

Esteemed Members of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

I urge your support of Drug Medical expansion. Ford Street, partnering with our local clinic has been engaged in preparing to provide Drug Medical services for over 3 years.

Our county ranks third in per capita deaths due to the misuse of opioids in the State. Each month Ford Street's Ukiah Recovery Center turns away an average of 15 residents asking for SUD Treatment with no ability to pay. The need for residential treatment, and detox services is significant.

Your approval will help to meet the needs of folks struggling with addiction and asking for help. Ford Street is licensed by the state as a Drug Medical provider, and currently provides residential treatment, detoxification support, and outpatient treatment. We have become apart of Partnership HealthPlan's provider network. Historically we have served addicted moms from First 5, referrals from our local Probation Department, Child Welfare, the courts, our local tribes and Veterans. Treatment services were rationed because referring agencies were under-funded.

If you elect not to move forward with Drug Medical expansion the system of care created to help Mendocino County folks in need of addiction services, Ford Street will likely serve Partnership referrals from other rural counties that do not have a residential treatment facility. This would be a loss to Mendocino County and our recovery community.

Thanks for your consideration and service,

Jacqueline Williams
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