



Healthy Mendocino Poverty Action Team Minutes for May 23, 2019

In attendance: Angelica Millan, Julie Fetherston, Julie Beardsley, Waldi Helma, Anne Molgaard, Julie Beardsley, Angela Wartell, Rachel Ebel-Elliot

Announcements: Angelica announced the HUD proposed rule change. On May 10, 2019 HUD proposed a rule change that would significantly alter the eligibility requirements for fed housing assistance based on immigration status. The proposed rule would prohibit 'mixed-status' families from living in public housing and section 8 units. The rule would also impose new documentation requirements for US Citizens and immigrants who are 62 and older. The group discussed the importance of the public comment period (which ends July 9th, there is still time!) before a final decision is made. They also discussed the possible impact on our local communities, including the impact on the Brush Street Farmworker Family Apartments, which is already having difficulty filling slots with qualified families. Julie will provide information on the proposed rule change and process for submitting comments to the Inland and Coast Housing teams and request that they submit comments from their organizations.

Update: Community Market –

- Market place will have about 25 booths
- Fliers are being finalized, Julie will send digital copies of flier for people to post

Update: Healthy Mendocino next steps

Julie updated the team on the changes happening with Healthy Mendocino. It is an evolving process and the group is looking to change the structure and process of how it approaches community healthy improvement work. At the current time, HM is considering restructuring the action teams and convening expertise teams that provide expertise in subject area content and then workgroups that are time-bound and convened to accomplish a specific goal or project. The process is ongoing, and Julie will continue to update the team as it evolves.

Discussion: Picture of Poverty

The group discussed the picture of poverty in Mendocino County and what we know and don't know, sources of information. The group brought up the following issues:

- Lack of clear paths for advancement
- Problems hiring and recruiting because of wages and/or housing
- Lack of qualified workforce

Julie will follow up with Career Point to see what workforce analysis they have completed and what resources are available. Angelica reminded the group about the LatinX lunch: Diversity and implicit Bias in hiring and workplace environment on June 14th. The group talked about the importance of including the workforce and economic development sectors. Until we can reschedule the meeting to include them, Julie will attend their next meeting on June 27th and bring an update to group.