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Introduced by: AUDREY GRUGER

Proposed No.: 89-432

MOTION NO. 7564

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2 A MOTION requesting the Executive to develop  
3 for council approval a program plan and budget  
4 providing the basis for a state mental health  
5 funding application consistent with recent  
6 changes in state law.

7 WHEREAS, King County administers portions of the publicly  
8 funded mental health program pursuant to Chapter 71 of the Revised  
9 Code of Washington, and

10 WHEREAS, over twenty years ago efforts to organize mental  
11 health services at the federal level resulted in the  
12 deinstitutionalization of the mental health system, based on the  
13 assumption that there would be sufficient funding for alternative  
14 community-based outpatient and residential services, and

15 WHEREAS, the state did not adequately fund these alternative  
16 community-based services, particularly residential care and crisis  
17 intervention alternatives, and many of the outpatient services  
18 funded by the state were not adequate by themselves to meet  
19 clients' needs, and

20 WHEREAS, King County has recognized that the current  
21 fragmented administration and delivery of services does not  
22 provide for optimal results for clients, and

23 WHEREAS, King County has repeatedly sought the necessary  
24 resources and authority to develop a complete system of  
25 community-based care, as exemplified by council approval in 1983  
26 of long-range goals and objectives for the county's mental health  
27 system, and

28 WHEREAS, in 1986 the King County council again recognized the  
29 critical need for development and reorganization of the mental  
30 health system by authorizing an application to the Robert Wood  
31 Johnson Foundation to develop a comprehensive system of care for  
32 the chronically mentally ill, which unfortunately was not funded,  
33 and

1           WHEREAS, in 1987 regardless of whether new funds could be  
2 obtained, the Department of Human Resources began planning the  
3 reorganization of existing services in order to develop a more  
4 adequate system of community support for mentally ill adults and  
5 children most in need and

6           WHEREAS, in September, 1988, the executive proposed and the  
7 council approved a three-biennia proposal to the state for county  
8 management of an expanded and restructured mental health service  
9 delivery system, contingent upon enhanced state funding for  
10 residential and crisis intervention services, and

11           WHEREAS, in 1989 the King County executive, King County  
12 council, human resources department, human services roundtable,  
13 providers, advocates, consumers, and other local governments  
14 joined together to successfully lobby the governor and the current  
15 legislature to reorganize state funded mental health services on a  
16 regional basis and provide more adequate funding, and

17           WHEREAS, substitute senate bill 5400 signed by the governor on  
18 May 3, 1989 encourages the provision of a full range of mental  
19 health treatment and rehabilitative services through the creation  
20 of regional support networks of mental health treatment and  
21 rehabilitative services, and

22           WHEREAS, substitute senate bill 5400 encourages the  
23 development of community-based and county-managed mental health  
24 services with adequate local flexibility to assure mentally ill  
25 persons at risk of hospitalization access to a continuum of care  
26 which minimizes unnecessary hospitalizations, and

27           WHEREAS, counties are also encouraged to enter into regional  
28 support networks which may begin implementation of a complete  
29 system, either in 1990 or 1993 and must be fully implemented by  
30 July 1, 1995, and

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1           WHEREAS, only counties which have begun implementation of  
2 regional support networks may receive enhancement funding, and

3           WHEREAS, the 1989-91 state budget contains \$30 million for  
4 enhancements for regional support networks which by proviso may be  
5 given to networks representing no more than two-thirds of the  
6 state, and

7           WHEREAS, King County constitutes a regional network for the  
8 purposes of the new legislation, and

9           WHEREAS, the new legislation provides the county with the  
10 opportunity it has been seeking to manage its local mental health  
11 program and define its own priorities, and

12           WHEREAS, the legislature called on counties wishing to be  
13 recognized as regional support networks in the 1989-91 biennium to  
14 submit their intentions by October 30, 1989 in order to  
15 participate in the first round on state funding beginning as early  
16 as January 1, 1990, and

17           WHEREAS, participants in such a reorganized mental health care  
18 system will require significant staff analysis of the new state  
19 legislation to determine if the state now provides sufficient  
20 funding and administrative flexibility, and

21           WHEREAS, the council as policy maker and the community for  
22 which the system is ultimately accountable must evaluate a  
23 proposed program plan and budget prior to authorization of  
24 executive transmittal of a state funding application by October  
25 30, 1989, and

26           WHEREAS, council and executive staff have discussed the  
27 contents of and the schedule for the preparation of this plan and  
28 budget.

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

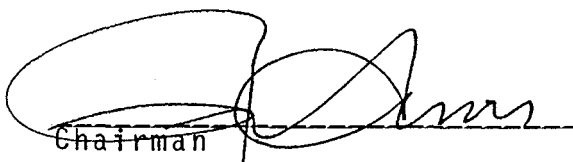
2 A. The executive is requested to prepare and submit for  
3 council review and adoption a plan consistent with recently  
4 enacted state law. The plan shall describe how mental health  
5 services will be organized, funded, and operated for the benefit  
6 of mentally ill persons in King County including details of the  
7 sequence of events to occur during increments of the next three  
8 state biennia.

9 B. The executive is requested to develop a process for  
10 preparing the plan and budget which assures that significant  
11 issues are resolved before submittal to the council.

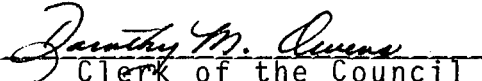
12 C. The plan and budget shall be transmitted for council  
13 review and consideration by June 30, 1989.

14 PASSED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1989.

15 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
16 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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18 Chairman

19 ATTEST:

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22 Clerk of the Council  
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