

# Yolo County Health Council

September 24, 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 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via video or teleconferencing.

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Wilkes, District 2; Carri Ziegler, District 3; Valerie Olson, District 5; John Tan, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; 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:** Barbara Boehler, District 4; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Kathleen Middings, MCAH Advisory Board; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Evan Priestley, CommuniCare Health Centers; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Alanna Bares, HHSa; Jill Cook, County Administrator’s Office; Qian Chen, Public; Leigh Harrington, Medical Director of Behavioral Health, HHSa; Marcel Horowitz, UC Cooperative Extension; Larissa May, Interim Health Officer, HHSa; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Health Care; Cyndi Sechler, Secretary, HHSa; Nina Shields, Public; Sara Simmons, Asst. Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; John Troidl, Public; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director, HHSa

**10:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER**

The September 24, 2020 Health Council meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Jeneba Lahai, Health Council Vice-Chair.

1. **WELCOME** – *Jeneba Lahai, Health Council Vice-Chair*
2. **ROLL CALL** – *Cyndi Sechler, Health Council Secretary*  
Roll call for voting members was taken and quorum was confirmed.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 MINUTES** – *Jeneba Lahai, Health Council Vice-Chair*  
**Motion:** Chester Austin      **Second:** Craig Blomberg      **Discussion:** None      **Vote:** Unanimous

4. **HEALTH OFFICER COVID REPORT** – *Larissa May, Interim Health Officer*  
PowerPoint: [COVID Update](#)

- Items covered included:
  - Overview
  - Positive Cases Epi Curve
  - Schools: Reopened K-6 and About 2,500 UC Davis Students
  - County Tiered Reopening Framework
  - County Tiered Reopening Framework: Health Equity
  - Long-term COVID-19 Strategy: The New Normal
  - Recent Scientific Studies – Highlight on Risk
  - Flu Vaccinations and COVID Vaccine Update

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

- **County:**
  - Health Officer Update: The County has announced the permanent hiring of Dr. Aimee Sisson. Dr. Sisson will be coming to us from Placer County and starting in Yolo County on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Infection Control: As we enter this new normal, my goal is to normalize our infection control work, embed it, make it more sustainable, and then get Health in All Policies and health equity work up and running. I will update the Council once things start launching and moving forward.

**6. UPDATE FROM NINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM HEALTH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON COVID-19**

- Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health: Sutter Davis is experiencing the downward curve for COVID with no COVID positive patients in the hospital. Sutter Davis has been able to maintain the relationships with the nursing homes which are key partners as well as the assisted living facilities. If a patient goes into the hospital and if there is suspicion of COVID, Sutter Davis will perform a rapid turnover COVID test; but if there is no suspicion for COVID, a regular test will be given and the turnaround time will be 24 hours. Craig believes they have adjusted to a new normal for now and have what they need in place going into the Fall months.
- Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health: Northern Valley Indian Health (NVIH) has been conducting drive thru COVID testing for their native patients and will continue as it has been successful. They are seeing turnaround times on COVID-19 testing sent out to Quest of two days, and they are glad to see the timeframe much shorter than two weeks now. Adequate Personal Protective Equipment is a challenge for the dental staff, so they are in the process of acquiring Powered Air Purifying Respirators so they can be reused. NVIH is now trying to gear up for Flu vaccine clinics.
- Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care: Woodland Memorial Hospital (WMH) is seeing less COVID cases in their Emergency Department and less admitted patients. WMH has several different platforms they are using to test for COVID pending on what is going on with the patient, and whether if they need to be admitted or released to go home. Flu shots for employees are starting next week.

**7. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director: Check out the County website to look at the drive thru Flu clinics, and please share with everyone.
- Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance (YCCA): YCCA is partnering with Sacramento Covered, and they are also partnering with Sacramento Health Department; and we are working with our health department nurses to provide Flu vaccination drive thru clinic at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento, on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting close to 2,000 people at this event.
- John Tan, At-Large Member: Legal Services and HICAP is preparing for open enrollment for Medicare, and Yolo County is getting at least one new Medicare plan. The new materials will not be available to review until October 1<sup>st</sup>; but they are trying to get all the materials together to deal with this “new normal” of open enrollment. Since March we had to switch to phone only appointments, which has been a struggle for our program that is mandated to do things in person and community, so some of our screening services have been moved to online. On our website is our prescription drug coverage comparison worksheet that people can fill out so staff can run the plan finder and the comparisons without having an appointment.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- John Troidl, Public: Can we please see a UC Davis specific data element to the Yolo County Dashboard so that we can all know the impact of the University?  
Brian Vaughn responded: We can take the comment under consideration and see what is possible. We are stilling trying to work out the relationship with UC Davis and their initiative for Health Davis Together.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**9. NEXT MEETING – October 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Cyndi Sechler, Secretary  
Yolo County Health Council