

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 110-88

RESOLUTION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION REQUESTING THE MAYOR AND
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REQUEST THE STATE LEGISLATURE
TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR COUNTY COMMUNITY BASED
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Whereas, In the State of California where county governments are responsible for the operation of local mental health programs, the state government provides 90% of the funding; and

Whereas, Between 1981 and 1987 the local allocation for county mental health programs increased by 38%, only 28% of these funds have been for categorical, new mandated programs for which the state is responsible; and

Whereas, The population of California increased by 22% and the Consumer Price Index increased by 33% during the same time period, per capita spending for local mental health services has decreased by 15% since 1981. If state funding to local mental health programs was considered alone, it would be 15% below the Gann limit on spending; and

Whereas, The national average per capita spending on mental health is \$52.43, California only spends \$34.47. To bring California up to the national average would require an additional \$478 million; and

Whereas, California's Legislative Analyst has performed an analysis of mental health funding and has indicated that an additional \$122 million would be needed to bring Short Doyle local program funding up to level of funding identified in 1977; and

Whereas, County mental health departments received a 1% cost of living adjustment from the state in FY 1986-87, no COLA for FY 1987-88 was provided and no COLA for FY 1988-89 has been proposed by the Governor; and

Whereas, The Local Conference of Local Mental Health Directors is requesting an additional \$228 million to be allocated to mental health programs to bring the counties back to 1974 spending levels; and

Whereas, The State legislature will consider the mental health budget in Committee in April, 1988; therefore

Be it resolved, That the Health Commission request the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to request the State Legislature to increase funding for county mental health services for FY 1988-89.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meetings of Tuesday, April 5, 1988.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission