

June 9, 2021

Ms. Marybel Batjer
President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Ms. Batjer:

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is pleased to endorse United Way of the Wine Country as the new provider of 2-1-1 Mendocino County.

United Way of the Wine Country has been dedicated to improving lives locally for more than 50 years and has demonstrated the ability to assume a leadership role in the community in partnering with agencies, local businesses, and county government. As a funder and former steering committee member for 2-1-1 Mendocino and a successful provider of 2-1-1 Sonoma, United Way of the Wine Country has the necessary organizational capacity to provide 2-1-1 service. They are very aware of the needs of our higher poverty county, with a population dispersed over a large geographic area and limited internet access.

We look forward to the improved implementation of 2-1-1 in Mendocino County and the enhanced level of service the program will bring our local residents under United Way of the Wine Country's leadership. We believe our 2-1-1 will be operated with United Way of the Wine Country's customary integrity and professionalism, and with continued commitment to community partnerships.

Sincerely,

Dan Gjerde, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors