

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 075-86

RESOLUTION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION DECLARING POLICY THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL EXPAND SUB-ACUTE AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, AND THAT A MENTAL HEALTH PLAN BE DEVELOPED PRIOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUDGET EACH YEAR.

WHEREAS, The California Short-Doyle Mental Health Services Act mandates provision of humane, least restrictive care for the mentally ill within each local community, and

WHEREAS, The funding allocated from the State to pay for mental health services is not sufficient to provide needed services for acute hospitalization as well as community based mental health services and cost of providing an adequate level of mental health services has been increasingly funded through County General Fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, The cost for acute services has historically constituted a significant share of the CMHS resources and restricted the development of community based alternatives;

WHEREAS, CMHS has plans to increase sub-acute mental health services by purchasing additional locked facility beds, increase community based residential services by funding a dual diagnosis program for persons with both mental health and substance abuse disorders, and increase 24 hour mental health care by increasing the number of co-op flats available to mental health clients in this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Careful assessment of needs and program planning are needed in order to effectively allocate and distribute limited financial resources available for mental health services in the future; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Health Commission declares that it is the policy of the Department of Health to increase sub-acute mental health services and increase non-institutionalized mental health services in this fiscal year within existing resources and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: it is the policy of the Health Commission that a mental health plan shall be considered and approved prior to consideration of the mental health budget. This plan shall identify the goals and objectives for the provision of mental health service, the needs of the community including special populations; an assessment of the appropriate level of acute and sub-acute bed utilization, and the range and type of community programs needed to reduce the reliance of acute care services.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of October 21, 1986.

  
Secretary