MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

That the currently proposed State Drug and Alcohol Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2003-04 and the Human Services Development Fund are extremely unreasonable and will result in the undo hardships to thousands of residents of Allegheny County. We wish to express our deep concern to the Governor and the State Legislature about the current status of appropriations.

Whereas, we advocate full restoration of the funds that were reduced in the Human Services Development Fund line item and a full restoration of the Act 152, Behavioral Health Initiative and Intergovernmental Transfer Funds; and

Whereas, we encourage the Legislature and Governor to recognize that a RAND Corp. study has shown that \$1 spent on treatment saved \$7 in other costs, most noticeably costs incurred by the justice system, thus illustrating the proverb that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

That the full restoration of these funds which are utilized for drug and alcohol treatment is essential to help meet the demand for treatment caused by the epidemic of addition in our communities as well as maintain the Commonwealth's eligibility for the additional federal funds available for treatment using vouchers.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRENDA FRAZIER

In Council ____

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Read and Approved.

Bill No. 11(2

Rick Schwartz President of Council

Attest:

Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John

From:	Mascio, John
Sent:	Monday, May 12, 2003 10:57 AM
To:	'Governor Ed Rendell'; David Brightbill; Jack Wagner; Jane Orie; Jay Costa; Jeffery E.
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Subject:	Motion of Allegheny County Council - Bill No. 1162-03

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on May 6, 2003, Council passed the attached Motion (Bill No. 1162-03) that the currently proposed State Drug and Alcohol Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2003-04 and the Human Services Development Fund are extremely unreasonable and will result in the undo hardships to thousands of residents of Allegheny County and expressing deep concern to the Governor and the State Legislature about the current status of appropriations.

Your attention to this motion is appreciated.

John Mascio Chief Clerk Allegheny County Council



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