



## Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

**Tammy Moss Chandler, Director**



August 8, 2019

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Mendocino

RE: Extra-Help: Whole Person Care Pilot Program, Homeless Outreach and Engagement Services

Dear Board Members,

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) requests a waiver of the 180-day post retirement waiting period in order to rehire Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist, Joy Kinion, who retired from the County of Mendocino on June 30, 2019.

There is a critical and timely need for an expert with Ms. Kinion's knowledge and experience to work with law enforcement to engage individuals experiencing homelessness in Mendocino County. The goal of this partnership is to significantly reduce street-level homelessness by focusing on engagement of individuals into 24/7 service programs.

If a waiver is granted, Ms. Kinion will be rehired as extra-help to fill a position with the Whole Person Care Pilot Program for homeless outreach and engagement services. HHSA created this position, in collaboration with the Ukiah Police Department and other county partners, to engage vulnerable residents experiencing homelessness and assess their needs, identify their eligibility for Whole Person Care or other services, and connect them to appropriate resources.

As a former Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist and member of mental health's Mobile Outreach and Prevention Services (MOPS) team, Ms. Kinion is equipped with specialized skills essential for this project's success and has already developed strong and positive relationships with both the target population and partner organizations.

HHSA makes this request in accordance with Government Code Section 7522.56.

Thank you,

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Tammy Moss Chandler  
Health and Human Services Agency, Director

cc: Carmel Angelo, CEO  
Heidi Dunham, Human Resources Director