

Chair Ziemer and Members of the Measure Z Committee

3/7/19

Re: Extenuating Circumstances

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for your hard work for the community. I am writing to you to ask for your consideration of "Extenuating Circumstances" in regards to the late submission by the K'ima:w Medical Center.

The snow emergency and power shut down from a few weeks ago wrecked havoc on the rural communities of the Trinity and Klamath valleys. On a good day Internet service is iffy, but due to the snow storm, down trees, and power outages, these complications made it difficult to get their proposal in by the deadline. To this day there are still many in these communities that are without power.

Power surges have fried equipment and this emergency has placed a large stress on these communities.

These factors led to a late submittal of the K'ima:w proposal for what is critical life-saving services for this isolated area of our county.

I respectfully request that the committee consider these Extenuating Circumstances and accept this proposal for review and ranking.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Supervisor Madrone, 5th District



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Humboldt
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March 1, 2019

Humboldt County Citizen's Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures
c/o County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street, Room 112
Eureka, California 95501

Dear Members of the Measure Z Citizens Advisory Committee,

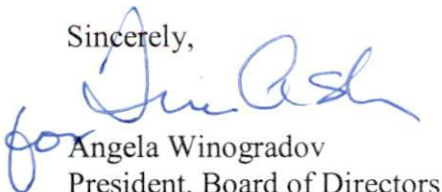
This letter declares NAMI Humboldt's support the project entitled "Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST) Expansion", which Humboldt County Health and Human Services has submitted to the Humboldt County Citizen's Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures.

MIST activities provide public safety and promote collaboration between County Mental Health staff and Law Enforcement officers through shared field work and the common goal of getting homeless individuals into stable housing as well as into substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment.

NAMI Humboldt supports the expansion of the role of MIST to be co-responders with law enforcement in the community to identify and engage homeless persons with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Many homeless members of our community need better access to appropriate services, ranging from alcohol and substance use services and detox, to community housing support, to outpatient mental health treatment. MIST can facilitate rapid access to these kinds of resources, decreasing the need for admission to acute services and freeing officers to return to their other duties.

NAMI Humboldt recognizes the importance of the MIST program, particularly for our mentally ill homeless individuals. We urge your support of the proposed expansion by funding their Measure Z proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela Winogradov".

for Angela Winogradov
President, Board of Directors
NAMI Humboldt



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March 6, 2019

Dear Members of the Measure Z Citizens Advisory Committee,

This letter declares Humboldt County Public Defender's intent to collaborate in the project entitled "Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST) Expansion", which Humboldt County Health and Human Services has submitted to the Humboldt County Citizen's Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures.

MIST activities provide public safety and promote collaboration between County Mental Health staff and Law Enforcement officers through shared field work and the common goal of getting homeless individuals into stable housing as well as into substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment.

Humboldt County Public Defender commits to working with DHHS, to expand the role of MIST to be co-responders with law enforcement in the community to identify and engage homeless persons with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Many homeless members of our community need better access to appropriate services, ranging from alcohol and substance use services and detox, to community housing support, to outpatient mental health treatment. MIST can facilitate rapid access to these kinds of resources, decreasing the need for admission to acute services and freeing officers to return to their other duties.

This letter is not an official agreement. All of the terms and conditions of the proposed collaboration would be negotiated, agreed, and executed by both parties upon designation of funds.

Humboldt County Public Defender is pleased to collaborate with MIST, and I would urge your favorable consideration of this funding request so that we will be able to jointly increase capacity for working with people experiencing chronic homelessness.

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PUBLIC DEFENDER, HUMBOLDT COUNTY