

1 [Reprogramming of \$128,157 from SFGH's equipment budget to purchase a third van
2 for the Mobile Methadone Program]

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4 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH), to**
5 **reprogram \$128,157 in funding approved in the budget for San Francisco General**
6 **Hospital (SFGH) for medical chairs, tables and information technology, to**
7 **purchase instead, a large RV-size vehicle (Van) for the DPH Mobile Methadone**
8 **Program in FY 2006-07.**

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10 WHEREAS, substance use is the leading cause of death among San Francisco's
11 homeless population and heroin is a causative factor in 87% of these deaths; and

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13 WHEREAS, DPH received a Targeted Capacity Expansion grant in 2000 from
14 the Federal Centers for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to develop and implement
15 a mobile methadone treatment program; and

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17 WHEREAS, under the pilot program DPH purchased two vans to provide
18 methadone maintenance dispensing and counseling services and in 2003, DPH
19 implemented treatment services in the Mission and Bayview Hunters Point using the
20 vans; and

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22 WHEREAS, roughly 250 clients have received van treatment services since the
23 program was initiated, with retention rates exceeding those of a traditional narcotic
24 treatment program; and

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1 WHEREAS, there are currently 15,000 to 17,000 intravenous drug uses in San
2 Francisco; however, there are only 3,500 methadone maintenance slots resulting in
3 long waiting time for access to the program; and

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5 WHEREAS, a third van is required in order to expand services into two
6 additional under-served neighborhoods; and

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8 WHEREAS, SFGH has identified budgeted equipment that is not essential to
9 the operation of the hospital at this time in the amount of \$128,157; and

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11 WHEREAS, a the Department wishes to obtain approval from the Board of
12 Supervisors to reprogram \$128,157 allocated to SFGH to purchase, retrofit and equip
13 an additional van; and now, therefore; be it

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15 RESOLVED, that DPH is authorized to reprogram the \$128,157 budgeted at
16 SFGH to purchase and equip a third methadone van for the Mobile Methadone
17 Program.

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