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The Honorable Mike McGuire
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 577 (Eggman) Medi-Cal: Maternal Mental Health - Support

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports AB 577 (Eggman) which would require health plans and health insurers to cover up to 12 months of services associated with the treatment of a maternal mental health condition.

Maternal depression can interfere with a mother's capacity to support healthy child development and may have long-lasting, negative effects on their child's health and learning. These types of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) are strongly correlated with long term negative health and life outcomes. Humboldt County continues to struggle with the highest number of adults with four or more ACES in their childhood history, when compared to other California counties.

Humboldt County supports legislative efforts to expand access to maternal mental health services in order to reduce exposure to ACES and improve long term health outcomes. We are pleased to join with the County Health Executive Association of California (CHEAC) in our support for AB 577.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn

Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

cc: Shaw/Yoder/Antwith, Inc.
 California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
 County Health Executive Association of California (CHEAC)
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Re: AB 1098 (O'Donnell) Substance use disorders: youth programs - Support

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports AB 1098 (O'Donnell) which would provide structure and accountability for the use of Proposition 64 Adult Use of Marijuana Act taxes for youth substance use disorder (SUD) services.

AB 1098 provides a framework for accountability to ensure that programs awarded grants from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account, created by the legalization of recreational cannabis, are evidence-based or evidence-informed and must include measurable outcomes. The bill requires grant applicants to provide plans for meaningful collaboration among local agencies, including educational, public, county-based and community-based organizations. This bill would also require the development of a statewide workforce plan to address the very serious shortage of SUD treatment providers which is particularly acute in rural areas.

Humboldt County supports state investment in substance use disorder treatment and services. We are pleased to join with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) in our support for AB 1098.

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Re: AB 1352 (Waldron) Community mental health services: mental health boards - Support

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (BOS) supports AB 1352 (Waldron) which would clarify the role, make-up and administration of local mental health boards.

Humboldt County utilizes a citizens Behavioral Health Board (BHB) to advise the BOS and advocate on matters related to both mental health and substance use disorder needs and services within the county. The BHB is an integral part of our continuum of care, bringing the voices of consumers, family members and transition-age youths forward in order to improve overall services. AB 1352 seeks to affirm the independence of local mental/behavioral health boards, clarify their responsibilities and establish goals for the board. The bill also would require a written response by county departments if substantive recommendations by the BHB are not included in the final Mental Health Services Act plan or subsequent updates.

Humboldt County supports legislation that protects and addresses the needs of vulnerable residents in the community. We are pleased to join with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the Steinberg Institute in our support for AB 1352.

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 389 (Hertzberg) Mental Health Services Act - Support

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports SB 389 (Hertzberg) which would amend the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to authorize counties to utilize money from the MHSA to provide services to individuals on parole.

Currently, the MHSA specifically prohibits using funds for certain treatment services for parolees. Individuals on parole should be encouraged to seek mental health treatment within their community. SB 389 provides counties the flexibility to provide high-quality services to individuals regardless of their justice-involved status, resulting in reduced recidivism and improved public safety.

Humboldt County supports state funding to increase treatment options for justice-involved individuals within our community. We are pleased to join with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), the Judicial Council of California and the California District Attorneys Association in our support for SB 389.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember Jim Wood
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: SB 445 (Portantino) Alcohol and drug treatment: youth - Support

Dear Assemblymember Wood:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports SB 445 (Portantino) which would begin the process of creating basic standards for the provision of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) prevention, intervention and treatment services to youths up to the age of 26.

Relatively few SUD services are available for young Californians today. Those that do exist are not required to meet standards that ensure those services take into account the unique biological, psychological and social development of youths. As funds become available for SUD services, statewide standards are needed to ensure that youths are provided high-quality, effective and culturally competent services. The convening of an expert panel to direct and guide the Department of Health Care Services as it adopts regulations in this field is critical for the protection of California youths while improving stewardship of public funds.

Humboldt County supports legislation that protects community health. We are pleased to join with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) in our support for SB 445.

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