

# Yolo County Health Council

January 13, 2022

Minutes

ANTHONY VOLKAR, CHAIR  
NICKI KING, CO-VICE CHAIR  
CHESTER AUSTIN, CO-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 13<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2022 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; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership Healthplan of California; Margaret Trout, UC Davis; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare; Tandy Burton, Woodland Healthcare

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aileen Barandas, CommuniCare Health Centers; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Jill Perez, Chief Deputy 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; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Healthcare; Mayor Mayra Vega, Woodland City Council; Yong Xiong, HHSa; Emily Ault, HHSa; Brielle Mansell, Legal Services of Northern California; Nicole Hollingsworth, Yolo County Children’s Alliance

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

The January 13, 2022 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 [NOVEMBER 18, 2021 MINUTES](#)** – Anthony Volkar, *Chair*  
**Motion:** Valerie Olson      **Second:** Leon Schimmel      **Discussion:** None      **Vote:** Unanimous
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – Jill Perez, *Chief Deputy County Administrator*
  - Governor Gavin Newson’s FY 2022-2023 budget proposal focuses on five priority areas, including fighting COVID-19 and healthcare expansion for Medi-Cal
  - Supervisor Angel Barajas, District 5, is the new 2022 chairman for the Board of Supervisors
  - Board of Supervisors initiated a second recruitment for a permanent County Administrator Officer and may conclude the recruitment process by March
5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – Supervisor Don Saylor, *District 2*
  - Board of Supervisors is focused on investments in Esparto
    - RISE, Inc. and Winters Healthcare
    - Yolo Food Hub
  - The annual Board Strategic Planning update is next Tuesday
  - Mental Health Services Act funding update will be held on January 18
  - A mini-grant program will be established as part of the American Rescue Plan funding
    - \$250,000 mini-grant program will be evenly split among the five districts at \$50,000 each
    - See the Board of Supervisors agenda packet on January 11 for the application
  - Supervisor Don Saylor encourages more community members to volunteer at vaccine clinics
6. **COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH UPDATE** – Brian Vaughn, *Public Health Director*
  - Community Health Branch (CHB) continues to focus COVID-19 response efforts on high-risk populations
  - CHB has hired a new Director of Public Health Nursing
  - CHB and other counties are experiencing ongoing recruitment issues with hiring trained public health professionals due to their high demand and low supply in the workforce

- There is an additional 200 million dollars (ongoing) from the State for local health jurisdictions to fund public health infrastructure and CHB is waiting for its allocation for FY 22-23
- Governor Gavin Newsom in a budget proposal has called for \$2.7 billion to expand COVID-19 response
- Health Council members are welcome to attend the next Community Engagement Work Group regarding MHSAs funding

**7. 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 at record high and still increasing
- County has high community transmission based on the CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19
- COVID-19 hospitalizations are increasing
- Hospital bed availability is low
- Omicron variant now accounts for 95 percent of cases in the County
- Key protective measures against Omicron
  - Get vaccinated or boosted
  - Upgrade your mask
  - Keep your mask on indoors
  - Get tested for COVID-19
  - Stay home when you are sick
- Boosters are now recommended for people
  - 12 years or older
  - It has been at least five months since second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or at least two months since dose of Johnson and Johnson
- County vaccination rate is near the state average
- Isolation requirements have changed for people infected with COVID-19
  - As short as five days if no symptoms or improved, including no fever for 24 hours and negative test on day five or later
  - Wear a mask around others through day 10
- Quarantine requirements have changed for people exposed to COVID-19
  - As short as five days if no symptoms and negative test on day five or later
  - Wear a mask around others through day 10
- Unboosted workers can continue to work
- A negative test is needed to shorten isolation
- COVID-19 testing options
  - Healthy Yolo Together
  - OptumServe
  - Covid Clinic
  - Health care providers
  - Retail pharmacies
  - Home antigen tests can now be used for isolation and quarantine purposes

**8. WORKGROUPS – Anthony Volkar, Chair**

- Health Council members were assigned into four small workgroups based on the following topics
  - Health Equity (facilitated by Nicki King)
  - Infectious Disease (facilitated by Chester Austin)
  - Children (facilitated by Anthony Volkar)
  - Homelessness (facilitated by Jeneba Lahai)
- Health Council members reviewed the Yolo County Strategic Plan goal related to their topic and considered the following questions
  - Is the stated goal and metrics sufficient to address this topic? If not, consider what additional outcomes or language should be added to the goal or metrics provided
  - In what areas related to this topic is Health Council well positioned to lead on?

- If Health Council is to advise on policy related to this topic, what presentations would you expect to see in 2022?
- Anthony Volkar stated there may be a survey sent to Health Council members to collect data not shared in the workgroups to help frame the Health Council agenda moving forward

**9. FUTURE OF THE COVID AD-HOC COMMITTEE – Anthony Volkar, Chair**

- Health Council members inquired about the future of the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee and Anthony Volkar shared that Health Council leadership is still discussing the continuation and charge of the committee as it relates to COVID-19
- An invitation will be sent to Health Council members to join the weekly Public Information Officer call to get regular COVID-19 updates from Dr. Aimee Sisson

**10. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance
  - Please share COVID-19 testing kits with community-based organizations if there are any available

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No public comment

**ADJOURNMENT**

**12. NEXT MEETING – February 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Yong Xiong*

Yong Xiong, Secretary  
Yolo County Health Council