

Yolo County Health Council

August 13, 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 13th Day of August 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via video or teleconferencing.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Wilkes, District 2; Carri Ziegler, District 3; Valerie Olson, District 5; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Kathleen Middings, MCAH Advisory Board; Evan Priestley, CommuniCare Health Centers; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health;

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Boehler, District 4; John Tan, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Dustin Lyda, Partnership Healthplan of California; Stacey McCall, Winters Health Care; Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Bob Bachmeier, Public; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Alanna Bares, HHSa; Jill Cook, County Administrator’s Office; Mary Ann Limbos, Deputy Health Officer; Brielle Mansell, Public; Larissa May, Interim Health Officer; Kathryn Power, Jonathan Raven, District Attorney’s Office; Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Cyndi Sechler, Secretary, HHSa; Sara Simmons, Asst. Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; John Troidl, Public; Eric Will, County Administrator’s Office; Tia Will, Public; Brenda Wright, Northern Valley Indian Health

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The August 13, 2020 Health Council meeting was called to order at 9:04 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 confirmed.

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

Motion: Craig Blomberg **Second:** Michelle Famula **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous

4. **APPROVE THE [JULY 23, 2020 MINUTES](#)** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*

Michelle Famula asked for the July 23rd minutes to be corrected under State and County Update, to read as COVID-19, not COVID-10.

Motion: Pat Moore-Pickett **Second:** Michelle Famula **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous

Abstain: Craig Blomberg as he was not at the July 23rd meeting.

5. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Jill Cook, County Administrator’s Office*

- **Interim Health Officer:** The County hired an interim Health Officer to work side-by-side with Dr. Mary Ann Limbos through this pandemic. Dr. Larissa May comes from UC Davis Medical Center, she is an infectious disease physician, and we are excited to have her join our team.
- **Cannabis:** The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CLUO) will be released on September 1st. After the release of the Final EIR and the CLUO, they will be presented to the Planning Commission for a workshop and hearing on the final EIR and CLUO. A workshop will be held on September 10th, a hearing on November 12th, and another hearing on December 10th if it is necessary. The Board of Supervisors will have a workshop on CLUO in January 2021 followed by a public hearing and any action will be taken February.
- **Resolution Workshop:** On July 24th, the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution and declaring racism as a public health crisis. The Board held a workshop, and they will be following up from that workshop at the September 15th Annual Board Strategic Planning session, to include consideration of any key initiatives related to that topic.

6. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE – Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2

- **August 18th Board Meeting:** At the next Board of Supervisors meeting the primary topics will include:
 - COVID-19 circumstances regarding the data glitches, and how the county is handling it. We put in place an enforcement ordinance due to a few businesses that violated the guidelines that we had to take steps to enforce. Another topic that is worth monitoring is the fall quarter opening of UC Davis, and the potential for many people returning to the county for school. The state issued guidelines on institutions and higher education that need to be carefully gone through. Campus leadership is in the process of doing that, and county staff are working with them to help sort out a campus ready plan.
 - The Board will review of the 3-year Mental Health Services Act Strategic Plan which has been a lot of work by the Local Mental Health Board and by the county mental health team that has gone out of its way to incorporate input from stakeholders.

7. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Mary Ann Limbos, Deputy Health Officer

- **Interim Health Officer:** Dr. Limbos introduced Interim Health Officer Dr. Larissa May. Dr. May stated she is hopeful that we can elevate public health and that the pandemic may also provide some opportunity to focus on our vulnerable population, to improve health equity, and to strengthen our infrastructure.
- **COVID Reporting Issues:** Since the last part of July, the state became aware of problems with its electronic lab reporting system. Labs across the state report test results electronically into a system called CalREDIE, which is a secure online portal maintained by the state, and this is how counties access lab results. There was a problem in part of the system that routes lab results into CalREDIE, and as a result, there were about 300,000 records that were stuck and not being reported to the counties. As of August 7th, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) fixed the problem and has most of the backlog reported to the counties. We are now in the process of catching up, and our dashboard should start reflecting the correct case counts by Friday, August 14th.
- **Monitoring List:** We are currently at 100 cases for 100,000 residents which is on the edge of the county monitoring list matrix. Our case positivity has been stable at 6-7 percent over the past couple of weeks; but it did peak mid-July at 8 percent. As of now we remain on the State's county monitoring list. We confirmed with the State that even once we are off the list, the businesses that had to close indoor operations will not be allowed to reopen until the State Health Officer allows them to reopen.
- **Reopening of Schools:** On July 17th, the CDPH issued reopening guidance that stated if schools are in counties that are or have been on the monitoring list within the last 14 days, they could only open for distance learning. The State also built into the guidance the option for elementary schools to obtain a waiver so they could hold in person instruction. CDPH released guidance on the waiver process on August 3rd, and it requires schools to have a reopening plan that describes specific measures in place to ensure that students and staff will be safe.

8. RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – Eric Will, CAO's and Jonathan Raven, DA's Office

PowerPoint: [Health & Racial Disparities in our Community](#)

- Some of the items covered included:
 - Countywide Data
 - What Determines Our Health
 - Child Welfare Information
 - Sheriff's Information
 - District Attorney's Information
 - Probation's Information
 - Health & Human Services Agency's Information

9. DISCUSSION: HEALTH COUNCIL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION – Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair

Evan reminded members that the Board of Supervisors acknowledged through a resolution recognizing racism as a public health crisis. It is imperative that the Council starts to employ it in a way that we are starting to make some changes, and in looking at the makeup of Health Council, and in looking at representation.

Some of the ideas members had in looking at representation include:

- Include someone that is an end user of our Medi-Cal and/or healthcare systems
- Look at the process and take a proactive role in recruiting for the Member At-Large position

Supervisor Saylor stated that the Board of Supervisors would be very interested in considering any suggestion the Council has on the composition of the Health Council. Some of the seats are system seats representing different parts of the health system, and some of the seats are appointed At-Large. The Council has Bylaws that describes how each type of appointments are filled; and if the Council wants to take a closer look at it, it would be very appropriate and received by the Board of Supervisors.

Evan stated for a next step, there needs to be additional thinking on the composition of the Health Council; and it would be appropriate to loop back with the Board of Supervisors.

10. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michael Wilkes, District 2: With the high temperatures we will be experiencing, Dr. Wilkes asked a couple of questions:
 - Will Yolo County have some way to check on the people who are homebound, the elderly, and people who may not afford air conditioning.
 - If we do have shelters in places that we traditionally use, to create safety for them, are we prepared and do we have enough room given the COVID social distancing requirements.

Jill Cook responded: Office of Emergency Services is aware of the high heat that we will be experiencing, and we have plans in place for cooling centers and will use appropriate precautions for COVID. We should be seeing some messaging go out; but our Office of Emergency Services is prepared for the high temperatures every year.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Troidl, Public – Happy National Community Health Center week to our Community Health Center friends and partners, thank you for all that you do!

ADJOURNMENT

12. NEXT MEETING – August 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cyndi Sechler, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council