

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Guiding the development of an integrated system of home, community-based, and institutional long term care services for older adults and adults with disabilities

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RESOLUTION NO. 2 - 042105

Resolution adopting findings and recommendations of the San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council concerning the need for additional and ongoing financial support for community-based services for adults with disabilities of all ages.

1. WHEREAS, approximately one-fifth of San Francisco's population (approximately 150,000 people) has a disability; and
2. WHEREAS, it is expected that the total number of adults with disabilities will increase in San Francisco, with older adults comprising an increasingly larger share of the disabled population; and
3. WHEREAS, San Franciscans face an ever increasing demand for community-based long term care and supportive services for adults with disabilities; and
4. WHEREAS, the 1999 Olmstead decision of the U. S. Supreme Court determined that communities must expand community-based services for persons with disabilities who would otherwise face institutionalization; and
5. WHEREAS, community-based services are critical in the management of risks and acute interventions for adults with disabilities of all ages; and
6. WHEREAS, community-based services are usually lower in cost, and can prevent or delay the need for higher cost interventions by the Department of Public Health at San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital; and
7. WHEREAS, these cost savings can allow the City to serve more people with significant disabilities by expanding the availability of services in the community,
8. WHEREAS, San Francisco needs to increase its financial support for community-based services for older adults and adults with disabilities both to comply with the Olmstead Decision and to meet increasing need: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the City's policy makers:

1. Designate any General Fund savings, resulting from replacing LHH with a smaller facility, to go to ongoing support for community-based services and housing options for nursing home-eligible people able to live in the community. (e.g. Approximately \$36 million per 100 beds in '05 dollars).
2. Require that any savings of General Fund dollars that support community-based services, due to their substitution with other funding sources, be routed back to such services provided in the community, thereby demonstrating the City's "maintenance of effort" needed to support and expand community-based services.
3. Explore all options for additional and ongoing financial support for community-based services for adults with disabilities of all ages in San Francisco.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Term Care Coordinating Council will be a resource to ensure there is a successful implementation of these policy recommendations.