

1 [Mental Health Services Act 2014-2017 Innovation Peer Respite Project Plan]

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3 **Resolution authorizing adoption of the San Francisco Mental Health Services Act**  
4 **2014-2017 Innovation Peer Respite Project Plan.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) was enacted through a ballot  
7 initiative (Proposition 63) in 2004 that provides funding to support new and expanded county  
8 mental health programs; and

9 WHEREAS, The MHSA specifies five major program components for which funds may  
10 be used and the percentage of funds to be devoted to each component; and

11 WHEREAS, These components are: Community Services and Supports (CSS); Capital  
12 Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN); Workforce Development, Education and Training  
13 (WDET), Prevention and Early Interventions (PEI); and Innovation (INN); and

14 WHEREAS, In order to access MHSA funding, counties are required to 1) develop  
15 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans, and Annual Updates, in collaboration with  
16 stakeholders; 2) post the plans for a 30-day public comment period; 3) hold a public hearing  
17 on the plan with the County Mental Health Board; and 4) have the stakeholder-developed  
18 plans adopted by County Boards of Supervisors prior to submission to the State; and

19 WHEREAS, In compliance with MHSA regulations, the San Francisco Department of  
20 Public Health’s Behavioral Health Services section has developed a new MHSA Innovation  
21 Project Plan for a Peer Respite, having worked with stakeholders to develop the plan, posted  
22 the plan for public comment, and has scheduled a public hearing with the San Francisco  
23 Mental Health Board on July 15, 2015; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Peer Respite was a key recommendation of the CARES (Contact,  
2 Assess, Recover and Ensure Success) Task Force, convened by Mayor Edwin M. Lee in  
3 2014; and

4           WHEREAS, The MHSA Innovation Peer Respite Project Plan, if approved by the state,  
5 will provide Innovation funding in the amount of \$500,400 per year for a new Peer Respite  
6 located at San Francisco General Hospital; and

7           WHEREAS, The Peer Respite will serve individuals with severe mental illness by  
8 providing a less restrictive safe space as an alternative to emergency settings; and now,  
9 therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Mental Health Services Act 2014-2017 Innovation  
11 Peer Respite Project Plan is adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

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13 RECOMMENDED:

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