

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 149-89

RESOLUTION ON STATE CUTBACKS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Governor deleted \$116 million in mental health funding from the FY 1989-90 budget which thereby, eliminated \$50 million for cost-of-living adjustments (COLA's), \$6 million for AIDS-related mental health services, \$10 million for residential services, and \$10 million from homeless services; and,

WHEREAS, the State has withheld cost of living adjustments for mental health providers for the passed three years, and has not allocated sufficient funding to provide mental health services for clients with HIV and AIDS, for homeless clients, and for those who require residential care services; and,

WHEREAS, the effect of the Governor's reduction of the mental health COLA's residential services and homeless services will have a strong impact on community based programs which predominately serve minority clients; and,

WHEREAS, there is a significant increase in the number of AIDS and HIV infected clients requiring mental health services, and an increasing number of chronically mentally ill clients who are homeless and require residential care; and,

WHEREAS, the County can no longer absorb this loss in State funding for community mental health programs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to express strong opposition to the Governor's reductions in funding for COLA's to mental health providers and new funding for AIDS, homeless and residential care; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to advocate to the State Legislature and the Governor to re-instate these funds for FY 1989-90.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously by the Health Commission at its meeting of July 11, 1989.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission