

Yolo County Health Council

February 10, 2022

Minutes

ANTHONY VOLKAR, CHAIR
NICKI KING, CO-VICE 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 10th Day of February 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; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Nicole Hollingsworth, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Keeley Albright, CommuniCare Health Centers; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Margaret Trout, UC Davis

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Birtcil, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare; Tandy Burton, Woodland Healthcare

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; Mary Ann Limbos, Deputy Health Officer; Larrisa May, UC Davis; Yong Xiong, HHS; Emily Ault, HHS; Kanat Tibet, HHS; Brielle Mansell, Legal Services of Northern California; Marcel Horowitz, Public; Anne Ternus, Public

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The February 10, 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 [JANUARY 13, 2022 MINUTES](#)** – Anthony Volkar, *Chair*
Motion: Chester Austin **Second:** Michelle Famula **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Unanimous
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator*
 - Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Director Karen Larsen has submitted her resignation to the Board of Supervisors and her last day will be on February 25, 2022
 - Interim County Administrator Chad Rinde and his team will work closely with the Board of Supervisors to appoint an Interim HHS Director and pursue recruitment for a permanent HHS Director
 - Plans to expand the Yolo Adult Day Health Center by renovating the old Stollwood Nursing Facility on St. John’s Retirement Village property has not started because St. John’s will not be able to lease the facility to Dignity Health due to financial challenges
 - Yolo County is working closely with St. John’s and Dignity Health to find a resolution to keep the new facility plans for Yolo Adult Day Health Center moving forward
5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2 and Supervisor Jim Provenza, District 4*
 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Mini Grant applications are available on the Yolo County website and due March 31, 2022
 - ARP Mini Grants program allows for localized responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recovery programs that are nimble and transformative
 - Board of Supervisors recognizes there are small needs ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 that can leverage a positive outcome and become invisible if the focus is only on big category items
 - ARP Mini Grant funding is an investment of \$250,000 split equally between the five Districts
 - Board of Supervisors allocated approximately \$1.8 million to address food security in Yolo County after hearing from the Food Security Workgroup
 - \$1,200,000 – Yolo Food Bank

- \$220,000 - Center for Land-Based Learning
- \$200,000 - Meals on Wheels
- \$200,000 - Senior Meal Delivery
- Board of Supervisors is committed to interviewing top candidates for the HHS Director position
- Yolo Adult Day Health Center is a priority for the Board of Supervisors
- Family and Children Workgroup will be at the next Board of Supervisors meeting and the workgroup will provide recommendations about childcare

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

- Community Health Branch (CHB) is moving beyond COVID work and a Tobacco Program update will be provided at the next Health Council meeting
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Administrator Kristin Weivoda has resigned from Yolo County employment
 - Douglas Brim is the Interim EMS Administrator
 - Recruitment for a permanent EMS Administrator will begin shortly
- CHB has hired Director of Public Health Nursing Lana Rossi and she will be introduced at the next Health Council meeting
- CHB and other counties are experiencing 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
- Health Council members are invited to attend the Community Engagement Work Group regarding MSHA funding on February 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

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 very high but decreasing
- County has high community transmission based on the CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19
- COVID-19 hospitalizations are decreasing
- 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 save lives
- County vaccination rate is near the state average
- COVID-19 policies are evolving
 - Universal indoor masking
 - California Department of Public Health (CDPH) required universal indoor masking from December 15, 2021 to February 15, 2022
 - Yolo County has required universal indoor masking since July 30, 2021
 - K-12 schools
 - Universal indoor masking remains in effect per CDPH
 - Outdoor masking no longer recommended if greater than 50 percent of students vaccinated
 - Group tracing and blanket notification approaches are new contact tracing options which give schools flexibility and support in keeping children in school after an exposure

8. UPDATE ON THE COVID AD-HOC COMMITTEE – *Anthony Volkar, Chair*

- The COVID Ad-Hoc Committee will convene on March 1, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Health Council members can e-mail healthcouncil@yolocounty.org if they want to participate and did not receive the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee meeting invitation
- Yolo County Public Information Officer (PIO) John Fout will meet with the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss ways to provide continued support for communication and messaging related to COVID
- Health Council members are invited to join the weekly PIO call with Dr. Aimee Sisson and should e-mail john.fout@yolocounty.org to receive the calendar invitation
- Valerie Olson, District 5, suggested the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee complete a data assessment to evaluate readiness for the next epidemic and provide advice to the Board of Supervisors on the Yolo County Strategic Plan topic of Infectious Disease
- Public Health Director Brian Vaughn suggested the COVID Ad-Hoc Committee review the Yolo County COVID Dashboard and provide recommendations on how to improve its use and effectiveness

9. WORKGROUPS DEBRIEF – *Anthony Volkar, Chair*

- Chair Anthony Volkar went over the workgroup notes from the January 13, 2022 Health Council meeting for the following four Yolo County Strategic Plan topics:
 - Health Equity
 - Children
 - Infectious Disease
 - Homelessness
- Per the workgroup notes, the Health Council is well positioned to lead on:
 - Addressing and identifying community gaps and how to address them, based on Health Council's membership of public and private partnerships
 - Receiving and communicating data received at Health Council with the wider community
 - Relaying concerns and challenges with county leaders on key issues such as health disparities, poverty, affordable housing, wages, and segregation
 - Building strong county-wide coordination due to Health Council's connection with non-profit organizations
- After Chair Anthony Volkar went over the workgroup notes, Health Council members shared additional goals, metrics, and/or presentations that are needed to help them make informed decisions about each of the following Yolo County Strategic Plan topics:
 - Health Equity
 - Comparison of income levels across the county by zip code/census track
 - Training on Human Development Index (HDI) and how data can be used by Health Council
 - Status of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) programming for children and adults
 - Universal Basic Income Program
 - Fluoridation of water
 - Presentation of health inequities data for Medi-Cal members by Partnership HealthPlan
 - Children
 - Evaluation of appropriate foster youth placements
 - Qualitative data on how children in foster care are doing and quality of care
 - Status of ARP projects related to childcare
 - Federal Build Back Better plans relative to childcare and preschool in the county
 - Infectious Disease
 - Vaccination rate for HPV
 - How the county can avoid future pandemics
 - Review of long-term COVID-19 by county epidemiologist
 - Presentation of COVID-19 wastewater testing
 - Homelessness
 - No additional goals, metrics, and/or presentations shared
- Health Council members suggested the following considerations for 2022:
 - Create a data subcommittee
 - Convene a special meeting on HDI
 - Convene a special meeting on homelessness

10. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Anthony Volkar, District 1
 - Resilient Yolo virtual workshops
 - Register at www.bit.ly/ResilientYoloWorkshops
 - Resilience and Healthcare on March 4, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Resilience in Families on April 8, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Building a Resilient Yolo 2022 Summit is on May 12, 2022 (in-person and virtual registration)
 - Register at www.bit.ly/ResilientYoloSummit2022
 - Present a workshop submission form is due on February 18, 2022:
www.bit.ly/BRY2022presenters
- Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health (NVIH)
 - NVIH has dedicated vaccine clinics for larger volume of patients and provides COVID-19 vaccines during the day when patients are in for visits
 - NVIH can start to order the Pfizer vaccine for children under 5 (no FDA authorization yet)

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Yong Xiong

Yong Xiong, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council