

Yolo County Health Council

November 18, 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 18th Day of November 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; 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; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership Healthplan of California; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health; Margaret Trout, UC Davis; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare; Tandy Burton, Woodland Healthcare

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Aileen Barandas, CommuniCare Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Ann Limbos, Deputy Health Officer; Jill Cook, Chief Deputy County Administrator; Jeff Reisig, District Attorney; Jonathan Raven, Chief Deputy District Attorney; Ian Evans, Adult and Aging Branch Director; Karen Larsen, HHS Director; Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; John Fout, County Public Information Officer; Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Sara Simmons, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Saylor; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Larrisa May, UC Davis; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Healthcare; Molly Lopez, Northern Valley Indian Health; Yong Xiong, Yolo County HHS; Emily Ault, Yolo County HHS; Andrew Bornhoeft, Yolo County DAC; Brielle Mansell, Legal Services of Northern California; Marcel Horowitz, Public; Rich Lee, Public; Kristy Lee, Public; Jon Work, Public; Kelly Ratliff, Public

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The November 18, 2021, Health Council meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Anthony Volkar, Health Council Chair.

1. **WELCOME** – Anthony Volkar, *Chair*
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 [OCTOBER 14, 2021 MINUTES](#)** – Anthony Volkar, *Chair*
Motion: Jeneba Lahai **Second:** Valerie Olson **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Jill Cook, Chief Deputy County Administrator*
 - County’s mandatory COVID vaccine policy went into effect on November 1, 2021
 - 90% compliance rate not including the Yolo County Sheriff’s Office
 - 175 employees requested accommodations via waivers
 - County continues to work with partner to provide COVID-19 vaccination to residents and the most recent focus has been on children ages 5-11 years old
 - American Recovery Plan funding process continues with the Work Groups presenting updates on subcategories under the five priority areas on Tuesday, November 23, 2021
 - County Board of Supervisors began a redistricting process early this year and will approve final maps for Supervisorial Districts on Tuesday, November 23, 2021
5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2*
 - Board of Supervisors encouraged the District Attorney and Health and Human Services Agency to pursue the proposal to develop a public education campaign for Fentanyl awareness and to bring this campaign before the Health Council
 - Supervisor Don Saylor stated there is a nationwide tragedy and loss related to substance abuse overdoses and he believes the Health Council can provide guidance, suggestions, and inspiration to those interested in stopping this pandemic
6. **COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH UPDATE** – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*
 - Community Health Branch (CHB) continues to focus COVID-19 response efforts on three high risk populations

- Schools
- Long-term care facilities
- Congregate settings
- CHB has a long term COVID-19 response strategy and plans to have a stable COVID-19 response team by February 2022
- HHSA offices are now open to the public
 - Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program experienced a drop in enrollment as families with children are hesitant to come into the office
 - WIC staff are working with the State to continue telephone enrollment whenever possible
- There is an additional 200 million dollars from the State for local health jurisdictions and CHB is waiting for its allocation for FY 22-23

7. FENTANYL PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN – *Jeff Reisig, District Attorney & Ian Evans, Adult and Aging Branch Director*

Summary of the items covered in the presentation: [Yolo County Fentanyl Awareness](#)

- Fentanyl is 50x stronger than Heroin and 100x stronger than Morphine
- Fentanyl on the streets
 - 97% of street purchased pills are counterfeit
 - 97% of those fake pills contain Fentanyl
 - Two out of every five fake pills with Fentanyl have a potentially lethal dose
- Fentanyl deaths are rapidly increasing
 - 2020: 32 people died of overdose in Yolo County and 8 of those (25%) died from Fentanyl
 - 2021: 20 people to date have died of overdose in Yolo County and 8 of those (40%) died from Fentanyl while 7 (35%) are still pending toxicology
- Yolo County Substance Use Continuum of Care can be accessed by calling the Behavioral Health Access & Crisis Line at (888) 965-6647 or an office visit at the Davis, West Sacramento or Woodland location
- Public awareness in the community
 - Social media, traditional media, schools, and other avenues will be used to bring public awareness of Fentanyl to the general population
 - Fentanyl Public Education Campaign will focus on the following
 - Fentanyl and overdose risk potential
 - Access to treatment messaging
 - Leveraging partnerships with the Health Council and Opioid Coalition
 - Outreach and engagement on harm reduction which may include Narcan distribution and Fentanyl strip testing
 - Medication Assisted Treatment in custody/reentry supports
 - Health Council members shared their expertise and provided guidance on how to develop and disseminate the Fentanyl Public Education Campaign

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

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

- County COVID-19 case rate is decreasing
- County now has a substantial level of community transmission based on the CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19
- COVID-19 testing positivity rate is low and stable
- COVID-19 hospitalizations are relatively stable
- County vaccination rate is near the state average
- Older adults need booster dose
 - An individual can get a booster if (1) individual is 18 years or older; (2) it has been at least six months since the individual received the second dose of Pfizer or at least two months since the dose of Johnson and Johnson; and (3) individual considers himself or herself to be at increased risk of infection
 - Waning immunity makes booster dose critical for older adults
 - Boosters available at County-run clinics, health care providers, and pharmacies

- Children ages 5-11 years old can now get vaccinated
 - Pfizer vaccine is now authorized by FDA and recommended by CDC for children ages 5-11 years old
 - 16.5% of Yolo County children ages 5-11 years old received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine as of November 15, 2021

9. COUNTY COVID DASHBOARD UPDATE – John Fout, County Public Information Officer

Summary of the items covered in the presentation: [COVID-19 Web Redesign](#)

- John Fout spoke about the Yolo County COVID-19 Web Redesign project and shared the goal is to “get the right information to the right people at the right time”
- The COVID-19 Web Redesign project will contain five pages: COVID-19 Updates, Testing and Quarantine, K-12 Guidance, Flyers and Graphics, and Archive
- Health Council members provided feedback on how to make the COVID-19 Web Redesign more accessible and meaningful for the community

10. FUTURE OF THE COVID AD-HOC COMMITTEE – Ad-Hoc Representatives

- Anthony Volkar stated the future of the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee will be discussed at the Health Council meeting in January 2022

11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health
 - Northern Valley Indian Health has boosters available, including primary doses
 - Slow uptake for children 5-11 years old so blast messaging will be sent for this age group
 - Medication-Assisted Treatment and Narcan are available at Northern Valley Indian Health
- Leon Schimmel, District 4
 - Universal Basic Income Pilot Project will begin in 2022
- John Tan, At-Large
 - 2022 Medicare Part B premium will increase from \$148.50 to \$170.10 per month
 - Medicare Savings Programs are available for people who meet eligibility requirements

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rich Lee and Kristy Lee spoke about the loss of their son, due to Fentanyl overdose, and the importance of the Fentanyl Public Education Campaign

ADJOURNMENT

13. NEXT MEETING – January 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Yong Xiong

Yong Xiong, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council