



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/24/2026

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File #: 26-182

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Public Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Report on the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Branch Community Health Assessment

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a report on the Department of Health and Human Services- Public Health Branch (DHHS-PHB) 2026 Community Health Assessment (CHA).

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1006 - Implement Live Well Humboldt - Community Health Improvement Plan

**DISCUSSION:**

In November 2016, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) awarded the DHHS-PHB as an accredited public health jurisdiction. DHHS - PHB was then reaccredited in 2023. As a nationally accredited health jurisdiction, DHHS - PHB produces and publishes a CHA on a three-year cycle. The CHA survey helps tell the community's story - what makes the community healthy and what problems the community faces. Collecting information and listening to people who live in the community, shows what is needed to get better and how to make the community healthier together. The CHA shows problems, such as not enough dentists and lack of housing, and also points out helpful things, like access to parks, libraries and clinics. This 2026 CHA updates the data from previous assessments and will be used to develop the upcoming Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Public Health Funds (1175)

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to receiving the 2026 CHA report.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

There is no Staffing Impact associated with the 2026 CHA.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

California Center for Rural Policy, Partnership HealthPlan of California, DHHS - Behavioral Health, Humboldt County Office of Education, Cal4Health, Ink People, United Indian Health Services, Humboldt County Network of Family Resource Centers, Changing Tides Family Services, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, The Center at McKinleyville, Humboldt Area Foundation, Humboldt Independent Practice Association, Centro del Pueblo, Black Humboldt and Providence St. Joseph Health.

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board may decline to receive the 2026 CHA presentation, but the CHA obtains data from the community to highlight community health and problems. This information is obtained to help keep the community healthy and build on its strengths.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2026 Community Health Assessment Presentation
2. 2026 Community Health Assessment Flyer

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Meeting of: 05/28/29

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