



MENDOCINO COUNTY *MEMORANDUM*

Date: March 20, 2020

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor John McCowen

Subject: Support Needed for In-Home Supportive Services Providers

The attached letter from SEIU 2015 makes a compelling case that additional resources are needed to support In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers and the clients they serve. I request that the Board provide direction to staff to prepare a letter to Governor Newsom incorporating the recommendations contained in the SEIU 2015 letter and strongly encouraging their immediate implementation and funding by Executive Order. The letter requests that we advocate for the State to take these actions, but the legislature is in recess until April 13 and immediate relief is warranted. Governor Newsom has demonstrated an admirable willingness to incorporate comprehensive remedies for specific situations into his Executive Orders and ought to be encouraged to do so in this instance.