

RESOLUTION NO. 310

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE CITY COUNCIL, REQUESTING GOVERNOR LOCKE AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS) TO SUPPORT WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL AND RECONSIDER CURRENT PLANS TO CUT THE FUNDS ALLOCATION FORMULA PROVIDED UNDER RCW 71.24.035; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Pierce County is the host county for Western State Hospital and is disproportionately impacted by the needs of citizens with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, DSHS-Mental Health Division has announced plans to revise the funds allocation formula provided under RCW 71.24.035 (13) (a) and (b) which has been used since 1989; and

WHEREAS, The revised method will decrease current biennium funding to Pierce County Regional Support Network by 18%, approximately \$14 million; and

WHEREAS, The method of distribution has not been demonstrated to (1) ensure that state funding will follow patient need or (2) recognize the disproportionate role of Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, The proposed funding allocations adjustments threaten community mental health service delivery in Pierce County, risks the safety of our community, and risks losing needed community care for the mentally ill; NOW, THEREFORE,

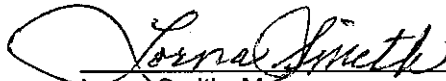
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The University Place City Council requests Governor Locke and the Secretary of DSHS to:

1. Demonstrate that the funding allocation methodology is sufficiently sophisticated and sensitive to ensure that funding follows patient needs; and
2. Rigorously study and take into consideration the direct impact of the proposed allocation methodology on the people served; and
3. Ensure a process of implementing the allocation methodology that does not threaten programs that are functioning and meeting the needs of the citizens.

Section 2. The University Place City Council hereby find that an emergency exists and that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and in support of County government and its existing institutions.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 23, 2001.


Lorna Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catrina Craig
City Clerk