

30 Mendocino-Lake Adult And Career Education (MLACE) Consortium

Fiscal Declaration - Consortium Approved

Consortium Name: 30 Mendocino-Lake Adult And Career Education (MLACE) Consortium

Funding Channel: Fiscal Agent

Fiscal Agent: Mendocino-Lake CCD

Narrative: Narrative: In alignment with our mission, Mendocino Lake Adult & Career Education Consortium seeks to utilize all allocation resources towards the accomplishment of its focused annual plan goals, which were developed through our 3-year strategic planning process. These goals are: 1. Identify, develop, and expand offerings of non-credit MC curriculum in the priority pathways, 2. Improve enrollment in existing programs based on community needs data, 3. Create and implement strategies that improve the sustainability of our health care programs (MA, CNA, DA and Phlebotomy), 4. Improve the transition services with which our students connect to outside support agency services, 5. Finish the pathway maps in the priority areas, 6. Continue to collect, analyze and improve the accuracy of our student data, and 7. Improve student retention rates from enrollment to completion of personal education goals.

Changes: No Changes

Member Allocations

Member Name	(2023-24)	(2022-23)	(2021-22)
Anderson Valley Unified	\$125,740	\$114,943	\$106,452
Fort Bragg Unified	\$45,286	\$41,398	\$38,340
Kelseyville Unified	\$59,329	\$54,235	\$50,228
Lake Co. Office of Education	\$115,392	\$105,484	\$97,691
Mendocino Co. Office of Education	\$35,073	\$12,488	\$11,566
Mendocino-Lake CCD	\$528,549	\$483,167	\$447,475
Ukiah Unified	\$953,753	\$871,861	\$807,456
Upper Lake Unified	n/a	\$19,573	\$18,127
Willits Unified	\$19,329	\$17,670	\$16,365
Total Allocated to Members	\$1,882,451	\$1,720,819	\$1,593,700
Total CAEP Funds	\$1,882,451	\$1,740,915	\$1,633,741
Total Remaining	\$0	\$20,096	\$40,041

Carryover Threshold

Input a percentage of carryover that your consortium agrees will be considered an excessive amount.

Should a member, or members, exceed this carryover percentage upon certification of their Q4 report, they will be flagged as non-compliant with the AB 1491 legislation. One year of non-compliance does not carry a penalty. However, should the same member, or members, have two consecutive years of non-compliance the consortium may agree, by majority vote, to reallocate an amount that does not exceed the carryover to other members.

A consortium does have the ability to opt-out. To do so, simply toggle the carryover threshold button to the off position.

Carryover Threshold Off

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1. Have all community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or any joint powers authority, located within the boundaries of the adult education region been allowed to join the consortium as a member? *

Yes

2. Have all members committed to reporting any funds available to that member for the purposes of education and workforce services for adults and the uses of those funds? *

Yes

3. How will the available funds be reported and evaluated? *

All Consortium members have stated their commitment to discuss any funds available to that member for the purpose of education and workforce services for adults. The available funds will be discussed and evaluated at the August/September Mendocino-Lake Consortium budget planning meeting to reflect the school budget planning calendar cycle. This budget planning consortium meeting will be reported, and funds evaluated for all members present or absent in written hard copy and electronic message form. Available CAEP funds will be evaluated with criteria for each expenditure: All funds used to support the planned program objectives of the CAEP program are reasonable and justifiable expenses.

4. How will you assure that each member of the consortium is represented only by an official designated by the governing board of the member? *

Prior to monthly consortium meetings, any consortium member not able to attend will notify the CAEP-MLACE Director that they will not be able to attend and indicate whether they will send a designee. A designee shall have the authority to vote by proxy on behalf of their member agency. Each member agency has only one vote even if multiple agency representatives are present in a meeting. The minutes of each consortium meeting will be sent to each member and posted on our website. Voting members will be formally approved by their own agency board. The request to each CAEP member agency is that their representative be given the authority to make a representative decision for their agency at each CAEP Consortium meeting. This will empower the CAEP Consortium to make timely decisions when solving time sensitive issues brought before the CAEP Consortium.

5. How will you assure that each member of the consortium participates in any decision made by the consortium? *

All agendas and minutes from every Consortium meeting will be shared with all members and partners present or absent in with 7-10 days of the previous meeting. A designee will receive the same consortium meeting minutes of each meeting they attend to assure all members of the consortium participate in any decision-making process made by the consortium. The voting power of each member is one vote. The current voting members are Mendocino College, Lake County Office of Education, Mendocino County Office of Education, Anderson Valley Unified School District, Fort Bragg Unified School District, Ukiah Unified School District, Willits Unified School District and Kelseyville Unified School District. The consortium voted to ensure the CAEP Program Director will not vote on any decisions brought to the consortium for a vote. The CAEP Director will remain neutral as a facilitator and supporter of consortium governance process.

6. What will be the relative voting power of each member? *

1 member = 1 vote

7. How will decisions be approved? *

by consensus

8. How did you arrive at that decision-making model? *

The Consortium decided on the consensus decision making process in the meetings.. Each Member and partner at our meeting was asked to give their opinion on the most effective and efficient governance model.

9. How will proposed decisions be considered in open, properly noticed public meetings of the consortium at which members of the public may comment? *

The Mendocino-Lake Consortium will post all meeting Agendas publicly on the consortium website and on the door at the site of the meeting 72 hours and electronically in advance. Time will be allocated at each Consortium meeting for Public Comments. Meeting minutes will be made publicly available on the Consortium Website after the approval by the consortium. ([www.https://mendolakeace.org/about/#1492194865833-767c859c-a6e1](https://mendolakeace.org/about/#1492194865833-767c859c-a6e1))

10. Describe how will you provide the public with adequate notice of a proposed decision and consider any comments submitted by members of the public. *

The consortium agendas will be available at our consortium website <https://mendolakeace.org/about/#1492194865833-767c859c-a6e1> The public will be provided with adequate notice of the proposed decisions and will be encouraged to submit public comments.

11. Describe how comments submitted by members of the public will be distributed publicly. *

Members of the Public submitting comments will be publicly distributed through the agenda and in the summarized minutes at all consortium meetings and on our website for public knowledge.

12. Describe the process by which the consortium will solicit and consider comments and input regarding a proposed decision from other entities located in the adult education region that provide education and workforce services for adults. *

A list of all current public agencies in the adult education region providing education and workforce services will be created and posted on our website. This data base will be updated regularly and shared with consortium members and partners and on our consortium website. These would include local public agencies, departments, and offices, particularly those with responsibility for local public safety and social services; workforce investment boards; libraries; and community-based organizations.

13. How will you determine approval of a distribution schedule pursuant to Section 84913? *

The distribution schedule pursuant to Section 84913 will be determined by CAEP. Funds allocated to support these seven program areas will be apportioned and voted for approval by the Mendocino-Lake full consortium membership. Our consortium was assessed for areas of current program implementation pursuant to Section 84913. Short Term and Long Term goals will be identified to ensure that services and resources are developed to serve our program areas of greatest educational need.

14. Has the consortium A) designated a member to serve as the fund administrator to receive and distribute funds from the program or B) chosen to have a funds flow directly to the member districts based upon the approved distribution schedule? *

A) designated a member to serve as the fund administrator to receive and distribute funds from the program

15. How will members join, leave, or be dismissed from the consortium? *

Members will join by stating in a written application form their intent and ability to meeting the AB 104 criteria for CAEP Membership. Members will leave the consortium by the criteria given by CAEP for member effectiveness which are: member can no longer provide services, member is unable to provide services or is not willing to provide services in the 7 CAEP program areas. The CAEP Program Director will conduct an exit interview with each leaving member. Members being dismissed from the consortium by the majority vote of the consortium voting members will participate in a documented due process and formalized agreement. Consortia will follow their governance plan (#14 - How will members join, leave, or be dismissed from the consortium) and any additional language in their agreed upon by-laws regarding terminating membership. For new members, in addition to the governance plan, and by-laws, consortia will follow existing requirements in AB104 legislation (84905, 84906, 84914, 84916, 84917, and 84920) .

16. What is the consortium's defined "excessive" member carryover percentage threshold? *

Consortium members receiving an allocation submit their yearly work plan and budget in NOVA. This plan outlines the budget and the activities for that fiscal year with a maximum threshold of more than 20% carryover. However, at the the consortium's annual programs review process in October, the member should disclose to the consortium that it has more

than 20% in carryover funds that are not used in their program by the end of the next fiscal year. The member will be given assistance and support by the fiscal agent and the MLACE director to how to spend down the funds.

17. Please explain how the consortium will monitor and administer carryover funds. What is the consortium's technical assistance and reasonable intervention process? What additional bylaws do you have that govern carryover? *

a. Bylaws for technical assistance for members having excessive carryover—

- At the end of Q2 reporting (March 2024), before certifying Q2 expenses in NOVA, the fiscal agent and MLACE director will reach out to consortium members whose carryover is above the 20% threshold as determined on the NOVA reporting system.
- At the Q2 reporting period, the members with a carryover of more than 20% will inform the MLACE director if there is any forthcoming project/expenses that the funds will be used to expend the carryover. These Corrective Actions need to be entered in NOVA fiscal reporting.
- No funding will be taken from the consortium member with more than 20% carryover during the first two years
- At the end of two years, if the consortium member is consistently having a carryover of more than 20%, the consortium member will be assigned a Program Advisory Team (PAT) who will carry out a review process and provide fiscal assistance to help spend down the carryover.
- Alternatively, at the end of the two years, the member can elect to return the carryover funds (after the two years and technical assistance) to the Consortium's one-time account. These funds may then be accessed by any consortium member through our one-time proposal fund request process, which is acted upon quarterly at consortium meetings.

b. Process of reducing member allocation if member has "excessive" carryover in two consecutive fiscal years:

- The fiscal agent and MLACE will reach out to consortium member with 21% carryover or more at end of Q2 reporting (March) beginning in 23/24.
- The member with a carryover of more than 20% will be given an opportunity to spend down carryover for the fiscal cycle.
- If the identified member consistently has more than 20% carryover, (period of two consecutive years), that member will be given technical and fiscal assistance.
- At the third year, if the carryover is still above 20 %, the member will be placed on the PAT process after the 2 years. Alternatively, the member may be encouraged to voluntarily return carryover funds to the fiscal agent and the funds accessed by all members through the one-time request process.

18. How does your consortium define member effectiveness? *

Our consortium will follow the definition of member effectiveness is defined per the CAEP certifications and assurances listed (see attached list on the CFAD) and further defined/mandated by education code (84900 – 84920). Each CAEP consortium member agrees to follow the list of CAEP assurances when they certify their annual allocation via the Consortium Fiscal Administration Declaration (CFAD). When we "approve" these assurances and certification in the NOVA system each member of our consortium is confirming that he/she agrees to all the CAEP assurances listed under sections labeled: Membership & Decision-Making, Public Meetings, and Reporting Requirements. This also includes members certifying to any additional consortium rules and procedures and, as agreed upon by the consortium members (such as any additional by-laws, charters, etc.). The consortium will use the CAEP template for Member Effectiveness guidelines to update their agreed upon rules and procedures or consortium governance documentation to address member effectiveness and follow-up steps with an ineffective member. The consortium will monitor member performance related to the CAEP assurances and identify members for noncompliance. The consortium will provide members technical assistance and/or reach out to the CAEP Technical Assistance Project (TAP) as part of the reasonable intervention (EC 84914 (b) (1) (c)). Accordingly, per CAEP guides, beginning July 1, 2021, if any of the consortium member has not met the specific reporting requirements, the consortium and the agency member will be notified by the State CAEP Office through CAEP TAP or CASAS (see attached list). If the member continues not meet the assurance(s), then the member will be deemed an ineffective member, which may result in a loss or reduction of CAEP funding.

19. What bylaws does your consortium have addressing member effectiveness? *

The consortium will use the CAEP template for Member Effectiveness guidelines to update their agreed upon rules and procedures or consortium governance documentation to address member effectiveness and follow-up steps with an ineffective member. In addition, we have bylaws called our "operating guidance principles" which outlines what we will adhere to as member of the consortium and agency members providing educational services to our region: MLACE Consortium Guiding Principles.

20. Does the consortium have a formal document detailing its work beyond the questionnaire? *

Yes

20.1 (Yes) Use the space below to provide a link to the formal document. *

[MLACE Policies and Bylaws](#)

Member Agencies

Member Agency	Member Type	Contact	Phone
Anderson Valley Unified	Unified School District	Noor Dawood	(707) 895-5295
Fort Bragg Unified	Unified School District	Coni Belli	(707) 961-3610
Kelseyville Unified	Unified School District	Joe Del Prete	(707) 279-8414
Lake Co. Office of Education	County Office of Education (COE)	Beth Hampson	(707) 262-4171
Mendocino Co. Office of Education	County Office of Education (COE)	Tami Mee	
Mendocino-Lake CCD	District	Joe Atherton	(707) 468-3067
Ukiah Unified	Unified School District	Nikki Agenbroad	(707) 472-5021
Willits Unified	Unified School District	Arora Chavez	(707) 391-3562
Round Valley Unified	Unified School District	n/a	
Upper Lake Unified	Unified School District	Michael Kauble Upper Lake Unified School District	(707) 275-0338
Leggett Valley Unified	Unified School District	Melissa Ragsdale	(707) 925-6285 ext: 102

Certification & Assurances



By clicking "Approve" on the approval cards below, you are certifying the CFAD as well as confirming that you and ALL consortium members agree to the Assurances listed below.

Assurances

Membership & Decision-Making

- I certify that any community college district, school district, or county office of education, or any joint powers authority consisting of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these, located within the boundaries of the adult education region shall be permitted to join the consortium as a member (EC 84905 (a) (b)). (See Membership Box above).
- I certify that only members as described above (and in EC 84905) are allowed to join my consortium as members and participate in decision making and approvals whether in a public meeting, or via the NOVA planning, budgeting & expense reporting system.
- I certify that as a condition of joining a consortium, as a member, I shall commit to reporting any funds (as described in EC 84916) available to that member for the purposes of education and workforce services for adults and the uses of those funds through the annual Program Area exercise in NOVA for reporting leveraged funds, and instructional hours.
- I certify that as a member of the consortium my district shall be represented only by an official designated by the governing board of the member (EC 84905 (c)).
- I certify that as a member of the consortium, I shall participate in any decision made by the consortium (EC 84905 (d)(1)(A)).
- I certify that all decision made by the consortium and its members is final (EC 84905 (d)(1)(F)).
- I certify that I will adhere to the consortium rules and procedures and, as agreed upon by the consortium members, to any additional by-laws, charters, etc.

Public Meetings

- I certify that a proposed decision is considered at an open, properly noticed public meeting of the consortium at which members of the public may comment (EC 84905 (d)(1)(B)).
- I certify that the consortium has provided the public with adequate notice of a proposed decision and considered any comments submitted by members of the public, and any comments submitted by members of the public have been distributed publicly (EC 84905 (d)(1)(C)).
- I certify that the consortium has requested comments regarding a proposed decision from other entities located in the adult education region that provide education and workforce services for adults (EC 84905 (d)(1)(D)(i)).
- I certify that the consortium has requested comments regarding a proposed decision from other entities located in the adult education region that provide education and workforce services for adults (EC 84905 (d)(1)(D)(i)).
- I certify that the consortium has considered input provided by pupils, teachers employed by local educational agencies, community college faculty, principals, administrators, classified staff, and the local bargaining units of the school districts and community college districts before it makes a decision (EC 84905 (d)(1)(E)).
- I certify that in addition to the meeting requirements listed in EC 84905, and as agreed upon by the consortium members, that I will follow the public meeting requirements listed in the Ralph M. Brown Act as the Brown Act applies to the governing body of any "local body created by state or federal statute." (Ed. Code, section 54952.)

Reporting Requirements

- I certify that I will participate in completing and updating any consortium long range and/or short range planning efforts and/or budget work plans (EC 84906, 84914(a)).
- I certify that all CAEP expenses have been expended in the CAEP seven program areas, and services provided are consistent with the 3-year plan, the annual plan, and my district's work plan & budget as submitted in NOVA (EC 84913 (1-7), 84906, 8914(a)).

- I certify that my expenditures of CAEP funds match the objectives/activities included in the annual plan and the member work plan (EC 84906, 84914(a)).
- I certify that my expenditures of CAEP funds adhere to the allowable uses of funds as identified in the CAEP Fiscal Management Guide.
- I certify that I will report student level enrollment data and outcomes as prescribed by the State CAEP Office (EC 84920).
- I certify that I will share financial expenditure and progress reports with the members of my regional consortium.
- I certify that I understand that as a member if I do not meet any of these items I have certified, I will be deemed an ineffective member which may result in a loss or reduction of CAEP funding (EC 84914(b)).
- I certify that all CAEP expenses have been expended only for the education of persons 18 years of age or older (EC 84901(a)).

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