

Mendocino/Lake Adult and Career Education

(ML ACE) Month Meeting

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November 14, 2025, from 10-1pm Mendocino

College

1000 Hensley Creek Rd.
Ukiah CA 95482

In person location: MCM 1060 (Board Room McMillan Hall Admin Building)

Minutes

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Meeting Recording

1. Call to Order Start time: 10:02 (Action)
 2. Roll Call of Voting Members: Anderson Valley, Maggie Von Vogt (voting member); Fort Bragg, Gary Lewis (voting member); Lake County Office Of Education, Matt Russell (voting member); Mendocino College, Jackeline Orozco (voting member, ZOOM); Mendocino County Office of Education, Eric Crawford (voting member); Ukiah Adult School, Kris Swett (voting member); Willits Unified, John Horton (alternate voting member); Isaac Quintero, MLACE Administrative Assistant; Euline Olinger, MLACE Director.
(Action)
 3. Changes/ Modifications to the Agenda
 - Adding information on Item #11 about a potential grant (Discussion/Action)
 - Motion: Jonna Weidaw, Seconded by: Eric Crawford
 - Absent: (LCOE, only for this section)
 4. Consent
All consent items are acted upon by a single vote with no discussion, unless pulled from Consent and placed on the agenda as a regular item.
Approve Minutes for October: First Motion: Gary Lewis Seconded by: Jonna Weidaw
Ayes: 7 Nays:0 Abstain:0 Absent: LCOE
- October 10, 2025, Minutes Roll Call vote: Ayes:7 Nays: 0 Abstain:0 Absent: 1 (LCOE)
- a. Anderson Valley
 - b. Fort Bragg

- c. Lake County Office of Education
 - d. Lakeport
 - e. Mendocino College
 - f. Mendocino County Office of Education
 - g. Ukiah
 - h. Willits
5. **Overview of next 6 months** See link: [12 Month MLACE Schedule 2025-2026](#) (Discussion/Action)
 ML ACE will highlight certain deadlines and members review upcoming events for the next 6 months.
Next meetings: December 12 2025, January 23 2026, February 20 2026, February 27 2026 (Education to Employment Regional Summit 2026, March 13 2026, April 17 2026, May 15 2026 and June 8 2026
6. **Public Comments/ Correspondents --via Zoom** (Discussion)
MLACE welcomes public input. This agenda item is limited to matters that are under the jurisdiction of the MLACE program and are not listed elsewhere on this agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes per person, and 10 minutes per topic. Action on these matters is not allowed.
- a. **Acknowledgement of guests/community partners:**
- Anthony Burik, ZOOM- OTAN Representative
 - Joe Atherton- Director of Business Services
 - Yarely Macias, ZOOM
 - Dave Gengoux, ZOOM
 - Pamela Heston Bechtol, ZOOM
- b. **Public comments received from: No public comments at this time.**
7. **Guest Speaker** (Discussion/Action)
 MLACE members welcome guest speakers on a variety of topics related to adult education including but not limited to curriculum, program, instruction, activities and state level adult education challenges.
- A. OTAN—Outreach and Technical Assistance Network for CAEP—Anthony Burik, Coordinator, DE Learning Projects, [OTAN](#)
- OTAN Resources: [OTAN Resources Handout](#), [OTAN Professional Development Handout](#).
 - **Summary:** OTAN representative Anthony Burik presented an overview of the organization's technology training resources and services, including Canvas implementation and professional development opportunities. There is training available in the OTAN website. Accessibility topics were discussed to connect resources with everyone, regardless of circumstance or geographical address.

- **Next Steps:** Euline encouraged the members to join OTAN and make use of the resources and training available.

8. Annual Program Area Review

(Discussion/Action)

Members will participate in program area reviews by discussion, reflection and evaluation of program areas.

a. CTE Program Area review:

- **Mendocino County Office of Education [PPT Presentation](#)- Phlebotomy, Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, CNA**
 - **Summary:** Eric provided an overview of the programs, highlighting new developments such as the CNA program's successful launch and efforts to expand the DA program with additional state-approved classes. Challenges were discussed, particularly the difficulty in enrolling enough students for the DA program, and strategies to address this were suggested, including partnerships with local dental clinics. Eric also shared updates on funding, including grants received, and outlined future goals, such as offering additional certifications and increasing revenue through community training. The conversation ended with a discussion of upcoming events, including a grand opening of the remodeled classroom/lab on December 17th and graduation ceremony taking place on Dec 16th.
 - **Next Steps:** Submit applications for dental radiation, pits, fissures, sealants, and coronal polishing classes by January or February
 - Host Health Program graduation December 16th at Mendocino College Center for Performing Arts at 6pm.
- **Lake County Office of Education [PPT Presentation](#)-Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant**
 - **Summary:** Matt discussed the enrollment trends, process and success of their MA and CNA programs, as well as the adult school graduation numbers. One of the challenges is the formation of externship opportunities for the MA and CNA programs.
 - **Next Steps:** Continue to promote these programs and improve enrollment
- **Ukiah Adult School—Vocational Nursing (in transition to a credit and college-run program)**
 - **Summary:** Ukiah Adult School's last cohort for the LVN program is finally coming to a close. It was mentioned that the LVN program was moved to Mendocino College to help it run smoother and make use of the resources and personnel that the college can provide. A key takeaway is the longevity and consistency that this program has been made available to the community.
 - **Next Steps:** The LVN program will be transitioning to Mendocino College and will begin in the Fall of 2026.

9. Director's Update:

(Discussion/Action)

Director will give updates/information on CAEP, MLACE and/or TE topics.

a. CAEP Summit 2025 highlights—September Presentation: [Director's Update](#)

- b. TE Admin Portal**
 - c. CASAS pre and post testing for ABE/ASE, ESL**

Summary: All sites who have High School Diploma and ESL were encouraged to start Pre & Post testing. This initiative has the purpose to help prepare and streamline student data reporting before the new proposed funding formula takes effect.

Next Steps: Members discussed whether Pre & Post testing is required and if so, how they are implementing this on their sites. Euline and Isaac offered their assistance to help train others to begin pre- and post-testing at these sites.

- d. Education to Employment Summit in Feb of 2026—hosted by MLACE, WANB Mendo and Lake, Employer Partnership (Strong Workforce program), K12 SWP and K16 Collaborative.

- **Summary:** Pamela shared the flyer designed for the E2E Summit on February 27, 2026, which has registration information for the public. The group discussed tabling ideas as contributors for this event. LCOE was encouraged to attend especially because Lake County has many commuter students, job seekers
 - **Next Steps:** The event committee will continue to plan the specifics for this event.

10. Other Member Updates

(Discussion/Action)

- a. Monthly verbal report if member has any new information—no more than 5 mins-report out per agency (Will use the monthly verbal report as record of Member monthly update)
 - **Summary**- Willits Unified shared that they have more enrollments in the High School Diploma Program.
 - **Next Steps**- Members will continue to report brief verbal updates about what is happening in their agencies/site every meeting if possible.

11. Future Topics of Discussion

(Discussion/Action)

Open to Members to propose topics or guest speakers for future discussions in the monthly meetings

- a. Item # 8 in the MLACE Policy and bylaws on carryover funds and Technical Assistance**

 - **Summary:** Matt informed the group that the PAT formed in May for Mendocino College, according to the proposed plan, the carryover will not be spent down by next Nov. The consortium discussed the possibility of making amendment or revisiting MLACE Policy on Carryover to ensure carry over funds policy is followed and current carryover are expended by November 2026.
 - **Next Steps:** The group will continue this conversation in a later date ensuring a voting member for Mendocino College to be present.

- b. Annual Review Process—Discussion on templates and presentation**

- **Summary:** Kris suggested for the program review/presentation be the last item on the agenda so that members can continue in conversation after adjournment.
 - **Next Steps:** Program review will be changed to be the last item on agenda so the group can continue to form a work group if desired after meeting adjournment.

12. Adjournment Time: 1:10 First motion: Kris Swett /Seconded: Matt Russell /Ayes:7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0
Absent:1 (MCOE) (Action)

- A. Reminders:** Next Meeting Date and Time: **December 12 2025 10-1pm MCM 1060**
- a. **Program Area Review: High School Diploma and High School Equivalency**
 - b. **Program Area Review in January: Adults with Disabilities Program (UVAH)**
- 13. Workgroup: opportunity for members to work on MLACE and program area discussions. (After regular meetings are adjourned)**
- a. **PAT Team: Update on College Carryover –Written Expenditure Plan –Need to write a summary of the discussion here.**
- i **The PAT team was informed of the Written Expenditure Plan submitted in NOVA and the technical assistance (check in) quarterly with CAEP-TAP.**
 - ii **Joe will bring numbers at the next PAT meeting that would show how much of the percent of the carryover will be spent by Quarter 3 ahead of November 2026.**
 - iii **Joe and Euline re-iterated that there is no penalty from the state for being over the carryover threshold and technical assistance as long as there is a written expenditure plan in place.**

CAEP Due Dates: MLACE Schedule:

November 2025

- **November 14 2025—MLACE Meeting**
- Nov 14: Written Expenditure Plan (WEP)* Only for consortia who have exceeded 20% carryover.

December 2025

- Dec 1: 25/26 Member Expense Report Due in NOVA (Q1)
- **December 12, 2025—MLACE Meeting**
- Dec 1st : July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 Instructional Hours and Expenses by Program Area due (actuals) in NOVA and certified by Consortium *
- Dec 31: 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q1)
- Dec 31: End of Q2

January 2026

- **January 23, 2026, MLACE Meeting (One-proposal)**
- Jan 31: Student Data due in TOPS Pro (Q2)
- Jan 31: Employment and Earnings Follow-up Survey **February 2026**
- **February 20, 2026—Meeting**
- **February 27 2025 Hold for Education to Employment Summit 2026 (9:30-3pm—Ukiah)**
- Feb 28: Preliminary allocations for 2026-27 and 2027-28 released by this date. **March 2026**
- **March 13, 2026—MLACE Meeting**
- Mar 1: 25/26 Member expense report is due in NOVA. (Q2)
- **Mar 31: End of Q3**
- **Mar 31: 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q2)***

April 2026

- **April 17, 2026—MLACE Meeting (One-Time Proposal; Approval of CFAD)**
- **Apr 30: Student Data due in TOPSPro (Q3)**
- **Apr 30: Employment and Earnings Follow-up Survey**

May 2026

- **May 15 2026—MLACE Meeting**
- **May 2:** CFAD for 2026-27 due in NOVA *

June 2026

- **June 8, 2026—MLACE Meeting**
- **Jun 1:** 25/26 Member Expense Report due in NOVA (Q3)
- **Jun 30:** 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q3) *
- **Jun 30:** End of

Q4

Reminder: Timeline/Deadlines	
Deadline:	FY 2024-25 Deliverable
May 2, 2025	CFAD Certification due in NOVA
June 20, 2025	Three-Year Plan ❖ Must be submitted and approved by all members in NOVA
August 15, 2025	Annual Plan ❖ Must be submitted and approved by all members in NOVA
September 1, 2025	Certification of Allocation Amendments due in NOVA
September 30, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Workplan & Budget submission • Carryover Compliance Year 2 snapshot assessment
October 30, 2025	Consortium certification of all Member Workplan & Budgets
December 1, 2025	Member Q1 Expenditure Report

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