



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

April 11, 2021

Re: Item 5c for 4/12/2021: Discussion and Possible Action Including Acceptance of Presentation Regarding Crisis Intervention Trainings (CIT) Provided in Mendocino County and Direction to Staff Regarding Possible Future Participation in Crisis Intervention Team International (Sponsor: Health and Human Services Agency)

Honorable Supervisors,

MCA condemns the recent treatment of a Ukiah man by the Ukiah Police Department that occurred earlier this month. The police officers responsible should be held accountable for their actions and immediate action must be taken to ensure the safety of Mendocino County's residents going forward.

In this era of heightened police brutality, Mendocino County needs to remain vigilant in the humane treatment of all individuals, regardless of assumed crimes committed. Police officers are not the judge, jury OR executioner and should remember their duty is to **serve** the community, not abuse their power to take executive decisions into their own hands, whether in the street or in a jail cell.

In light of these horrific recent events, MCA recommends:

- Rigorous and recurring crisis intervention training and certification
- Direction be given to explore the immediate implementation of a person-centric crisis response to community members experiencing issues related to mental health, homelessness, substance abuse, and poverty,
- Additional funding be allocated to services available for mental health and homelessness issues unrelated to Law Enforcement

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this item.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mendocino Cannabis Alliance