



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

**September 10, 2026
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

Location: Health Services, Conference Room 1, 1120 S. Dora Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

Chairperson
Sue Mason

Vice Chair
Justin Ebert

BOS Supervisor
Ted Williams

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3. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2026, Regular Meeting: <i>Review and Possible Action</i>	Board Action:
4. 20 minutes	Community Health Improvement Projects A. Diabetes	Board Action:
5. 20 minutes	Mendocino County Report: <i>Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services</i> A. Director Report B. Fentanyl High Report Out C. Wi-Fi/Internet Access D. West Nile Virus E. Birth Data Report Out	Board Action:

	F. Overdose Data Report Out	
6. 20 minutes	Public Health Department Report Out A. Child Prevention – Car Seat Program	Board Action:
7. 10 minutes	Open Discussion / Q&A A. Time for members to raise questions, ideas or concerns	Board Action:
8. 2 minutes	Adjournment: Confirm next meeting date and tasks Closing Remarks	Board Action:

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1. 3 minutes	Call to Order, Roll Call, Quorum Notice, & Approve Agenda: Review and Possible Action - Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. - Members present Member Coren, Member Cunningham, Member Harris, Member Ebert, Member Matheson, Member Glentzer, Member Renteria, Member Saye. - Members excused Member Britton. - Supervisor Williams was present. - Motion made by Member Ebert, seconded by Member Saye, to approve the Agenda. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved.
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3. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2026, Regular Meeting: Review and Possible Action	Board Action:

	• Motion made by Member Ebert, seconded by Member Coren, to approve March 12, 2026, Minutes. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Approved.
4. 10 minutes	Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Additional Data Points Jean Cunningham, Senior Department Analyst • Included in the agenda packet were the clarifications and additional data points for the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) that had been requested from the March 12, 2026, meeting. • Member Cunningham presented on each of the clarifications and data points that had been put forward by the board; data for languages by zip code, data for internet access by zip code, to community health concerns, break out data where mental health and substance misuse services were not available by zip code, and metrics used to calculate the Mental Health Index. • Member Saye commented that these additional data points were very helpful. • Member Glentzer asked if the data regarding estimated percentage without access was based on only those that didn't answer, said no, or both. • Member Cunningham responded that the estimate is for those who did not answer. • Member Harris asked those that responded with no, was that due to isolation or money? • Member Cunningham to follow up with additional data. • Member Saye asked if there was any additional data to correlate internet access and residency, to which Member Cunningham did not have an answer. • Member Coren asked if there was a total number of people who had taken the survey, or if it was only a percentage. Member Cunningham to research and follow up with any additional information. • Member Renteria mentioned that Fort Bragg recommended looking into improvement of internet infrastructure, to which Supervisor Williams noted it was difficult to get state funding. • Member Coren inquired about drafting a letter to submit to the State expressing the need for funding to improve the internet infrastructure. • It was recommended by members of the board to conduct additional data analysis and supply more detailed information before a letter should be submitted to the State. • Member Glentzer asked if the data point regarding not having access to alcohol, substance use, and mental health services and/or not receiving services reflected individuals, or if it reflected individuals answering based on their household. • Member Cunningham answered that wording was not specific, so there is a possibility the questions were answered to reflect households. • Supervisor Williams expressed concern with the data regarding the Mental Health Index, in that the data appears to have been collected in such a way that limits its usefulness. Supervisor Williams suggested a peer review would be more useful. • Dr. Miller informed the board that there was already a contract in	Board Action: None.

	place with the company that ran the report, but there are plans in place to conduct another report with Adventist Health, and hopes of Mendocino Community Health Clinics agree to a collaborative report.	
5. 10 minutes	Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Included in the Agenda packet was the comprehensive plan for review.	Board Action: None.
6. 15 minutes	Community Health Improvement Projects A. Chronic Conditions - Angle Slater gave an overview on the Chronic Conditions CHIP with a focus on cancer diagnosis within the community. Her and her team were looking into breast, colon and lung cancer trends. She commented that her team had found that screening for these types of cancers were on the decline within the community, her team were working out ways of educating the community on these conditions. - Member Mason commented that as of right now there was nothing measurable, to which Mrs. Slater explained that the CHIP was in its early stages. Her team were setting project plans and were working on accumulating data. B. Community Safety - Tami Bartolomei gave an overview on the CHIP and the goal of bridging healthcare delivery with emergency preparedness.	Board Action: None.
7. 5 minutes	Brown Act Training	Board Action: None.
8. 10 minutes	Mendocino County Report: Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services A. Fentanyl High Report Out - Dr. Miller reported on the Fentanyl High showings facilitated by Mendocino County Health Services (HS). Dr. Miller stated that the film had been shown in the Ukiah Regal 6 theatre and the Fort Bragg Coast Cinema for the community, and also a showing at the Mendocino County Regional Training Center for HS staff. - Dr. Miller noted that the film had been very well received and eye opening within the community. - Member Saye commented that she had attended a showing and thought the film was both impressive and powerful in its message. B. Hantavirus Andes Outbreak/Ebola Bundibugyo Outbreak - Reported that there were three Californians traveling abroad that had come in contact with Andes strain of Hantavirus. They were being monitored by their respective counties and are due to be cleared on June 21. There is no risk of any outbreak in California, and no confirmed cases in California. - Reported that at this time there are no confirmed cases of the Ebola virus in California. The CDC has imposed strict requirements on for anyone attempting to travel to the United States. - Reported that there is an outbreak of screwworm in Mexico on the border of Texas. Confirmed cases in Texas and New Mexico. The CDC is tracking. There are no confirmed cases in California. C. Birth Data Report Out	Board Action: None.

	Birth Data dashboards can be found on the Good to Know Mendo site.	
9. 15 minutes	Public Health Department Report Out A. Tobacco Prevention Team Laura Hargreaves and Vanessa Jimenez, Senior Program Specialists - Laura Hargreaves reported out on the Tobacco Prevention Teams efforts to make sure retailers are staying compliant with age requirements for the sale of tobacco, and that they are not selling proscribed items such as flavored vapes. - The Tobacco Prevention Team inspects all retailers with a tobacco license in the county twice a year, and will conduct decoy purchases if necessary to check the retailers compliance. - Out of forty-four locations in the county, eleven had sold to minors. - The penalties for non compliance were a one thousand dollar fine for the first offence, two thousand dollar fine and suspension of the retailers tobacco license, and a revoke of the retailers tobacco license on the third offense. - Member Saye asked if there was anything done to acknowledge a retailer who was compliant, to which Mrs. Hargreaves said the retailer would receive a letter of acknowledgement. - Member Matheson asked if any of the stores that were not in compliance were in Willits. - Mrs. Hargreaves explained that due to confidentiality reasons, she could not answer the question. - Member Coren asked if there was any data tracking of the program, possibly to see trends from year to year. - Mrs. Hargreaves reported that the Prevention Team does not track that data, but they are working on creating tracking measures for the future.	Board Action: None.
10. 5 minutes	Open Discussion / Q&A A. Time for members to raise questions, ideas or concerns None.	Board Action: None.
11. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 4:35 PM Confirm next meeting date and tasks - September 10, 2026 Closing Remarks - None.	Board Action: None.

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○ **California Children's Services (CCS):**

The California Children's Services (CCS) Program placed a strong emphasis on strengthening program planning and ensuring the needs of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) are accurately represented and communicated. The program is also focusing on expanding community outreach to increase awareness of CCS services and improve access for eligible children and families. As part of our commitment to providing family-centered care, CCS staff participated in community training focused on father engagement, gaining strategies to better support and engage fathers as active partners in their children's health and well-being. Through continued outreach, collaboration, and professional development, the CCS Program remains dedicated to improving health outcomes and ensuring families receive the services and resources they need.

○ **Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC):**

This month, the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) team continued to ensure the medical, dental, mental health, and overall wellness of 115 youth in Emergency Response and Permanent Placement, as well as the Supportive Transition foster youth served and Family Maintenance youth whose social workers assisted in obtaining medical and dental documentation for court reports.

This month, a handful of new cases were assigned, which allowed the team to focus on the significant upcoming transition from CWS/CMS to CWS-CARES, scheduled for October. Staff have attended several statewide and regional HCPCFC meetings to discuss and troubleshoot some of the challenges associated with the new system. The team also dedicated many hours to becoming familiar with CWS-CARES and entering information into the new database. The team is looking forward to a smooth transition as the new system is implemented later this year.

Nurse Emily has continued to provide intensive case management for foster children ages 0–3, ensuring their examinations, immunizations, and dental care remain current. Also currently, all youth in this particularly vulnerable population of foster youth currently have up-to-date medical and dental care.

The HCPCFC team continues to collaborate with Family and Children's Services (FCS) Title IV-E Emergency Response Nurse Laura Wingard during weekly team nursing meetings to ensure a seamless transition for children moving from the Emergency Response phase of detainment into Family Reunification. Together, the team is working to obtain medical and dental records in a timely manner, promote continuity of care with existing providers whenever possible, and ensure that required medical and dental appointments are scheduled within the first 30 days of detainment.

This month, HCPCFC teams also continued in-person collaboration with the Anchor Health team during monthly meetings to discuss upcoming JV-220 submissions and to assist in obtaining critical health information for foster youth with complex mental health needs who

receive services from both programs. HCPCFC nursing staff processed more than a dozen JV-220 requests last month.

In addition, ongoing weekly Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) collaboration meetings with Family and Children's Services continue to foster creative solutions for youth experiencing placement challenges. These strong partnerships between Foster Care Nursing and FCS have strengthened communication, improved care coordination, and enhanced our ability to support the complex needs of the children and youth we serve.

○ **Immunizations:**

Public Health continues to strengthen community health and disease prevention by expanding access to immunization services. During the reporting period, staff participated in three sports physical events held in Willits, Fort Bragg, and Ukiah. In addition, Vaccines for Children (VFC) quality assurance visits were completed in Willits, Boonville, and Redwood Valley.

In preparation for the upcoming flu season, Public Health is recertifying local providers for the State-Granted Flu Program and scheduling eight employee flu vaccination clinics. A school-located vaccination event was also scheduled on August 13 to support students and families as they return to school.

The monthly TB clinic continues to experience high demand, serving an average of 25 patients per month. Additionally, staff attended the 2026 Immunization Summit in Sacramento and brought back current information, recommendations, and best practices to further support local immunization efforts.

○ **Environmental Health:**

The Land Use Program conducted 8 septic system installation inspections, 2 water well construction inspections, and 4 septic pumper inspections. The Land Use Program also received 12 site evaluation reports, 2 new water well applications, and 82 referrals from Planning and Building for review. The program continues to meet monthly with septic system stakeholders to discuss ongoing program needs and regulatory issues. The group is currently discussing the Bedroom Definition Policy. These stakeholder meetings are open to anyone in the public and provide an opportunity for community members, industry professionals, and other interested parties to participate in the discussion and provide feedback.

The Land Use program hosted a virtual stakeholder meeting on September 3, 2026, from 3:30 to 5:00pm via Zoom. The meeting included local engineering firms, septic designers, and contractors. Additional information is available on the Environmental Health website at www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/public-health/environmental-health/land-use/stakeholders.

Environmental Health has welcomed a new Office Services Supervisor and a new Staff Assistant to support the front counter, phones, and overall customer service operations. The Board of Supervisors has authorized two additional field inspector's positions, which are currently being recruited. Environmental Health is additionally recruiting for Hazardous Materials Operations Specialist and Environmental Health Manager.

Environmental Health continues monitoring the national botulism outbreak linked to powdered infant formula. Additional information can be found at www.cdc.gov/botulism/outbreaks-investigations/infant-formula-june-2026/index.html.

The Consumer Protection Program received 28 applications and issued permits for 8 community events. Environmental Health inspectors also attended Carnival by the Sea and the Northern Nights Music Festival to conduct inspections to ensure that food vendors were operating in compliance with applicable health and safety requirements. In addition, to event activities, staff conducted 68 routine inspections throughout the month continuing the program's efforts to protect public health and ensure regulated facilities meet applicable requirements.

Environment Health, in coordination with the Water Board also continues testing and monitoring local algal blooms in several bodies of water and rivers throughout Mendocino County. For more information, including locations and results visit: <https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/reports-map/> or www.mendocinocounty.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/72427/63887132146023000

○ **Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH):**

The Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program focused on developing strategic goals to guide program efforts over the next three years. These goals are intended to address identified community needs and strengthen services, partnerships, and health outcomes across five key domains: maternal health, child health, adolescent health, perinatal health, and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN). While the program continues to operate with essential staffing, MCAH remains committed to identifying innovative and sustainable ways to support children, youth, and families throughout the county. This planning process reflects the program's ongoing dedication to ensuring resources are directed where they are needed most and to improving equitable access to quality public health services for the communities we serve.

○ **Women, Infants, & Children (WIC):**

In August, WIC recognized National Breastfeeding Month and will continue promoting breastfeeding awareness and support throughout September. September 1–7, Workplace Lactation Week recognized to remind breastfeeding mothers of their rights and the importance of receiving support from their employers. Mothers should be aware of their right to have reasonable time and a designated space to pump breast milk during the workday. September 8–14, Latinx Breastfeeding Week recognized to provide an opportunity to celebrate breastfeeding and promote awareness and support within the Latinx community and across diverse cultures.

Mendocino County WIC continues to strengthen its Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program, which provides mothers with one-on-one support and guidance throughout their breastfeeding journey.

In August, WIC welcomed a bilingual International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) to the team. This is the first time Mendocino County WIC has had a bilingual IBCLC, making this a valuable addition to the breastfeeding support available to local families.

Mendocino County WIC invites participating families to visit their local Farmers Market and take advantage of their daily Farmers Market benefit. Families can receive a \$15 daily benefit match to help purchase fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Mendocino County WIC is proud to continue supporting healthy families, breastfeeding parents, and access to nutritious foods throughout Mendocino County.

○ **Administration – Communication:**

Public Health is airing public service announcements in both English and Spanish throughout the month of September to raise awareness for Wildfire Preparedness, Food Safety Awareness Month and Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

○ Wildfire Preparedness

Wildfire season is here. Be safe and be prepared. When a wildfire is threatening your area, monitor local radio or television stations. Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice. Prepare a 3-day emergency kit. Have N95 masks on hand to help avoid smoke intake. Plan, prepare, and be aware. Go to mendoready.org for more information.

○ Food Safety Awareness Month

September is Food Safety Awareness Month. Every year about 1 in 6 Americans will get sick from food poisoning. Food poisoning can lead to hospitalization and long-term health problems. Help keep your family safe from food poisoning at home by following these four simple steps: keep utensils and surfaces clean, keep foods separate, cook to the right temperature, and keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Learn more at foodsafety.gov

○ Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. If you or someone you know is struggling, in emotional distress, or thinking about suicide, help is available. Call or text 988, chat 988lifeline.org or contact. Mendocino County 24/7 Toll Free Crisis line at 1-855-838-0404. It's ok to be not ok. You're not alone.