

**HEALTH COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 06-11
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH REFORM TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and H.R. 4872, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, together known as "Health Reform"; and,

WHEREAS, California's 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver was set to expire on August 31, 2010 and the new waiver was being designed as "A Bridge to Reform"; and,

WHEREAS, In response to the passage of Health Reform former Mayor Gavin Newsom announced the creation of a Health Reform Task Force to analyze the impact of Health Reform on San Francisco and take the important first steps in preparing San Francisco's safety net for Health Reform; and,

WHEREAS, In September 2010, the Department of Public Health convened the Health Reform Task Force, whose membership included broad representation from across the safety net; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Health Reform Task Force was to plan for a San Francisco health care safety net that thrives under Health Reform and the State's Section 1115 Medicaid waiver; and,

WHEREAS, The Health Reform Task Force specifically addressed policy issues in the following five key areas: Enrollment, Infrastructure, Capacity, Economics, and Local Programs; and,

WHEREAS, The key finding of the Health Reform Task Force is that there will be a continued need for a health care safety net in San Francisco after implementation of Health Reform; and,

WHEREAS, The Health Reform Task Force developed 37 local, State, and federal policy recommendations in the five key areas to best position San Francisco for Health Reform; and

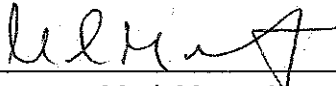
WHEREAS, The work of the Health Reform Task Force did not address any of the following programmatic issues contained in Health Reform such as the range of benefits/services, workforce development, prevention/wellness strategies, grant funding opportunities, employer requirements, individual mandate, tax changes and health insurer reforms due to the fact that many of these issues require additional programmatic detail or a regulatory framework at the State and/or federal level before the issues can be reviewed and considered at the local level; and,

WHEREAS, the Department will continue to monitor State and federal implementation of Health Reform, will keep the Health Commission apprised of critical developments in the areas noted above and will bring policy related matters to the Health Commission for deliberation, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Health Commission supports the recommendations of the Health Reform Task Force; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission commends the Health Reform Task Force for its thoughtful work and strong commitment to San Francisco's health care safety net.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of April 19, 2011 adopted the foregoing resolution.



Mark Morewitz

Health Commission Executive Secretary