

# Yolo County Health Council

July 9, 2020

Minutes

EVAN PRIESTLEY, CHAIR  
JENEBA LAHAI, VICE-CHAIR

**YOLO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

GONZALEZ BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM

25 NORTH COTTONWOOD STREET,

WOODLAND, CA 95695

The Yolo County Health Council met on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via video or teleconferencing.

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Wilkes, District 2; Barbara Boehler, District 4; Valerie Olson, District 5; John Tan, At-Large Member; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Kathleen Middings, MCAH Advisory Board; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Evan Priestley, CommuniCare Health Centers; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Dustin Lyda, Partnership Healthplan of California; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health; Stacey McCall, Winters Health Care; Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carri Ziegler, District 3; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services;

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Alanna Bares, HHS; Jill Cook, County Administrator’s Office; Katie Curran, Dignity Health; Leigh Harrington, Medical Director of Behavioral Health; Karen Larsen, HHS Director; Mary Ann Limbos, Deputy Health Officer; Brielle Mansell, Public; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Health Care; Kathryn Power, Public; Supervisor Jim Provenza, District 4; Mo Roeckl-Navazio, Public; Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Cyndi Sechler, Secretary, HHS; Sara Simmons, Asst. Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; John Troidl, Public; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director, HHS; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Tia Will, Public;

**9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER**

The July 9, 2020 Health Council meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair.

1. **WELCOME** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*

2. **ROLL CALL** – *Cyndi Sechler, Health Council Secretary*

Roll call for voting members was taken and quorum was not confirmed at that time.

3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*

**Motion:** Craig Blomberg      **Second:** Michael Wilkes      **Discussion:** None      **Vote:** Unanimous

4. **APPROVE THE [JUNE 11, 2020 MINUTES](#)** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*

**Motion:** Valerie Olson      **Second:** Michelle Famula      **Discussion:** None      **Vote:** Unanimous  
**Abstain:** Chester Austin as he was not able to locate the June 11<sup>th</sup> minutes.

5. **APPROVE THE [JUNE 25, 2020 INFORMATIONAL MINUTES](#)** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*

Jessica White stated that she attended the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting but her name on Zoom was with a different last name and Cyndi added her as a guest.

Chester Austin moved to approve the June 25<sup>th</sup> Information Minutes with Jessica’s name change.

**Motion:** Chester Austin      **Second:** Michelle Famula      **Discussion:** None      **Vote:** Unanimous

6. **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT** – *Mary Ann Limbos, Interim Health Officer*

- **COVID:** As of July 8<sup>th</sup>, Yolo County has 760 confirmed COVID-19 lab cases which includes a 37-case increase from the previous day. We have seen a steady increase number of cases which is reflective to what is happening in the region, state, and nation. Because of the large increase of cases, the Governor announced counties that are surpassing the state’s criteria for disease transmission, hospitalizations, and hospital capacity, to be put on a monitoring list and they would have to close certain sectors for at least three weeks while the counties undertook some action to try and get their case numbers under control.

Yolo County preemptively closed bars and indoor operation of specific businesses and sectors as required by the counties who are on the monitoring list. We also started to focus more on enforcement of some of our health mandates including social distancing and face coverings. On July 8<sup>th</sup> we were placed on the state's monitoring list and we surpassed the state's criteria for the number of active cases over a 14-day period, and we fell below the state's requirement for ICU bed availability.

**7. COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT** – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*

- **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA):** The Mental Health Services Act Plan has been published for public feedback until July 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a great plan, we had a lot of community feedback, part of the plan has an emphasis on health equity and disparities, we encourage everyone to take a look at it and we hope it will be an interest to the Council.

**8. HEALTH EQUITY: APPROVE HEALTH COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION FOR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY (HHSA) TO COMMIT TO LONG-TERM DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY THAT INCLUDES STAFF EDUCATION/TRAINING**

– *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*

Evan reminded everyone this topic was on the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda; but the Council decided to defer the vote to the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The intent was to formalize and make recommendations for the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to have an ongoing structure in terms to looking at routine discussion, and we will need to have potentially up to a year commitment that will start to influence and change embedded systems and systemic racism.

After some discussion, the Council decided to defer this recommendation until they have more information from the County on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**COVID REPORT** – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*

PowerPoint: [Yolo County COVID-19 Update](#)

- Some of the items covered included:
  - Local Data Update as of 7/5/2020
  - Regional Comparison: New Cases and Hospitalizations
  - Outbreak Investigations Update
  - Outbreaks in Skilled Nursing Facilities and Shelters as of 7/5/2020
  - Contact Tracing Update
  - Testing Sites

**9. REVIEW HEALTH COUNCIL'S ROLE IN AMPLIFYING COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH FOR COVID-19**

– *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*

Evan reminded everyone at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, there was an ask from the County to amplify communication, education, and outreach specific for COVID-19 through our entities and communities we represent; but also, with existing materials that are already created.

Council members shared their insight, and Evan stated the Health Council has some tangible next steps and will work with Brian Vaughn for follow through.

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY LED COLLABORATION ON COVID-19 TESTING – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair***

Council members shared ideas and concerns.

Brian reported the Public Health Lab has the capacity to do 400 tests per day, across four counties, so we are very limited on using their resources. We reserve the Lab to do significant outbreak testing, the skilled nursing facilities, and other high priority populations. The Lab is stretched with all four counties on the watch list, so we use them to do quick turnaround testing for the highest priority.

**11. HEALTH COUNCIL: NEXT STEPS – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair***

Evan stated that the Health Council is not quite ready to resume regular business and would like to defer this topic to a later meeting.

**12. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No report outs or announcements from the Council representatives.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**John Troidl, Public** – In Santa Clara County, the Health Officer arranged for cooperation from the private health care entities to provide prompt and complete testing data.

**Tia Will, Public** – I am wondering if we have optimized outreach to all religious leaders as potential leaders in community prevention?

Brian Vaughn responded: We have reached out to religious leaders and some of them are doing very well; and some are causing the issues we are having currently specifically driven by some of their activities they are having, and maybe some unwillingness to follow the guidelines. When we began reopening for religious sites we proactively worked with the community to makes sure they all have the guidelines.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**14. NEXT MEETING – To be determined**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Cyndi Sechler, Secretary  
Yolo County Health Council