

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

It is unfathomable that our Public Health Officer, Dr. Doohan, would travel to San Diego for a two week "working" vacation to visit family during the worst pandemic in over a century, in direct violation of her own SIP order! San Diego now has over 1700 cases of COVID-19. Did Dr. Doohan grocery shop or engage in other public activities while in San Diego?

Dr. Doohan has not been present in Mendocino County during this pandemic crisis when the Public Health Officer, of all people, should be fully present and providing guidance and leadership.

Instead she has been a veritable ghost, only appearing for a brief once a week remote podcast. It is my understanding that she has already run through the amount budgeted for her salary by booking lots of overtime! What, exactly, has she been doing, in San Diego, with all of that overtime that benefits the citizens of Mendocino County? Or is she engaged in activities for her own personal benefit, racking up overtime, while the taxpayers foot the bill?

Most adults already are spending plenty of time keeping themselves apprised of the pandemic situation. We do not need to pay someone \$200,000+ a year of taxpayer money just to surf the net and issue dictates from afar to which she herself does not even adhere. We need a Public Health Officer who is actually here engaged in positive action. Doing more testing, seeing to the distribution of free cloth face masks, and more communication with and guidance to the public on best practices for staying healthy are just a few examples.

Also, didn't Dr. Doohan previously inform the county that she had accepted another position in San Diego? So it is curious then that she has been in San Diego for two weeks during this critical time instead of here in Mendocino County doing the job for which she is being paid.

I wonder if there is any other Public Health Officer in the entire country who has engaged in such egregiously irresponsible behavior? I believe this ill-timed trip to San Diego shows extremely poor judgement, lack of concern for the responsibilities of her position and for the safety of the citizens of Mendocino County, and is a dereliction of duty. Please consider finding a new Public Health Officer who takes the job more seriously.

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