South Addition Community Council Resolution in Support of Hiring a Director of Behavioral Health October 2018

Whereas, there has long been a need for municipal administrative direction for mental and behavioral health issues in the Anchorage community to address issues that impact the public good,

Whereas, municipal workers routinely interact with members of the public who have various mental and behavioral issues, and who do not have a committed resource in the municipal administration to work with and to help them,

Whereas, the 2018 budget is currently being written, now is the time to allocate funds for a new position that could help with mental and behavioral health issues.

Therefore, the South Addition Community Council requests the Anchorage Assembly create and fund a new position for a Director of Mental and Behavioral Health that can serve as lead coordinator on mental and behavioral health issues for the Municipality.

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