

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 38-90

RESOLUTION ON REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS FROM THE EXPANDED PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors directed that an Expanded Planning Advisory Group (EPAG) be convened to prepare a report on how DMSF can best provide programs and services in FY 1991-92 in light of anticipated further reductions in Federal and State funding for mental health, substance abuse, and forensic services; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission is in receipt of a report from the EPAG in response to the Finance Committee's request; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission is the Governing Body of the Department of Public Health and the City Charter gives policy-making and fiduciary responsibility to the Commission to manage and control the City and County hospitals, emergency medical services, and all matters pertaining to the preservation, promotion, and protection of the lives, health, and mental health of the inhabitants of the City and County; and,

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of San Francisco will support the DMSF with more than \$50 million of general fund money in 1990-91 and the Commission and the Department have a responsibility to ensure that such funds are used in as efficient and cost-effective a manner as possible to fulfill the Department's established mission statement to the maximum extent permitted with funds available to DMSF; and,

WHEREAS, in anticipation of reduced Federal and State funding for health services in the coming years, the Health Commission has directed the Department, with input from the diverse communities, providers, and line staff, to plan and restructure our present service system into one that can best provide health services under such budget constraints; and,

WHEREAS, to be effective, the DMSF must update its treatment model and approach as advances are made in the theory and practice of the provision of community mental health services; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission is in agreement with the EPAG's concerns that communication and input be improved between mental health providers and the DMSF; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health Commission continues to support a process for receiving input and advice regarding the DMSF delivery system through the legislatively-mandated bodies of the Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) and the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Boards; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission recognizes and understands the need for provider input and suggests that providers offer their advice through the MHAB by being reconstituted as the Mental Health Providers Advisory Committee (MHPAC) of the MHAB, as described more fully in the Department of Public Health's response to the EPAG report; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission acknowledge the importance of having the MHPAC of the MHAB advise the DMSF on the most effective way to restructure the delivery of our services under the anticipated budget constraints of 1991-92 and beyond; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission endorse the concept of attempting to reach consensus, so that as the Commission and the Department of Public Health solicit input from various constituencies, the input of the mental health provider constituency as represented by the MHPAC will be considered by the Commission in its policy-making, planning, and budgeting process; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission requests the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors to release the DMSF funds that were placed on reserve pending delivery of the EPAG report.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, November 20, 1990.



Sandy Ouye Mori

Secretary to the Health Commission