



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

Community Health Branch Report

July 2016

AGENCY UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM	JUNE 2016	JULY 2016
Medi-Cal/PHC	53,111	52,890
Healthy Kids	33	19
CMSP	0	0

STAFFING

- After almost 10 years with Yolo County, Nancy O'Hara will be leaving to take the position of Director of Human Services for Sutter County. As you may know, Nancy has been a life-long resident of Sutter County and her family resides there as well. This recruitment process began more than four months ago and the Sutter County Board of Supervisors officially appointed Nancy to the position on June 28. We are extremely proud of Nancy and wish her all of the best on this next leg of her career. As the Branch Director for our Service Centers, which comprise nearly half of our employees in HHS, Nancy filled a critical role in our agency. We will be posting the position and recruiting right away. Ed Smith has agreed to expand his interim role with Yolo County, serving in both the Child, Youth & Family and Service Center Branch Director positions until we can fill them. Staff contact: Karen Larsen
- Alissa Sykes, Branch Director for Children Youth and Family, had her last day with us on June 3. HHS is currently recruiting to fill this position.

HOMELESS CARE

- Team West Sacramento had over 80 participate in last week's staff BBQ fundraiser which raised \$720 to purchase kits for the homeless; the brainchild of Hector Lares and Elvia De La Rosa. The event included a contest to name the kits, which was won by Yana Balatskiy with the name "Go Fresh Bags." HHS Supervisors Soua Moua, Esmeralda Garza, Tonya Smith, Martha Langell and Gnia Herp; staff Alex Monroy, Eli Camacho and Yecenia Heath; and BBQ Master Extraordinaire Hector Lares helped cook and serve while dozens of staff helped with setup and tear down. It was a great team building event for a great cause.
- One of the HHS's 2016-17 goals was participation in the State Whole Person Care Pilot. The application process is underway and details were recently released. While the concept aligns well with the future of a more integrated approach to care, the current program structure

requires a significant contribution of local funds with no certainty of return. In addition, the administration of the program requires levels of complexity that would severely strain our current capacity. Given our interest in long-term financial stability, and our already thin fiscal staff resources, we have made the difficult decision to pass on this year's application process. We are not alone in this decision; many counties, including larger, better-off counties, are opting out at this time. We hope the State will consider reworking the program so that it is more feasible to participate in the future. Provider input and our draft proposal put us in a good position to apply for similar opportunities should they come available.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH UPDATES

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- The Yolo County 2015 **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma Plan** has been approved by the State EMS Authority. The Plan demonstrates how Yolo County meets minimum State standards, complying with various State laws and regulations. Beyond this, the plan details how we will implement and evaluate the system, sets goals for achieving the optimal EMS system and identifies opportunities and constraints to achieving an optimal system. Annual EMS Plan updates are required by Health & Safety Code and the EMS Authority. The next Plan update will be due in June 2017.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE

- On May 24, the **Immunization program** hosted a California Department of Public Health Immunization Skills Institute (ISI) "Train the Trainer" event. County immunization coordinators from the Northern California region gained new skills in holding ISI trainings for medical assistants, pharmacists and other unlicensed immunization staff throughout their respective counties. These trainings are a great way to ensure safe, quality immunizations are being delivered to county residents, while building rapport between public health and Yolo County medical providers.

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS

- Governor Brown signed a package of **tobacco bills** into law on June 9, including one that raised the legal age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21. California becomes just the second state after Hawaii to raise the lawful age to buy tobacco products. Supporters of the bill are confident that this bill will curtail harm to adolescents, and reduce the number of adult smokers.
 - Other laws adopted:
 - SB 5 X2 classifies e-cigarettes as tobacco products. This will make them subject to smoke-free laws, age restrictions and other rules governing tobacco products.
 - AB 7 X2 closes loopholes in the state's smoke free workplace laws.
 - AB 9 X2 requires all schools to be tobacco free.

- AB 11 X2 establishes a tobacco licensing fee program under the state Board of Equalization.
- The **Hanna and Herbert Bauer Memorial garden** expanded its reach to engage over 1000 youth in garden-based nutrition and gardening activities in the past month. The NEOP and garden staff hosted a planting activity at the annual Farm Connect Day at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. The youth received 'hands-on' learning about the lifecycle of a cucumber while planting a seed to take home. Additionally, four youth activities were hosted in the garden, including help to a local girl scout troop to earn a garden badge, and several field trips from Maxwell Elementary school first grade and Autism Spectrum Disorder classes. The garden program continues to seek opportunities to engage kids in interactive learning about food, agriculture, and nutrition through classes and field trips to the garden.
- Upcoming **Yolo CNAP** meeting on July 20, 2016 at 10:00– 11:30 am at Bauer Building. Contact [Rebecca Tryon](#) for more information
- Yolo County **NEOP** program has a monthly nutrition/recipe column in the Daily Democrat online magazine. Article appears the 3rd Thursday of each month and features a healthy recipe.



Safe Routes to School (SRTS)



The **Woodland Safe Routes to School program** is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 May is Bike Month poster contest. This contest, which was held in partnership with the Woodland Commit2Fit program, encouraged K-8th grade youth in Woodland to submit artwork that promoted biking during bike month and overall. A winner and runner up in each of the three age categories were awarded a prize and recognition at the June 2nd Commit2Fit raffle event. The winners and their winning artwork can be found on the [Woodland Safe Routes to School Webpage here](#). The artwork will be used in future promotions to encourage residents to ride their bike!

- The **Woodland Safe Routes to School (SRTS) team** of Yolo County is partnering with The Bike Campaign to host three Bike Rodeos as part of the City of Woodland's summer camp program for K-6th graders. We will do the rodeos on July 12, 19, and Aug 2nd , each at a different park site in Woodland. We will teach the kids about helmet safety, basic rules of the road and do some skill building drills. We anticipate reaching approximately 120 kids total at the three sites