



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 19-0024, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2019

**Department Contact:** Tammy Moss Chandler

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

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

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Letter of Support to the Public Health Accreditation Board Supporting Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Branch Accreditation

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve letter to of Support the Public Health Accreditation Board supporting Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Branch accreditation; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

N/A

**Summary of Request:**

Public Health Accreditation, which is currently overseen nationally by the Public Health Accreditation Board, is a voluntary process meant to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of local, tribal, and state public health departments. Goals of accreditation include: promoting high performance and continuous quality improvement; recognizing high performers that meet nationally accepted standards of quality and improvement; illustrating health department accountability; increasing the visibility and public awareness of governmental public health; and clarifying the public's expectations of health departments.

Mendocino County's Public Health Branch of the Health and Human Services Agency began the accreditation process in the fall of 2015 and has completed prerequisite steps, including completion of the Local Public Health System Assessment, the Community Health Needs Assessment, and a Community Health Improvement Plan. Although accreditation is currently elective, states have started to make this mandatory for local health departments. Presently 28 California counties are seeking accreditation, and 13 have been accredited.

Today's item requests that the Board of Supervisors approve and sign the attached letter supporting Public Health Accreditation in Mendocino County. The letter of support is required as part of applying for national accreditation.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:**

[<https://www.phaboard.org/news-room/accredited-health-departments>/;](https://www.phaboard.org/news-room/accredited-health-departments/)  
[<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6531a3.htm>](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6531a3.htm)

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:** PH Budgeted Item

**Current F/Y Cost:** \$14,000

**Budgeted in Current F/Y:** Yes

**Annual Recurring Cost:** \$5,600

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

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

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**CEO Liaison:** Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**



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Executed By: Meribeth Dermond, Deputy Clerk II

Date: January 23, 2019

Final Status: **Approved**