

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 036-85

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

WHEREAS, The Citizen Advisory Board was established by Ordinance in 1958 to review and evaluate the City and County's mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems and to advise the Board of Supervisors on a program of community mental health services and act in an advisory capacity to the Director of Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, the Ordinance was amended to create mental health advisory boards in each of five mental health districts and also created advisory boards for county-wide specialty mental health services, except for alcoholism and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, The duty of the district mental health advisory boards is to review, evaluate, and recommend priorities for mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems of the specialty services; and

WHEREAS, The citizen advisory boards advise the county mental health advisory board and the district mental health directors as to the needs of the district or of the specialty services;

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Services has been reorganized and no longer represents a five-geographic district structure; and

WHEREAS, The Health Commission is the policy making body for the Department of Health, which includes Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, The structure of the mental health advisory boards would be more effective, given the new organization of the Mental Health Services, if the five boards were combined into three geographic boards which included all parts of the City; and

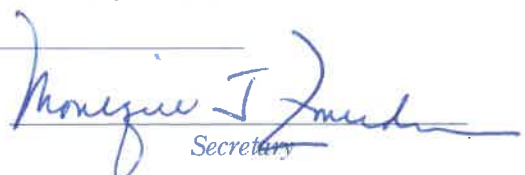
WHEREAS, Three specialty citizen advisory boards which oversee San Francisco General Hospital, Forensic Services, and Developmental Disabilities would continue to represent county-wide mental health interests;

WHEREAS, The assistance of the mental health advisory boards has been very valuable to the department in determining mental health priorities and identifying mental health needs in the communities of San Francisco and could continue to provide such needed services by acting as advisory committees to the Deputy Director for Mental Health and to the Health Commission; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission approves the new proposed organization of the citizen advisory boards which combines the five geographic boards into three geographic boards with all areas of the City represented, and which changes the reporting relationship of the citizen advisory boards from advising the district directors to advising the Deputy Director for Mental Health and the Health Commission; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission requests the Board of Supervisors to amend the Administrative Code pertaining to the citizen advisory boards to reflect the new organization and reporting relationship.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission
at its meeting of August 6, 1985*


Secretary