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MOTION NO. 3722

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2 A MOTION affirming the county's policy of  
3 management of the drug system by community  
4 agencies and requesting that the Center for  
Addiction Services be reorganized; and  
requiring additional monitoring.

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare  
6 through its National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is empowered  
7 to make grants to support treatment services for drug abusers,  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, as early as 1971, the need for a comprehensive drug  
10 abuse treatment network was identified, and

11 WHEREAS, in 1972, the Center for Addiction Services (CAS)  
12 was incorporated to be the central point around which the  
13 treatment network would be established and the NIDA grant  
14 administered, and

15 WHEREAS, by acting to make CAS the central point for the  
16 system, King County and the City of Seattle deliberately chose to  
17 minimize the role of government in drug treatment and to place  
18 their confidence in agencies which come from the community, and

19 WHEREAS, over the years, deficiencies in the treatment  
20 network have been cited, but steps have been taken to correct  
21 them so that the community-based system has been maintained, and

22 WHEREAS, CAS's current financial situation is serious and  
23 must be resolved in a manner that assures the drug treatment  
24 network will be financially accountable, and

25 WHEREAS, assuring financial accountability does not  
26 necessarily mean that the county must abandon its commitment to a  
27 community-based agency as manager of the drug treatment system,  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the April, 1978, County Auditor's report on the  
30 drug abuse program and Motion No. 3515, which adopted the 07  
31 fiscal year NIDA grant application specified certain measures  
32 which, if implemented, would have corrected the major problems  
33 apparent in the system, and

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1           WHEREAS, NIDA apparently feels that stronger measures are  
2 necessary has granted an extension to September 30, 1978, of  
3 the 06 fiscal year contract to allow time for further  
4 consideration, and

5           WHEREAS, testimony before the Health and Human Services  
6 Committee indicates that these continuing disruptions are  
7 beginning to affect services to clients, and

8           WHEREAS, the drug treatment system will suffer further  
9 serious disruptions in two years when NIDA intends to award the  
10 grant to the state unless careful planning is done in the  
11 interim, and

12           WHEREAS, other testimony before the Committee demonstrated  
13 once again the deep commitment in the county to locally  
14 controlled, community-based services;

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

16           1. The King County Council affirms the county's policy that  
17 the drug abuse treatment network will function most effectively  
18 if it is managed by a community-based agency. The Council  
19 therefore reaffirms the organizational arrangements, monetary  
20 allocations, and corrective measures specified in Motion No. 3515  
21 and the grant application authorized thereby. Except that,  
22 monetary allocations may be adjusted to reflect changes in the  
23 grant award caused by the extension of the 06 fiscal year  
24 contract and to allow CAS to offer medical services. Such  
25 adjustments shall be consistent with the Council's intent as  
26 established in the grant application authorized in Motion No.  
27 3515.

28           2. The King County Council, recognizing that serious  
29 organizational problems remain at CAS, respectfully requests the  
30 Executive, CAS, NIDA, and the Mayor of Seattle to join together  
31 in making recommendations to the County Council on restructuring  
32 the Center for Addiction Services which will allow it to continue  
33 as the central point for the drug treatment network while

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1 assuring that it can be held financially accountable.

2 3. The County Auditor is requested to proceed with his  
3 audit of the Center for Addiction Services as authorized by  
4 Motion No. 3525. In addition, the County Auditor is requested to  
5 perform or have performed an audit of the Center for Addiction  
6 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979.

7 4. Any contract negotiated between the County and the  
8 Center for Addiction Services must include provision for monthly  
9 monitoring of the CAS budget and expenditures. It is the  
10 Council's intent that the Division of Human Services, as the  
11 County's agent for such monitoring, report to the Council no  
12 later than October 15, 1978, on the monitoring system it has  
13 established. It is the Council's further intent that the  
14 Division report to the Executive and the Council, on a quarterly  
15 basis, the results of its monitoring activities.

16 5. The Executive is requested to offer recommendaitons  
17 when he transmits the 1979 Drug Abuse Plan as to whether and in  
18 what form the Request for Proposal process should be resumed in  
19 future years.

20 PASSED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1978.

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22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

23  
24 Bernard Stow  
25 Chairman

26 ATTEST:

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28 Dorothy M. Alvino  
Deputy Clerk of the Council

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