

# Yolo County Health Council

October 14, 2021

Minutes

ANTHONY VOLKAR, CHAIR  
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**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 14<sup>th</sup> Day of October 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; Leon Schimmel, District 4; Valerie Olson, District 5; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership Healthplan of California; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health; Margaret Trout, UC Davis; Tandy Burton, Woodland Health Care

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Tan, At-Large Member; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Aileen Barandas, CommuniCare Health Centers; Chris Kelsch, Winters Health Care

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Kenneth C. Burtis, Healthy Davis Together; Mary Ann Limbos, Deputy Health Officer; Daniel Kim, Assistant County Administrator; Supervisor Jim Provenza, District 4; Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Sara Simmons, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Larrisa May, UC Davis; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Health Care; Kanat Tibet, HHSa; Yong Xiong, HHSa; Marcel Horowitz, Public; Sara Bowsky, Public

**9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER**

The October 14, 2021, Health Council meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director.

1. **WELCOME** – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*

2. **ROLL CALL** – *Yong Xiong, Secretary*

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

3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND THE APPROVAL OF THE [SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 MINUTES](#)** – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*

**Motion:** Chester Austin      **Second:** Anthony Volkar      **Discussion:** None      **Vote:** Unanimous

4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Daniel Kim, Assistant County Administrator*

- Fiscal Year (FY) 21-22 Adopted Budget
  - Staff identified an additional \$7.6 million available compared to the Recommended FY 21-22 Budget
  - Most of the \$7.6 million came from year end savings largely due to vacancies (\$5.1 million) and slight increases in various local revenue sources (\$1.8 million)
  - Of the \$7.6 million in savings: \$2.1 million went to fund departmental proposals, \$2.3 million was recommended for various contingencies, and \$3.2 million went to shore up reserves
  - FY 21-22 Adopted Budget also includes a considerable amount of one-time State and Federal funds
  - Budgeted additional \$24.9 million State funds for public health and homeless services in addition to the \$42.8 million American Rescue Plan funds
- The Board approved the allocation of \$42.8 million in American Rescue Plan funding
  - Five different American Rescue Plan priority categories
    - Housing & Homeless (\$7,500,000)
    - Food Security (\$3,000,000)
    - Child Youth & Family (\$5,500,000)
    - Mental Health (\$500,000)
    - Community Parks and Facilities (\$3,000,000)
- The Board approved separate workgroups for the five American Rescue Plan priority categories
  - Workgroups will be led by County staff and comprised of subject matter experts from within County departments, other government entities, and stakeholders (excluding any bidding on American Rescue Plan funds)
  - Workgroups will review and refine proposals previously submitted and make recommendations to the Board in late November 2021 on what projects the County should fund
  - Two Board member liaisons will be assigned to each of the American Rescue Plan workgroups

- Question from Carri Ziegler
  - What is the implementation schedule for the American Rescue Plan workgroup?
- Answer from Daniel Kim
  - Staff plan to return to the Board on October 26, 2021 with an initial update on workgroups and their process
  - Each of the five American Rescue Plan workgroups have already been formed and external subject matter experts selected
  - Staff plan to return to the Board on November 23, 2021 with the workgroup recommendations
- The Board adopted four priority projects for a total of \$9,250,000
  - Capay Valley Health and Community Center - \$2,250,000
  - Crisis Now - \$3,000,000
  - Yolo Regional Food Hub Facility - \$2,000,000
  - Welcome Baby - \$2,000,000
- The Board expanded the scope of Aging and Adult Services to include adult services and increased the amount of funding by \$350,000 for a total of \$600,000
- The Board required all County staff to get fully vaccinated or receive a medical or religious exemption by October 29, 2021

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

- Supervisor Jim Provenza and Supervisor Don Saylor summarized the importance of the four priority projects and their public health connections
  - Capay Valley Health and Community Center will provide medical and dental services for an underserved community
  - Crisis Now will provide funding for implementation of the 24/7 Crisis Now service
  - Yolo Regional Food Hub Facility will expand the community's ability to aggregate, process, store, and distribute locally farm grown produce
  - Welcome Baby will provide home visiting to new and at-risk mothers
  - Question from Ximena Diez-Jackson
    - Will bi-lingual staff be available to do home visits for the Welcome Baby program?
  - Answer from Supervisor Jim Provenza
    - Yes. Gina Daleiden, First 5 Yolo, is at the forefront of this program and the Health Council can ask her to share how Welcome Baby is unfolding
  - Question from Pat Moore Pickett
    - Will Crisis Now reach out to schools to address children's mental health?
  - Answers from Supervisor Don Saylor and Supervisor Jim Provenza
    - Crisis Now is for when a crisis occurs
    - Substantial resources are coming from the State budget for all counties to enhance mental health services capacity in each of the school districts
    - Public Health Director Brian Vaughn shared the Community Engagement Work Group for MHS is next Thursday and feedback is welcome from the public on how to spend revenue
- Supervisor Don Saylor advised the Health Council to have on its radar the Harm Reduction Diversion Program

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

- COVID-19 response continues to be the main bulk of the work at the Community Health Branch (CHB) as staff are mobilized to help with testing, contact tracing, and investigation across the school district
- CHB is developing a long-term strategy to address COVID-19 response instead of a continuous cycle of surge and emergency staffing
- CHB will focus its COVID-19 response efforts on three high risk populations (SLC)
  - Schools
  - Long-term care facilities
  - Congregate settings

- Staff will conduct contact tracing work on positive COVID-19 cases through a virtual assistant in CalCONNECT where people will get automatic calls providing guidance and necessary follow-up needed
- Staff continue to push out vaccines into community events and staff flu clinics
- Public is welcome to attend the Community Engagement Work Group regarding MSHA funding

**7. ACTION ITEM: OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND VOTE – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director***

- Brian Vaughn went over the duties of the Health Council Chair and Vice Chair
- Anthony Volkar applied to be the Health Council Chair
- Nicki King and Chester Austin volunteered to serve as Health Council Co-Vice Chairs

**Motion:** Carri Ziegler

**Second:** Valerie Olson

**Discussion:** Bylaws, co-vice chairs, and health

background expertise within the Health Council

**Vote:** Unanimous

**8. HEALTHY YOLO TOGETHER AND CAMPUS READY PROGRAM – *Kenneth C. Burtis, COO Health Davis Together***

Summary of the items covered in the presentation: [Healthy Yolo Together and Campus Ready Program](#)

- Healthy Davis Together (HDT)
  - Project between the City of Davis and UC Davis to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and facilitate a return to regular city activities and reintegration of UC Davis students into the Davis community
  - HDT later added Healthy Yolo Together (HYT) to its name and expanded activities county-wide
- Healthy Yolo Together (HYT) legacy
  - Strengthen working partnerships between UC Davis, Yolo County Public Health, city government, and community organizations
  - Develop a blueprint to efficiently scale up mass asymptomatic testing during a pandemic
  - Create scalable K-12 staffing models to support public health in times of crisis
  - Establish protocols for using environmental monitoring services to support disease management
  - Infuse key learnings and academia into public health office to advance approaches based on the latest approach
- UC Davis Campus Ready Program
  - Fall quarter classes are in-person and students are living on-campus
  - Athletics, events, and performance venues are open with vaccine/testing requirements
  - Students are 98% vaccinated and employees are 95% vaccinated
  - Non-vaccinated students and employees with approved exemption requests are required to test every 96 hours and vaccinated individuals are required to test every two weeks

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

Summary of the items covered in the presentation: [Yolo County COVID-19 Update](#)

- COVID-19 case rate continues to decrease
- County has dropped from a high to substantial level of community transmission based on the CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19
- COVID-19 testing positivity rate remains low and stable
- COVID-19 hospitalizations are decreasing
- County vaccination rate is near the state average
- Uptake of Pfizer booster low
  - 6,000 County residents have received Pfizer boosters as of October 10, 2021
  - Booster dose is recommended for people 65 years and older, long-term care facility residents, and people aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions
  - Booster dose is available for people aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions or those who live or work in a high-risk setting
  - U.S. Food and Drug Administration will meet on October 14, 2021 and October 15, 2021 to discuss Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters
- COVID-19 vaccine demand has risen since boosters were authorized
- Pfizer Emergency Use Authorization for children ages 5-11 is expected within a month

- Yolo County Public Health is working with school districts to offer school-based vaccines at multiple times and locations within each district
- Everyone 6 months of age and older are encouraged to get their flu vaccine
- Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same time in different arms

**10. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Larissa May, UC Davis, provided an update on behalf of the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee
  - Members met and discussed the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee's future and presented several options
    - Disband the COVID-19 Ad-Hoc Committee
    - Integrate the COVID-19 Ad-Hoc Committee into the Health Council as a formal subcommittee
    - Health Council members should vote at the next Health Council meeting and decide the future of the COVID-19 Ad-Hoc Committee as well as its broader role
  - COVID-19 Ad-Hoc Committee will be suspended temporarily until the Health Council members vote on its future
  - Larissa May will be resigning as chair of the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee
- Supervisor Jim Provenza introduced Leon Schimmel as his appointee to represent District 4

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No public comment

**ADJOURNMENT**

**12. NEXT MEETING – November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Yong Xiong*

Yong Xiong, Secretary  
Yolo County Health Council