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Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Announces New County Health Officer

Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency is pleased to announce Gary Pace, MD, MPH, as its new County Health Officer. Dr. Pace is a Family Physician who has practiced in community health centers in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties for over 20 years, working in primary care and community medicine with underserved populations, as both provider and medical director.

Dr. Pace said he is “very excited to be taking on the role of Mendocino County Health Officer. I have a strong connection to the community and a keen interest in environmental issues and how human health is impacted.” Dr. Pace is an advocate for appropriate and compassionate treatments for substance use and mental health problems and finding ways for the health care system to more effectively address social disparities. A particular interest has been ensuring that all people have access to quality medical care.

Dr. Pace attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and has training and experience integrating public health, medical care, behavioral health, and substance abuse treatment. In addition to working in community and tribal health centers, Dr. Pace recently served as the Interim Health Official for Lake County.

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