

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

31-90

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR ADDITIONAL BUDGET REDUCTIONS  
NECESSITATED BY INCREASED STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS FOR FY 1990-91**

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget cut a total of \$558.8 million statewide to county services, and the largest cuts are in health and human services to the neediest citizens of the State including \$375.4 million in health cuts; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has posted notice of a public hearing on August 27, 1990 pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1442.5 on the impact on the health care needs of the indigents of the City and County of San Francisco by the elimination and reduction of up to \$10 million in health services; and,

WHEREAS, the formulas to allocate MISP and mental health cuts are still being determined by the State, the impact of health service reductions to San Francisco is projected to be between \$11.7 to \$30.1 million, including reductions of \$5.3 to \$9.6 million for Medically Indigent Service Program (MISP) and reductions of \$5.4 to \$19.5 million in mental health programs and \$1 million in long-term care; and,

WHEREAS, based on the allocation formulas for funding cuts under consideration by the State, the San Francisco Public Health Department is required to recommend to the Health Commission additional cuts that will require major reductions in the existing levels of health services to the residents of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Health Commission adopts principles to guide the Health Department in recommending the additional budget reductions that have become necessary as a result of increased State funding reductions:

- 1) Maintain legal mandate that establishes the County as the "provider of last resort" for indigent residents (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 17000),
- 2) Maintain essential public health services
  - a) provide basic level of care to those with no other option
  - b) maintain accreditation and licensing standards
  - c) maintain mandated services and services critical to community,
- 3) Maintain integrity of support services (finance, personnel, contracts, MIS) relative to service levels and revenue generating requirements
  - a) minimize loss of revenues generated by billing, fees, grants
  - b) minimize loss of revenues attributable to audit disallowances
  - c) maximize alternative sources of revenues,
- 4) Where possible and appropriate, consolidate/integrate services to provide multiple health services (e.g. mental health, public health, substance abuse, HIV) at primary care sites,
- 5) Use DMSF Strategic Plan to guide reductions in mental health, substance abuse, and Forensics,
- 6) Budget reductions will be allocated among major divisions of DPH consistent with Departmental priorities and the preservation of a system of care; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to take every action necessary, including the adoption of new revenue sources to provide adequate resources, in order to mitigate the reductions of public health services to the residents of San Francisco necessitated by the State funding reductions.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously by the Health Commission at its meeting of August 14, 1990.



Sandy Ouye Mori  
Secretary to the Health Commission