

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 29-95

**ACCEPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
STATUS REPORT ON SAN FRANCISCO RAPE TREATMENT CENTER
AND ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES, AND
ADOPTING REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEVELOP AN
INTEGRATED SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, sexual assault impacts upon all San Franciscans -- either as survivors of sexual assault, a neighbor who has survived a sexual assault, a brother, sister, son, daughter, or co-worker; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one in three women and one in seven men will be raped in their lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, a recent Department of Justice report finds that women are the victims of 500,000 rapes or sexual assaults annually, and that friends or acquaintances commit more than half the rapes/sexual assaults; and,

WHEREAS, an FBI report to the Senate Task Force estimates that only 10% of all rapes are actually reported, and, the same FBI report found the rates of sexual assault to be growing at four times the overall crime rate; and,

WHEREAS, sexual assault is increasingly under-reported statewide, while anecdotal information exists which suggests that the incidence of sexual assault is actually increasing; and,

WHEREAS, women who are raped are 13 times more likely to commit suicide than others; and,

WHEREAS, the recent *Female Jail Population Health Needs Assessment* (Forensic Services, April 1995) found that 56% of the women interviewed have been sexually abused, and of those, 82% knew their attacker; and,

WHEREAS, women who are raped often experience other crimes of violence, e.g., approximately 85% of survivors of domestic violence, when asked, indicated that they have also been sexually assaulted; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has convened an Adult Sexual Assault Services Planning Group to assess the sexual assault services available in San Francisco and to identify the appropriate role for the Rape Treatment Center and Department of Public Health within that system; and,

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WHEREAS, the goals of the Adult Sexual Assault Services Planning Group are to expand sexual assault services to all adults requiring such services; to ensure cost effective delivery of sexual assault services; to fill gaps in existing sexual assault services and in the overall array and quality of sexual assault services; to assure the most responsive service delivery system on the part of the Department of Public Health and as a partner in the delivery of sexual assault services; and, to facilitate continuity among all elements of the sexual assault system; and,

WHEREAS, the Adult Sexual Assault Services Planning Group, upon reviewing the current service delivery system and identifying needs and gaps in services have made recommendations to provide a more coordinated and integrated system of care for sexual assault survivors in San Francisco; and,

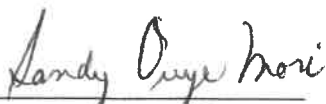
WHEREAS, the development of a coordinated, integrated service system will enable San Francisco to apply for federal funds targeted for the prevention and treatment of violence against women; now, be it,

RESOLVED, that *the Sexual Assault Services Status Report* presented to the Joint Health Commission and Commission on the Status of Women October 17, 1995, be accepted; and, the recommendations be adopted; and, be it,


FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women endorse the proposed collaborative effort to address sexual assault services in San Francisco and to strengthen the sexual assault service delivery system for the women and men of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission, in its commitment to education and prevention, directs the Director of Health to designate a Department of Public Health staff member to develop a long-range planning process to monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of Phase I recommendations.

This resolution was adopted by the Health Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women at a Joint Hearing on Sexual Assault Services on October 17, 1995.



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