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THREE S.F. HIV-AIDS GROUPS ARE DISCUSSING A MERGER

Three San Francisco-based nonprofits that focus on helping people with HIV-AIDS or mental health issues, are exploring a three-way combination.

Positive Resource Center, which helps both groups of clients, is combining with Baker Places, which offers residential treatment services to people with mental health, substance abuse and HIV-AIDS-related problems.

To finalize the deal, it needs approvals from state regulators and recertification and relicensing. All

of that should be complete by early 2017, said Brett Andrews, who heads PRC.

PRC also is exploring a combination with AIDS Emergency Fund, which provides emergency financial aid to low-income people with HIV-AIDS. That move could make AEF a subsidiary as soon as August.

The three entities has a combined history of 115 years in the region, and together serve 5,000 individuals.

Following the consolidation, the three would operate as Positive Resource Center, based at 785 Mar-

ket Street, with an overall annual budget of \$20 million and a staff of 250. Andrews, PRC's executive director, will be CEO of the consolidated organization.

Currently, Baker Places has a budget of \$14 million and 200 employees; PRC is smaller, with a \$4 million budget and 39 employees, and AIDS Emergency Services is the smallest, with a \$1.7 million budget and just five employees.

Andrews said there are no current plans for layoffs, but consolidating space will save considerable funds.