



HOUSING ACTION TEAM

KEY FINDING: THE RESULTS OF THE HEALTHY MENDOCINO SURVEY SHOW THAT THE LACK OF HOUSING SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERMINES THE WELLNESS OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RESIDENTS.



Who we are: We are a group of community members, business owners, non-profit representatives and activists who convened following the release of the 2015 Mendocino County Community Health Needs Assessment and formed the Housing Action Team.



Our aim is to work with our county/city leaders to identify a multitude of solutions to our housing crisis whether it be for the elderly, working families, residents living in poverty, homelessness, professional workforce, mentally ill, disabled or any other populations in need.



The Housing Action Team is committed to eight core values:



1. We believe that housing should be available for all and that residents should have freedom to choose what option best suits their needs and have those options available to them.



2. We believe housing options should be safe.



3. We are united in advocating for housing for multiple populations in need, and support each of our individual mandates to work towards housing for specific populations.



4. We are committed to eliminating barriers to support the growth of new housing stock.



5. We believe housing for all should be integrated not segregated.



6. We believe that access to public utilities should not constitute a barrier to housing.



7. We strive to have representation from all segments of the Mendocino county population in order to successfully meet the housing needs of all.



8. We feel that county policies should support viable housing options for all Mendocino county residents.



Where are we now:

ACTION PLAN GOAL: Mendocino County will successfully develop additional housing stock for all economic sectors and each geographic area (including North Coast, South Coast, Laytonville/Leggett, Willits, Ukiah area, Anderson Valley, and Round Valley) of the County.



OBJECTIVE #1: Increase the public awareness and garner support for additional housing throughout the county.

- Hold a housing forum in Anderson Valley**
- Explore partnerships with MCOE, local schools, the College, Sheriff, PD's, Hospitals & Clinics, developers, realtors, etc.**



- **Research feasibility and determine appropriateness of declaring a Homeless State of Emergency**
- **Recommend Mendocino County create a position (e.g.Housing Czar) to oversee the development of additional housing for all populations**



- **Conduct a radio forum (maybe KZYX) to identify housing issues and invite people to the symposium**
- **Hold a housing symposium in Ukiah Valley**
- **Assist in the development and execution of housing forums in other areas of the County**



OBJECTIVE #2: Develop a working knowledge of the institutions that are assets or barriers to developing additional housing.