



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: April 24, 2018

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 20 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding “Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps for Mendocino County”, a Report of Data and Recommendations for Strategic Action Steps by Robert G. Marbut Jr., Ph.D. (Sponsor: Health and Human Services Agency)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Receive presentation regarding “Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps for Mendocino County” and endorse in concept the recommended strategic action steps with direction to staff to continue implementation in collaboration with our community partners.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On March 13, 2018 Robert G. Marbut Jr., Ph.D. presented to the Board summarizing his findings and recommendations as contained in the report: “Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps for Mendocino County.”

Summary of Request:

HHSA, pursuant to Board direction for an increased focus on issues related to homelessness, identified nationally recognized expert on homelessness Dr. Robert G. Marbut Jr., Ph.D. as a consultant qualified to conduct an in-depth assessment of the local population of individuals experiencing homelessness and to make recommendations for next steps. Following the recommendation of HHSA, the Board engaged the services of Dr. Marbut who spent several months conducting a detailed assessment of individuals experiencing homelessness in the communities of Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits and the local governmental and non-governmental agencies providing services to them.

On March 19, 2018, following his presentation to the Board on March 13, and a community presentation on March 15, Dr. Marbut finalized Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps for Mendocino County, a report on Observations, Findings, and Recommendation of Strategic Action Steps that resulted from his in-depth examination of homelessness in Mendocino County. The purpose of today’s discussion is to discuss possible next steps related to the implementation of Dr. Marbut’s recommendations.

At the conclusion of his report, Dr. Marbut identified the following Next Steps:

- Adopt and/or amend and/or reject the above recommendations.
- Assign ownership of each adopted recommendation to one person by name with a targeted timeline

- of completion.
- Just start implementing.
- Establish a checkup plan.

The Board is requested to endorse Dr. Marbut's recommendations in concept with the understanding that many details of implementation will be developed through a collaborative process involving our community partners. HHSA will logically be the lead on many of the county-wide and clinical recommendations, but successful implementation will depend on broad based community support. For this reason, HHSA proposes to engage in a facilitated community process so that cities, law enforcement, and non-profit organizations are an integral part of the implementation process.

One task will be to identify which entities are responsible for designing and implementing specific recommendations. For example, responsibility for #7 "Need to Fully Buildout and Then Robustly Utilize HMIS" clearly lies with HHSA, but will be implemented in cooperation with our community partners. Implementation of #14 "Create Street Level Outreach Team Capacities, Especially in Ukiah" will require collaboration between HHSA and local law enforcement, but will also require policy direction and financial support from the Board and City Council. In contrast, #20 "Have a Zero Tolerance Approach to Encampments" is clearly within the purview of local law enforcement agencies.

HHSA, working with local providers and through the Continuum of Care, is already engaged in implementation but is providing this presentation as an opportunity for the Board to endorse in concept the recommendations contained in Dr. Marbut's report and the continuing implementation of those recommendations in collaboration with our community partners. HHSA is also reviewing the recommendations to determine which ones may require additional funding. For example, the buildout and full utilization of HMIS will most likely require allocation of additional resources. HHSA also proposes to provide the Board with periodic updates, at least on a quarterly basis, to keep the Board informed as implementation proceeds.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supplemental Information Available Online at: www.marbutconsulting.com

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: N/A

Current F/Y Cost: N/A

Budgeted in Current F/Y: N/A

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

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

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Willetta Callaghan

Final Status: **Accepted**

Date: April 27, 2018

Executed Item No.: N/A

Note to Department: Direction given to staff

Executed Documents Returned to

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Auditor? N/A