



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: June 9, 2021

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 1 hour

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Recommendation from the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Advisory Board to Move From the Current HHSA Structure to a Two Department Model of Social Services and Health Services
(Sponsor: Health and Human Services Agency)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept recommendation from HHSA Advisory Board to move from the current HHSA structure to a two department model of Social Services and Health Services.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Mendocino County implemented the current HHSA model in March of 2006. In September of 2006, HHSA presented itself to the Board of Supervisors and laid out a preliminary general strategic plan for the Agency. In December of 2006, a more specific strategic plan was presented to the Board.

Summary of Request:

The Mendocino County HHSA agency was formed in March of 2006 with the merging of three departments: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Public Health, and Social Services. HHSA has been operating within its current structure for the last 15 years without an assessment or evaluation of the model. In 2020, with the retirement of the HHSA Agency Director it provided the County the ability to assess and evaluate the HHSA structure. HHSA contracted with Kitchen Table Consulting to evaluate the current HHSA structure and review other models. The HHSA Advisory Board reviewed the performance plan provided by Kitchen Table Consulting and received presentations by agency staff related to the current structure and other models.

On March 17, 2021, HHSA Advisory Board voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to disband HHSA. On March 24, 2021, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board voted to recommend to the HHSA Advisory Board to support a two department model of Social Services and Health Services. On April 14, 2021, HHSA Advisory Board voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to create a two department model.

- 1) Social Service Department
 - a) Adult and Aging Services
 - b) Employment and Family Assistance Services

- c) Family and Children Services
- 2) Health Service Department
 - a) Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
 - b) Public Health

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

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

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: June 9, 2021

Final Status: Direction Given to Staff

