

MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
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MEMORANDUM

TO: MCHCD Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Garza, Jr.

DATE: March 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Graduation

On March 6, the Mendocino Office of Education graduated a class of Certified Nursing Assistants. This is notable because there continues to be a critical shortage in our County of Allied Health professionals. I want to recognize Director Lynn Finley, who directs this program and congratulate her on this recent success. Director Finley is also a Registered Nurse currently serving all the school districts and kids within our health care district as their School Nurse.

Measure A

Another potentially very significant workforce initiative will be placed on the June ballot by Mendocino College. If approved by the voters, it will enable the replacement of dilapidated temporary buildings on the Ukiah Campus that currently house Nursing and Allied Health. It will enable growth in the number of students served and will improve the quality of the instruction of these programs. It will also enable a new center for training fire fighters and will replace the aging and damaged buildings at the Coast Center.

Status of Seismic Retrofit and Modernization

We will get a report tonight on the status of seismic retrofit effort which is now moved from State application to the process of obtaining required permits and completing preliminary materials testing. There still may be an opportunity to implement our modernization plan in the near future. Adventist Health has indicated they are reviewing the lease agreement to determine if it can be modified to enable our District to acquire the needed revenue bonds. Additionally, the County of Mendocino is exploring whether an investment from employee retirement funds is possible, since their current portfolio includes a hospital in another country.