

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 13-4

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE PILOT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, California law provides for the conservatorship of individuals who are gravely disabled as a result of mental disorder or impairment by chronic alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, the California Welfare and Institutions Code section 5358 (c) requires conservatees be placed in the least restrictive placement close to his or her home, that is suitable, available and necessary to achieve purpose of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the California Welfare and Institutions Code section 5358 (b) gives a conservator the right, if specified in a court order, to consent to the administration of psychotropic medications, to require the conservatee to receive treatment to remedy or prevent the recurrence of conservatee's grave disability; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Superior Court's Community Independence Pilot Project (CIPP) assists gravely disabled individuals using California's conservatorship process to enable participants to live independently and productively in the community by maintaining stability and mental health; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health (DPH) has participated in the CIPP since the planning process begun in the Fall of 2010; and

WHEREAS, CIPP participants meet criteria for conservatorship under California law and agree to the guidelines of the CIPP; and

WHEREAS, the participant's counsel, the District Attorney as counsel for the Deputy Public Conservator, the Court, and community providers must reach consensus to include the participant in the CIPP; and

WHEREAS, the participant is assigned to a DPH, behavioral health intensive case manager,

WHEREAS, DPH provides coordinates care and placement of the participant in the community; and

WHEREAS, initial evaluations of CIIP are demonstrating effective outcomes like maintaining stability in community settings and a decreased use of high-cost services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the San Francisco Health Commission supports Department of Public Health's participation in and the goals of the Community Independence Pilot Project.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 19, 2013 adopted the foregoing resolution.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Morewitz', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission