

# Mendocino County

# Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** April 18, 2017

**Department Contact:** Anne Molgaard **Phone:** 707-463-7774

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda **Time Allocated for Item**: 5 minutes

### **Agenda Title:**

Off Agenda Item - Discussion and Possible Approval of Letter to US Department of Health and Human Services Administration in Support of Grant Application in Support of Homeless Services Continuum of Care (CoC)

#### **Recommended Action/Motion:**

Hear Off Agenda Item - Approve letter to US Department of Health and Human Services Administration in support of grant application in Support of Homeless Services Continuum of Care (CoC); and authorize Chair to sign same.

#### **Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

None.

#### **Summary of Request:**

Subsequent to the Agenda being posted, the Board of Supervisors received a request to submit a letter of support for a grant to benefit homeless individuals. This item must be heard at today's meeting in order to meet the grant submission deadline. County Counsel is prepared to make the urgency findings for the Board to consider.

This proposed letter supports the grant application regarding Access to Treatment and Housing Opportunities in the Mendocino Environment (AT HOME), which would fortify the County's existing Continuum of Care for the Homeless by initiating an integrated treatment program for homeless clients with co-occurring disorders, including wrap-around support and linkage to housing and primary health care. As the applicant, the Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) has identified housing as a cornerstone of support, recognizing that when individuals lack adequate shelter, their needs for other services rise exponentially.

The proposed AT HOME Project is fully aligned with the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (CoC) priority of institutionalizing countywide utilization of the Coordinated Entry System and universal utilization of the Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to assess the needs of people who are homeless and prioritize them for services based on their needs.

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## **Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not hear the off agenda item and/or do not approve letter of support.

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

**Fiscal Impact:** 

Source of Funding: N/A

Current F/Y Cost: N/A

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisorial District: All Vote Requirement: 4/5's

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**Comments:**