

MHB MOTION TEMPLATE

Rev. 1-13-11

Date: 1/10/11 Committee: MHB-Older Adult Committee

Motion Maker: BLITZ

Seconded By: ALVAREZ

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FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Motion: Mukoyama, Second: McIntyre; that we further recommend the goal of the Forum to be toward more equitable and long term funding for Older Adults in Mental Health: Create idea of conference and public awareness.

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Motion Passed unanimously and will be taken to Executive Committee on January 28, 2010.

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**AYES:** UNANIMOUSLY

**NEYS:** 0

**ABSTENTIONS:** 0

= Present:  Ronald Henninger-D.C., (Chair),  Victor Ojakian (1<sup>st</sup> Chair),  Charles Pontious (2<sup>nd</sup> Chair),  
 Larry Blitz,  Julianna Brooks,  Clinton Brownley,  Margene Chmyz,  Tito A. Cortez,  Jacqueline Gutierrez,  
 David Mariant,  Laura McIntyre,  Hilbert Morales,  Henry Morillo,  Wesley K. Mukoyama,  Oscar Trinh,  
and  Sup. Dave Cortese.

The overall goal is to improve mental health treatment and early intervention and prevention services for older adults.

1. One goal/objective of the summit/conference will be to obtain a mutual commitment by the agencies/providers involved to find ways to improve mental health services for older adults.
2. Increase collaboration of older adult providers, including the Mental Health Department, the Health Department, the Department of Social Services, the Aging Services Collaborative, the Alzheimer's Association, Family Caregivers Association, the Council on Aging, faith based communities, senior centers, etc., to provide more seamless services.
3. To obtain more long term funding (e.g. Prevention and Early Intervention Services through MHSA) to adequately meet the mental health needs of the older adult population.
4. The outcome of the summit will include a mutual agreement of action items leading towards a long term plan/solution. (e.g. a list of commitments from providers that they will promise to follow up).
5. Increase the older adult funding in mental health to 30% of older adult/adult funding.