

# MENDOCINO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

## FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OVERVIEW

Through the 2022 Budget Act, California took a transformational step toward rebuilding our state and local public health workforce and infrastructure that was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic and decades of disinvestment. The \$276 million ongoing General Fund investment (roughly \$188 million for local health departments, \$98 million for CDPH), referred to as the Future of Public Health, is a critical investment in our state's public health readiness and response to protect local communities from existing and emerging public health threats.

## FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTMENTS REBUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- FoPH supported an equity lead position to conduct data analysis to identify effective ways to reach underserved populations in the county, educate and train staff and community partners on health equity matters, reviews departmental policies and practices to integrate equity into all operations.
- FoPH supported a program manager overseeing wellness and prevention, equity, and vital statistics programs, providing key services to the community.
- All staff were trained in vital statistics to ensure timely registration of all births and deaths that occur in Mendocino County.
- Introduced an electronic health record system for public health programs, supporting an employee leading this project to provide easier access to client information, billing, referrals, and quality assurance for the county's public health programs.
- FoPH funded staff to support Public Health Accreditation, including the community health assessment (CHA) and community health improvement plan (CHIP). The county's CHA is nearing finalization, and the CHIP is in process and will be completed soon.
- FoPH funds supported the establishment of quality assurance, quality improvement, and compliance units to improve overall performance of the public health department.
- FoPH supported a position tasked with data analysis in the communicable disease and immunizations program.
- FoPH funding not only prepared the department for the next major public health emergency but improved overall public health operations on a day-to-day basis.