

1 [Establishment and Membership of Inpatient Mental Health Care Task Force.]

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3 **Ordinance adding Sections 114.1 – 114.3 of the San Francisco Health Code to establish**  
4 **an Inpatient Mental Health Care Task Force to advise on the funding and other issues**  
5 **relating to inpatient psychiatric care; specifying that the number of members is 17; and**  
6 **stating the purposes of the task force and providing for a sunset provision.**

7 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
8 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.  
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

11 Section 1. Findings.

12 The Board of Supervisors and Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco wish to  
13 authorize the creation of an Inpatient Mental Health Care Task Force. The City recently  
14 sought to reduce the funding of inpatient psychiatric beds and further evaluation of pre- and  
15 post-hospitalization alternatives is necessary. Currently, the City's Psychiatric Emergency  
16 Services must divert new patients and there are delays in admitting acutely mentally ill  
17 patients to Psychiatric Emergency Services or a hospital psychiatric unit. San Francisco has  
18 decreased the number of inpatient hospital beds in the last ten years, and anticipates a further  
19 reduction in beds in 2008. Finally, although a significant number of patients at the San  
20 Francisco General Hospital psychiatric inpatient units are non-acute and could be more  
21 appropriately treated in another facility or program, there are difficulties in timely moving those  
22 patients to the next level of care.

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24 Section 2. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by adding Sections  
25 114.1 – 114.3, to read as follows:

1           **SEC. 114.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF INPATIENT MENTAL**  
2 **HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE.**

3           **(a) Inpatient Mental Health Care Task Force.** *There is hereby established an*  
4 *Inpatient Mental Health Care Task Force of the City and County of San Francisco.*

5           **(b) Membership.** *Membership in the Task Force shall consist of a total of seventeen*  
6 *(17) members as provided below. Each of the members shall be appointed for a term of 18*  
7 *months. Members of the Inpatient Mental Health Care Task Force shall serve without*  
8 *compensation or reimbursement for expenses. Members of the Task Force shall be removed*  
9 *if absent from three (3) meetings within six (6) months without prior notice.*

10           *The Board of Supervisors shall appoint members representing the categories below*  
11 *unless an appointing agency is identified for that category.*

12           **(1) One (1) member of the Board of Supervisors;**

13           **(2) One (1) representative of the Mayor's Office, chosen by the Mayor;**

14           **(3) The Department of Public Health's Deputy Director for Community Health or**  
15 **designee, representing Community Behavioral Health Services;**

16           **(4) The Department of Public Health's Director of Long-Term Care Services or**  
17 **designee, representing the Department of Public Health's psychiatric Placement Team;**

18           **(5) The Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services or designee;**

19           **(6) The Department of Public Health's Deputy Chief of Acute and Emergency Services**  
20 **also known as Deputy Chief of Psychiatry, or designee;**

21           **(7) One (1) psychiatric social worker from SFGH Psychiatry Department;**

22           **(8) The Director of Jail Psychiatric Services or designee;**

23           **(9) The San Francisco Fire Department Paramedic Captain overseeing the Homeless**  
24 **Outreach and Medical Emergency (HOME) Team or designee;**

1 (10) The Psychiatric Liaison for the San Francisco Police Department or designee;

2 (11) One (1) representative of the San Francisco Mental Health Board, chosen by the  
3 Director or the Mental Health Board;

4 (12) One (1) representative of the San Francisco Mental Health Association, chosen by  
5 the Mental Health Association;

6 (13) One (1) consumer (see San Francisco Administrative Code Sec. 15.12(c) for  
7 definition);

8 (14) One (1) family member of a consumer;

9 (15) One (1) representative of a non-profit provider of pre- or post-hospitalization  
10 mental health diversionary treatment selected by the Department of Public Health's Director of  
11 Long-Term Care or designee;

12 (16) One (1) homeless advocate;

13 (17) The San Francisco Regional Vice-President of the Hospital Council of Northern  
14 and Central California or designee.

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16 **SEC. 114.2. PURPOSE OF TASK FORCE.**

17 The purposes of the Task Force are to study San Francisco's public inpatient mental  
18 health care system and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor  
19 as to 1) necessary inpatient funding levels, 2) ways in which pre- and post-hospitalization  
20 alternatives can be supported and/ or better utilized to reduce the high rate of non-acute  
21 patients present in the inpatient system, and 3) other issues relating to inpatient psychiatric  
22 care.

23 To accomplish these purposes, the Inpatient Mental Health Task Force shall meet at  
24 least monthly and publicly discuss, investigate, and make recommendations to the Board of

1 Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Department of Public Health regarding the status of and  
2 proposed improvements to the City's inpatient mental health care system. The Task Force  
3 shall prepare and submit a report every six months to the Board of Supervisors, the Mental  
4 Health Board, and the Health Commission.

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6 **SEC. 114.3. SUNSET PROVISION.**

7 The Inpatient Mental Health Care Task Force shall submit a recommendation to the  
8 Board of Supervisors 18 months after the effective date of this ordinance on whether the Task  
9 Force should continue in operation. Unless the measure creating the Task Force is  
10 reauthorized by the Board by resolution prior to the sunset date, Sections 114.1 – 114.3 shall  
11 expire.

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