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TO: Gregg Watson, Chairman

FROM: Dick Celsi

RE: Report of Health Sub-Committee

DATE: March 4, 1974

The Health Sub-Committee in discharge of the February 19, 1974, mandate of the Citizens Planning Board has determined the following facts:

- (1) Health need priorities as determined by the Health Working Committee involves funding for the Pediatric Medical-Dental Clinic at the Multi-Service Center; and for the Albina Health Care Center.
- (2) Of these priorities, only the Albina Health Care Center has been refunded by the Citizens Planning Board.
- (3) The other two (2) priorities were assumed to have been assured of funding by Multnomah County.
- (4) Confusion concerning obligation to maintain these functions and overlapping jurisdiction between city and county have delayed final decisions regarding funding for these projects. (See attached legal opinion)

- (5) Efforts of the Health Working Committee and the Community Health Planner, have resulted in some commitments on the part of the County Health Department and negotiations between the County and City Boards of Commissioners to find additional funds in order to maintain the Pediatric Clinic at the Multi-Service Center.

It is the conclusion of the Health Sub-Committee that the Citizens Planning Board take the following actions as a demonstration of its concern for the Health needs of the Model Neighborhood.

- (1) From funds available for reprogramming, allocate \$31,900 to the Pediatric Clinic at the Multi-Service Center as a challenge grant to the County to provide an adequate facility for the 1974-75 budget year.
- (2) To provide \$9,100 for maintaining the Comprehensive Health Planning Component until December 31, 1974 in order to provide coordination of Health Services and develop future funding for Health Services in this Community.
- (3) To secure a firm commitment from the city, county, and the City-County Health Commission for future operation of a neighborhood health program which will maintain a level of services adequate to the needs of our community.

Dick Celsi

RESOLUTION FROM THE MODEL CITIES HEALTH WORKING COMMITTEE

Since the beginning of Model Cities, the Health Working Committee has worked for the establishment of a health program that reflects the needs and wants of our community. We have secured and maintained a community based health planner, to ensure that responsible health planning bodies and health facilities in Metropolitan Portland have the kind of input and pressure they need from our health planner to express our views so we can ensure our voice in what is planned and implemented in our area. We are committed to the fact that we are in the best position to plan for, decide, and control what health services we have and need in order to maintain our health.

In our community, we have brought about three community clinics that provide health care and education, without charge, to persons unable to pay, and with a commitment to uphold the dignity and respect of all who come for care. We have also secured an effective, excellent pediatric, dental and community health nursing program. We have seen to it that the County brought needed mental health services into our neighborhood, and that planning and services for the many people who are classed as mentally retarded, have a community base. We have helped to maintain special medical examinations particularly important to us, for example, sickle cell anemia, hypertension, and lead poisoning.

In struggling for a period of more than four years, we have fought for and secured the beginnings of programs that are important if we are to maintain healthy bodies and minds in our community. We need to build upon, not reduce, the services we have developed.

We know that funding to maintain our health programs has to be considered serious and deserving, as the funding of other programs that we need in order to live dignified, productive lives as citizens in this community.

We, the Health Working Committee, then want to go on record as resolving that health services and planning and coordination of these services, be supported and maintained so we can ensure the above.

Further, we the Health Working Committee resolve that there is an immediate threat to the continued existence to the Medical and Dental Clinics at the Multi Service Center and the Albina Health Care Center.

Last year alone, the Medical Clinic has served over 10,000 patients; the Dental Clinic over 6,000, primarily children.

In the month of December 1973, the Albina Health Care Center has served 435 patients of all ages.

In essence, the plight of these clinics are of DIRE concern to everyone.

We call upon the CPB to (1) join with us in securing ongoing support of the Medical and Dental Clinics from Multnomah County, and (2) securing funds that will provide for the continuation of all of our health programs from all sources of funding.

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On June 15, 1974, the Multi-Service Center's Medical and Dental clinics will close because of lack of financial support from Multnomah County. After June 15, where will you obtain needed health care for your children? If you are concerned about this calamity and want the clinics to remain open to serve you, then please get involved. Write to one of the five County Commissioners (Mssrs. Mosee, Gleason, Clark, Padrow or Gordon) and express your concern.

Address all letters to:

Commissioner _____
605 Multnomah County Courthouse
Portland, Oregon 97204

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TO: Members of the Health Sub-Committee
(Marlene Bayless, Kay Toran, Brozie
Lathan, Martha Warren)

FROM: Dick Celsi, Chairman

RE: Joint Meeting

DATE: February 22, 1974

The Health Sub-Committee will meet jointly with the Health Working Committee on Thursday, February 28, 1974, at 7:30 P.M. in Model Cities Conference Room #226.

I hope you will look through the minutes and information packet from the Health Working Committee for background material on efforts already underway to achieve funding for the Model Neighborhood Health Care Facilities.

Dr. Hugh Tilson will be meeting with us on the 28th of February and we can decide at that time where best to put our efforts.

I have written to Commissioner Don Clark concerning the negotiation with the City. I trust you have received a copy of that letter.

Dick Celsi
Chairman

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TO: Health Sub-Committee
FROM: Gregg Watson, CPB Chairman
RE: Health
DATE: February 22, 1974

I would like to thank Dick Celsi for any action and attention that he is giving to the health care situation as expressed by members of the Health Working Committee and the Albina Health Care Center.

As a result of the previous meeting, Wednesday, February 20, 1974, I understand that only the Chairman and Health Planner were able to attend that meeting. I encourage Dick to move ahead with decisions and/or information obtained and would like to express my concern that other members assigned to that Committee immediately become involved.

If for some reason at this time you find that you cannot participate actively, please notify Dick and through him, I as Chairman of the Citizens Planning Board will make alternative appointments to that Committee.

I appreciate the concern of all those who have volunteered. It is my expectation that within a reasonable period of time the Committee can submit a comprehensive report and recommend action to the full Citizens Planning Board.

All meetings are critical, please attend.

G CW Gregg C. Watson

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DONALD E. CLARK • MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER

February 26, 1974

Mr. Dick Celsi, Chairman
Health Sub-Committee
Portland Model Cities
5329 N.E. Union Avenue
Portland, OR 97211

Dear Mr. ~~Celsi~~ Dick.

Thank you for your letter of February 22, 1974 expressing interest and concern about the continuation of the Model Cities health programs.

As you know, the City and the County are working together to resolve the funding problems of these programs. Please be assured that we will be contacting your committee as soon as final decisions have been made.

I want you to know how much we appreciated the testimony of your health working committee. They were of great assistance to the Board in providing needed information and, as always, we look forward to working together with you to resolve our mutual problems.

Sincerely

Donald E. Clark
Commissioner

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February 22, 1974

Commissioner Don Clark
Multnomah County Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County Courthouse
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Commissioner Clark:

The Citizens Planning Board of the Portland Model Cities Program, because of increasing apprehension regarding the status of health care in the Model Neighborhood, has authorized a Board Sub-Committee to work aggressively in its behalf for a continuation of the existing facilities so vital to the well-being of our community.

It has been brought to our attention that the Health Working Committee has expressed these same feelings to members of both the County and City Board of Commissioners, and that you have expressed similar concerns, as well as a commitment to explore with the City Administration possible methods of continued funding for our existing facilities.

As Chairman of the Citizens Planning Board Sub-Committee, I would appreciate hearing from you regarding the progress of your negotiation with the City and any other information that will assist our Committee in determining the most effective way to achieve our goal.

Sincerely,

Dick Celsi

Dick Celsi
Chairman
Health Sub-Committee

cc: Mayor Goldschmidt
Commissioner Schwab