



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

May 23, 2011

Resolution 11-06

Proposed No. 11-06.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION supporting enhancements to the 2007
2 Strategic and Operational Plan for HIV Prevention in King
3 County.

4 WHEREAS, HIV continues to be a significant threat to the public's health and the
5 rate of new cases each year remains high, and

6 WHEREAS, the prevalence of HIV within the community of gay and bisexual
7 men remains high, being around fourteen to sixteen percent, and other groups are also
8 disproportionately affected by HIV, and

9 WHEREAS, in 2007, Public Health Seattle-King County collaborated with
10 numerous community stakeholders to develop the Strategic and Operational Plan for HIV
11 Prevention in King County, and

12 WHEREAS, in 2010 our nation adopted its first National HIV/AIDS Strategy,
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14 WHEREAS, the three primary goals of the 2010 National HIV/AIDS Strategy
15 include:

- 16 1. Reducing the number of people who become infected with HIV;
17 2. Increasing access to care and improving health outcomes for people living with
18 HIV; and
19 3. Reducing HIV-related health disparities, and

20 WHEREAS, since 2007, a growing body of evidence has demonstrated the
21 potential prevention benefits of assuring ready access to medical treatments for HIV,
22 especially HIV treatment that can lower the viral load, and therefore likely lower
23 infectiousness of people who are living with HIV infection, and

24 WHEREAS, the 2010 National HIV/AIDS Strategy recommends that all areas
25 with high HIV prevalence should monitor HIV viral loads and should increase the
26 effective use of antiretroviral therapy to both diminish HIV/AIDS associated morbidity
27 and as a strategy to decrease HIV transmission, and

28 WHEREAS, in an era of likely diminishing resources for HIV prevention, it is
29 important for local government to assure access to a variety of evidence-based HIV
30 prevention resources that is likely to be most effective, and

31 WHEREAS, since the adoption of the 2007 Strategic and Operational Plan for
32 HIV Prevention in King County, Public Health Seattle-King County has continued to
33 work closely with numerous community partners to educate them about evolving HIV
34 prevention and care strategies, including access to medical treatment for people living
35 with HIV, and

36 WHEREAS, there is a growing consensus among medical providers and
37 community-based HIV prevention organizations that access to medical treatment for
38 people living with HIV is an important component of a comprehensive HIV prevention
39 strategy;

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
41 County:

42 A. The Board of Health supports amending the 2007 Strategic and Operational
43 Plan for HIV Prevention in King County to include the adoption and monitoring of an
44 additional HIV prevention goal that ninety percent of persons living with HIV/AIDS in
45 King County are engaged in continuous medical care, and that ninety percent of people
46 living with HIV/AIDS who are engaged in continuous medical care and who meet current
47 clinical indications to receive antiretroviral therapy have an undetectable viral load; and

48 B. The Board of Health continues to encourage all communities, particularly

49 those that are disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS to continue and enhance
50 individual and collective actions to prevent the spread of HIV.

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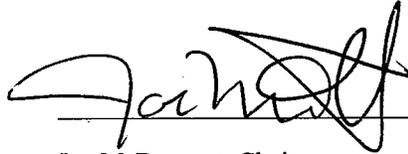
Resolution 11-06 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 5/19/2011,
by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Frisinger, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Conlin, Ms. Lambert, Dr.
Nicola, Dr. Danielson and Mr. McDermott

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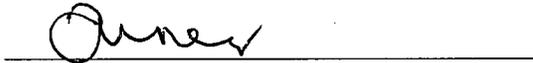
Excused: 4 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Licata and Ms. Clark

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None