

Yolo County Health Council

December 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 December 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; 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; Jessica White, 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

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Boehler, District 4; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Sara Bowsky, Public; Alanna Bares, HHSA; Leigh Harrington, HHSA; Karen Larsen, Director, HHSA; Mary Ann Limbos, Deputy Health Officer; Brielle Mansell, Public; Mindi Nunes, County Administrator’s Office; Kathryn Power, Public; Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Cyndi Sechler, Secretary, HHSA; Sara Simmons, Asst. Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Public; John Troidl, Public; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Tia Will, Public

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The December 10, 2020 Health Council meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 [NOVEMBER 12, 2020 MINUTES](#)** – *Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair*
Motion: Jeneba Lahai **Second:** Craig Blomberg **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Mindi Nunes, County Administrator’s Office*
No update.
5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2*
No update.
6. **COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH UPDATE** – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*
Brian deferred to Dr. Sisson for COVID updates, and Community Health updates we will defer to the next meeting.

7. **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT** – *Aimee Sisson, Health Officer*
 - **COVID-19:** The burden and prevalence of COVID-19 is higher in Yolo County than it has ever been. Our adjusted case rate in the latest State data is 34.2, a reminder that the threshold for the purple tier is 7. Our testing positivity rate continues to rise, as of today it is 11.6, and as of yesterday, we have no COVID ICU beds available.

A Regional Stay at Home Order goes into effect at 11:59pm, this is primarily comprised of State required restrictions on businesses and activities. However, there are two pieces that are additions carried over from the Local Health Officer Order issued last Friday that includes a ban on college sports, as well as a requirement that people wear masks at all times, except for aquatic activities when at an outdoor gym.

Yolo County is awaiting quarantine guidance to be officially released from the California Department of Public Health that will adopt the CDC’s shortened quarantined periods of 10-days for most people, and

limited exceptions to allow 7-day quarantine with a negative test in very specific populations and will continue to require a 14-day quarantine period for skilled nursing facilities residents.

- **Testing:** Yolo County has been approved by the State's Testing Taskforce for an additional OptumServe testing site. In addition to our five day a week site in Woodland, the new site will spend three days in West Sacramento, and two days tentatively planned in Davis.

We are also working with Healthy Davis Together to use BinaxNOW Point-Of-Care antigen tests in asymptomatic patients and will soon be able to test symptomatic patients of Healthy Davis Together test sites. We are also distributing those BinaxNOW antigen testing kits to CommuniCare as well as Woodland Healthcare to increase their rapid testing ability.

- **Vaccine:** Yolo County's ultra-low temperature freezer arrived yesterday which will assist with storage of the Pfizer vaccine, with 975 doses in our initial allocation. We just received word that we have an initial allocation of 1,500 Moderna vaccine doses. Both of those will be prioritized to general acute care hospital staff, followed by skilled nursing staff, and skilled nursing facility residents.

8. COVID RESPONSE AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE – Subcommittee Members

Evan Priestley thanked the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee members for taking extra time to meet separately from the Health Council meeting, and start to develop dialogue, discussion, and thoughts on the two key charges.

- First charge: What are key replicable components of the approach of other counties, in terms of something that could be applied in Yolo County that we are not necessarily doing yet.
- Second charge: Recommendations for the Board of Supervisors to support and amplify in public messaging, resource allocation to equitably serve all people in Yolo County, and collaborative communication between Yolo County, HHS, and partners particularly healthcare partners.

The first charge was accomplished within the month, with three recommendations that can be found [here](#).

Evan asked voting members for their thoughts on what next steps should be for these specific recommendations.

After some discussion, Valerie Olson made a motion to accept the recommendations as specified, recognizing subsequent conversations may result in some modifications/minor modifications of the recommendations.

Motion: Valerie Olson **Second:** Pat Moore-Pickett **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous

Michael Wilkes encouraged Council members to share their ideas or concerns with the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee; and if unable to attend a meeting, please email one of the committee members to discuss your idea/concern on your behalf.

9. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michael Wilkes, District 2: We are thankful for our Health Department, for Dr. Sisson's arrival, and Brian's hard work. It is a team effort, and that also includes all the hospitals and community health organizations. Everybody is working beyond maximum. So, thanks everyone for all your hard work.
- Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2: Asked Dr. Sisson or Brian to briefly describe the status of contact tracing, what the County is doing, and how it fits within the context of the surges that we are experiencing.

Dr. Aimee Sisson responded: In late November, the CDC released a prioritization scheme for high burden jurisdictions when it comes to case investigation and contact tracing. With our large number of cases coming in, we implemented that prioritization approach. What it means is, cases that had onset primarily through the specimen collection data, greater than 6-days prior to the Health Department receiving the report of the positive case will not receive the phone call, will not have a full case investigation interview done. Instead, that individual will receive a written communication from the County, informing them we are aware of their positive test of the mass isolation order from the Health Officer, as well as isolation instructions, phone number for referrals if they need resources to support their isolation. We encourage them to notify their own contacts and provide resources on how to do that.

With cases that we do a full case investigation, we are following further CDC guidance on scaling back there, to priority workplaces, as well as the highest risk individuals in terms of their contacts. We will not be following up with every contact for most people.

Just about every other Health Department that I have spoken with in our region is adopting the CDC guidance. We have onboarded state staff that have received training for case investigation and contact tracing, and we have requested an additional 20 state staff. We are also working closely UC Davis and Healthy Davis Together to partner on contact tracing for cases associated with UC Davis campus as well as the larger Davis community. We are very grateful for their assistance. We will be using the CalCONNECT software system, so we are all using the same system and talking to each other electronically, which will facilitate collaboration.

Brian Vaughn added: On the staffing front, the state still does have resources for state redirects. There is a large demand now across the whole state, so there is a delay in getting those redirects. Over the summer we received our first round of redirects, who were trained in contact tracing, have now received training in case investigation, so we are able to move up capacity and ability of that staff. It has been a nice progression to meet some of our case investigation needs.

- Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health: Reported the CDC has handouts that can be handed out when testing is being done. They have been handing them out while testing patients and pointing out the most important things while patients are waiting for their test results.
- Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2: On Tuesday, December 15th, at the Board of Supervisors meeting, you will see a video, by the Board, thanking the frontline healthcare providers for everything they are doing.

Supervisor Saylor also thanked the Health Council for their service to the County and to the residents by participating in the Health Council, and especially those who currently work in direct patient care, and making sure people are safe and healthy.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Troidl, Public – Asked two questions:
 - 1) If there are statics of for Yolo County clinicians who are out due to COVID-19 themselves.
Dr. Sisson responded: One health system shared that 15-20% of their staff are out right now
 - 2) Is Yolo County tracking the number of clinicians that are out due to COVID?
Brian Vaughn responded: Not actively. We meet with the providers and get their feedback on their staffing levels and assess that as part of our ongoing work; but we do not maintain a specific number that we are looking at every day.

ADJOURNMENT

11. NEXT MEETING – January 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cyndi Sechler, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council