

Yolo County Health Council

March 11, 2021

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 11th Day of March 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via video or teleconferencing.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Volkar, District 1; Ximena Diez-Jackson, 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; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; 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; Margaret Walter, UC Davis; Stacey McCall, Winters Health Care; Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathleen Middings, MCAH Advisory Board; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Sara Bowsky, Public; Jill Cook, County Administrator’s Office; Robin Frank, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Brielle Mansell, Public; Larissa May, UC Davis; Kathryn Power, Public; Supervisor Jim Provenza, District 4; Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Cyndi Sechler, Secretary, HHS; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The March 11, 2021 Health Council meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair.

1. **WELCOME** – *Evan Priestley, Chair*
2. **ROLL CALL** – *Cyndi Sechler, Secretary*
Roll call for voting members was taken and quorum was confirmed.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND THE APPROVAL OF THE [FEBRUARY 11, 2021 MINUTES](#)** – *Evan Priestley, Chair*
Valerie Olson asked for corrections to be made to the minutes. Under Section 9, second paragraph, change precarious to previous, and omit UC Davis.
Motion: Chester Austin **Second:** Michelle Famula **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous
Abstain: Celeste Armstrong as she did not attend the February 11, 2021 meeting.

4. **HEALTH COUNCIL PRIORITY AREAS – RECOMMENDATION DEVELOPMENT** – *Evan Priestley, Chair*
Handouts sent out before the meeting: [Health Council’s 3 Priority Areas](#); [Health Council - Panelist Recommendations](#); [Yolo Strategic Plan](#); [Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board’s Annual Report](#); [YC Child Abuse Prevention Council Board of Supervisors Presentation](#)

Evan Priestley reminded every one of the core areas of topics the Council generated from narrowing down from the broader Community Health Needs Assessment into three priority areas:

- A. Access to Basic Needs Such as Housing, Jobs, Food and Safety (Poverty)
- B. Access to Primary Care and Dental Care
- C. Access to Behavioral Health Services in Yolo County

Evan reported the plan is to identify the key elements the Council wants to include for policy recommendations. We want to align our efforts with the County’s efforts, so the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health’s Annual report, the Yolo Strategic Plan, and the Child Abuse Prevention Council’s Board presentation, along with the panelists recommendations from the discussions have been sent out previously.

The Council went over the panelist’s recommendations and discussed several topics and some expenditures of one time funds within the context of the identified priority areas which included :

- Expansion of screening and prevention services (i.e. mental health and health funding additions to schools/children)
- Dental services to children and Medi-Cal clients in general
- Revisit fluoridation of water

- Reallocation of funds to ride-along mental health/addiction services
- Allocate some funds to expanding/strengthening our broadband infrastructure

Evan asked for volunteers to meet with her to discuss and package the topics to start moving them forward. Evan hopes to have a rough draft developed before the next Health Council meeting. If interested in volunteering, please contact Evan directly.

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

- **Cannabis Land Use Ordinance:** The public hearing to has been postponed until May.
- **County Administrator:** Patrick Blacklock, current County Administrator, accepted the President and CEO position of the Rural County Representatives of California, and his last day will be on March 19th. The Board appointed the new Assistant County Administrator, Daniel Kim, as the Interim County Administrator.

6. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE – Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2 and Chair Jim Provenza, District 4

Supervisor Saylor:

- **Vaccine Clinics:** Over the past few weeks, vaccine clinics for hard-to-reach populations were able to reach 35% of farmworkers, we have had vaccine clinics for educators and childcare workers, 72% of people over 65 have been vaccinated; and this week, there is a press forward for restaurant workers and grocery workers. Targeted populations are notified in advance of upcoming clinics and locations. You can find where the clinics will be held on the County’s website.
- **Budget:** With the federal stimulus and the state grant for the epidemiology and laboratory capacity, our budget outlook is fairly positive going into 2021-22, and the longer term projection shows continuing mismatch and depletion of fund balances; but the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act helped Yolo County, our city partners, and our school district partners to sustain efforts in the fact that we were not spending so much money in some areas, and we will be looking fairly strong going into the next year.

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

- **Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Funds:** On March 23rd, Brian will be submitting a tentative workplan to the Board of Supervisors for the ELC Funds. The bulk of the public health staff has been redirected for the past year to work on contact tracing and case investigation work, so I am hopeful with this funding that we can backfill those positions.
- **New Staff:** We are excited to announce that we have recently hired two new staff members, who will be coming in within the next month, to work on Health Equity and Health in All Policies.
- **Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA):** Hospitals and clinic partners are starting conversations to jointly develop a new three-year CHNA plan. We will be soliciting feedback from the Health Council again on the priorities in the communities. We assume the priorities have changed due to COVID.

8. COUNTY COVID UPDATE – Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer

- **COVID Numbers:** Good news, the COVID cases that are added each day among county residents and continues to decline. As of Tuesday, our adjusted case rate was four, which is exactly the threshold between the red and orange tiers, so we stayed in the red tier. Looking at the state’s data portal, today’s adjusted case rate is three, with a testing positivity rate of 0.9 countywide, so if the numbers hold, then we could move into the orange tier as early as March 24th, which is good news for our business communities.
- **State Blueprint:** The State announced additional changes to the blueprint, that are forthcoming, with the ability as additional doses administered in the lowest quartile of the healthy places in the statewide, the blueprint threshold will shift to make it easier for counties to move to less restrictive tiers.
- **Vaccines:** The State’s focus on the vaccine rollout to the most disadvantaged communities with 40% of doses statewide being directed to the lowest quartile of the healthy places, and we have five of those zip codes in Yolo County. We will see more targeted efforts moving forward to make sure we get additional doses in for the most disadvantaged residents; but we also have a large focus on getting doses into the

Latino community, which we know has been impacted by COVID, regardless of their zip code in Yolo County.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a third vaccine which is Johnson & Johnson's vaccine. Yolo County received 500 doses of the new vaccine for this week, which most were administered to farmworkers. This vaccine is a single dose, and it is highly effective and safe. It will make it easier to reach hard to reach populations that may have been harder to find and to go back to for a second dose including our farmworkers, homeless and unsheltered populations. We hope to see an increase in the supply and looking to potentially to trade with some partners who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and do not necessarily need those same benefits as the county does in reaching the hardest to reach population.

- **Vaccination Eligibility:** Currently anyone in Phase 1B is eligible who are 65 and older, emergency service workers, and people who work in agriculture, education, and childcare. Starting on March 15th, anyone ages 16-64 with a severe underlying medical condition or significant disability will also be eligible for vaccine in Yolo County.

We now have 20% of Yolo County residents who have received at least one dose of vaccine with a total of 44,000 residents as of March 8th, and 72% of those are 65 and older. Nearly every K-12 education worker who is interested in receiving a vaccine has been offered one. Grateful for our partnership with Dignity Health which allowed us to quickly prioritize that population to facilitate getting the kids back in school.

- **Vaccine Equity:** Many doses that have been administered to County residents are listed by the State as having missing race and ethnicity data with 23% of our doses labeled as unknown race and ethnicity. We know many of those will include the Hispanic population, which is underrepresented in the vaccine rollout. I think we will see a shift moving forward with our focus on frontline workers, particularly farmworkers we will see those percentages increase. The numbers make us focus on our efforts moving forward to make sure we have Spanish language outreach, and we are working with partners who are trusted messengers within the Latino community to make sure we are letting them know they are eligible and encouraging them to get vaccinated.
- **Third Party Administrator (TPA):** There is an onboarding to the TPA with Blue Shield of California and My Turn. All transitions come with challenges and concerns that we may be losing some of the functionality and the local infrastructure that we have developed. Dr. Sisson's team is committed to creatively working within and around these systems as much as they can so that they can continue the work that they are doing that is successfully targeting particular groups who live with the County.

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

Larissa May, Chair of the COVID Response Ad-hoc Subcommittee, reported the members discussed the original charter of the ad-hoc subcommittee and what the group is supposed to be doing. The group decided they are an advisory board for Public Health as well as to the Health Council, a sounding board to generate ideas, and work with the County. The ad-hoc subcommittee members have the unique advantage of being able to reach certain vulnerable populations and spread the word for public health through various social channels.

Other topics discussed included:

- **Vaccinations:** Valerie Olsen and Pat Moore-Pickett worked through the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance to target and help the aging and the homebound populations, to get vaccinated.
- **Communities of practice with UCSF:** We have an endeavor to eventually pass that on to the County; but essentially to provide an educational discussion forum for Public Health staff that can have an additional support network.
- **Helping Public Health:** The group is looking at what they can do to help Public Health without duplicating the efforts Public Health is working on.

Carrie Ziegler reported she will be contacting Jenny Tan asking to include the Health Council's communications outreach team to the COVID notification distribution list. If you would like to be part of the communications outreach

team and send COVID updates and notifications to the community using your own networks and social media outlets, please contact Carrie.

10. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No report outs from Council members.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

12. NEXT MEETING – April 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cyndi Sechler, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council