

RESOLUTION #101-87

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS TO USE FRENCH HOSPITAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY HOSPITALS FOR ADULT INPATIENTS ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.

Whereas, the Division of Mental Health Programs has reduced its use of adult inpatient services in FY 1987-88 in order to increase funding and services for community based programs; and

Whereas, San Francisco General Hospital, which provides most of the inpatient psychiatric services for adults in the mental health system often maintains a full census of patients; and

Whereas, the two community hospitals which provide inpatient services on a contractual basis are at times full; and

Whereas, the census of psychiatric patients at San Francisco General Hospital has recently been reduced due to vacancies in personnel, and the SFGH-PES expansion has reduced capacity to hold patients and the Jail consent decree requires transfer of all inmates needing inpatient psychiatric service within a 24 hour period; and

Whereas, additional beds are at times needed to accommodate the need for inpatient services; and

Whereas, the department is in the process of negotiating an overflow contract with French Hospital to provide inpatient acute services; and

Whereas, other hospitals may, from time to time, be asked to admit Short Doyle patients when all contract beds are full; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Health Commission authorizes the Division of Mental Health Programs to use French Hospital or other community hospitals on an emergency basis to provide inpatient services in FY 1987-88.