

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 23-90

RESOLUTION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION ON POLICIES  
TO INCREASE PERMANENT HOUSING FOR CLIENTS OF  
THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE & FORENSICS SERVICES

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of low income housing for the mentally disabled and for clients of the substance abuse services; and

WHEREAS, private and public low income housing continues to decline because of the demolition or conversion of single room occupancy units, the reduction of board and care beds, and the declining Federal support for subsidized housing; and

WHEREAS, estimates show that there are between 2,000 and 3,000 homeless mentally ill persons in the City at this time, and that the lack of permanent low income housing is a major element for mental health and substance abuse clients lack of stability in the Community; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Forensics Services has developed a housing plan which calls for increasing State funding and the development of specialized and general population housing through joint venture with other City departments; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports the following strategies for increasing the stock of low income housing for DMSF clients:

- Urge the Legislature to increase SB 155 funding for residential care operators (board and care).
- Urge State Department of Social Services and the Legislature to provide an increase in the SSI rate for clients in board and care homes.
- Develop units for psychiatrically disabled adults and sober residences for substance abuse clients through collaboration with other agencies.
- Work collaboratively with DSS to identify common clients and develop housing and funding strategies.
- Support City policies to preserve subsidized housing and develop new low income housing units for the general population.
- Expand the sub-payee services and case management services as new revenue sources become available and by re-allocating existing funds wherever possible.
- Request the State and Legislature to increase the number of allotted Section 8 housing certificates.
- Support other City agency requests for housing revolving fund to avoid persons from losing their housing.
- Conduct a housing survey and complete needs assessment on housing.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously by the Health Commission at its meeting of June 5, 1990.



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Secretary to the Health Commission