MOTION NO. **8991**

A MOTION adopting phase one of a
comprehensive plan for persons affected
with substance abuse.

WHEREAS, the work of Troyer-Merkel (1986) and others

indicates that significant amounts of public funds are used to

deliver inappropriate services to an estimated 1,000 chronic

public inebriates in Seattle, and

WHEREAS, high demand for county detoxification services by

the chronic public inebriate population led to a conversion

which provided more beds within existing resources by reducing

service intensity, and

WHEREAS, the conversion of the detoxification program to

less intensive beds resulted in a finding by the state that the

program did not meet minimum standards and a finding by the

county auditor that conditions were unsanitary and unsafe, and

WHEREAS, to correct the deficiencies at the detoxification

program the county has had to budget significant additional

current expense funds while at the same time reducing service

levels and increasing the overflow of chronic public inebriates

to the Harborview emergency room, and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1992, the King County Division of

Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services began a comprehensive

planning process including assessment and overall improvement

of services for county residents, and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the planning process resulted

in a comprehensive plan for chronic public inebriates--those

residents who have a longstanding, serious, and public problem

with alcohol, and

WHEREAS, the initial phase focused on the design based on

a combination of the latest knowledge of the field as well as

the expertise of our local community--of a continuum or array

1 of services that would assist the chronic public inebriate

2 population in ways that are more appropriate;

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

4   A. The recommended array of services for chronic public

5 inebriates (Attachment A) in phase one of the comprehensive

6 plan for persons affected by substance abuse in King County is

7 hereby adopted with an amendment adding a new subsection at the

8 end of the Housing Section on page 90 to read as follows:

9   Location and Siting

10   Transitional and permanent housing developed as part of

11   this program shall be located and sited in accord with the

12   Policies Governing the Location and Siting of Assisted

13   Housing Projects specified on pages 127 through 130 of the

14   adopted 1993 King County Consortium Comprehensive Housing

15   Affordability Strategy.

16   B. The implementation plan dated May 5, 1993 (Attachment

17 B) is hereby adopted provided that the responsibility to

18 develop a public education component of the program is added to

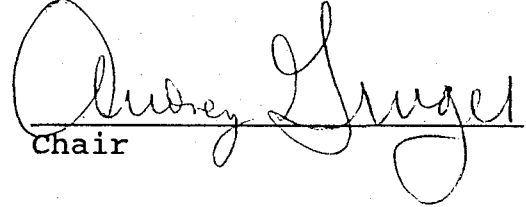19 the responsibilities of the system coordinator position.

20   Provided further that:

21   Implementation is predicated on the understanding that

22 funding for services for the chronic public inebriate

23 population is not a primary county responsibility. The county

24 will seek grants to demonstrate the effectiveness of new

25 service approaches and will continue to seek resolution with

26 the cities and state of the issue of how to more adequately and

27 appropriately support chemical dependency services.

C. The executive is requested to designate staff resources to organize and lead program design efforts, including system coordination.

PASSED this _10th_ day of _May_, 19_93_.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council

Attachments:

    A. Recommended Array of Services for Chronic Public Inebriates

    B. Implementation Plan (May 5, 1993)