

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 24-93

**URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SEND A FORMAL LETTER OF INTENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN ORDER FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO DEVELOP A LOCAL INITIATIVE FOR A MANAGED CARE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health Services released their Final Strategic Plan, "The Department of Health Services' Plan for Expanding Medical Managed Care", on April 2, 1993 designating San Francisco as one of thirteen counties for managed care expansion, providing the Board of Supervisors with the option of participating in the development of a local initiative; and

WHEREAS, the State's Plan requires that Boards of Supervisors in regions designated for expansion submit to the Department of Health Services' by September 30, 1993 a formal Letter of Intent, reflecting a commitment to satisfy the contracting criteria outlined in the Plan, and containing certain essential components as outlined in the Department's memorandum of August 6, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 412-93 on June 1, 1993 advising the State Department of Health Services of the City and County of San Francisco's interest in maintaining its options under the State's managed care initiative, and endorsing a planning process for implementation proposed by the Healthcare Leadership Group, made up of the Department of Public Health, the West Bay Hospital Conference, the San Francisco Medical Society, and The San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco intends to develop a Local Initiative under the two-plan model described in the Department of Health Services' Strategic Plan under the authority of Section 14087.54(a) of the Welfare and Institutions Code which allows any county or counties to "establish a special commission in order to meet the problems of the delivery of publicly assisted medical care in the county or counties and to demonstrate ways of promoting quality care and cost efficiency"; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco has included and will continue to include safety net providers and other affected stakeholders in our planning process, as evidenced by the composition of the Steering, Program Advisory, and Beneficiary Committees which comprise the planning and developmental structure for the local initiative; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco adopts the State Department of Health Services' definition of safety net provider, which states: "safety net provider means any provider or comprehensive primary care or acute hospital inpatient services that provides these services to a significant number of medically indigent patients in relation to the total number of patients served by the provider", and grants the authority to the Local Initiative Steering Committee to revise this definition if it so chooses, when it convenes; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco has established a Local Initiative Steering Committee and two Advisory Committees as the interim structure for the development of a Local Initiative; the final governing structure for the Local Initiative will be similar to this current structure, which has broad representation of all interested stakeholders in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that there exists broad based community support in San Francisco from providers, beneficiaries, local government, and other community interests for the developmental structure established, and for the plans for managed care as they currently exist, as evidenced by the attached letters of support from a wide range of representatives; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco makes a commitment to the State Department of Health Services to adhere to the standards and requirements for managed care as described in the State's Strategic Plan, contingent on the regulations that will be released by the State for the implementation of the Plan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco intends to develop the local initiative within the timetable as established in the State's Plan; the Healthcare Leadership Group (see Fact Sheet), convened in September 1992, will continue to meet until the Steering Committee and the two Advisory Committees are convened in October of 1993; in order to continue the work of developing a Local Initiative and a detailed managed care plan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the City and County of San Francisco to create a separate legal entity to serve as the agency responsible for implementing the local initiative, the governing body which is referred to herein as the Steering Committee; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the City and County of San Francisco that the Memorandum of Understanding with the State Department of Health Services, as described in the Plan, will be entered into by this separate legal entity, with the Chair of the Steering Committee serving as signatory, unless the State Department of Health Services requires the signature of the Board of Supervisors, in which case the City and County of San Francisco would require a minimum of eight weeks to provide the State with a signature; and, be it

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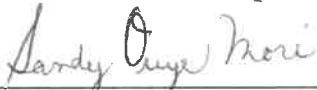
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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco reiterates its appeal to the State Department of Health Services for funding from the State to assist in the development of a local initiative in order to assist in meeting extremely tight deadlines; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to send a formal Letter of Intent to the Department of Health Services, in the form of a resolution, reflecting the issues and responses stated here, in order for the City and County of San Francisco to develop a Local Initiative for a managed care system.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, August 24, 1993.



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Sandy Ouye Mori  
Executive Secretary to  
the Health Commission

Attachment