



Megan Barber Allende Appointed New President and CEO of The Community Foundation of Mendocino County

Ukiah CA, October 10, 2016 – The Community Foundation of Mendocino County is excited to announce the selection of Megan Barber Allende as its next President/CEO. She will assume responsibilities on October 17 succeeding Susanne Norgard, whose retirement was announced in June.

Ms. Barber Allende joined the Community Foundation in 2006 as a Program Officer. She has worked under outgoing CEO Norgard for ten years in broadly expanding roles, including operations, community engagement, grant-making, non-profit development, donor services, and planned giving. She assumed her most recent role, Director of Philanthropy, earlier this year.

“We consider ourselves quite fortunate to have had someone with Megan’s education and broad public service background at the Community Foundation for more than a decade,” said Jim Little, Community Foundation Board Chair. “Megan is widely respected and well known within the local non-profit sector as well as within the statewide Community Foundation network. As a board member, I have been pleased to watch her take on increasing responsibilities and grow in the organization under the strong mentorship of Susanne Norgard. While we interviewed several well-qualified candidates to replace Susanne, we realized our next leader had been blossoming right before our eyes.”

“I’ve been handed such a gift – to honor Susanne’s legacy while building my own,” said Ms. Barber Allende. “As the Community Foundation enters its next phase of growth, I look forward to supporting donors in realizing their dreams now and in the future, and engaging the community and our business partners in making Mendocino County a great place to live, work, create, and prosper.”

Ms. Barber Allende holds a master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and a bachelor’s in the Humanities, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Prior to her work at the Community Foundation, she was a Program Director for the Western Wayne County, Michigan YMCA before founding her own substance abuse/violence prevention consulting business. In addition to her work at the Community Foundation, she has been an educational enhancement volunteer in the Ukiah Unified School District and a Fundraising Chair and Guild member with Mendocino Ballet. Ms. Barber Allende lives in Ukiah with her husband, Dr. Jorge Allende, their two teenage daughters and a younger son.

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County offers people effective ways to engage in advancing the well-being of our communities. For more information about the Community Foundation visit www.communityfound.org.

