



**Mendocino County
Homeless Services Continuum of Care**

August 3, 2020

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, California 95482

Re: Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care's Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness in Mendocino County

To Chair Haschak,

In August of 2019, a subcommittee of the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (MCHSCOC) began developing a strategic plan for addressing homelessness in our county. The Continuum of Care is a collaborative of over 31 public agencies and private non-profits organizations throughout the County that serve the unsheltered population; admittedly, it is a fragmented system. A key focus of the new strategic plan is to deal with the fragmented approach to serving the unsheltered population in the county.

The development of this strategic plan is long overdue, and its implementation is particularly urgent in light of the fact that significant funding is now being allocated directly to Continuums of Care. Therefore, this document fulfills Federal and State requirements that local jurisdictions have a community plan for addressing homelessness. However, equally important, an effective strategic plan provides a shared vision and transparency of decision making related to this important community crisis; further, it provides the framework necessary to effectively prioritize projects and to efficiently and fairly allocate funding.

The Plan recognizes that transforming our County's homeless service system will also require close collaboration with community members and key stakeholders, elected officials, agency staff, service and housing providers, and people with lived experience of homelessness. Thus, the Plan includes goals related to strengthening collaboration both between the CoC and the broader community and within the CoC governing body itself.

On April 27, 2020, the MCHSCOC governing board reviewed and formally adopted the attached strategic plan. However, no one entity alone can solve homelessness. Therefore, we are respectfully submitting this plan for your jurisdiction's review and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Daniel McIntire
Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

Shannon Riley
Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Committee