

Yolo County Health Council

September 10, 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 10th Day of September 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; 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; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Dustin Lyda, Partnership Healthplan of California; Stacey McCall, Winters Health Care; Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Boehler, District 4; John Tan, At-Large Member; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Natalie Audage, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Desiree R. Backman, UC Davis; Chi Chen, Public; Jill Cook, County Administrator’s Office; Leigh Harrington, Medical Director of Behavioral Health, HHS; Neal D. Kohatsu, UC Davis; Brielle Mansell, Public; Kathryn Power, Public; Cyndi Sechler, Secretary, HHS; Sara Simmons, Asst. Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Nolan Sullivan, Service Centers Director, HHS; Anna Sutton, Director of Nursing, HHS; John Troidl, Public; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Tia Will, Public

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The September 10, 2020 Health Council meeting was called to order at 9:03 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 AND THE APPROVAL OF THE [AUGUST 27, 2020 MINUTES](#)** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*

Motion: Chester Austin **Second:** Valerie Olson **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous

4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Jill Cook, County Administrator’s Office*
 - **County:** On September 15th, the Board of Supervisors will be having their Annual Strategic Planning Session. The Board approved the 2020/2024 Strategic Plan on December 17, 2019, and on Tuesday staff will be providing an overview on several parts of the Plan including a highlight of some accomplishments. Some priorities for 2020 were not met, so staff will be taking to the Board about how we move forward and some potential changes in timelines, strategy, and proposing 2021 priorities as well as how we handle data and matrix moving forward.

The second part of the session will include a key topic area on health equity and racial disparities, and its relation to the Strategic Plan.

- **Office of Emergency Services:** The office has been very busy this year starting with COVID Response, excessive heat, and then fires, and we are very appreciative of all their work.

5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Sara Simmons, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2*
 - **UC Davis:** At the last Board of Supervisors meeting UC Davis leadership presented their Campus Ready Plan, a robust COVID-19 Readiness Plan very comprehensive and covers a lot of the different moving parts in running the University. The plan is a living document, so it continues to be updated. The plan can be found at: Campusready.ucdavis.edu.
 - **Air Quality Tools:** Our office is blasting out the air quality monitoring tools that are available to the communities. Air quality updates can be found at: www.airnow.gov.

6. COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH UPDATE – Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director

- **State:** The Governor signed SB793 to ban flavored tobacco products statewide. It follows the work we did here in the county several years ago and continued to do last year with the cities of Davis and West Sacramento.
- **County:**
 - The new Mental Health Services Act (MHSA): The 3-year plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 18, 2020. There are several new investments including health equity and cultural competency, and a big emphasis on prevention working with school age kids (Kindergarten-college). We encourage everyone to take a look at it, it can be found at: [MHSA Three-Year Plan FY2020-2023](#).
 - Non-COVID Public Health Items: A lot of the programs went by the wayside due to a significant number of our staff who are working on COVID Response and will be working on COVID Response for the foreseeable future; but we are trying now to get everything else back up and running like our Oral Health Program and Nutrition Programs. We were working a lot in the schools so we are adapting to that now and figuring out way we can engage and get the messaging out. Brian will give a more comprehensive update at a future meeting on where we are on other Public Health activities.
 - Elections: The Branch is helping to plan for the elections in November with the idea of how to set up safe voting places.
- **Health Council:** The Health Council is past time, per our Bylaws, for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Brian asked for 2-3 Council members to volunteer and work with him on the nomination committee. The volunteers will work with Brian to get nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair, and then to vet the applications.
 Council members who volunteered for the nomination committee are:
 - Stacey McCall, Winters Health Care
 - Carri Ziegler, District 3
 - Jessica White, Elica Health Care

7. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director

- **COVID:** The State came out with a new reopening framework what is known as the tier system. There are four levels, each level is color coded and instructs how you can reopen. Based on our data, Yolo County is in the highest restrictive tier.
 Gatherings is a big topic at the State, and a big concern is for Halloween and Thanksgiving that is coming up. The State is under a no gathering order, and we are working with the State, and the State is thinking of a system to move from an abstinence only to a harm reduction approach and providing people with guidance with on how to do it safely if people insist on gathering.
- **COVID Vaccine:** The State told us to gear up for November with a caveat that a vaccine may not be ready in November. We have been told the State will have an initial amount of half a million, a very small amount in relation to the size of the state; but we are preparing to handle the vaccine should it come out in November.
- **Flu Vaccine:** We are making a big emphasis this year pushing the flu vaccination. We will be holding several community drive-thru events and we will get the information out there once they are finalized.
- **School Waivers:** A handful of elementary schools have applied for the waiver and have been approved for onsite learning. We are monitoring the schools closely, and we have completed site visits with the approved schools.
 COVID could be with us for a long time, even with a vaccine, so we are gearing up for a long-term strategy on how we handle this and adapt more permanently.

8. PANEL 1 – HEALTH COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA: ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS SUCH AS HOUSING, JOBS, FOOD AND SAFETY (POVERTY)

1st Presentation – *Nolan Sullivan, Service Centers Branch Director, HHSA*

PowerPoint: [Poverty in Our Community](#)

Handouts: [Yolo Safety Net \(January '20\)](#) [Yolo Safety Net \(June '20\)](#)

- Some of the items covered included:
 - County Programs by the Numbers
 - CalFresh
 - CalWORKs
 - CalWORKs Housing Support Program
 - Medi-Cal
 - Unemployment

2nd Presentation – *Natalie Audage, Yolo Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Coordinator*

PowerPoint: [Recommendations to Strengthen Economic Supports for Families](#)

- Some of the items covered included:
 - 2019 Yolo Study of Economics of Child Abuse
 - Comprehensive Plan to Prevent and Respond to Child Abuse and Neglect
 - Yolo Poverty Data
 - Recommendations

3rd Presentation – *Dr. Desiree R. Backman, Chief, Population Health Group, UC Davis and Dr. Neal D. Kohatsu, Chief Health Strategist, Population Health Group, UC Davis*

PowerPoint: [Green Prescription: Improving Population Health and Equity in Low-income Communities](#)

- Some of the items covered included:
 - Population Health – September 2020
 - Environment
 - Greening and Health
 - Effect of Urban Greening on Mental Health: A Cluster Randomized Trial
 - Effects of Urban Greening on Violence, Crime, and Fear
 - Policy Recommendations

9. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michelle Famula, Member At-Large: Announced the League of Women Voters will have another Forum on October 1, 2020, from 7:00-8:00pm, talking about the difference between the public option and single payer to try and help clarify these terms for people prior to the election.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Troidl, Public: Announced the Annual Public Health Association meeting coming up on October 24-28th, and today is the last day for the early-bird registration. Information will be sent out via email.

ADJOURNMENT

11. NEXT MEETING – September 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cyndi Sechler, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council