



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT

May 2017

HHSA UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM	APRIL 2017	MAY 2017
Medi-Cal/PHC	52,976	53,061
CMSP	4	2

STAFFING

Jan Babb, Community Health Branch Director will be leaving her position effective May 19. Jan has accepted a new position with Solano County, after 14 years of service with Yolo County. Karen Larsen, Dr. Chapman and Jan will be working together over the next few weeks to develop a strong transition plan with the goal of maintaining stability and support for staff. The recruitment for a replacement is now open. During the interim Dr. Chapman will be acting as Community Health Branch Director. Please join us in wishing Jan the best on her next adventure, and thanking her for her many years of service! She will be greatly missed in Yolo County.

HOMELESSNESS

The Board overseeing Partnership HealthPlan of California voted last week to invest \$25 million of strategic reserves towards a new Housing Initiative. The Initiative will provide one-time funding to support local projects that are expected to expand access to housing (including transitional, affordable and permanent supportive) for Partnership members who have complex needs, including those whose homelessness compromises their health and ability to use health care services in ways that are effective. Partnership is currently working to develop a Request for Proposals, which will be released soon. Staff expect that Yolo County will be eligible to apply for approximately \$2 million. In advance of the Request for Proposals being released, Yolo County intends to meet with representatives from each of our local jurisdictions and Yolo County Housing to discuss a coordinated plan for using these funds to address housing and homeless issues in our community.

OTHER

- HHSA's 2017 annual **Health and Wellness Fair** was a tremendous success! On April 20, 59 partner agencies and County programs convened at Empower Yolo in Woodland to help the community get connected with the wide variety of health and wellness services available to them. Approximately 300 community members attended. Some highlights included: health screenings by Dignity Health; a chance to experience adaptive riding equipment for children offered by the Yolo County California Children's Services (CCS) Program; free plant giveaways from the Yolo County Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Program; kid's activities provided by the City of Woodland "Rec to Go" van; and a walk through the West Sacramento Fire Department interactive fire trailer. It was incredible to see so many agencies engaging with the public and sharing their information in fun and interactive ways. A special thanks to the Woodland Joint Unified School District Food Service Department for selling healthy wraps featuring the Yolo County Harvest of the Month vegetable and some healthy sides for a very reasonable price. Kudos to the 2017 Health and Wellness Fair planning committee on their hard work and successful event!

- **Karen Larsen** represented Yolo County by speaking on a panel at the 2017 Northern California State of Reform Health Policy Conference. The conference is a non-partisan, policy agnostic and multi-track effort at bridging the gap between health policy and the provision of healthcare. Karen spoke on a panel titled “Reform Opportunities from the View of the Behavioral Health System”, and shared information about Yolo’s ongoing efforts to strengthen the local system of care for people with behavioral health issues in Yolo County.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH UPDATES

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The HHS Infectious Disease & Emergency Preparedness Unit completed the After Action report/Improvement Plan from the Oroville Spillway Evacuation and Fairgrounds Shelter incident. Opening the shelter at the Yolo County Fairgrounds was the first real test of the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 plan in Yolo County. We learned through this incident that Yolo County has a strong community, as demonstrated by an outpouring of donations such as blankets, pillows, clothing, toiletries, toys for the children, as well as services such as children programs and food services. The shelter was able to accommodate a blend of Access and Functional needs populations, the general population, as well as domestic animals. One area for improvement noted was to provide staff and volunteers with more detailed instructions, training, and job actions sheets on what their duties would entail at the shelter. Another area of improvement was in communication when there was a staff shift change. These areas of improvement and lessons learned will be incorporated into the ESF 6 Plan update.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

- **IMMUNIZATIONS**

New data from the California Department of Public Health shows that vaccination rates among Yolo County school children increased in the 2016-17 school year. The data indicates that immunization rates among school children have exceeded the 95% threshold that is required to prevent outbreaks and the spread of communicable diseases for the first time in many years. The full press release can be found [HERE](#).

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS

- **CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM**

The Yolo County Car Seat Safety Program hosted a car seat safety event at the Winters Health & Human Services building on April 27. A car seat donation from AAA allowed the Car Seat Safety Program to provide 15 children with new car seats. While receiving the new car seats, parents also received safety education and learned how to properly install the seats in their cars. The car seat technicians determined that 5 of the car seats being replaced were expired, and these seats will be recycled through the Car Seat Recycling Program. The car seat technicians also checked 6 additional car seats belonging to the siblings of children receiving free car seats, to ensure they were safe and properly installed.



- **NUTRITION EDUCATION AND OBESITY PREVENTION**

Woodland’s Commit2Fit is back: For partners and their clients who live, work, and play in Woodland, this is a fun opportunity to get access to a myriad of fitness and wellness classes **FOR FREE!** Participants need to [sign up online](#) and a calendar of activities will be sent your way, plus you can log your own independent fitness activities and earn raffle tickets for fabulous prizes.

- **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**



Celebrate May is Bike Month! Nationally, communities are celebrating bikes throughout the month of May, and the Sacramento Region is no exception.

Please visit www.mayisbikemonth.com to learn more about events and activities near you. The Woodland Safe Routes to School program is hosting a 3-mile family, friendly bike ride on Friday, May 5th at Heritage Plaza in Woodland.

See the [flyer](#) for details, all are welcome to ride!

UPCOMING HHSA MEETINGS & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
May 9	4:30 pm	Community Services Action Board (CSAB)
May 11	9:00 am	Health Council
May 17	8:30 am	Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH) Advisory Board
May 18	10:30 am	Behavioral Health Services Provider Stakeholder Work Group
May 22	6:00 pm	Local Mental Health Board
May 25	8:30 am	Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)
June 8	9:00 am	Health Council
June 9		Breastfeeding Coalition
June 13	4:30 pm	Community Services Action Board (CSAB)
June 15	10:30 am	Behavioral Health Services Provider Stakeholder Work Group
June 21	8:30 am	Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH) Advisory Board
June 26	6:00 pm	Local Mental Health Board