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PROPOSED NO. 88 - 274

MOTION NO. 7149

A MOTION relating to intergovernmental relations; establishing an Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Policy Task Force to review issues regarding the AIDS epidemic and the relationship among King County, the City of Seattle, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, the University of Washington, the Suburban Cities Association of King County, the medical and private health care community, and non-profit social service providers; and proposing the initial membership of the task force.

WHEREAS, the prevalence of infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the retro-virus responsible for AIDS, is a significant public health issue facing the residents of Seattle and King County, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20-30% of the 30,000 to 40,000 gay men in Seattle and King County and 10-20% of the estimated 12,000 intravenous drug users in Seattle and King County are already infected, and

WHEREAS, King County has a reported 530 cases of AIDS as of December 31, 1987, and

WHEREAS, the AIDS epidemic has had a profound and growing effect on the citizens of Seattle and King County, and

WHEREAS, King County must work in conjunction with the City of Seattle, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Suburban Cities Association of King County, the University of Washington, the medical and private health care community, and the non-profit social service providers in formulating a response to the AIDS epidemic, and

WHEREAS, a crucial component of this response is the formulation and adoption of AIDS-related policies by King County;

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

2 A. An AIDS policy task force is established.

3 B. The primary purpose of the AIDS policy task force is:

4 1. To make recommendations about programmatic and financial
5 roles that should be assumed by King County and the City of
6 Seattle, in coordination with the suburban cities, the State of
7 Washington, and non-profit social service providers in developing
8 and maintaining the AIDS continuum of care, and

9 2. To review the existing King County and City of Seattle
10 legislation in order to determine:

11 a. What additional legislation is needed to enhance the
12 public health efforts to control the AIDS epidemic.

13 b. What antidiscrimination legislation is needed to
14 protect high risk group members and to encourage their
15 participation in public health efforts.

16 3. To provide ongoing assistance, as requested, to King
17 County and the City of Seattle in its review of AIDS-related
18 policies and legislation.

19 C. A comprehensive work plan of the AIDS policy task force is
20 attached as Exhibit A.

21 D. The membership of the AIDS policy task force shall be
22 individuals who represent:

23 1. King County Council, specifically the Chair of the
24 Health, Housing and Human Services Committee or designee,

25 2. Suburban Cities Association of King County, specifically
26 the president or designee,

27 3. Seattle City Council, specifically the President or
28 designee,

29 4. Regional, Seattle, alcoholism and substance abuse, and
30 county public health division directors,

1 5. The AIDS medical director and the Sexually Transmitted
2 Disease (STD) medical director,

3 6. The director of the Seattle Office of Women's Rights, or
4 designee,

5 7. King County and the City of Seattle planning and budget
6 offices,

7 8. University of Washington, specifically the Vice-
8 President for Health Sciences or designee,

9 9. Swedish Medical Center, specifically the Associate
10 Executive Director or designee,

11 10. Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound, specifically
12 the Senior Vice-President, Chief of Operations or designee,

13 11. Northwest AIDS Foundation, specifically the President
14 of the Board of Directors or designee,

15 12. Washington State Department of Social and Health
16 Services, specifically the Medical Director or designee,

17 13. Blue Cross of Washington, specifically the Executive
18 Vice President-Chief of Health Care Maintenance or designee,

19 14. People of Color against AIDS Network, specifically the
20 Executive Director or designee,

21 15. Educational Service District #121, specifically the
22 Superintendent or designee.

23 E. The chair of the AIDS policy task force shall be the
24 director of the Seattle-King County department of public health or
25 designee since AIDS is a problem that encompasses many
26 jurisdictions and because the Seattle-King County department of
27 public health is the lead agency in both the City of Seattle and
28 King County for AIDS.


29 F. The AIDS policy task force will be staffed by the Seattle-
30 King County department of public health.

1 G. By May 30, 1988 the AIDS policy task force will make a
 2 written report of its findings, identified policy options, and
 3 recommendations first to the health coordinating committee and
 4 subsequently to the county executive, the mayor of Seattle, and
 5 the Seattle and King County councils. This report shall be
 6 submitted to the county council at the same time it is submitted
 7 to the county executive.

8 H. The AIDS policy task force may be reconvened from time to
 9 time by the director of the Seattle-King County department of
 10 public health, at the request of the county executive.

11 PASSED this 4th day of April, 1988.

12 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 13 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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 15 Chairman

16 ATTEST:

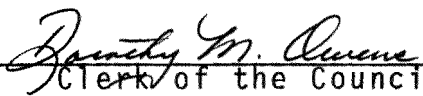
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EXHIBIT A

COMPREHENSIVE WORK PLAN

AIDS Policy Task Force

The purpose of the AIDS policy task force is:

1. To analyze the AIDS continuum of care for persons with AIDS and disabling AIDS Related Complex (ARC) in order to determine present deficiencies and deficiencies anticipated in the future, and
2. To identify short-term activities that must be undertaken by the City of Seattle and King County to develop and maintain the AIDS continuum of care, and
3. To make recommendations about programmatic and financial roles that should be assumed by the City of Seattle and King County, in coordination with the suburban cities, the State of Washington, the medical community, the University of Washington, and non-profit social service providers in developing and maintaining the AIDS continuum of care, and
4. To determine how AIDS-related activities and policies between the State of Washington, King County, the City of Seattle, the suburban cities of King County, the University of Washington, the medical community, and the non-profit social service providers can be better coordinated, and
5. To review prevention strategies focusing on:
 - a. The educational programs or mix of programs needed in the City of Seattle and King County to bring about the necessary behavioral changes required in the community, especially in high-risk populations.
 - b. Educational programs for the general population concerning modes of HIV transmission with emphasis on the fact that AIDS is not casually transmitted.
6. To determine, with respect to the housing model adopted for the City of Seattle and King County:
 - a. What pieces are currently missing today, which ones will be needed in the future, and how they should be financed.
 - b. The appropriate roles of the City of Seattle, King County, suburban cities, and non-profit social service providers in implementing the model.
7. To review the existing City of Seattle and King County legislation in order to determine:
 - a. What additional legislation is needed to enhance the public health efforts to control the AIDS epidemic.
 - b. What antidiscrimination legislation is needed to protect high risk group members and to encourage their participation in public health efforts.
8. To provide ongoing assistance to King County and Seattle in their review of AIDS-related policies and legislation.

By May 30, 1988, the AIDS policy task force will make a written report of its findings, policy options, and recommendations first to the Health Coordinating Committee and subsequently to the County Executive, the Mayor of Seattle, and the City of Seattle and King County Councils. This report shall be submitted to the county council at the same time it is submitted to the county executive.