

1 [Resolution Commending Community Behavioral Health Services.]

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3 **Resolution commending Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) on its**
4 **exemplary work implementing the Mental Health Services Act.**

5 WHEREAS, The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), also known as Proposition 63, is
6 a voter initiative enacted into law in 2005, to provide funding for the expansion of the mental
7 health system so as to adequately meet the needs of individuals with serious mental illness or
8 children with serious emotional disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) offers a full range of
10 specialty Behavioral Health Services provided by a culturally diverse network of community
11 behavioral health programs, clinics and private psychiatrists, psychologists, and therapists
12 and remains committed to fostering the five main principals of MHSA which are community
13 collaboration, cultural competency, client and family driven programs, wellness, recovery, and
14 resiliency focus and integrated service delivery; and,

15 WHEREAS, MHSA has five components which will be initially implemented in phases
16 but will be integrated into a comprehensive plan after the initial phases have rolled out, which
17 includes the funded components of Community Services and Supports and Workforce
18 Development, Education, and Training; and components that are not yet funded of Prevention
19 and Early intervention, Capital and Information Technology, and Innovative Programs; and,

20 WHEREAS, Nine full service partnerships (FSP) have been funded to date, two
21 programs that serve children, youth and their families; two programs that serve transitional-
22 aged youth exiting foster care and juvenile justice, and homeless and runaway youth; four
23 programs that serve adults involved in the criminal justice system, those homeless or at risk of
24 homelessness; and one program specifically focusing on individuals living in or congregating
25 in the Tenderloin neighborhood; and one program that serves older adults with dual or

1 multiple diagnoses who are exiting institutional care, homeless or at risk of homelessness,
2 suffering from hoarding and cluttering compulsions, and/or are veterans; and,

3 WHEREAS, Currently 496 clients receive treatment, housing wraparound services and
4 other supports; and,

5 WHEREAS, The Transitional-Aged Youth FSP housing outcomes saw a 76%
6 reduction in days spent homeless; a 16% reduction in days in jail, prison or Juvenile Hall; a
7 49% reduction in days hospitalized and clients referred by the Behavioral Health Court; and a
8 reduction at Hyde Street of client arrests after they had enrolled in the FSP; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors congratulates and
11 commends the Community Behavioral Health Services Agency on its exemplary work on the
12 Mental Health Services Act implementation in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk to send copies of this
14 resolution commending the Community Behavioral Health Services Agency to Governor
15 Arnold Schwarzenegger, the California State Legislature, and Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D,
16 Director of the California Department of Mental Health.

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