplomas by PDF, not sure why.	Replied that I did not know why he sent them to the OACO - are they for a Commissioner?
12/28/12	Not sure what outcome he is seeking.	Replied that I did not know what outcome he was seeking.

1/7/13	Son is blind. Boyfriend tried to commit suicide. Withholding her mail, and changed locks. Wants to be able to access her stuff and to see her boyfriend, and doesn't want him. DHS came after boyfriend shot himself to check on the son. And can she see him at in-patient facility?	Contacted CRO on her behalf
1/7/13	Jordan Peck is a patient she helps. He was shot 3 times and is paralyzed from the belly button down. His insurance changed from Care Oregon to Family care, and now his insurance will not cover the equipment he needs	Emailed her asking what outcome she is seeking. She replied. Contacted CRO 2/14/13
1/24/13	Writer for Ruralite magazine looking for permission to use photo of Jane O'Keeffe receiving WOA from Governor in 2012 (http://www.ruralite.org/)	As per Jodi Ballard email 1/24/13 OK to use photos as long as Kobbi B. Blair is credited. Cuff artist is The artist is Christine Thatcher, her business name is Christine Marie Studio http://www.christinemariestudio.com/ (OCFW)
1/28/13	Attorney	Called back. Forwarded his info to Isaac, who called him. Attorney is against immigration reform(OCBA)

1/28/13	Harassment by USPS worker. Am working on binders and cannot respond in full at this time.	She replied 1/30/13. Contacted Jessica at CRO 2/14/13. Suggested she contact her federal representatives; I forwarded the info to the caller.
1/30/13	Seeking license from state of Oregon for accupuncture. Phone numbers she's tried do not work.	NK called the numbers and they worked
2/4/13	Looking for free posters for Black History Month for her church	Rachel Gilmer did not know of resources. Called back and LM for Doris: Diversity Store 800.200.5964 and Federal Resources for Educational Excellence http://free.ed.gov/subjects.cfm?subject_id=116&res_feature_request=1 (OCBA)
2/4/13	Originally from Hermiston. Diane was his healthcare advocate. Please call her and let her know he's been in the hospital.	He will figure out some other way to track her down.
2/7/13	Seeking the number of undocumented aliens in Oregon, and also the U.S. Also wants to speak to someone at OCBA - is concerned about the situation of young black people, and would like to help	Gave him the number for the Oregon State Library 503-378-4243. Emailed Isaac 2/14/13
2/13/13	Doctoral student seeking Latino college students for a survey: what are barriers to group therapy for Latino college students. The sooner the better, in the next month.	Forwarded her info to Andrea and Gil (OCHA)

2/20/13	Interested in how lobbying works for the Commissions	Left message for her 2/20/13
2/20/13	Regarding visitation with his son. Must pay \$30/hour to a supervisor in order to visit his son, now 9 1/2 years old. Victor lives in Washington County, his son is in Astoria (Clatsop County).	Spoke to him 2/22. Emailed Jessica Curtis @CRO. She said must abide by the judgement. Let him know and offered complaint form for judges. (OCHA)
2/22/13	Does Oregon have public sector statutes similar to the following federal statutes: Executive Order 13166; Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act; ADA Title II?	Referred her to State of Oregon Library: 503-378-4243
2/22/13	Senior majoring in economics at U of O. Seeks to analyze the economic effects of Latino businesses in Oregon communities. Suggestions for available data?	Suggested Sec of State Corporation Division, Hispanic Metro Chamber of Commerce and State of OR Library
2/22/13	Bill #SJR 24 (ERA bill). Sunny suggested Leanne speak with Stephanie. Leanne also wanted to connect with Megan - she grew up in Coos Bay	Sent message to Stephanie and to Megan about Leanne. (OCFW)
2/25/13	Moved to Southern Oregon coast from. Will fill out Black complaint form discrimination issue. I mentioned BOLI but wage equity, housing and civil rights but this did not resonate with him	Said it is OK to forward his contact info on to Isaac (OCBA)
2/26/13	Child custody issue. Didn't take parenting class, divorce denied. Wants to modify custody.	Would like joint or full custody of 1 child. Gave her OCFW Resource Guide
2/27/13	Seeking input from women and people of color on traffic congestion project b/t SW PDX and Sherwood.	Forwarded to OAC leadership 3/6/13

