

Yolo County Health Council

April 14, 2022

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 14th Day of April 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; Nick Birtcil, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Gina Daleiden, First 5 Yolo; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Keeley Albright, CommuniCare 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; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare; Tandy Burton, Woodland Healthcare

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Jessica White Elica Health Centers

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: 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; Mark Bryan, Deputy County Administrator; Yong Xiong, HHSa; Nilufar Ceyhan, HHSa; Lana Rossi, HHSa; Kaycee Velarde, Executive Director of California Medi-Cal and State Sponsored Programs; Amy Turnipseed, Chief Strategy & Government Affairs Officer at Partnership HealthPlan of California; Brandon Ida, Community and Government Relations Manager Kaiser Permanente; Kanat Tibet, HHSa; Samar Lichtenstein, HHSa

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The April 14, 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** – Nilufar Ceyhan, *Secretary*
Roll call for voting members was taken and quorum was confirmed.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND THE APPROVAL OF THE [MARCH 10, 2022 MINUTES](#)** – Anthony Volkar, *Chair*
Motion: Chester Austin **Second:** Jeneba Lahai **Discussion:** None **Agenda Vote:** Unanimous
Minutes Vote: 15 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain, 4 Absent. Gina Daleiden, First 5 Yolo, and Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member, abstained from voting as they did not attend the March 10, 2022 meeting.
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – Mark Bryan, *Deputy County Administrator*.
 - The county’s legislative team took an opposed decision to Kaiser’s no-bid contract, and there is AB 2724 bill seeking legislative authority to move the contract regardless.
 - The county moved forward with the Wellpath contract for medicated assistance treatment in jail to benefit those with substance use disorder and behavioral therapies.
 - American Rescue Plan—the Board has taken several approval actions:
 - \$1.6 million was allocated to the first phase of the Knights Landing park and Bright park in West Sacramento.
 - Boys and Girls club in Woodland and Crisis Nursery in Davis.
5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – Supervisor Don Saylor, *District 2* & Supervisor Jim Provenza, *District 4*
 - *Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2*
 - Yolo County Basic Income Program (YOBI)
 - Using the base of the CalWORKs home support program, identified eligible populations for the program – lowest-income families with children under the age of six in the county.
 - The pilot program will bring those families up to the California poverty measure.
 - Contributions by the Cannabis tax revenue, Sierra Health Foundation, Sutter Health foundation, and other private donors will allow paying for two years of supplemental monthly income.

- Bernadette Austin and Catherine Brinkley from UC Davis are working on an evaluation.
- The program is a targeted effort to determine the impact on the lives of the people it supports.
- St. John’s facility has ceased operations, and alternative use for that space is being explored. The county has the potential to have a reuse plan for that facility and conversion to an Adult Day Center or other potential uses.
- Supervisor Don Saylor’s Soup’s On event benefiting Davis Media Access will take place on April 21, 2022.
- *Supervisor Jim Provenza, District 4*
 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds allocated: an additional \$200,000 to the First 5 Yolo Welcome Baby program and \$1,100,000 to Yolo Crisis Nursery.

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

- The greater Sacramento health offices region is receiving 1.4 mill dollars from the office of health equity for regional capacity building for equitable recovery from COVID-19.
- Medication-Assisted Treatment program was approved.
- Finalizing an agreement with the Department of State Hospitals to build a Jail-based competency program in the local jail.
- Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness teams are catching up on EMT certifications and training after the winter surge of COVID.
- Substance Use Prevention program
 - Restarted its Friday Night Live Program
 - Reestablished chapters in Winters High School, River City High School, Pioneer High School, and a county-wide Youth Council.
- Tobacco Prevention Program has a new three-year work plan started in January and working on smoke-free housing and flavored tobacco ban with the City of Winters, and smoke-free ordinances in public places.
- Child Passenger Safety Program receives its funding year-to-year and just received new funding.
- The Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) advisory board is renewed and has a new advisory board chair.
- The Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) program is relaunching this month and starting to meet with providers again. This is a voluntary program that seeks to improve the health of low-income pregnant women.
- Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) workgroup is restarting its meetings. They review fetal and infant death patterns in the county to prevent them from happening.
- Communicable Disease team
 - Planning for next year’s flu season.
 - Starting the “Don’t Think, Know” program, which allows women ages 12-24 to order test kits for chlamydia and gonorrhea to be delivered to their homes.
 - Ramping up additional sites for rapid syphilis testing program.
- The Oral Health program is conducting a 5-year Needs Assessment in contingency to move forward with its strategic plan.
- County is working on the Yolo Basic Income pilot.
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program are gearing up the Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program to add additional benefits for purchasing fruits and vegetables for families on the program. WIC is also partnering with United Way California Capitol Region on a Books for Kids campaign to provide free books to kids in the program.
- Reaccreditation from PHAB is approaching
 - PHAB adopted the New Version 2022 Reaccreditation Standards and Measures.
- Health department is currently working on updating and releasing the following reports:
 - Yolo County Live Birth Data
 - Yolo County Mortality Report
 - Yolo County Human Development Index Report
- Innovations Team in Community Health Branch has a workgroup to address stress, burnout, and building resilience among our staff.

- 7. REVIEW OF THE KAISER NO-BID CONTRACT** – *Kaycee Velarde, Kaiser Permanente’s Executive Director of California Medi-Cal and State Sponsored Programs & Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California*
- Kaycee Velarde, Executive Director of California Medi-Cal and State Sponsored Programs
 - Kaiser Permanente currently holds 14 Medi-Cal contracts covering over 900,000 members across counties.
 - Current growth within Kaiser Permanente’s integrated delivery system.
 - Permission to Enroll (PTE) process allowing for continuity of care and coverage.
 - Medi-Cal managed care beneficiaries are eligible to select Kaiser Permanente as their Medi-Cal managed care plan if they meet the PTE criteria listed below, reside in a zip code within the KP Medi-Cal licensed service area:
 - Was a Kaiser Permanente member within the last 6 or 12 months (depending on the county); OR
 - Is a qualified, immediate family member living in the same home as another current Kaiser Permanente member
- NOTE: there is no medical review or any other consideration of the beneficiary’s health in the PTE process.
- Considerations to Balance in Current and Future Growth.
 - Value, Cost, and Geography
 - Medi-Cal Managed care enrollees enjoy the same access to Kaiser Permanente’s integrated system of coverage and care, despite much lower reimbursement
 - Access to KP’s limited to the service areas in which we operate, i.e., counties we provide hospital, medical and specialty services.
 - With significant annual losses, PTE/continuity of care and coverage provides the greatest value.
 - Transition to Single Direct Medi-Cal Contract with DHCS on 1/1/2024 (proposed in budget and CB 2724-Arambula)
 - Pending State and Federal Approval
 - All 12 Plan Partner contracts – and GMC contracts in Sac and SD Counties – will be replaced by a single direct contact with DHCS
 - Members who have Kaiser Permanente through a Plan Partner can stay with Kaiser Permanente under the new single direct contract
 - Kaiser Permanente will continue Permission to Enroll (PTE) process, with some allowances for additional growth
 - Kaiser Permanente’s contract requirements will mirror that of other Medi-Cal managed care plans, except for appropriate growth allowances
 - Kaiser Permanente will undergo a full readiness review with DHCS, starting in October 2022.
 - 4 Key Commitments to the Medi-Cal Program
 - Aligned Contractual requirements
 - Membership Growth
 - Continue Population Health Management
 - Enhancing Specialty care access for non-Members
 - Membership Growth Commitment
 - Over 900,000 Medi-Cal Members Covered Today
 - Member baseline for 25% growth starts on 01/01/2024
 - Growth Areas
 - Dual eligible beneficiaries who are qualified for Medi0Cal and Medicare, allowing full coverage integration within Kaiser Permanente
 - Children in Foster Care
 - Geographic areas in the Kaiser Permanente commercial licensed footprint that do not currently serve Medi-Cal members

- Members eligible to join through PTE/Continuity of Care and Coverage
- Membership growth beyond PTE/Continuity of Care and Coverage will be established in consultation with DHCS, local plans, safety net providers, and counties, and in consideration of the capacity within Kaiser Permanente’s integrated delivery system.
- Membership Growth Commitment – New Counties
- Benefits of the DHCS Proposal
 - Improving the member experience
 - Improving quality
 - Increasing specialty access
 - Advancing equity
 - Improving affordability
 - Increasing oversight
- Amy Turnipseed, Chief Strategy & Government Affairs Officer at Partnership HealthPlan of California
 - Partnership has served Yolo County since 2001, has approximately 58,000 members across the county, and about 6,500 are assigned to Kaiser.
 - The primary concern for Partnership is the impact on the COS model (County Organized System).
 - Partnership prides itself in being a COS model and best-managed care system to serve the Medi-Cal population.
 - The COS model has been recognized as an effective model because of the ability to be in a single health plan in the county, bring all the partners together across the safety net, and private practice to serve this population.
 - The value of the COS model is demonstrated during the recent re-procurement; ten counties have raised their hand saying they want to join Partnership.
 - There is a level of transparency in being a public agency.
 - Yolo County has three representatives on the Board of Commissioners, Finance Committee, Consumer Advisor Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee.
 - Partnership has been able to invest in Yolo County through the provider QIP, provider recruitment program, and many grant programs related to social determinants of health and housing.
 - If the administration goes forth with the proposal as drafted, it can significantly impact the COS model and the provider network.
 - The proposal would give Kaiser the ability to choose which members would be assigned to Kaiser, which has adverse implications for the rest of the safety net population.
 - Bifurcative two-tier Medi-Cal system could be created. With the ability of Partnership being a single health plan, we can bring Kaiser in with our other providers to address local issues.
 - The PTE process
 - Members who are newly eligible for Medi-Cal, get referred to Kaiser if they have an affiliation to Kaiser. Kaiser decides if they can accept them as members.
 - No disruption of care for members formerly associated with Kaiser when they become Medi-Cal eligible.

8. 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 is decreasing.
- Yolo has Moderate community transmission.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations are very low.
 - Date: 4/11. COVID-19+ Patients in Hospital 1, 0 ICU
 - Date: 3/7. COVID-19+ Patients in Hospital 4, 3 ICU
 - Date: 1/27. COVID-19+ Patients in Hospital 29, 8 ICU
- Virus trends in wastewater are variable.
- BA.2 Omicron subvariant is now dominant.
 - BA.2 Omicron subvariant now accounts for 83% of cases in Yolo County

- 30-50% more infectious than BA.1
- Severity similar to BA.1
- Reinfection with BA.2 rare after BA.1
- Yolo County vaccination rate near the state average
- Adults 50+ eligible for a second booster.
 - FDA authorized 2nd booster for adults 50+ four months after 1st booster
 - Most important for 65+, 50+ with underlying conditions
 - FDA also authorized 2nd booster for immunocompromised 12+ four months after 1st booster
 - Immunocompromised can receive a total of 5 mRNA doses
 - Second boosters are available at doctor’s offices, retail pharmacies, County-run clinics, and the DoorVax program
- Quarantine is no longer required for the general public after exposure.
 - On 4/6, CDPH updated quarantine guidance for the general public: no longer recommend exposed persons without symptoms to quarantine
 - Yolo County rescinded the local quarantine order on 4/7
 - If exposed, get tested and wear a mask, but no need to stay home unless you work or live in a high-risk setting (e.g., healthcare, long-term care jail, shelter)
 - Infected persons are still required to isolate

9. YOLO BASIC INCOME PILOT (YOBI) – Tanya Provencher, Interim Service Centers Branch Director

- Yolo County HHSa launched in April.
- A first in the nation, basic income supplement program for 54 of our lowest income and most vulnerable homeless families on CalWORKS.
- The 24-month program will provide additional cash benefits to 54 families pulling that families’ total income \$1 over the California Poverty Measure. Families will continue to receive full CalWORKs HSP case management services.
 - Co-enrollment.
 - Families will continue their enrollment in CalWORKs and will still receive cash aid, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, Childcare, Mental Health Substance Abuse, Education, House and Career supports. In most cases, additional income will not impact benefits.
 - UC Davis Study
 - 2-year study will be concurrently run over the pilot program period. A team of researchers from UC Davis Center for Regional Change, county staff, and CBOs will be conducting interviews, data collection, and sampling. A comprehensive study on the benefits of the additional income will be created post pilot.
 - Control Group
 - In addition to the 54 families receiving basic income benefits, 160 Yolo CalWORKs families with children under the age of 6 will receive quarterly surveys as part of a control group. These families will be given a \$100 survey incentive totaling \$800 over the life of the program.
- Yolo County’s poverty rate was 20.9%, the highest in California.
- Identifying program participants.
 - According to the US Census in July of 2019, there were 11,418 Children in Yolo County under the age of 6.
 - Yolo County HHSa Social Services Data indicates there are 704 kids under the age of 6 on the CalWORKs program. 6.1% of all kids under the age of 6.
 - Yolo County HHSa Social Services Data indicates there are 54 kids under the age of 6 on the CalWORKs HSP Subprogram. 0.005% of all kids under the age of 6.
- Benefit payments on pre-paid “Usio” Cards begin on April 1, 2022.
- Quarterly surveys and studies launch concurrently with the first quarterly control surveys launching in July of 2022.
- Program partner support and financial literacy education begin in July of 2022.

10. CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL HEALTH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Anthony Volkar, Chair

- Per Assembly bill 361, Health Council would need to reaffirm their desire to meet remotely every month until we are back in person.

- Starting in April, Dr. Sisson lifted her notice about in-person meetings; some groups are returning to in-person meetings.
- Health Council to consider a timeline to return to in-person meetings.
- Health Council to reaffirm monthly continuation of the virtual meeting.
- County is updating technological needs for possible hybrid meetings.

11. COVID AD-HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE – Anthony Volkar, Chair

- Ad-Hoc Committee will not continue in a formal capacity but may participate as needed.

12. TOBACCO RECOMMENDATION – Anthony Volkar, Chair

- Postponed

13. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No report out or announcements.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

15. NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nilufar Ceyhan

Nilufar Ceyhan, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council