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Introduced by: RON SIMS

Proposed No.: 86-354

MOTION NO. 6576

A MOTION Authorizing the county executive to make a grant application for funds in the approximate amount of \$2,500,000 to develop a complete system of care for the chronically mentally ill.

WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is requesting proposals from local governments in large metropolitan areas to develop a complete system of care for the chronically mentally ill, and

WHEREAS, King County Motion No. 5772, adopted in 1983, identifies long range goals and objectives for the development of a comprehensive system of care for the mentally ill, and

WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funds will assist the county in meeting its long range goals and objectives for mental health, and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant application of \$2.5 million dollars would be for a proposed program period of January 1987 through December 1991, and

WHEREAS, under R.C.W. 71.24, Community Mental Health Services Act, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is the state's mental health authority and is authorized to make grants to counties for programs to establish and operate community mental health programs, and

WHEREAS, "...In King County, mental health authority lies with the Human Services Division of the King County Department of Human Resources, and

WHEREAS, under R.C.W. 71.24, King County is solely responsible, subject to DSHS, to provide accountable services based on a biennial plan to provide services "...consistent with state minimum standards and which provide access to treatment for

1 the county's residents who are acutely mentally ill, chronically
2 mentally ill or seriously disturbed", and

3 WHEREAS, the proposed grant application addresses the needs of
4 the chronically mentally ill defined, generally, in R.C.W. 71.24,
5 as a person having a mental disorder and having received hospital
6 care either as a continuous patient or as a result of repeated
7 episodes manifesting the disorder, and

8 WHEREAS, the proposed grant application of \$2.5 million for a
9 five year period would use Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funds to
10 develop a "client based data processing tracking system";
11 implement a central administrative authority in anticipation of
12 the state withdrawing from direct service contracts with county
13 based community mental health organizations and awarding all
14 national, state and local funds to King County for allocation;
15 and, using grant funds to implement county "resource management
16 units" responsible to act as "gatekeepers" to coordinate clients'
17 care with provider groups, and

18 WHEREAS, the success of the five year project is contingent on
19 several key policy assumptions among which are that a "client data
20 tracking system" can be designed and become operational within the
21 first three years of the grant period, at the predicted cost; the
22 existing and future community based provider groups will submit to
23 the county's authority in utilizing the "client data tracking
24 system"; the state beginning in 1989 to be completed in 1991, will
25 cease directly contracting some present \$16 million of inpatient
26 and outpatient mental health funds with provider groups, instead
27 awarding funds to King County for allocation; King County will
28 avoid future funding liabilities by assuming that the state will
29 continue funding at present levels adjusted for annual
30 cost-of-living increases, and

31 WHEREAS, the narrative portion of the grant application speaks
32 to five overall goals, all intended to integrate mental health
33 services with other types of human services to provide

1 comprehensive care to the chronically mentally ill, and

2 WHEREAS, no funds have been budgeted, Robert Wood Johnson
3 Foundation or other sources, to expand other human services (i.e.,
4 housing, financial support, general medical care, vocational
5 rehabilitation, alcoholism) into the proposed integrated program
6 to serve the chronically mentally ill, and

7 WHEREAS, following assumed approval of the application by the
8 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, county staff would begin planning
9 to secure other sources of funds, perform program planning to
10 implement the "integrated" program at some future date, and

11 WHEREAS, other human services planning efforts to enhance
12 proposed services to the chronically mentally ill must be subject
13 to the council's review to ensure that issues of adequate
14 planning, maintaining the service priority to the mentally ill,
15 future county financial liabilities are satisfactorily addressed,

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

17 A. The King County executive is hereby authorized to make
18 application for funds in the approximate amount of \$2,500,000 to
19 the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for establishment of a complete
20 system of care for the chronically mentally ill on behalf of King
21 County.

22 B. The King County executive is directed to inform the Robert
23 Wood Johnson Foundation that:

24 1. The proposal to create a central mental health authority
25 is a proposal to create an administrative mechanism to effectively
26 implement the multi-year goals of the proposed program. As
27 stipulated in state law and the county's home rule charter, King
28 County has the sole authority to make policy and allocate funds to
29 serve the mentally ill in King County.

30 2. In addition to any conditions imposed by the Robert Wood
31 Johnson Foundation, the county executive will be required to
32 prepare annual goals and measurable objectives consistent with the
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proposed grant budget and/or the executive's recommended county operating budget for the council's approval, as a condition of expending any grant funds or other revenues associated with the multi-year project.

3. The implementation and integration of other human service programs with the county's mental health program, the envisioned integrated system; issues of funding; subcontracts; organizational development; intergovernmental relations shall be reviewed when appropriate as recommended by the county executive. The priority of proposing strategies and serving the mentally ill and the chronically mentally ill shall not be subordinated to other human service issues in implementing the proposed grant application.

C. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is hereby assured full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

PASSED this 23rd day of June, 1986.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Audrey Linger
Chair

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Owens
Clerk of the Council