What exactly is this plan and why are we putting it together:

1. What exactly is an Abbreviated Consolidated Plan and how does it differ from a Consolidated Plan?

   - The **Consolidated Plan** (Con-Plan) is a locally generated report on housing and community development needs of low and moderate-income households. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires ConPlans from cities with populations over 50,000; from counties with more than 200,000 people; and from all states (this is further described later).
   - Mendocino’s population in 2010 was 87,841, too small to be required to submit a Con Plan to HUD. Mendocino County does have a Housing Element that addresses these issues. It was submitted to CA Housing and Urban Development. It was revised December 2010.
   - **What is an abbreviated Plan** – An assessment of needs, resources, planned activities that contain sufficient information about needs, resources, and planned activities to address the needs to cover the type and amount of assistance **anticipated to be funded by HUD**.

2. So why exactly are we doing this?

   - **For SHP, S+C and SRO: Units of general local government** that apply must have either an approved Plan or Abbreviated Plan, and therefore must submit a certification for projects located within its jurisdiction. In other words – this must be in place to apply for HUD funds!

Three previous plans have been developed, submitted and approved by HUD. They were:

   - Abbreviated Housing Strategy: Supportive Housing Program, 10/1/94-9/30/97
   - Abbreviated Consolidated Plan: Continuum of Care for the Homeless, 9/1/98-7/31/01
   - Abbreviated Consolidated Plan: Continuum of Care for the Homeless, 8/1/2006-8/31/2011