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Yolo County Announces Partnership to Provide Physical and Behavioral Health Services to Woodland Community College Students

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and Yuba Community College District (YCCD) announce that CommuniCare Health Centers (CCHC) has been selected to provide site-based health services to Woodland Community College (WCC) students. This new partnership will provide on-site physical healthcare, behavioral healthcare and related social services in a client-centered and culturally and linguistically competent manner.

CCHC will also be providing education and learning opportunities for WCC students and staff to increase knowledge of healthy-living habits and services available to them. In the event of a public health emergency, including the current COVID-19 pandemic, CCHC will offer services in coordination with local and state public health guidelines and standards, which may include telehealth services and virtual events.

“Yolo County’s partnership with Woodland Community College on student health marks an important step forward in the continuing evolution of the college and in expanding vital services to students”, said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Gary Sandy. “Most WCC students hold down jobs in addition to attending classes and too often lack access to health services. Through this unique partnership we’ll be able to provide students from our own community with some basic physical and mental health services to keep them in school and moving forward.”

The initial term for the program is September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 with a possible extension to June 30, 2025. The program will be paid for with funding from HHSA, contributing upwards of \$150,000 per year, and YCCD, contributing \$60,000 per year.

“This collaborative really highlights what we can do when we work together and focus on our mutual goals of increasing access to critical services like healthcare to all our communities and within our institutions of higher education,” stated WCC President Dr. Artemio Pimentel. “Our students will have access to important baseline health services and will better served by this partnership.”

CCHC will provide WCC students access to behavioral health services at a minimum of three work days per week, and physical healthcare services at a minimum of three-and-a-half work days per week. Extended evening hours will be made available for both services. CCHC also has the capacity to extended behavioral health services and/or physical healthcare coverage to address emergent and emergency WCC community needs.

For more information on this new program and participating partners, please visit Yuba Community College District's website at: www.yccd.edu and CommuniCare HealthCenters website at: <https://communicarehc.org>. Stay connected with the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency on Facebook at www.facebook.com/YoloCountyHHS and on their website at www.yolocounty.org/health-human-services.

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