



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**From:** Public Health

**Meeting Date:** June 25, 2024

**Department Contact:** Jenine Miller, Psy.D.

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Agreement with MCAVHN (Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network) Care and Prevention Network, in the Amount of \$100,000, to Provide Harm Reduction Services and Needle Exchange Throughout Mendocino County, Effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Agreement with MCAVHN (Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network) Care and Prevention Network, in the amount of \$100,000, to provide harm reduction services and needle exchange throughout Mendocino County, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; authorize the Public Health Director or designee to sign any future amendments that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

N/A

**Summary of Request:**

MCAVHN (Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network) Care and Prevention Network has been serving the local Mendocino County community since 1987, providing services and support to persons affected by substance use disorders and behavioral health conditions, as well as harm reduction services for the prevention of Hepatitis C and HIV. Through previous Agreements with the County of Mendocino, MCAVHN has provided services in compliance with best practices of the California Department of Public Health's Syringe Exchange Certification Program. The purpose of these services is to reduce the spread of infectious diseases that threaten public health, improve the safe disposal of syringes while reducing the inappropriate disposal of syringes and medications that threaten the public, and engage individuals who are injection drug users to connect them with recovery and treatment services.

MCAVHN's harm reduction and needle exchange services for Mendocino County will continue through the proposed Agreement, including: organizing regularly scheduled needle exchanges and collecting used needles from people who inject drugs; providing Hepatitis C and HIV education, counseling, and testing; providing Naloxone and Narcan trainings countywide; collaborating with nonprofit partners to coordinate efforts; scheduling on-site visits with Mendocino County tribal entities that are open to receiving trainings and services; and providing regularly scheduled outreach and engagement services throughout Mendocino County.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Strategic Plan Priority Designation:** A Safe and Healthy County

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** BU 4010; PHCPREV-862189

**current f/y cost:** \$100,000 for FY 24-25

**budget clarification:** N/A

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe):** Yes

**revenue agreement:** No

**AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL:** Yes

**CEO Liaison:** Tony Rakes, Acting Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: June 25, 2024

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: Agreement

Number: 24-102

