



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT

September/October 2017

HHSA UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM	AUGUST 2017	SEPTEMBER 2017	OCTOBER 2017
Medi-Cal/PHC	53,669	53,474	52,108
CMSP	4	4	

HOMELESSNESS

- HHSA staff submitted a grant application to Partnership HealthPlan of California for \$2,344,729 from the Local Innovation Grants on Housing program. The project, called the Yolo Housing for Health Initiative, is a partnership of our local jurisdictions (including the County and the Cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland), Yolo County Housing and several local non-profits. The Initiative proposes to use a Local Innovation Grant to expand access to transitional and permanent housing for Yolo County Medi-Cal members experiencing homelessness. In addition to housing, program strategies will work towards improving the overall well-being of homeless Medi-Cal members by targeting four social determinants of health - (1) housing stability, (2) physical health, (3) behavioral health and (4) self-sufficiency.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH UPDATES

PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION

- Public Health Accreditation Board Site Visit - On September 11 and 12, HHSA's Community Health Branch participated in the final step in achieving accreditation status by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The branch sought accreditation to strengthen its ability to improve and protect the health of all Yolo County residents. As a part of the journey, HHSA and branch leadership worked to engage staff members, community partners and stakeholders to develop a strategic plan, a community health assessment and a community health improvement plan. To receive accreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets or exceeds a set of public health quality standards and measures. During the 2-day site visit, a team from PHAB interviewed numerous staff, community partners, other county departments and Supervisor Saylor on each Domain. To date, 9 out of 61 local health departments in California are accredited. Receiving accreditation will demonstrate that the Yolo County HHSA Community Health Branch provides the highest quality of services to the 215,000 people it serves. From the start of this process, the goal of improving the public's health has been at the forefront. Even more exciting is that becoming accredited means we have an ongoing commitment to maintaining performance management and quality improvement standards to improve the health of Yolo County in the

years to come. The site visit team acknowledged Yolo County's strong partnerships, in particular Health Council, as well as our excellence in performance management, which they noted exists across the entire county organization, and not just the Community Health Branch. The Public Health Accreditation Board will meet in early November to make their decision regarding Yolo County. A big thank you goes out to Dr. Ron Chapman, Accreditation Coordinator Emily Vaden, and all of the staff, partners and board members who all played a role in this colossal effort.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

- Hepatitis A virus - As a result of recent hepatitis A virus (HAV) outbreaks in San Diego and Santa Cruz counties and cases due to the same strain of HAV in other California jurisdictions, Yolo County public health communicable disease staff in the Community Health Branch have been actively planning to prevent a local outbreak. The current outbreaks are in persons who are homeless and/or illicit drug users, and transmission is likely occurring through person-to-person transmission or contact with fecal contaminated environments, rather than through a common food or beverage source. Infectious disease team members have taken the following planning and preparedness actions:
 - Deputy Health Officer Dr. Mary Ann Limbos sent a Health Alert to all Yolo county healthcare providers with guidance on vaccination and mandatory reporting to the health department.
 - Yolo County has requested additional HAV vaccine from California Department of Public Health, with the goal of distribution to local health center programs serving homeless and other high risk populations, and other organizations providing support and services to individuals at higher risk.
 - A press release was done with information the general public on HAV current situation, risk, prevention, and symptoms. In addition, staff is developing a summary and frequently asked questions document.
- West Nile Virus – although the season is officially Fall, recent cases of West Nile virus, with serious complication, were confirmed in Yolo County residents. Infectious Disease staff worked with the county on releasing timely public information with the goal of protecting the public with prevention strategies and a reminder that as long as mosquitoes are in the area, the threat of WNV still exists.

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS

- **INJURY PREVENTION**
 - Contracts have been received for two Office of Traffic Safety Grants awarded to Health Education for Child Passenger Safety and Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety. Recruitments are pending for two additional staff members of the Health Education Team
- **ORAL HEALTH**
 - With the passage of Proposition 56, Yolo County was awarded approximately \$200,000 annually for 5 years to implement components of a statewide oral health plan.

- **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**

- On May 12, Winters High School Friday Night Live teamed up with the District Attorney's Office to host a real DUI trial at their school. The DUI Trial in High School program was started as a way to educate youth on the consequences of drinking or using drugs and driving. The program shows real trials with a judge, defendant, defense attorney and prosecutor. The District Attorney's Office partners with the Friday Night Live outreach program to bring these trials to various high schools throughout the county, which make a long-lasting impact on the lives of high school students. Watch this video to see more of the event. <https://vimeo.com/222861551>

WIC

- The California Department of Public Health released their 2016 in-hospital breastfeeding rates. Once again, Yolo County's breastfeeding rates are some of the highest in the state and have exceeded the Healthy People 2020 benchmarks for breastfeeding rates for initiation. Sutter Davis Hospital and Woodland Healthcare Hospital continue to prove that having evidence-based breastfeeding policies that promote and support exclusively breastfeeding in the early post-partum makes a great impact for Yolo County new mothers and babies. For 2016, 88.6% of Yolo County infants were exclusively breastfed at the delivery hospital compared with 69.4% statewide. Additionally, 97.2% of Yolo's new babies were breastfed at least partially during their stay at the hospital, compared to 94.0% statewide. High breastfeeding initiation rates show that most mothers in Yolo County want to breastfeed and are trying to do so. The early postpartum period is a critical time for establishing and support breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding promotion and support is a primary focus for the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program. WIC provides free prenatal breastfeeding and baby behavior preparation classes, breast pumps and access to a Lactation Consultant. In addition, the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program provides additional mother to mother support. The Yolo County Breastfeeding Warm Line is a community support line that offers information, education, referrals and support open to all breastfeeding women in Yolo County. It is available Monday through Friday, and phone calls are returned within one business day. The Breastfeeding Coalition of Yolo County works to create a breastfeeding friendly community by supporting worksites, public venues, childcare providers and lactation support professionals to meet the needs of breastfeeding mothers and babies. For information on programs and initiatives that promote breastfeeding, as well as resources that can help pregnant or breastfeeding women call the Yolo County Breastfeeding Warm Line at 1-800-663-8685.

- Beginning October 2, the WIC Program in the West Sacramento office will close for lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily and all day every Thursday. This will allow WIC to maintain client services at all clinics and meet the new federal mandate on separation of duties. As of January 1, 2018, WIC will be required to have two separate staff members complete client certification appointments. The first staff member will be responsible for determining income eligibility, the second staff member will be responsible for determining medical or nutritional risk and providing appropriate education. This new process requirement is in response to an August 1999 Report by the Government Accountability Office entitled "Efforts to Control Fraud and Abuse in the WIC Program Can Be Strengthened" and is in effect for all state WIC agencies. With the modification in clinic hours in West Sacramento and based on the caseload

served in each of our WIC clinics, the Yolo County WIC program will be able to meet the new federal mandate.

UPCOMING HHSA MEETINGS & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
October 10	4:30 pm	<u>Community Services Action Board (CSAB)</u>
October 11	9:00 am	<u>MHSA Woodland Community Input Meeting for FY 17-18 Plan Update</u>
	1:00 pm	<u>MHSA West Sacramento Community Input Meeting for FY 17-18 Plan Update</u>
	4:30 pm	<u>MHSA Esparto Community Input Meeting for FY 17-18 Plan Update</u>
October 12	9:00 am	<u>Health Council</u>
October 18	8:30 am	<u>Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH) Advisory Board</u>
October 19	10:30 am	<u>Behavioral Health Services Provider Stakeholder Work Group</u>
October 23	7:00 pm	<u>Local Mental Health Board</u>
October 25	9:00 am	<u>Healthy Yolo Combined CHIP Work Group</u>
November 9	8:30 am	<u>Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)</u>
	9:00 am	<u>Health Council</u>
November 14	4:30 pm	<u>Community Services Action Board (CSAB)</u>
November 15	8:30 am	<u>Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH) Advisory Board Meeting</u>
November 16	10:30 am	<u>HHSA Behavioral Health Services Provider Stakeholder Work Group</u>