

MOTION NO. 2360

A MOTION approving the 1976 King County Comprehensive Plan for Mental Health Services and authorizing the County Executive to transmit the Plan to the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services.

WHEREAS, the State of Washington, by RCW 71.24, establishes that the purpose of the Community Mental Health Services Act is to encourage and give financial assistance to local governments in the development of community mental health programs, and

WHEREAS, state law requires every county desirous of establishing a community mental health program to establish a community mental health administrative board, and

WHEREAS, King County, by Ordinance No. 141, established a community mental health board in King County with all the powers, duties and responsibilities authorized by state law, and

WHEREAS, state law requires an annual plan for proposed expenditures recommended by the board and approved by the county council to be submitted to the state in order to establish eligibility for reimbursement by the state for mental health programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

1. The 1976 King County Comprehensive Plan for Mental Health Services, as recommended by the King County Mental Health Board, is hereby approved by the Council of King County provided that the plan is amended on page 7, line 27 to add the following:

It is essential that, in all discussions with state and federal officials, King County present a unified position. This posture can best be achieved if the Board coordinates its efforts through the county council's legislative coordinator. The Board recognizes that the county council is the final policy-making authority for the county. At the same time, the county council recognizes that the Board has an expertise in mental health acquired through years of diligent efforts in the field. The first priority of the council's legislative coordinator should be to point out and attempt to reconcile any divergent views that might arise between the two bodies.

2. The county executive is hereby authorized and directed to transmit the County Comprehensive Plan for Mental Health

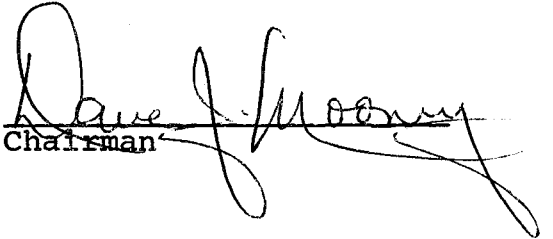
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Services to the Department of Social and Health Services for consideration and approval.

3. The 1977 King County Comprehensive Plan for Mental Health Services shall contain a definitive list of funding criteria and shall explain how each agency recommended for funding met those criteria.

PASSED this 15th day of March, 1976.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council