



Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency

Advisory Board

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Who we are...

HHSA Advisory Board Purpose per the By-Laws:

“The Agency Board’s mission is to advise the Health and Human Services Agency and Board of Supervisors in matters of community health in order to:

- Promote health and wellness;
- Promote individual and community responsibility for health;
- Reduce environmental health hazards;
- Facilitate coordination and integration of community services;
- Support and empower individual and families to live healthy, safe, and sustainable lives;
- Educate the community on current and emerging health and social services issues.

The Agency Board will help the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) assess community health status, develop policies, and evaluate program effectiveness. The Agency Board will advise and make recommendations to the HHSA and the Board of Supervisors on matters that relate to the Agency Board’s mission. The role of the Board of Supervisors and the HHSA is to support the Agency Board by providing resources needed to undertake the work and by facilitating the planning process.”

HHSA Advisory Board Membership per the By-Laws:

“Membership of the Agency Board shall be no less than 11 members and no more than 21 members. The composition of the Board shall include: two board members representing the communities serviced by each HHSA Branch – Adult System of care, Children’s System of Care, and Community Health Services (six total); five members appointed by and representative of the Board of Supervisors (lives, works in, or otherwise knowledgeable enough to represent district interests); one member nominated by the Mendocino/Lake County Medical Society; one member of law enforcement; and one member from education. Any additional members shall be interested community members. The following factors will be taken in consideration: representation from various economic, social, geographic, ethnic, environmental, cultural, occupational, and age groups.”

Anna Shaw	Adult System of Care	Executive Director, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center
Camille Schraeder	Children's System of Care	Executive Director, Redwood Community Services
Carole Press	Community Health Rep	Chief Executive Officer, Mendocino Community Health Clinic
Sandy O'Ferrall	Community Health Rep	Ukiah Valley Medical Center Adventist Health
Jacque Williams	BOS District 1	Executive Director, Ford Street Project/Homeless Services
Susan Baird Kanaan	BOS District 2	MSW, Science Writer
Patty Bruder	BOS District 3	Executive Director, North Coast Opportunities
Paula Cohen	BOS District 4	Mendocino Coast Clinic, Inc (ret)
Sara O'Donnell	BOS District 5	Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County (ret)
Jim Brown	Law Enforcement Rep	Probation Officer (ret)
Wynd Novotny	Community Rep	Executive Director, Manzanita Services
Karen Oslund	Community Rep	Executive Director, Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County
Megan Barber Allende	Community Rep	President/Chief Executive Officer, Community Foundation of Mendocino County
Todd Crabtree	Community Rep	Executive Director, Community Development Commission of Mendocino County

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Advisory Board began as a Public Health Advisory Board more than 20 years ago and has covered an even larger breadth of topics since the Agency formed more than ten years ago.

Accomplishments 2016-2017

Over the past 16 months, the HHSA Advisory Board has provided key input and review when the HHSA Director and Chief Operations Officer have brought various issues to the Board of Supervisors. The Advisory Board has partnered with Healthy Mendocino to widely distribute the County's Community Health Needs Assessment. Out of the Needs Assessment, five countywide priorities emerged and groups throughout the County are meeting to take action and develop a Community Health Improvement Plan that addresses these priorities.

Current Priorities

The Advisory Board has worked closely with Agency leadership on its internal operational goals, including the detailed review of Employee Survey responses, and the development of Agency goals and action steps. The Advisory Board has also supported the Agency's work on large community initiatives and collaborations, including the local implementation of key aspects of the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver such as the Whole Person Care pilot and Drug Medi-Cal expansion.

The collaborative involvement of the Advisory Board members is helping the Agency tackle tough issues in a more strategic way, including maximizing collaborative grant funding and addressing local needs in the areas of Family & Children's Services, local immigration resources, and the spectrum of homelessness and housing needs.

Future Focus

Over the next six months, the Advisory Board will be looking more closely at how to support the next phase of Healthy Mendocino's development of the countywide Community Health Improvement Plan; furthering support and implementation of the local Policy Statement on Marijuana and Youth; and, taking next steps in the implementation of regional Drug Medi-Cal expansion in coordination with Partnership HealthPlan of California