



Board of Supervisor's Update

August 2017



**BREAKING
NEWS**

Mono County Community Development Department

June Lake CAC – At the Sept. 6 meeting conducted by **Wendy Sugimura**, attendees considered a recommended update on the June Lake Area Plan, with a focus on short-term rental policies. The proposed policies represented the synthesis of over 40 hours of community workshops and meetings (not including staff preparation time and data analysis), research of best practices, and review of regulations in a few other jurisdictions. At the next meeting on October 4, the CAC plans to thoroughly review the information, mix and match policy options to form an update they hope to support, and take action to recommend a policy update to the Planning Commission. Special thanks to staff who attended to provide support and subject matter expertise, including **Scott Burns** (planning issues), **Nick Criss** (code enforcement issues), **Sheriff Ingrid Braun** (law enforcement response), and **Stacey Simon** and **Christy Milovich** (legal issues).



Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Funding: Bridgeport Main Street – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendations for the 2017 ATP grant awards has been released, and Bridgeport Main Street made the cut! A reflection of the outstanding collaboration between the community, Caltrans, and Mono County, the \$434,000 project includes a hardscaped curb extension at the School Street crosswalk across US 395, and temporary (removable) curb extensions/pedestrian refuges at the Sinclair Street and Jolly Kone crosswalks. In response to community concerns about aesthetics, flower boxes may be planted and maintained by the community within the temporary features. Special thanks to **Garrett Higerd** (Public Works), **Terry Erlwein** (Caltrans), the **Bridgeport RPAC**, and **Sheriff Braun** for helping make this grant application successful.

California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Award: Thermal Biomass Project – CSAC has just announced that the Bridgeport Thermal Biomass Boiler Project received a *Merit Award in Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources*. A record number of 288 applications were received for five award categories, and Mono County ranked in the top three for our category to receive this award. A true multi-departmental, collaborative effort, a long list of persons are to be congratulated, including **Joe Blanchard, Wendy Sugimura, Public Works staff** (Dave Campbell, Jason Davenport, Eric Eilts, Claude Fiddler, Jesse Hale, John Hauter, Tony Iniguez, Tom Music, Don Nunn, Elliot Ross, Paul Roten, and Bill Van Kampen), **Tony Dublino** and solid waste staff, and **Megan Mahaffey**. A number of external collaborators deserve recognition as well, in particular the Eastside Biomass Project Team, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, TSS Consultants, and the **Sierra Nevada Conservancy**, who provided grant funds for the project.



Bi-State Sage-Grouse Website – At the Aug. 29 Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting, **Jake Suppa** rolled out the new website for the acclaimed multi-jurisdictional Bi-State Sage-Grouse conservation effort. Intended to assist with “telling our story,” public communication, and conservation collaboration, Mono County took the lead to establish the website for the entire habitat area in both California and Nevada. Special thanks to **Wendy Sugimura**, and **the Bureau of Land Management, Bishop Field Office**, who helped fund and complete the project, as well as other conservation partners. Check it out at <http://www.bistatesagegrouse.com/>.

Building Division – *Jason Davenport* is Mono County's new building inspector. He will be based in Bridgeport and conduct inspections in North County. Welcome to Team CDD, Jason!



PROBATION



Assemblyman Bigelow visited the Courts and Probation on August 10th. Seen here in the Bridgeport Probation Office is Hon. Stan Eller, AM Frank Bigelow and his wife Barbara Bigelow.



It's Never Too Late To Quit Smoking

Good retirement benefits are on the mind of all employees, including County employees. According to CalPers figures, in 1994, a healthy 55 year old man was expected to live another 25.5 years. Now, he has another 29.5 years. His healthy 55 year old female colleague was expected to live another 29.8 years in 1994, now is expected to live 31.9 years.

The smoking history of 160,000 participants older than 70 who were part of the [NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study](#) were followed from 2004 or 2005 until the end of 2011 to see who had died. During the follow-up period, 12 % of participants who never smoked died, compared to 33% of current smokers. The earlier people quit the better, but there was still a benefit even for late quitters. Of those who quit in their 30s, 16% died. In their 40s: 20%. In their 50s: 24%. And in their 60s: 28%. Of those who started when they were younger than 15, 38% died, compared to 23% of those who started when they were 30 or older. It is recommended that long term smokers use a program (the ALA has its [own](#), as does the [American Cancer Society](#) and [California Smokers' Helpline](#) in conjunction with pharmaceutical help, such as nicotine replacement products or prescription medications (such as Chantix or Zyban). Your odds of success are greater if you use both. Bottom line: if you want to enjoy your retirement benefits, with good quality of life, for as long as possible, quit smoking.

Estimate your potential \$ savings should you decide to quick smoking right away. <https://www.omnicalculator.com/other/quit-smoking>

SAFETY CORNER



September 17-23 is National Child Passenger Safety Week.

Children on Board

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, child safety seats, when used correctly, can reduce the risk of death in a car crash by 71%. Follow these 6 tips to ensure your child's safety:



- 1 Always use a car seat for your child, even if you are just going down the road.
- 2 Make sure the safety seat is appropriate for your child's age and weight.
- 3 Make sure the seat is installed correctly. Safe Kids Worldwide offers a car seat checklist at [safekids.org/checklist/car-seat-checklist-parents-pdf](https://www.safekids.org/checklist/car-seat-checklist-parents-pdf).
- 4 Take your vehicle and car seat to a local car seat inspection event so a certified technician can help you install it properly. Check with your local fire or police station for an event near you.
- 5 Do not buy a used car seat unless you're certain it hasn't been in a crash. This means buying it from someone you know and trust, not from a secondhand store or at a garage sale.
- 6 Check the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at www.cpsc.gov for information on product recalls and any other safety-related issues that have been reported.

Social Services

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program



As anticipated, the Trump Administration announced that it is rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program created by an Executive Order issued by President Obama. This rescission becomes effective March 5, 2018. This ostensibly provides Congress with a six-month window to pass legislation authorizing the DACA program, or something akin to it, to continue.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR MEDI-CAL: Our state has the majority of DACA participants, with about 223,000 approved – 25% of the nationwide number. For purposes of county social services, we work most often with DACA recipients through the Medi-Cal program, as they are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits under the PRUCOL category. The California Welfare Director’s Association confirmed that from DHCS’ perspective, **nothing has changed about DACA participant eligibility for Medi-Cal**. All DACA participants continue to be eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal until further notice.

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center has produced a toolkit entitled, “What Do I Need to Know if the DACA Program Ends?” The toolkit and other materials are found here: <https://www.ilrc.org/daca>.

Wait List Opening - Housing Choice Voucher Program

Formerly known as the Section 8 Program, the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program enables low-income households to obtain housing in the private market with rental subsidy received through the HCV program. Typically, a household pays approximately 30%-40% of their monthly income towards their rent and the Housing Authority pays the difference to the landlord/property owner.

HCV Pre-Qualifying Applications can be obtained as follows:

Visit this website: www.stancoha.org

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

**** The website is only open for 24 hours! ****

Only those applicants who are determined income eligible and either living in or working in Mono County will be admitted to the wait list for Mono County.



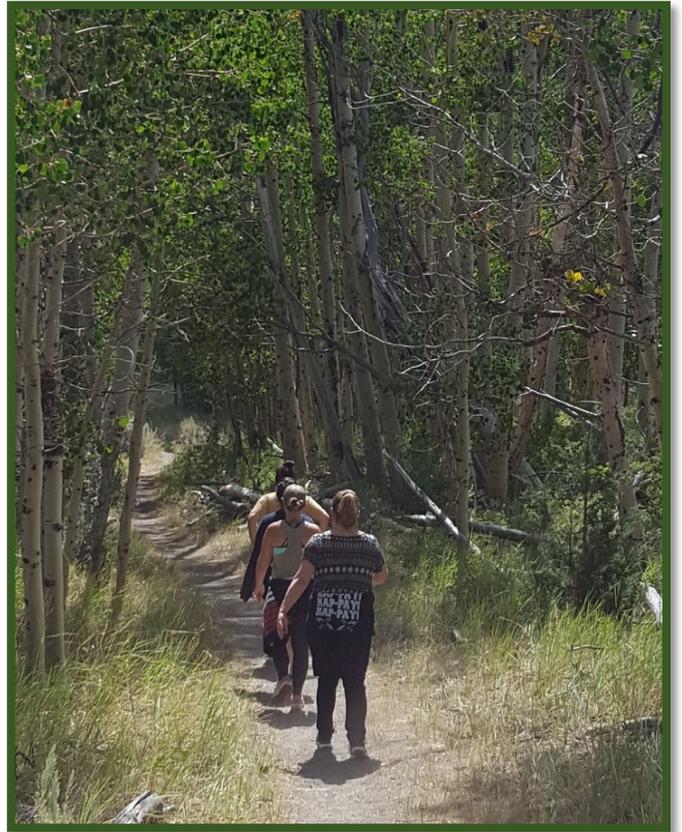
The Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus manages the HCV program for a variety of counties, including Mono. For more information about the wait list opening and how to apply, see the attached flyer.

Social Services

Eligibility Team Building Day

On August 23rd the Eligibility Team within the Department of Social Services had the opportunity to engage in a team building day in beautiful June Lake. Team building in the workplace significantly contributes towards employee motivation and building trust among the employees.

We took time to appreciate and acknowledge each other's efforts, and to celebrate our successes, including excellent State of California reviews on CalFresh, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and IEVS!



It was a great way to learn about and welcome our new Supervising Integrated Caseworker (Jennifer Esparza) to the team!

The day provided a chance to interact with one another in a fun setting and allowed us to forge better working relationships with one another.

All of the team members are extremely grateful to have these opportunities.



Social Services

Welcome Tiffany Montanez!



Tiffany Montanez joined the CPS, APS and IHSS division as the new Vocational Trainee. Tiffany was born and raised in Bakersfield, CA and moved to Mammoth Lakes almost 6 years ago where she and her husband raise their children and are actively engaged in the community.

In her first two weeks, Tiffany has already learned the process for receiving and documenting incoming reports of suspected child abuse and adult abuse - one of the most critical roles in the CPS/APS division.

Tiffany will be responsible for gathering key information from reporters to ensure that Social Workers have enough information to begin an investigation. She will

utilize State-mandated tools and follow protocol to determine initial safety threats for children, elders and developmentally delayed adults.

The Vocational Trainee supports all functions of child welfare and adult services, oversees office organization, and has direct contact with clients to assist them in accessing services towards bettering their lives. This role requires excellent communication skills and the ability to connect with people from all walks of life.

When asked why she applied for this role, Tiffany shared, "I want to grow more as a person and do something that has purpose and meaning in my life." Having grown up in a family with many struggles, Tiffany has an inherent understanding of the clients who come into contact with Social Services: "I want to be able to use my life experiences to hopefully help even just one mother and child someday. It would make everything I went through as a child/young adult worthwhile."

Like her husband, Sal, an employee of Mono County Behavioral Health, Tiffany shares the vision of "being a part of and doing something that is positive in our community." Tiffany is also motivated to be a role-model for her children and show them that "no matter what life throws at you, if you work hard and do not give up you can make your dreams come true and accomplish so much in life if you don't give up."

Antelope Valley Senior Center – where good things happen!

Skippy Sumner of California Telephone Access Program visited with the seniors in August. Skippy is hearing impaired and does the presentation with an interpreter. His presentations are always very entertaining (he has a great sense of humor!) as well as informative with the various free products they provide to assist the hearing, sight, mobility as well as memory impaired.



Social Services

Other Senior Center Activities in August included Bingo Day, Birthday Lunches, a new Puzzle Table, and blood pressure checks by our friendly Paramedic Staff.





Department of Health Care Services Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Rescission Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are DACA(s) eligible for Medi-Cal?

Yes. Under existing Medi-Cal policy, individuals with DACA status will continue to be eligible for state-funded, full scope Medi-Cal if they otherwise meet all other program eligibility requirements. DACA is one option used under the broader “deferred action status” immigration categories; DACA is not a specific Medicaid eligibility category. Individuals with DACA status are given Medi-Cal eligibility under a broader immigration category that includes a number of categories of non-citizens who are eligible for full scope Medi-Cal coverage under existing state law and California Medicaid policy. In California, this broader immigration category is known as Permanently Residing in the U.S. Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) and within this category, there are 16 different subcategories. Therefore, individuals with DACA status will not have their health coverage impacted unless they have other changes in their eligibility status (e.g., increase in income, no longer residing in California, etc.)

2. How does the rescission of DACA at the federal level impact Medi-Cal eligibility for existing DACA(s) in California?

There will be no changes to the Medi-Cal coverage for DACA recipients (adults or children) in California. Under existing Medi-Cal policy, individuals in a deferred action status category (or any other PRUCOL category) continue to be eligible for state-funded, full scope Medi-Cal if they otherwise meet all other Medi-Cal program eligibility requirements.

3. Does the rescission of DACA impact the eligibility processes at local county social services agencies?

No, there are no changes to the current business processes of county social services agencies in conferring Medi-Cal eligibility for individuals. Counties shall continue to apply existing Medi-Cal policy in determining Medi-Cal eligibility for immigrants with DACA status.

4. Is there anything I need to do regarding my Medi-Cal eligibility given this change?

No, there is nothing you need to do.

5. Will my Medi-Cal services be impacted by this change?

No, your Medi-Cal services and coverage are not impacted by this change.

6. Will my information as a DACA recipient be reported to the federal government?

The department is required under federal law to verify citizenship or immigration status for almost all individuals who apply for Medi-Cal coverage and to report data including demographic information and immigration status, to the federal government. The verification processes and data reporting are done solely for the purposes of administering the Medi-Cal program and are not reported for immigration enforcement purposes unless you are found to have committed a crime, such as fraud.



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Housing Choice Voucher Program Wait List Opening Announcement Mono County

The Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus announces the opening of the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) for Mono County.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INTERESTED APPLICANTS:

The Housing Authority is limiting the wait list opening to applicants who qualify for the Local "Residency Preference". Only those applicants who are determined income eligible and either living in or working in Mono County will be admitted to the wait list. This wait list opening limitation is in accordance with HUD PIH Notice 2012-34

HCV Pre-Qualifying Applications can be obtained as follows:

- Visit our website at www.stancoha.org

Dates: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 until further notice

Times: Website open 24 hours.

For accommodations for persons with disabilities or translation for persons speaking another language please contact the Housing Authority County of Stanislaus at (209) 557-2000

Note: The website will not have applications available until the date specified above.



MONO COUNTY

Housing Choice Voucher Program Income Limits Effective 04/14/2017

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

ANNUAL INCOME LIMIT

(50% of Area Median Income)

1 Person	\$26,550
2 Persons	\$30,350
3 Persons	\$34,150
4 Persons	\$37,900
5 Persons	\$40,950
6 Persons	\$44,000
7 Persons	\$47,000
8 Persons	\$50,050

EXEMPT INCOME TYPES (Do not Include the following types of income when assessing eligibility for the Housing Choice Voucher Program)

- Income from employment of children under the age of 18 years old.
NOTE: "Benefits" income such as Social Security, TANF, SSI, received on behalf of minor children ARE considered income to the household
- Payments received for the care of foster children or foster adults
- Lump-sum additions to the household (inheritances, insurance settlements)
- Income of a live-in attendant
- Earnings in excess of \$480 for each full-time student 18 years or older (excluding the head of household and spouse)
- Food Stamp Benefits

LET'S RECYCLE!



Beverage container recycling receptacles have been placed at select locations throughout Mono County. More convenient recycling options should increase participation and help the County work towards the statewide goal of 75% diversion. This project was funded through the City County Beverage Container Recycling Payment Program.



Please continue to share with all your friends, neighbors, clients, family or anyone else that might benefit from our free groups and classes.

SIERRA WELLNESS CENTER **September 2017** Join us for fun and free activities!

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THE BENTON SOCIAL PRESENTS

TACO NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

5PM-7PM

AT THE BENTON COMMUNITY CENTER



BRING A SIDE DISH IF YOU LIKE.

THERE WILL BE NO SOCIAL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2017.

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT MONTH.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE @

<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/behavioral-health>

Call: 760-924-1740 for more information

Hosted by MCBH paid for by prop.63

Antelope Valley Senior Center
invites you to join us on:

**Wednesday September 13th at
12:00 Noon**

For a lunch discussion with guest speakers:

✚ **Charles Armour - Lambert Funeral
Homes**

✚ **Phil West-Mono County
Sheriff/Coroner's office**

*** Making end of life arrangements when a loved
one dies at home ***

For information, questions, or to reserve your lunch
please call or email Pat Espinosa at the numbers listed
below



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Strategies 2.0

Strategies 2.0 is a catalyst for the professional skills, organizational structure, and community relationships necessary to mitigate the risk factors for child abuse and neglect, and to promote child, family, and community well-being.

We provide an integrated learning system that includes
TRAINING, CONSULTATION, and NETWORKING
for the family strengthening field.



An Introduction to the Protective Factors

Do you work with children and families? Attend this training to develop new skills that support families to build on their strengths and create a family environment that promotes healthy child development. Learn family-strengthening strategies that can be incorporated into your day-to-day work with families and identify how the presence of the Protective Factors are directly linked to the reduction of child abuse and neglect.

Cost: Free

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION BY:

Paulette Erwin, Program Coordinator
Ombudsman/Advocacy Services of Inyo-Mono

Paulette will be giving us a general overview of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and provide information on:

- ❖ financial abuse
- ❖ advance health care directives

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 2017

TIME: 12:00 NOON

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