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[HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME DISCHARGE PLANNING TASK FORCE]
ESTABLISHING A HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME DISCHARGE PLANNING TASK
FORCE IN RELATION TO SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO MAKE POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO PROMOTE
COORDINATION AMONG RELEVANT AGENCIES AND SETTING FORTH THE
MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, Seniors and people with disabilities may be discharged from San Francisco hospitals and nursing homes when they are unable to care for themselves and are without adequate assistance at home; and,

WHEREAS, Seniors and people with disabilities in such circumstances confront lifethreatening situations and risk repeated hospitalization and institutionalization; and,

WHEREAS, Homeless seniors and people with disabilities are particularly vulnerable when they are discharged from hospitals and nursing homes when they are frail, not ambulatory, and/or are unable to care for themselves; and,

WHEREAS, Almost one-quarter of San Francisco's population is 55 years and older and this sector of the population is projected to increase by nearly 50% by 2010; and,

WHEREAS, Almost 50,000 seniors 75 years and older live in San Francisco and 16,500 of them live alone. In addition, many thousands of other seniors have senior or disabled companions or family members who work and aren't available to give them the care they require; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning For Elders in the Central City's "Healthcare Action Team" (HAT), a coalition of healthcare consumers, service and advocacy groups, conducted a year-long discharge planning research project; and,

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WHEREAS, the study determined that many seniors and people with disabilities often experience discharge practices that are inadequate, despite the efforts of hospitals, nursing homes, San Francisco City and County departments, social service agencies, community groups and the individual consumers themselves; and,

WHEREAS, The issue was discussed on March 9, at a hearing of the Public Health and Environment Committee, where testimony was given on the issue by individual seniors, people with disabilities, social workers, public and community-based agencies which serve seniors and people with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, It was revealed during this testimony that seniors and people with disabilities confront problems such as:

- Discharge from hospitals and nursing homes on Fridays when it is very difficult or impossible to access home care and other personal assistance services;
- Discharge from hospitals and nursing homes without an appropriate plan in place;
- Lack of information about existing services, resources and financial support for these services;
- Inadequate coordination among hospital and nursing home staff, service provider agencies, and City and County departments;
- Insufficient funding for home care assistance and supportive housing which would enable seniors and people with disabilities to live independently in their homes and communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby creates an advisory task force which shall be called the Hospital and Nursing Home Discharge Planning Task Force; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the Task Force shall consist of eighteen (18) members which shall be comprised of the following members:

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- one (1) member to represent the Department of Public Health
- one (1) member to represent the Department of Human Services
- one (1) member to represent the Mayor's Office of Disability
- one (1) member to represent the Department of Aging and Adult Services
- one (1) member to represent the IHSS Public Authority
- four (4) members from the Health Care Action Team (HAT) representing Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal health care consumers
- two (2) members from advocacy organizations serving seniors and persons with disabilities
- one (1) member from Social Workers in Senior Housing or another group representing social workers serving seniors and people with disabilities
- one (1) member who is a hospital discharge planner
- one (1) member from a labor union representing health care workers serving seniors and people with disabilities
- one (1) member representing private (profit or non-profit) hospitals
- one (1) member representing skilled nursing facilities
- two (2) members representing home care service providers

These members will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors will receive written recommendation from the Healthcare Action Team (HAT); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That representatives of state legislators and other interested parties such as California Medical Review, Inc., shall be invited to participate in Task Force meetings but shall not be formal members of the Task Force; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Aging and Adult Services shall handle the administrative duties of the Hospital and Nursing Home Discharge Planning Task Force

1	including distribution of notices, minutes of meetings and reports and liaison with the Board of
2	Supervisors; and be it
3	FURTHER RESOLVED That the Hospital and Nursing Home Discharge Planning Task
4	Force shall consider
5	• Coordination of existing services across departments and among departments, hospitals,
6	nursing homes, home care service providers, social service agencies and community
7	advocacy groups
8	Development of additional services to meet identified needs
9	Creation of a centralized information system to facilitate discharge planning
10	• Establishing consistent standards for hospital discharge and recommending the means to
1	hold hospitals and nursing homes accountable to those standards
2	<ul> <li>Design of an advocacy program to assist seniors and people with disabilities with</li> </ul>
3	problems such as hospital discharge planning
4	The interface of state law and city and county programs which could lead to improvement
5	of discharge planning for seniors and people with disabilities; and, be it
6	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Hospital and Nursing Home Discharge Planning
7	Task Force shall make policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and draft an
8	initial progress report by six (6) months from the formal establishment of the Task Force to be
9	followed by a comprehensive report within twelve (12) months of the formal establishment of
	the Task Force; and be it
20	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the term of appointment to the Task Force shall be for
21	the duration of the term of the Task Force; and be it
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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall disband after completion of the

comprehensive report or eighteen (18) months, whichever occurs first.

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## Resolution

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**Date Passed:** 

Resolution establishing a Hospital and Nursing Home Discharge Planning Task Force in relation to seniors and people with disabilities to make policy recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, to promote coordination among relevant agencies and setting forth the membership and duties of the Task Force.

January 2, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

January 2, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on January 2, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Clerk of the Board