

Yolo County Health Council

June 10, 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 10th Day of June 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; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Evan Priestley, CommuniCare Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Margaret Trout, UC Davis; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership Healthplan of California; Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathleen Middings, MCAH Advisory Board; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health; Stacey McCall, Winters Health Care

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Sara Bowsky, Public; Raja Handa, Public; Brielle Mansell, Public; Mindi Nunes, County Administrator’s Office; Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Cyndi Sechler, Secretary, HHSa; Sara Simmons, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Amal Azhar Syed, Public; Kanat Tibet, HHSa; Rebecca Tryon, HHSa; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Alexander Joel Watson, Public

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The June 10, 2021, Health Council meeting was called to order at 9:01 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 [MAY 13, 2021 MINUTES](#)** – *Evan Priestley, Chair*
Chester Austin pointed out a typo on Agenda Item #5, in recommendation #4, David needs to be changed to Davis.
Motion: Chester Austin **Second:** Anthony Volkar **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous

4. **FALL PREVENTION** – *Amal Syed, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance*

Presentation: [Yolo County Fall Data and Education Update](#)

- Some of the items covered included:
 - Importance of Fall Prevention Education
 - Ambulance Responses Due to Falls for Adults Aged 60 and Older
 - Emergency Department Visits Aged 65 and Older
 - Risk Predictors of Falls

Amal also shared information about a two-day Fall Prevention Webinar Series scheduled for the end of June in collaboration with FitDeb Training. The first day will cover fall risk factors and ways to mediate risks, environmental assessment activity, and exercise demonstrations. The second day will cover tips for caregivers, information on medical alert systems, Yolo County fall prevention resources, and exercise demonstrations.

5. **COUNTY COVID UPDATE** – *Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer*

Presentation: [Yolo County COVID Update](#)

- Some of the items covered included:
 - Yolo’s Case Rates Declining
 - Tier Status
 - Vaccinated Yolo Residents
 - Beyond the Blueprint
 - Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Standards

6. DISCUSSION: YOLO COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL BYLAWS – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*

Last year we started the conversation about potentially updating the bylaws when we discussed the composition of the Council, the members, and the desire of having more diversity on the Council.

Brian's recommendation is to form an ad-hoc workgroup to review the current bylaws and suggest updates. Here is a list of some of the items Brian has noted over the past year that can be looked at:

- Council membership and diversity
- Membership terms
- Officer nominations and terms
- Subcommittee formation and participation

Brian asked for volunteers to be part of the ad-hoc workgroup.

Council members who volunteered are:

- Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children's Alliance
- John Tan, Member At-Large
- Margaret Trout, UC Davis

7. STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE – *Mindi Nunes, County Administrator's Office*

- **County Budget:** Last Friday the County released its 2021-2022 fiscal year budget which represents the tentative spending plan until the final budget in September. It is \$500,070 million budget which includes \$46 million in capitol projects with HHS representing roughly 45 percent of that total budget. Once the State approves their budget this summer, the County can then work to incorporate components for our final adopted budget which will occur in September. There are several the Governor's initiatives that will impact HHS, so we look forward to seeing which of those are approved in their final budget. The full budget is available on the County's website at www.yolocounty.org. The Board hearing to consider this recommended budget will occur next Tuesday, June 15th, starting at 9:00am.
- **County in Office Work:** The County will begin its return to in office work on July 19th and continuing until August 29th. Each department will determine how and when office work occurs, and while most of our department have been serving clients in person, this return will expand the ability of the community to access in services and in person.

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

Supervisor Saylor reported:

- **American Rescue Plan (ARP):** The funding is under review and will not be part of the budget discussion on Tuesday, June 15th; but it will be discussed in September. The allocation for Yolo County is about \$43 million that will come in two packages, one that is already in hand, and the next half will come in May 2022. The Board is looking to have community meetings in July, and possibly at three different locations so everyone will have an opportunity to consider what is under review for possible use for the funding.
The cities and school districts both have additional ARP funds available, and one of the criteria the Board has adopted, is to look at ways leveraging and partnering with the other jurisdictions. One possibility might be to partner on continuing this support for the homeless population by having a shared funding commitment for that in each of the cities that choose to participate.
- **Yolo Adult Day Health Center:** On June 29th, the Board will receive an update on the Adult Day Health Center facility project.
- **Yolo County's Public Information Officer:** Jenny Tan has just been hired by the California State Association of Counties to be the Senior Manager on their Public Affairs and Member Services Team.
- **Health Council's Board of Supervisors Update:** Evan Priestley shared that the Health Council's update will be in July.

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

- **COVID Funding:** Money continues to dribble in on various initiatives related to vaccines and COVID money with relatively few number of cases. We are set up for the long term for the next couple of years that will have a sizable number of staff that will be dedicated and committed just to COVID in case we see any

vaccine breakthroughs, or if we see any cases of minor surges with schools restarting or the reopening of the state on June 15th.

- **Budget:** We continue to have concerns with the rest of the public health infrastructure as we have not seen any federal money. The Governor did release his May Revise several weeks ago, and it did not include ongoing public health funding which was a surprise for us on the public health side. It did include \$3 million for an after-action report on the public health response to COVID; but it did not include new funding. However, the legislature put back \$200 million in the state budget for public health. It would be \$13 million STDs and HIV work, \$35 million for public health workforce advancements, \$40 million for the state health function, and \$115 million for health equity and racial justice work. We are hopeful that it will stay in the budget.
- **Contact Tracing:** With COVID cases low, we continue to downsize our case investigation and contact tracing team. Six weeks ago, we had 70-80 staff, and the recommendation now from California Public Health Department is to have 15 per 100,000, so that puts us to 30-35 staff members. We are reducing the number of people slowly and incrementally who were working on contact tracing and investigations.
- **Staffing and Projects:** We are bringing staff back to their old programs, so we are restarting several initiatives that were put on hold like our Maternal, Child, and Adolescent health work. We have expanded our health equity work; and we are working in collaboration with the Service Centers on a poverty reduction project, and we are in the process of relaunching and working with our hospital partners on a new Community Health Needs Assessment survey.

10. UPDATE FROM COVID AD-HOC COMMITTEE – Subcommittee Members

Valerie Olson reported the committee discussed where we are headed in the future and talked a little about the COVID committee itself; but Valerie’s senses were that the committee is needed for a few additional months as we learn what happens when kids go back to in person school and maybe through the holiday season.

Discussions also included how to reach people who are vaccine hesitant and how we might be of help with that respect. Brian gave an update on community of practice, and stated staff can hold scheduled meetings now, so one of their first objectives is to look at vaccine hesitant people. The committee also discussed what the future would look like in terms of booster vaccines; but data is still pending.

Brian Vaughn reported the first Community of Practice meeting was held on June 9th. Moving forward, we will be having two Community of Practice meetings every month, one for internal, focusing on staff; and the second with community partners getting out messages of interests. Yesterday’s meeting was on vaccines and vaccine hesitancy in communication. The meeting will be repeated with community members on June 23rd from 4-5pm.

11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No report outs or announcements.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Evan Priestley, Health Council Chair: Asked Council members what content or topics they would like for the next meeting. Items included:
 - Project Room Key Update
 - Gun violence as a public health topic
 - UC Davis campus – student health issues as students return for the Fall.
 - The impact of reopening
 - Is there a certain date that the meetings will be returning to in person?
Evan responded: There is not a set date for in person meeting at this time.
 - Will there be an August meeting?
Evan responded: If there are not new items with pressing issues, the August meeting can be canceled, and we will regroup in September.

ADJOURNMENT

13. NEXT MEETING – July 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cyndi Sechler, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council