



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**D-3**

For the meeting of: April 19, 2016

Date: April 8, 2016  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Subject: Letter of Support for the North Coast Health Information and Improvement Network's California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The North Coast Health Information and Improvement Network and the California Center for Rural Policy at Humboldt State University has been working with the Department of Health and Human Services on a grant to improve health outcomes for community members with Alcohol and Other Drug issues, and is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors for this very important funding application.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass

- Nays
- Abstain
- Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: April 19, 2016

By: Bass

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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April 19, 2016

Barbara Masters, CACHI Program Manager  
Community Partners  
1000 N. Alameda Street, Suite 240  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Support for North Coast Health Information and Improvement  
Network's CACHI Proposal**

Dear Ms. Masters:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wishes to express our support for the North Coast Health Information and Improvement Network's (NCHIIN) California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI) proposal which would allow our county to improve health outcomes for community members with Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) issues.

AOD is a countywide issue that negatively impacts every community member and creates a financial burden to our health care, law enforcement, and education systems. Recent data shows Humboldt County is experiencing twice the state average of alcohol related deaths and three times the state average of deaths involving drugs. Humboldt County's estimated age-adjusted rate of years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 75 years from all AOD-related deaths is 1,291.5 years per 100,000 persons over the past five years.

The complex health and social issues related to AOD that Humboldt County faces cannot be solved by one organization or through one initiative. Through a multi-sector approach, stakeholders in Humboldt will engage in a variety of initiatives that address the health of the whole population while closing the gap for the vulnerable.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports this initiative and respectfully requests Community Partner's favorable consideration of NCHIIN's CACHI proposal.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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