



# COUNTY OF YOLO

## Health and Human Services Agency

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### COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT

January 2017

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#### AGENCY UPDATES

##### ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016	JANUARY 2016
Medi-Cal/PHC	53,200	53,032	52,440
CMSP	0	0	4

##### STAFFING

- **Public Guardian Manager:** We are pleased to announce that after a recruitment and interview process, we have selected Laurie Haas to assume the Public Guardian Manager role within Yolo County HHSA effective December 25, 2016. Laurie brings to the position 20 years of experience working in the Yolo County Public Guardians Office, and 8 years working within Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services. We are lucky to have such a highly qualified internal candidate.
- **Child, Youth & Family Branch Director:** On January 9, 2017, Jennie Pettet will join Yolo County HHSA as the Child, Youth and Family Branch Director. After 30 years working in child welfare in San Diego and Riverside counties, Jennie has spent the past two years providing technical assistance to counties and states interested in improving their child welfare outcomes and practice. Jennie began her career as a social worker and went on to work at every level of child welfare including as a supervisor, forensic interviewer, regional manager, deputy director and assistant director. During her 10 years of executive leadership in child welfare, Jennie developed several innovative programs to strengthen social worker practice including System of Supervision, Coaching, Mentoring and Learning Circles. Jennie also has extensive experience in supporting staff and building community partnerships. Jennie Pettet received her Masters of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology from San Diego State University.
- Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Ron Chapman has been selected to participate in the 2016-2017 Behavioral Health Training & Technical Assistance for State, Tribal, Territorial and Local Health Officials Program. This national program is offered by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's Office for State, Tribal, Local & Territorial Support (OSTLTS) in collaboration with the National Council for Behavioral Health. Through a Request for Application (RFA) process, a cohort of health officials from around the nation were selected to participate in this 8-month initiative. The program offers participants direct access to behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorders) training and technical assistance to enhance behavioral health efforts within their jurisdictions. Some of the topics to be covered include: building behavioral health capacity among the public health workforce, the role of behavioral health systems within a public health model, future trends in behavioral health and the impact of integrating behavioral health and primary care

## HOMELESS

- On December 1, 2016 the CalWORKs Housing Allocation for temporary motel assistance was reopened for families. This program was temporarily closed in October because the demand far exceeded the supply of funding. Qualified families on the waiting list are now being placed in temporary shelter. Program case managers and our community partners are working to secure permanent housing as quickly as possible. Program staff continues to monitor spending to stay within the Housing Allocation. We will have the ability to house up to 43 CalWORKs families in motels across the county at any given time as we assist them in their search for permanent housing.
- In late December, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced its FY 2016 recipients of Continuum of Care (CoC) funding for homeless services. We are pleased to share that local agencies in Yolo County received an allocation of \$487,860, which marks a \$13,285 increase in overall funding compared to FY 2015. CoC funding is received directly by our local non-profit providers in Yolo County to provide housing opportunities, with County staff acting as coordinators of the local competition and submission of the collaborative application.

## MEDI-CAL

- Yolo is an "opt in" County for expanding Medi-Cal services to include residential treatment for substance use disorders. Our local efforts to get the many component parts of the State application and required county-wide coordination in place have been largely shepherded along by our Alcohol & Drug Program Coordinator Ian Evans, LMFT. Ian has been drafting the plan, holding regular discussions with local programs, nearby coordinators and statewide partners, in addition to bringing key trainings to Yolo. Staff expects to submit the final application to the State this week and will begin negotiations with the State to get the plan finalized over the coming months. Pending final approval of the plan, staff expects to begin providing residential substance use treatment to Medi-Cal recipients during the upcoming fiscal year, 2017-18.

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## HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

### INFLUENZA

The virus has been declared by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) as widespread which is typical for this time of the year. We have known cases in Yolo County. The majority of cases are Influenza A and H3N2 is the most commonly subtyped. All of this information emphasizes the need for the community to get vaccinated to protect themselves, their families, and friends.

### ZIKA

Latest big news nationwide is that an area in Texas has identified local transmission. This is the second state after Florida to identify local transmission. There is no local transmission in California. Our understanding of the virus and the impact upon newborns continues to evolve.

### NOROVIRUS

There have been a number of norovirus cases identified. This is a gastrointestinal infection causing nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. The virus is highly contagious and prevented by isolation of cases, hand washing, and food safety measures. The virus is typically seen in fall and winter and especially impacts seniors.

### ORAL HEALTH

The strategic plan steering committee had their second meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss primary and secondary data which will guide the development of the strategic plan. More meetings are planned in anticipation of a community-wide event to gain further input into the plan's development.

## REFUGEE HEALTH

An agreement has been established with CDPH to set the stage for clinics in Yolo County to bill for the refugee health assessment. We are in the process of setting up agreements with clinics who are interested in performing the assessments.

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH UPDATES

- The Community Health Branch received \$300,000 in grant funding for a 3-year County Medical Services Program (CMSP) County Wellness & Prevention Pilot Project. The goals of the project are to promote timely delivery of necessary medical and support services to the target populations, improve their health outcomes and link them to other wellness resources and support. Yolo County's project will be "Healthy Living with Diabetes", focused on reducing the burden of diabetes and its complications, and linking to HHS programs for additional support. This project will prioritize uninsured low-income (less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level) adults at high risk for diabetes and related complications. It would also serve those who have barriers to managing their condition with outreach, case referral and partnerships. The project begins January 1, 2017. HHS plans to release a request for proposals in early 2017 and expects to subcontract the majority of the grant to a community-based comprehensive health services provider that provides clinical services to the uninsured and Medi-Cal populations.
- The recent passage of Proposition 64, "Adult Use of Marijuana Act", removed language authorizing the California Department of Public Health Medical Marijuana Program to collect fees from counties to support program operational costs. For this reason, Yolo County's Medical Marijuana Identification Card (MMIC) Program will be waiving the State portion of the MMIC fee effective immediately. This action reduces the cost to community members from \$134 to \$68 for non-Medi-Cal patients, and from \$67 to \$34 for patients on Medi-Cal.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



On November 17, Woodland Memorial Hospital partnered with HHS Emergency Medical Services & Emergency Preparedness to run an active shooter exercise for their emergency room and hospital departmental leadership staff. Twenty volunteers from the community played victims in an active shooter scenario occurring at one of Yolo County's skilled nursing facilities. This exercise tested Emergency Room staff and their leadership in the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) as they opened their Emergency Operations Center and tested the staff on how they would handle a mass casualty incident and their ability to handle the surge of patients that would come into the hospital. Yolo County Emergency Medical Services & Emergency Preparedness staff served as evaluators for the exercise, helping identify gaps in communication, gaps in knowledge of patient flow in a real situation and some improvements that could help streamline the response to an active shooter event in the community. This exercise helped to identify future training and exercise opportunities to further strengthen community response to emergencies and disasters.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hosts a monthly webinar for a range of partners involved in public health response, including State and local Strategic National Stockpile coordinators, Public Health Emergency Preparedness directors, public information officers, public health professionals, public health pharmacists, Cities Readiness Initiative coordinators, pediatricians, emergency preparedness managers, closed points of dispensing partners and pharmacies. Susan Hensley, HHS Emergency Planning & Training Coordinator, was invited to present at the December 14 webinar on Yolo County's tribal preparedness planning and partnership with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Susan's presentation showcased best practices when working with tribal nations.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

### IMMUNIZATIONS

- The Immunization Clinic hours are now Mondays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Please see the [website](#) for current dates and locations.

## HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

- The Hanna and Herbert Bauer Memorial Community Garden had a fruitful year in 2016. One aspect of the garden program is growing produce in the garden demonstration area that is then distributed to WIC clients as well as being utilized in other program activities, such as recipe tasting in the Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention program. This year, the garden distributed 1,700 pounds of produce to WIC clients, with some produce also reaching other service center program clients as well. Produce is distributed weekly during harvest time, and 567 bags were distributed. This is a 70% increase in the amount of produce distributed in 2015. Further, the garden program reached 77 individuals with garden classes, and hosted 6 youth classes/activities that reached 131 youth. The garden continues to host 32 plots, which are actively gardened by approximately 65 individuals and families. A special thanks to David Linebarger, who manages the garden demonstration area and teaches some of the classes as well.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

The Friday Night Live (FNL) program hosted their annual Mentoring Summit on December 2 and 3, with a total of 68 youth participants. The theme of this year's conference was "Be the Change You Wish to see in the World." The two-day conference provided youth with a variety of youth development workshops, including one led by inspirational speaker, Sandy Holman, founder of The Culture C.O.-O.P., an organization that promotes understanding and respect for diversity/equity, cultural competency, literacy and a quality education for all. A second workshop was led by Jose Vallejo, a counselor from Woodland Community College. The speakers inspired youth to reach their full potential in life and educated them about the benefits of obtaining a college degree. High School students from the FNL Youth Council helped plan the conference and acted as lead youth for many of the workshops and activities.



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## UPCOMING HHSA MEETINGS & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
January 13, 2017	1:00 pm	Breastfeeding Coalition
January 18, 2017	8:30 am	MCAH Advisory Board- Annual Retreat
January 19, 2017	9:00 am	Healthy Yolo: Healthy Aging CHIP Workgroup
January 23, 2017	7:00 pm	Local Mental Health Board
January 27, 2017	9:00 am	Healthy Yolo: Mental Health CHIP Workgroup
February 9, 2017	9:00 am	Health Council
February 10, 2017	1:30 pm	Breastfeed Coalition
February 15, 2017	8:30 am	MCAH Advisory Board
February 27, 2017	7:00 pm	Local Mental Health Board