



Measure I

Sonoma County Child Care & Children's Health Ordinance

Community Advisory Council

February 26, 2026

Ancestral Land Acknowledgement

Today, the First 5 Sonoma County Commission and the Measure I Advisory Council is humbled to bring us together on the ancestral lands of the Southern Pomo People. We celebrate the active work of their descendants to preserve & nourish their indigenous culture and identity.

We acknowledge the Southern Pomo People as the traditional stewards and custodians of this area and honor with gratitude the land itself, all of its ancestors - past, present and future.

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

Zoom Interpretation/Interpretación de Zoom



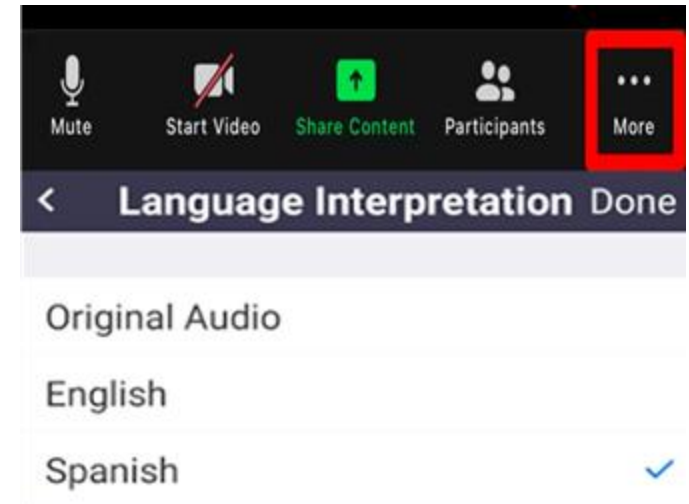
Computer / Computadora

1. Click on the "Interpretation" icon
2. Select your preferred language



1. Haga clic en el icono "Interpretación"
2. Elige su idioma preferido

Phone / Por Telefono



Agenda Review & Minutes Approval

We appreciate your comments!



02:00

Community Agreements



**Public comment
on non-agendized items**

**Comentarios públicos sobre
temas no incluidos en la
agenda**

We appreciate your comments!



02:00

Guidelines for Public Comment

Directrices para los comentarios públicos



- Public comments are brief statements intended to inform the CAC and First 5 about the topic/Action Item
- Comments from the public at public meetings do not include questions and is not intended to be a dialogue
- Appointed Council members and First 5 staff and consultants are discouraged from responding or discussing topics with the public (can potentially constitute a Brown Act violation)
- Time limits can (and typically will) be imposed per comment and/or for total time allotted
- Los comentarios públicos son declaraciones breves destinadas a informar al CAC y a First 5 sobre el tema o punto de acción.
- Los comentarios del público en reuniones públicas no incluyen preguntas y no están destinados a ser un diálogo.
- Se desalienta a los miembros designados del Consejo, al personal de First 5 y a los asesores de responder o discutir temas con el público (ya que podría constituir una violación de la Ley Brown).
- Se pueden imponer límites de tiempo por comentario y/o para el tiempo total asignado (y típicamente se impondrán).

First 5 Sonoma County Staff Report & Discussion

Staff Report & Discussion



Measure I Community Advisory Council Vacancies

- 1 local child care provider representative: center-based ECE who works in the classroom
- 1 representative of pediatric, perinatal and/or mental health care program and/or systems

Process for Recruitment/Appointment

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors post vacancies for mandated period (10 days minimum), accepts applications through portal
- First 5 Sonoma promotes opportunity through outreach
- Board of Supervisors appoints candidates based on First 5 Commission recommendations

Staff Report & Discussion



Measure I Community Advisory Council Vacancies

- 1 local child care provider representative: center-based ECE who works in the classroom
- 1 representative of pediatric, perinatal and/or mental health care program and/or systems

Process for Recruitment/Appointment

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors post vacancies for mandated period (10 days minimum), accepts applications through portal
- First 5 Sonoma promotes opportunity through outreach
- Board of Supervisors appoints candidates based on First 5 Commission recommendations

Measure I Implementation - Health

Building Up Bilingual Bicultural Mental Health Workforce



Perinatal Specialty for Bilingual, Bicultural Therapists

- *"It is helpful to have the training to be given bilingually because it gives a better sense of how to utilize the proper terminology with the clients and in my own clinical work."*
- *"I liked learning more about the medical aspect of what goes on during and post pregnancy to get a better understanding of how it can affect them physically as well as emotionally and mentally."*



HUMANIDAD
Therapy & Education Services



MEASURE I
OUR KIDS
OUR FUTURE



FIRST
5
sonoma county

THERAPY FOR PRENATAL AND POSTPARTUM

WE OFFER BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL THERAPY FOR MOTHERS
EXPERIENCING PRENATAL AND POSTPARTUM SYMPTOMS,
PLEASE CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION.



FIRST 10 SESSIONS ARE FREE

To register:
CLIENT_SERVICES@HUMANIDADTHERAPY.ORG
707-525-1515 EXT. 116
1260 N. DUTTON AVE, SUITE 230
SANTA ROSA, CA 95401

Measure I Implementation - Health

Equipping Bilingual Bicultural Lactation Connectors



Amamantando con Amor

- Honoring cultural traditions and community wisdom while integrating best practices in lactation support
- 8 agencies will host trainings for abuelas, tías, friends, neighbors, and local leaders



Measure I Implementation - Health

Supporting Mental Health of Children Experiencing Homelessness



Four Corners Family Support Collaborative

- Clinical therapy, community supports, and place-based services



COTS

- Licensed Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Therapist integrated into shelter

Measure I Implementation - Health

Supporting New Parents Mental Health and Connection



“Feeling like myself and getting out of my head. Noticing I am not alone or the only one going through motherhood. Making me feel like I’m a great mom even if half the time I have no idea what I’m doing.”

Expressed gratitude for learning to prioritize their own wellbeing, noting positive changes in their emotional regulation, inner peace, and relationships with their family.

“Exactly what she was looking for”

Felt "seen and hopeful"

Groups implemented by: Café Puente, Keystone Therapy, On The Move (La Plaza), Mothers Care, On The Margins, Petaluma Health Center, West County Health Centers



Measure I Implementation – Early Care and Education (ECE)

Expanding access to quality early learning opportunities



Low Income Investment Fund: Sonoma County ECE Facilities Grants

Phased Approach:

- Prioritize urgent health & safety renovations
- Build grantmaking infrastructure
- Launch outreach & informational sessions
- Open intake process
- Provide technical assistance and grant awards
- Prepare for Phase 2 expansion



Measure I Implementation - ECE

Expanding access to quality early learning opportunities



Mini-grants:

Small grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 designed to help early care and education providers strengthen the quality of care and learning environments for children ages 0-5 through investments in durable, high-quality materials.

Program Type	Award Amount	# Funded
Family Child Care Home – Small License	\$1,500	57
FCCH – Large License	\$2,500	48
Licensed Center-Based	\$5,000	36
Playgroups	\$1,000	4
Total		145

Measure I Implementation - ECE

Expanding access to quality early learning opportunities



Measure I Implementation - ECE

Supporting development and stabilization of the ECE workforce



Sonoma County ECE Apprenticeships provides a paid, structured pathway that combines the following elements to prepare and retain early educators in Sonoma County:

- On-the-job learning
- Mentorship
- College coursework

8
Provider
agencies

34
apprentices

Renee Whitlock, Fulton Community School & Farm:

“The apprenticeship program has created a true pathway for emerging educators to develop their practice within a strong, relationship-based program while bringing fresh perspective, energy, and a deep eagerness to learn to our teaching team. The funding from Measure I has been essential in allowing us to continue hosting apprentices with greater continuity and stability. Because of this support, apprentices are able to remain in their placements longer, deepen their learning, build meaningful relationships with children and staff, and fully engage in the philosophy that grounds our program...In a field that operates on very thin margins, this funding makes participation possible for both the program and the apprentices, and it directly contributes to strengthening the overall quality of early childhood education across Sonoma County.”

CAC Member Discussion: Community Insights

First 5 Sonoma County Evaluation Activities

Evaluation Framework Development

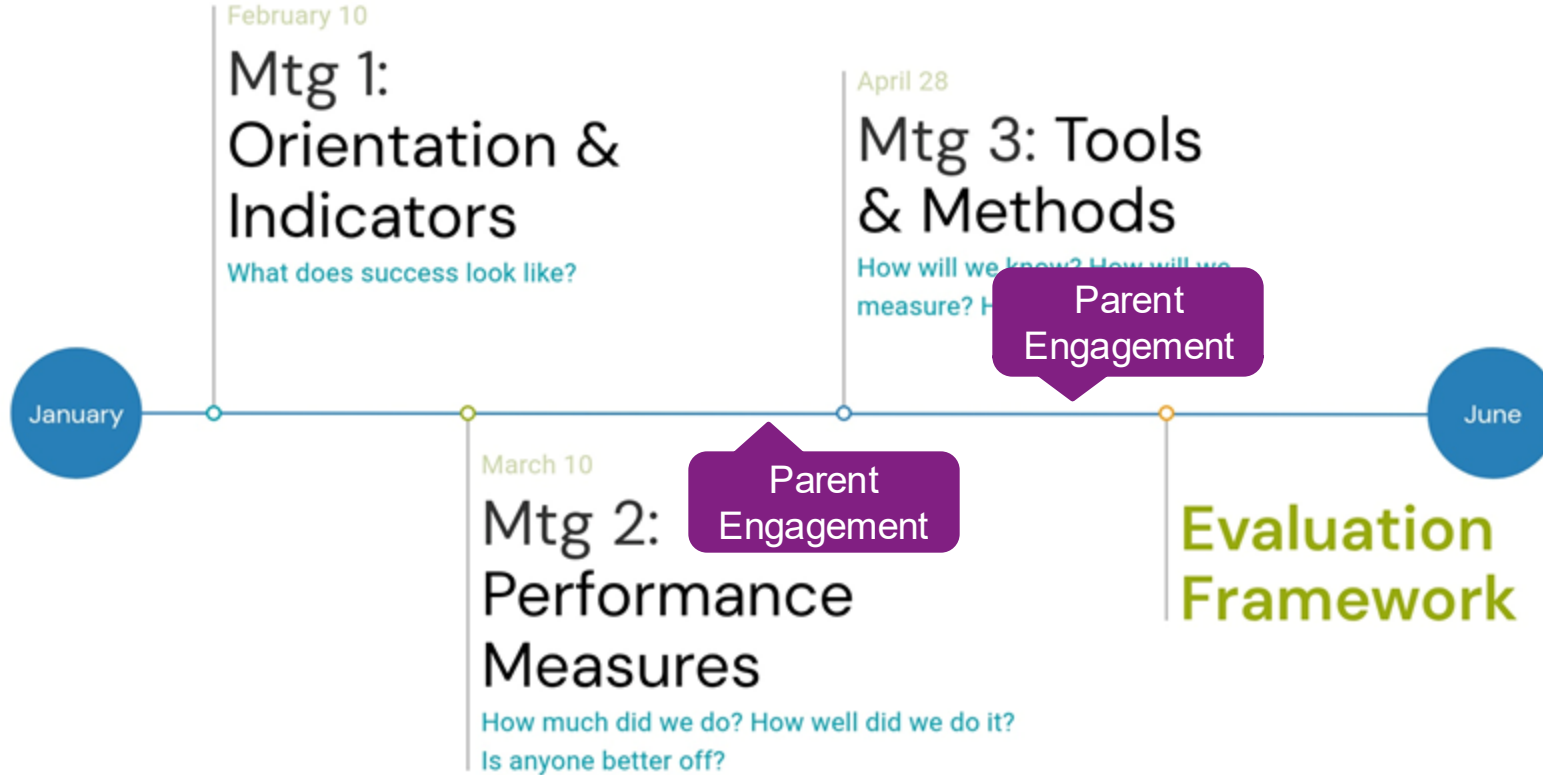


- Translate the goals and strategies laid out in the new strategic plan into a measurable evaluation framework
- Convened an Evaluation Committee to advise on indicators and performance measures

Evaluation Committee

- **Adriana Arrizón**, Measure I CAC Chair; Health Action Together
- **Donna Broadbent**, F5SC Commissioner and Chair; Sonoma County Human Services Department
- **Óscar Chávez**, F5SC Commissioner; Community Foundation Sonoma County
- **Liz DePrimo**, F5SC Commissioner; Child Care Planning Council, SC Office of Ed
- **Norine Doherty**, Sonoma County Human Service Department
- **Lisa Johnson-Foster**, Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of the North Bay
- **Helen Myers**, Measure I CAC Vice Chair; Food For Thought
- **Kelly Noe**, Sonoma County Human Service Department
- **Norma (Milagros) Ott**, Measure I CAC Member; Multicultural Child Development Center
- **Elizabeth Vermilyea**, Child Parent Institute
- **Angie Dillon-Shore, Sandra Uribe, Monica De La Cruz**, First 5 Sonoma County

Evaluation Activities



Medi-Cal Updates: Presentation & Discussion

Medi-Cal Changes (2026-2028)



H.R. 1 (e.g., One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025) includes the largest funding cuts to health care and food assistance in US history.

Up to 2 million Californians to lose their Medi-Cal (California Health and Human Services Agency)

- Reduction of benefits
- Reduction of program scope
- Reduction of access

2026 Medi-Cal Coverage Changes



- ***These Medi-Cal members will see any changes to their benefits in 2026***
 - **Older adults and people with disabilities** (Asset limits)
 - **Adult immigrants age 19+** (enrollment freeze, dental coverage, monthly premiums)

2026 Medi-Cal Coverage Changes



As of January 1, 2026, there are no new enrollments for adults 19 or older who are: 1) undocumented, 2) not pregnant, and 3) do not have satisfactory immigration status for federal full scope Medi-Cal.

Background:

Since January 2020, full scope Medi-Cal was available to qualifying young adults ages 19-25, regardless of immigration status. Full scope Medi-Cal coverage was then extended to older adults ages 50 and older starting May 2022. Then, in January, full scope Medi-Cal was extended to adults ages 26-49 starting January 2024.

Children (0–18 years old) can get full Medi-Cal coverage, no matter their immigration status.

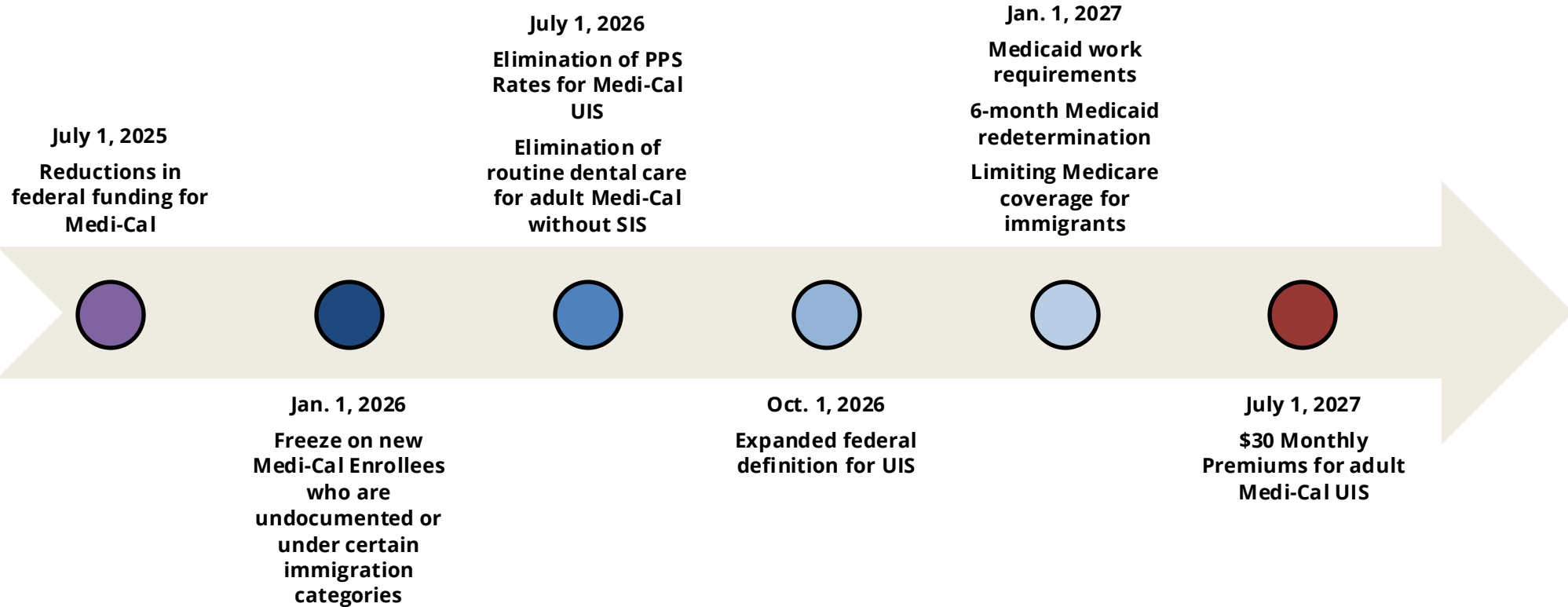
2026 Medi-Cal Coverage Changes



Definition of "qualified immigrant" is changing October 1, 2026

- *H.R. 1* (e.g., *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* of 2025) amended how immigration status is treated for health programs, narrowing the definition
 - Under the revised definition, the following immigrants who do not have a green card will no longer meet the federal eligibility criteria for federally funded Medicaid: refugees, asylees, trafficking survivors, and many humanitarian parolees.
 - California has 200,000 people on MediCal who will be impacted by the narrowed definition. It is planning on covering some, but not all, groups affected due to budget challenges.

Timeline: State and Federal Changes



Definitions:

- UIS = Unsatisfactory Immigrations Status

Medi-Cal Reform: Cal-AIM Population Health Management



At the August 28, 2025 CAC meeting, members heard a presentation that described reform efforts called Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports.

Enhanced Care Management: Comprehensive care management to address both clinical and nonclinical complex needs for Populations of Focus (PoF)

- One of these PoF is *Birth Equity*: Pregnant and postpartum individuals have racial and ethnic outcome disparities as defined by CA Public Health Data (Black, American Indian, Alaska Native, Pacific Islander)

Community Supports: Services that can be made available to people who are receiving ECM. These supports help address health needs (e.g., housing, asthma remediation, medically supportive food, respite care)

Medi-Cal Reform: Sonoma County



How is implementation going for the Birth Equity Population of Focus?

Managed Care Plan	Period	Average Number of Members in the Past 12 Months	Birth Equity Participants
Kaiser Permanente	Jan-June 2025	25,595	
Partnership Health Plan of California	Jan-June 2025	111,529	49

Medi-Cal Reform: Sonoma County



Community Supports Provided Jan-June 2025 to Sonoma County ECM participants NOT specific to Birth Equity Population of Focus

Managed Care Plan	Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services	Housing Transition Navigation Services	Medically Tailored Meals or Medically Supportive Food	Personal Care and Homemaker Services	Recuperative Care Medical Respite	Respite Services	Short Term Post Hospitalization Housing
Kaiser Permanente M = 25,595	0	71	196	30	0	31	0
Partnership Health Plan of California M = 111,529	414	704	1,382	82	39	25	121

*Note: Community Supports with **no services** provided during the Jan-June 2025 period by either provider: Asthma Remediation, Community Transition Services Nursing Facility Transition to a Home, Day Habilitation Programs, Environmental Accessibility Adaptions Home Modifications, Housing Deposits, Nursing Facility Transition Diversion to Assisted Living Facilities, Sobering Centers.*

Medi-Cal Reform: Sonoma County



CalAIM Uptake on Enhanced Care Management has been slow.

10/1/25-12/31/25: Partnership Health Plan of California

- 82 children have been enrolled from 1,356 who were eligible (6%)
- 3 people eligible under the Birth Equity population of focus have been enrolled from 35 who were eligible (8.5%)

2026 Medi-Cal Coverage Changes



CalAIM Section 1115 and 1915(b) Waivers

Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver: Allows California to test and scale new Medi-Cal delivery and payment models (i.e. Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports) to address complex health and social needs (such as housing instability, justice involvement, and behavioral health) beyond what standard Medicaid rules allow.

CalAIM Section 1915(b) Waiver: Gives California authority to operate Medi-Cal primarily through mandatory managed care, enabling the state to selectively contract with managed care plans and require most beneficiaries to receive services through those plans rather than fee-for-service.

Waiver Expiration & Renewal:

- These waivers expire Dec 31, 2026 unless renewed or replaced.
- DHCS has begun planning for renewals



Next Community Advisory Council Meeting:
April 23, 2026
3:00-5:00 pm

LOCATION:
120 Stony Point Rd., Suite 155, Santa Rosa