

Order 262-12/13

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**ORDER ACCEPTING THE ROLE AS THE BOARD OF THE
HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Portland's Public Health Division of the City of Portland's Health & Human Services Department has managed the Health Care for the Homeless program for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care for the Homeless program is a Federally Qualified Health Center that is funded, in part, by grant monies received from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and intended to provide comprehensive health care to people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care for the Homeless program serves approximately 2,200 people annually by providing primary care, behavioral health, and dental health care to people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the federal funding program administered by HRSA requires Federally Qualified Health Centers such as the City's Health Care for the Homeless program to be overseen by a governing board that possesses final authority over all fiscal, personnel and programmatic policy matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council possesses the final authority necessary to satisfy HRSA's oversight requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the City of Portland, by authority of its City Council, hereby approves the role of its City Council as the governing board for the City's Health Care for the Homeless program; and

Be IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Council shall serve as the governing board for the Health Care for the Homeless program on a transitional basis until such time as an independent corporation and governing board may be established to assume the oversight responsibilities required by HRSA, which shall occur on or before December 31, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that in its capacity as the governing board for the City's Health Care for the Homeless program, the City Council's responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Engaging in strategic planning and periodic review of the Health Care for the Homeless program's mission;
- B. Approval of applications for renewal of federal grant funding for the Health Care for the Homeless program;

- C. Reviewing and approving an annual budget as well as ensuring that an annual, independent audit is conducted of the Health Care for the Homeless program;
- D. Selecting and evaluating services provided by the Health Care for the Homeless program;
- E. Approving the location and hours of operation for the delivery of approved services
- F. Overseeing progress toward the achievement of annual and long-term clinical and non-clinical goals and objectives;
- G. Monitoring quality assurance and improvement activities, including patient satisfaction and appointment of licensed independent providers; and
- H. Establishing general policies and procedures that are consistent with the City Charter and HRSA program and/or grant management requirements;

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