Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 666, which was introduced on February 12, 2021, by Assembly Member Chiu (AD-17), and would require the State Department of Health Care Services to issue a workforce needs assessment report that evaluates the current state of substance use disorder workforce.

WHEREAS, San Francisco faced record high fatal overdoses of 699 individuals in 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco demand for substance abuse treatment services is greater than the current capacity it can offer or staff; and

WHEREAS, In California, about 2.7 million residents have a substance abuse disorder in the past year but only 10 percent of those in need actually received treatment; and

WHEREAS, There are fewer than 20,000 substance use counselors statewide; and just 700 doctors licensed with an addiction specialty; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 666 (AB 666) would require the California State Department of Health Care Services (Department) by July 1, 2022, to issue a statewide substance use disorder (SUD) workforce needs assessment report that would evaluate the current state of the SUD workforce; and

WHEREAS, AB 666 would determine the type of barriers individuals face in seeking to entry into the SUD workforce, and assess the state’s systems for regulating and supporting the SUD workforce; and

WHEREAS, AB 666 requires the Department by January 1, 2024, to take into consideration the needs assessment report, to create and implement a SUD workforce development program that supports a career ladder for the SUD workforce, and at a...
minimum, would provide a number of program elements, including fee waivers to cover costs related to testing, registration, and certification for specified individuals, and tuition reimbursements for undergraduate and graduate students who complete coursework in programs related to SUDs; and

WHEREAS, AB 666 is needed to meet this city’s need for more treatment on demand programs and this bill will help to address this need and potentially create a positive incentive for formerly incarcerated community members, communities of color and former substance abuse users to enter into higher education and professionalized training in regards to SUD workforce; and

WHEREAS, City College’s Addiction and Recovery Counseling programming has helped countless individuals enter into the field of SUDs, this bill would assist in meeting a statewide need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports Assembly Bill No. 666 would require the California State Department of Health Care Services (Department) by July 1, 2022, to issue a statewide substance use disorder (SUD) workforce needs assessment report that would evaluate the current state of the SUD workforce; be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill No. 666, the Combating the Overdose and Addiction Epidemic by Building the Substance Use Disorder Workforce (CODE W) Act; be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco distribute this Resolution to San Francisco’s State Legislative Delegation and to California Governor Gavin Newsom.
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April 27, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 210431

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/27/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UnSigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

5/7/2021

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/07/2021

Date