

# Yolo County Health Council

June 9, 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 9<sup>th</sup> Day of June 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; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Keeley Albright, CommuniCare Health Centers; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Margaret Trout, UC Davis; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nick Birtcil, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Tandy Burton, Woodland Healthcare

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4; Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator; Sara Simmons, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2; Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Laurie Somerhausen, HHS Manager, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program; Nilufar Ceyhan, HHS

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

The June 9, 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*  
A roll call for voting members was taken, and the quorum was confirmed.
3. **VOTE ON APPROVAL OF AGENDA, THE [MAY 12, 2022, MINUTES](#), AND CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL HEALTH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – *Anthony Volkar, Chair*  
**Motion:** Valerie Olson      **Second:** Margaret Trout      **Discussion:** None      **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator.*
  - Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator:
    - Gerardo Pinedo was selected as County Administrator and will start on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - Interview process for the HHS Director position will begin this week, and a decision will be made mid-July.
    - May 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors moved forward with the decision to purchase St. John facility, however, due to a lawsuit the purchase agreement is on hold.
    - The Board has given additional ARP funding to the Health Clinic in Esparto, to a total of \$5 million to support health access in Esparto.
5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2.*
  - Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2.
    - ARP funding allocated to parks.
    - The board approved the mini-grant program of \$1,000-\$10,000 each, totaling \$50,000.
    - The board approved a lease agreement with the City of Davis to utilize two vacant buildings at the Davis Pacifico site as transitional housing for homeless CalWORKS families with children. The project will provide housing for up-to 38 families.
6. **COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH (CHB) UPDATE** – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*
  - May 2022 revise of the State budget has additional funding allocated:
    - Additional \$57 million increase to expand access to reproductive services.
    - More funding added to the state’s SMARTER plan around COVID.

- California Department of Public Health planning for Regional Public Health offices to focus on local concerns.
- CalAIM initiative to revitalize Medi-Cal.
- Additional funding to expand Medi-Cal coverage.
- State is moving forward with the Medi-Cal direct contract with Kaiser.
- County is collaborating with Winters Highschool Students to bring forward an ordinance in the City of Winters on a flavored tobacco ban.
- Annual update for County's Mental Health Services Act funding is in process and will go to public comment in the next couple of weeks.
- Finalizing County's Community Health Needs Assessment, the next step in the process will be the Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Addressing County's HHS staff fatigue and burn-out with the Recovery Adaptability and Development (RAD) initiative.

**7. COVID AFTER ACTION REPORT INTERESTS – Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director**

- County is working with the Office of Emergency Services to do an After-Action Report on COVID targeting County Emergency Services and Response and Public Health preparedness for future pandemics.

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

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

- Yolo's COVID-19 case rate is decreasing.
- Decreasing case rate may be a testing artifact
- Real-time wastewater levels of SARS-CoV-2 decreasing in Davis.
- Yolo has High Community Transmission.
  - Yolo 30.4/100k/day
  - 213/100k/week
- Yolo is at High COVID-19 Community Level.
- Yolo COVID-19 hospitalizations are low.
- BA.4. and BA.5 variants expected to become dominant.
  - Per UC Davis Genome Center genotyping of positive specimens for 5/29-6/4: BA.4 and BA.5 together represent 13% of cases in Yolo
  - BA.4 and BA.5 proportions doubling weekly
  - BA.2, including BA.2.12.1, represents 82% of cases
  - BA.4 and BA.5 are more transmissible AND associated with immune escape (infection in vaccinated and/or previously infected)
  - Experts predict a plateau or prolonged tail of case curve as a result of BA.4 and BA.5
- CDC recommends universal indoor masking in areas with High COVID-19 Community Level.
- Your actions can prevent infection and serious illness.
  - Outdoor activities are safest.
  - Stay up-to-date with vaccination.
  - Get tested after exposure or symptoms.
  - Wear a mask indoors.
  - Stay home if you are sick.
  - Seek treatment if infected & high risk.

**9. INFANT FORMULA SHORTAGE – Laurie Somerhausen, HHS Manager, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program**

- In February, Abbott Nutrition shut down their plant which was a large source of Similac and similar products. WIC was not using Abbott Nutrition for formula but Mead Johnson instead, however, due to other states using Abbott Nutrition baby formulas now switching to Mead Johnson for recovering their shortage. Yolo County was able to meet the demand at the time. In early May, the shortage of formulas on the shelves of 25 authorized stores in the county started. It is expected for shortages to get worse before it gets better. The county is meeting weekly with CDPH and now has 140 comparable products that WIC participants can purchase. Comparable products can be found by scanning the barcode in the WIC application. Vendors are

aware that those products are not usually WIC authorized but are currently being accepted. Product lists are being updated and clients are being notified via various sources. For the prescribed therapeutic products doctor approval is needed to use an alternative.

- WIC also continues to provide support to mothers who are breastfeeding by providing them with lactation consultation, breast pumps, and a breastfeeding program.

**10. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX UPDATE – Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director**

- Updated with 2020 census and vital statistics data
- Findings represent pre-pandemic landscape
- Impact of the pandemic on Human Development will not be known for another 1-2 years
- Key findings
  - Health disparities exist throughout Yolo county, but are particularly acute in West Sacramento; followed by Woodland and the rural county
  - Disparities start early, is rooted in social and economic inequities and manifest themselves in poor health outcomes throughout life
  - Evidence-based approaches exist to prevent and address these disparities
  - Prior to the pandemic, gains in Human Development were being made across most population groups
- What determines our health
  - Social inequities; Institutional inequities; Living conditions; Risk behaviors; Disease & injury; Mortality
  - Social determinants of health have a tremendous effect on an individual’s health regardless of age, race, or ethnicity.
    - SDoH Impact:
      - 20% of a person’s health and well-being is related to access to care and quality of services
      - The physical environment, social determinants and behavioral factors drive 80% of health outcomes
- Human Development Index
  - Measured by three dimensions:
    - Life expectancy at birth
    - Educational degree attainment
    - School enrollment
    - Median earnings
  - West Sacramento 95691 area – life expectancy 69.5
  - Davis 95616 area – life expectancy 89.4
  - Yolo County 5.92 HDI score
- Educational Attainment
  - Yolo County: 87.5% - High School degree; 42.6% - Bachelors Degree
  - Inequality starts early: differences in cognitive skills on the first day of kindergarten.

**11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance:
  - Eviction rates are increasing: West Sacramento and Woodland are impacted at the higher rates.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jason Honig, Community Engagement Manager for Unite Us:
  - “Thank you everyone for all of the great work you’re doing to serve our communities. This was very insightful. Unite Us is here to partner with you and support your work. Please email me at [Jason.honig@uniteus.com](mailto:Jason.honig@uniteus.com) and visit our site [ww.uniteus.com](http://ww.uniteus.com). I look forward to being a Yolo County resident July 1<sup>st</sup>.”

**ADJOURNMENT**

**1. NEXT MEETING – July 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Nilufar Ceyhan*

Nilufar Ceyhan, Secretary  
Yolo County Health Council