

# Yolo County Health Council

September 9, 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 9<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via video or teleconferencing.

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** 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-Pickette, At-Large-Member; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Dustin Lydia, Healthplan of California; Tammy Powers, Sutter Health; Larissa May, UC Davis; Stacey McCall, Winters Health Care; Evan Priestly; CommuniCare Health Centers

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Nikki King, Local Mental Health Board; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Sara Bowsky, Public; Mindi Nunes, County Administrator’s Office; Sara Simmons, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Roxana Garcia, Public; Marcel Horowitz, Public; Brielle Mansell, Public; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Emily Ault, HHSa; Gaby Castaneda, HHSa; Tia Will, Public; Anne Tensus, Public, Yong Xiong, HHSa

The September 9, 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 – Evan Priestley, Chair**

Roll call for voting members was taken and quorum was confirmed.

**3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND THE APPROVAL OF THE [JULY 8, 2021 MINUTES](#) – Evan Priestley, Chair**

**Motion:** Chester Austin                    **Second:** Valerie Olson & Jessica White                    **Discussion:** Chester questioned attendance, but it was confirmed Michelle Famula was not at the July meeting, she emailed her update that was presented. **Vote:** Unanimous

**4. STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE – Mindi Nunes, CAO Representative**

- o American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds: Yolo County is set to receive ~\$42.8M; setting priorities/making decision around the fund allocation. Board of Supervisors provided 2 priorities: 1) help fund the gap for the Capay Valley Community Healthcare Center; 2) fund food hub in Capay Area through expansion of current services.

**5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE – SARA SIMMONS, Supervisor Saylor Representative**

- o Reiterated ARP funding news

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

- o Shared that current and future meetings will be recorded
- o Provided an update on the COVID Delta Surge
- o The State announced additional funding estimated at \$300M on top of annual funding for California Public Health Departments. This funding will go into effect next fiscal year, July 2022
- o Shared that locally and state-wide, Public Health Departments are experiencing staffing challenges, to include finding suitable staff to hire for open positions, especially Public Health nurses and other critical positions.
- o Questions from Health Council Members:
  - o Q: Regarding Public Health nursing shortage – considering hiring post-war trained medics?
  - o A: Open to considering all options/ideas
  - o Q: How will the \$300M state funding be allocated to the counties?
  - o A: No county allocation table has been shared at this time, but information will be shared with Health Council when they are announced.

**7. HEALTH COUNCIL BYLAWS UPDATE DISCUSSION – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director***

- Public Health Director shared a slide presentation to Health Council.
- Discussed Health Council membership and the need for more diversity amongst board representation. The Health Council will plan to review in future meetings the membership terms, to include officer terms and roles, as well as language around participating in subcommittees and subgroups. Bylaws Workgroup Members to include Brian Vaughn, John Tan, and Jeneba Lahai.
  - Discussed membership diversity to potentially include representatives from legal aids, educators, students, and other representatives in the community involved in social determinants of health.
- Discussed Board Terms and Clarification:
  - Members discussed the need to allow for exceptions when there is no one to replace a current member.
    - Action: Brian Vaughn to follow-up on the language on exceptions.
  - Members discussed terms and Bylaws for Ad hoc meetings and subcommittees
    - Action: Brian Vaughn will follow-up to include these updates
  - Members discussed the terms of Chair & Vice Chair
    - Action: Brian Vaughn will clarify this language in the Bylaws
- A draft version of the Bylaws will be brought forward to the next Health Council meeting for review.

**8. OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director***

- Members Jessica White and Michelle Famula to sit on the nomination committee which will convene in October to hold a vote on officer nominations.
  - ACTION: Brian will send a link to the online application for Officer Nominations

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

- Health Officer shared a slide presentation on County COVID Update
  - Update on current COVID situation
    - Case rates currently declining; testing positivity is 2.3%; ICU beds at limit; fully vaccinated are well protected; unvaccinated at increased risk; reviewed vaccination rates. <25 age group needs to improve vaccination rates. Geographic differences as well: Davis at 71% fully vaccinated; 53% West Sacramento; 64% Woodland; 48% in Winters (but investigating this for accuracy)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> doses/booster doses: FDA has authorized 3<sup>rd</sup> dose for immunocompromised individuals to boost initial response. Booster is not yet approved by FDA/CDC. Yolo County will follow CDC/FDA guidelines related to boosters
    - Protective measures: Swiss cheese model for layers of protection (masks/distance/testing/vaccines/contact tracing/improve ventilation/go outdoors/stay home when sick, etc.)
    - July 31, 2021 Yolo County issued an indoor mask order, but noted the importance of also masking outdoors, especially unvaccinated people in crowds. In a school setting, outdoor masking at recess is recommended.
    - Children in school: In-person schooling is a priority; schools must implement safety layers as mentioned above. With community case rates high, it is unrealistic to expect there will not be cases in schools. The goal is to limit spread on campus. Data tools are not great for monitoring campus spread – we are working on this functionality. Swiss cheese protective layers for schools are important. Priority: get eligible students vaccinated (on campus vaccination clinics, etc.). Need community support to make this work. Parents need to not send their children to school when showing symptoms & get them tested. Asymptomatic testing is important this year.
    - Youth sports guidance will be released by Dr Sisson's office very soon.

- Highlight: in areas of high transmission, high contact/high risk sports should only be played by children who are fully vaccinated (per CDC recommendation). Frequent testing is not a substitute for the vaccine.
- Pandemic fatigue is real, but don't give up.
- Questions:
  - Q: Modified quarantine: exposure on campus, children can remain on campus while testing 2xweek. Parents are bringing children in for dental treatments – what is the guidance?
  - A: Students on modified quarantine can be in school for learning purposes, but they should be home on quarantine when not in the classroom.
  - Q: Why was there a jump in 35+ age group?
  - A: The denominator was adjusted by the data source, not the nominator, which adjusted this information.

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

- COVID Ad-HOC Subcommittee: Dr May:
  - Met a couple of days ago, opened with Brian & Dr Sisson giving update
  - Lengthy discussion about boosters
  - Challenges in school districts re contact tracing. Districts are encouraged to hire their own CTs.
  - Discussed future of ad hoc subcommittee meeting

**11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Michelle Famula, At-Large Member: The League of Woman Voters Davis Area will be hosting a health forum on October 6, 2021, 6-8pm. There will be a speaker, Dr Susan Rogers, talking about health reform & opportunities for addressing health inequities & improving health disparities. Michelle will share the Eventbrite link when it is created. Open to the public, zoom presentation & 40-minute discussion.
- Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health: continues to provide vaccines at most of their clinics on site. Have seen an increase since Delta surge, but not huge. Also providing 3<sup>rd</sup> doses to immunocompromised. New clinic will be relocating & now scheduled to open September 20. 1280 Gibson Road, Woodland (Old Burlington Coat Factory location)

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**13. NEXT MEETING – October 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Emily Ault, Interim Secretary

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