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To Study the Feasibility of Re-purposing Retired Cruise Ships to Meet Housing Needs

To Potential Stakeholders – public, private, non-profit, for profit, consumer, developer, and others:

Welcome to Hope Harbor,

On Tuesday, **October 2, 2018, from 1:00 to 3:00pm**, Ken Capron, Director of MemoryWorks will offer a presentation on the anticipated feasibility study involving repurposing of cruise ships for use in addressing housing needs.

A used cruise ship can cost between \$5 million to \$100+ million.

Various size vessels will be considered. The average vessel is 90' wide and 500' long. That's an acre per deck of waterfront property.

Capacity is about 800 passengers in about 400 cabins with additional quarters for 300+ crew members. Most ships come with three restaurant/kitchen facilities, a swimming pool or two, and a variety of spaces for exercise, spas, and entertainment.

This will be the only presentation prior to submitting the grant in October. I am looking for all feedback on any aspect so I can anticipate concerns of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

This project is on the margin of concepts that RWJF funds under their S4A programs, but in preliminary talks they were intrigued by the innovativeness and the target populations to be served.

Please join me, **Ken Capron, in Room 24 at Portland City Hall**. I will cover the grant, the project, the unique financing and all things cruise ships.

I also need to know how many stakeholders might be willing to invest time and effort. We will probably need to make at least one trip abroad to look at ships – Scandinavia and/or New Zealand. I need to know how many to include in the grant for travel.

I strongly recommend that Directors and other decision makers attend as you will be asked to consider participation in ownership of the end product for study purposes. You will also be asked whether you would consider moving your agency or service physically if the space was free or nearly so.

Please bring your corporate statistics on populations served. Anecdotal items are very welcome.

Let me reassure you that this is a feasibility study. Any action on the end result will come later if the concept is deemed feasible. Also remember that this study will apply to any city on any waterfront in the U.S. If feasibility is determined, it is likely it would be tested nearby and that stakeholders will be recognized far and wide.

Thank you all,

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