

MOTION NO. 03125

A MOTION adopting a policy for County-funded methadone maintenance programs.

WHEREAS, the Council intends that no person be maintained through public funds on methadone for longer than two years, except under unusual circumstances, and

WHEREAS, Motion 2991 required the Executive to present guidelines under which persons may be maintained on methadone for longer than two years, and

WHEREAS, the Executive has presented such guidelines;

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

1. Eighteen months after a client has entered into a methadone maintenance treatment program, the responsible clinician shall present the client's records, documenting treatment and treatment progress, to the Center for Addiction Services Screening Board.

2. On the basis of the above-stated Council intent, the client's records, and the criteria established herein, the Screening Board shall determine whether the client will receive methadone maintenance treatment for longer than two years.

3. Should the Screening Board recommend the client be terminated from treatment and the agency responsible for treatment agree with the recommendation, the client will be detoxified within the following six months.

4. Should the Screening Board recommend that treatment be continued and the treatment agency agree, the client's records shall be presented to and be reviewed by the Board within six months and each six months thereafter.

5. Should the Screening Board recommend the termination of methadone treatment, the treatment agency will have one hundred eighty days to detoxify the client. The agency will be reimbursed for treatment services it provides the client during this period. Should the agency disagree with the Screening Board

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1 recommendation for termination of treatment, the agency may
2 continue to provide methadone services to the client. These
3 services will not, however, be reimbursed through the County.
4 Payment for such services will be assumed by the agency and/or
5 the client directly.

6 6. For the purpose of this procedure, the two-year review
7 period shall:

- 8 a. Begin at intake for all new client admissions;
9 b. Include treatment received at the referring agency if
10 the client transfers from one program to another;
11 c. Include treatment the client receives within a ninety
12 day period after having left the same or another treatment
13 program.

14 7. Clients in treatment at the time of the adoption of this
15 motion shall be reviewed after they have been in treatment
16 eighteen months. Clients who have been in treatment for eighteen
17 months or longer at the time this motion is adopted shall be
18 scheduled for review over the one-year period immediately
19 following.

20 8. The Screening Board shall use the following criteria in
21 making its determinations:

- 22 a. Responsiveness to treatment and rehabilitation efforts;
23 b. Progress in meeting treatment goals;
24 c. Ability of the client to function under stress, accept
25 criticism and guidance, take responsibility for his/her actions,
26 and perform other similar coping skills;

- 1 d. Frequency of drug use while in treatment, as determined
- 2 by the frequency of positive urines for all drug use;
- 3 e. Stability within the client's social and/or family
- 4 setting;
- 5 f. Progress in meeting vocational and/or educational goals;
- 6 g. Physical health of the client;
- 7 h. Age of the client;
- 8 i. Past criminal involvement of the client and the
- 9 likelihood of future criminal involvement;
- 10 j. Length and pattern of the client's addiction;
- 11 k. Recidivist patterns of the clients.

12 PASSED this 10th day of July, 1977.

14 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

15 *Mike Lowry*
16 Chairman

17 ATTEST:

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19 *Dorothy M. Owens* DEPUTY
20 Clerk of the Council