



## **Sonoma County Upstream Investments Steering Committee Charter**

**Vision:** Our community invests early in prevention efforts, invests wisely in approaches proven to work and invests together by aligning investments for maximum impact.

**Mission:** We believe organizations with effective practices and programs have the highest potential to improve education, health and economic wellness for all Sonoma County residents.

**Why does the Steering Committee operate?** The Upstream Investments Steering Committee provides guidance to the Upstream Investments Policy Committee. Steering Committee members serve on behalf of the Policy Committee.

**How does the Steering Committee function?** The Steering Committee sets the framework for the Policy Committee to effectively promote the strategy for: investing early in prevention efforts; investing wisely in interventions proven to work; and investing together in interventions to maximize impact. The Steering Committee reviews information and makes preliminary recommendations for discussion and voting at the Policy Committee meetings.

In addition, the Steering Committee members:

- Review and approve Policy Committee agendas;
- Provide guidance to staff on opportunities to advance the Upstream Investment priorities ;
- Support the implementation of the Policy Committee Stewardship Plan and “learning culture” model;
- Commit to two-year terms (with the option to continue);
- Attend regular meetings as determined by the Steering Committee.

**What is the Steering Committee?** The Steering Committee is a leadership body that guides the work of the Policy Committee. Please see Upstream Investments Policy Committee charter for more information about the Policy Committee role.

**Who are the members of the Steering Committee?** Nine Steering Committee members are nominated by the Steering Committee and approved by the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee chair leads the Steering Committee meetings.

**Member Selection:** The Steering Committee aims for diverse leaders who implement or fund evidence-informed, prevention-focused approaches and who represent multiple sectors.