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Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Health, Community Behavioral Health Services to retroactively accept a gift of Buprenorphine medication from Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals with an estimated monetary value of up to \$300,000 for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 to expand Opiate Replacement Therapy services in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Resolution 770-02 authorized the Department of Public Health to establish an opiate treatment services funded by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, one of the projects funded by the grant was the pilot program for the Office-Based Opiate Addiction Treatment (OBOT) which expanded access to methadone and buprenorphine by planning the program in close proximity to clients homes and by providing funding for the purchase of a quantity of buprenorphine; and

WHEREAS, methadone and buprenorphine are two treatments that have been shown to be effective in treatment of opiate addition, and buprenorphine can be distributed in an office setting by a certified physician while methadone is typically distributed in a clinic-based setting; and

1 WHEREAS, buprenorphine has been shown to be as effective as methadone,
2 and appears to have fewer side effects, a greater margin of safety if taken in overdose,
3 and a lower potential for abuse than methadone; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Department enrolled the first buprenorphine patient in 2003
6 and over 120 total patients have since enrolled in the OBOT Pilot project and the
7 Integrated Buprenorphine Intervention Services and program evaluation data reveals
8 high retention in treatment, significant reductions in opiate (heroin) use, and
9 extremely high patient satisfaction; and
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11 WHEREAS, the grant that funded the cost of the buprenorphine is almost
12 exhausted and Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals, the maker of buprenorphine, has
13 agreed to provide the medication to up to 100 patients for up to a one year period for
14 each patient free of charge; and
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16 WHEREAS, in return for the medication, DPH agrees to share the outcome
17 information and continue to present data for research on treatment of opiate addiction
18 locally and at national scientific/treatment conferences; and
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20 WHEREAS, DPH wishes to obtain approval from the Health Commission and
21 the Board of Supervisors to accept the donation of the buprenorphine medicine; and
22 now, therefore; be it
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24 RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Health, Community Behavioral Health
25 Service is hereby authorized to accept this gift in accordance with the requirements set

1 forth pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 10.100-305, and Code
2 Section 10.100-201; and, be it

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4 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Health, Community
5 Behavioral Health Services is hereby authorized to retroactively accept a gift of
6 Buprenorphine medication from Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals with an estimated
7 monetary value of up to \$300,000 for the period of January 1, 2007 through December
8 31, 2009.

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11 APPROVED:

RECOMMENDED:

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14 Mitch Katz, M.D.
15 Director of Health

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17 Michele Seaton
18 Health Commission

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