

Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency

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Press Release

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Combined Meeting of Mendocino County Mental Health Board and Quarterly MHSA Committee March 3rd in Ukiah

The Mental Health Board (MHB) and its Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Special Committee combined quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3 at 9:30 AM at the Mendocino County Administration Building in Conference Room C, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the open MHB meeting to ask questions and give testimony.

These combined meetings are held to do MHB/MHSA Special Committee business, to receive HHS staff reports, and to provide a forum for community input on Proposition 63 MHSA programs in this county as well as to discuss state changes in MHSA administration and funding.

An HHS staff report to the Board of Supervisors on February 2nd said the County is planning a restructure of its mental health services guided by the development of a

three-year plan with input from the MHB's MHSA Special Committee workgroup members (stakeholders). The monthly workgroups are facilitated by HNSA staff.

MHSA committee members (stakeholders) attending the workgroups have previously been focused on MHSA program development, and are now being invited to provide input as well about mandatory mental health services the county provides, such as crisis assessment, case management, and hospitalization. MHSA programs are primarily designed to be client-directed and to provide services that impact prevention of mental illness and to help recovery.

Please contact Sandra O'Connor, Mental Health Board Chair (lairdsmith@comcast.net , 707-459-3677), for more information about the Mental Health Board or the MHSA Special Committee, which includes public membership and for which the MHB is seeking consumer and consumer family members.

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