

In 2018, California Governor Brown signed into law AB210, which became Welfare and Institutions Code section 18999.8 and was further amended in 2019. This statute allows individuals employed by public entities to establish a team with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services within that county **and** to share confidential information for the purpose of coordinating housing and supportive services to ensure continuity of care.

The sharing of information permitted under this statute shall be governed by protocols developed by the county to ensure that confidential information gathered by the team is not disclosed in violation of state or federal law and upon conclusion of training.

Furthermore, any discussion relative to, or the information obtained via the MDT is not admissible in any criminal, civil, or juvenile court proceeding.

The MDT concept is to assemble the experts who deal with the core issues responsible for homelessness, conduct critical assessments and subsequent strategic plan for elevating the participants health and living conditions.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES



Behavioral Health
Child & Adult Services
Clergy
Community Resource Collaborative
Dignity Health
Domestic Violence Counselor
Fairchild Medical
District Attorney
Housing Services Provider
Human Health Services
Law Enforcement
Public Defender
Probation Department
Six Stones Wellness Center
Veterans Administration

To reach the MDT Facilitator , call
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SISKIYOU COUNTY Homeless Adult and Family Multidisciplinary Team



The **Multidisciplinary Team** facilitates the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals and families to housing and supportive services within Siskiyou County.

MDT PROCESS

INTERVIEWER:

- Identify homeless person in need.
- Introduce self and the MDT process.
- Obtain Release of Information to initiate the sharing process.
- Ascertain services needed and/or programs currently enrolled in.
- Identify existing case worker assigned.
- Identify support person, if no case worker assigned.
- Forward information to the facilitator.

EXISTING CASE WORKER:

- Be familiar with participant's file.
- Ensure participant is able to attend the scheduled meeting.
- Suggest other service providers who can contribute.

FACILITATOR:

- Confirm availability at MDT meeting.
- Solicit service providers needed.
- Ensure transportation is in place.
- Coordinate with District Attorney & Public Defender if reducing felony is appropriate.
- Ensure a Behavioral Health Case Worker is present.
- Facilitate the meeting and document with notes.

MDT ASSESSMENT MEETING:

- Identify critical barriers.
- Determine strategies to overcome barriers.
- Establish an action plan and time line.
- Identify a responsible case worker.
- Provide written outcome to facilitator.

SISKIYOU COUNTY MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

You can offer a life changing opportunity to anyone who identifies as homeless or is in fear of becoming homeless, by simply contacting any of the participants listed on the reverse side and asking to speak with an MDT member or the facilitator at (530) 604-4155.

MDT story #1. An individual who had been homeless for almost 20 years, took up residency behind a local store. Adversaries destroyed the makeshift home, forcing the party out of the bushes and onto the street. This individual attended an MDT assessment and acquired assistance in obtaining her Social Security card, General Assistance, a used trailer, rent for a trailer space, and was also able to substitute work hours in a healthy environment in lieu of serving time in jail for an outstanding warrant. It was a collaborative effort that pooled resources to assist this young person.

MDT story #2. This individual, who had previously been very successful in life, became homeless and on probation for a misdemeanor violation that had escalated to a felony due to extenuating circumstances. Following the MDT assessment, this individual was placed into temporary housing away from the previous vicinity that added to the frustration, assigned a case worker and the recipient of a reduced probationary period.

MDT story #3 is a success because the participating MDT service member gained valuable experience and considerable insight from participating in prior MDT assessment meetings and used those newly acquired skills to promote the welfare of an originally hesitant participant, who is now a productive community member in Siskiyou County.

