

# **COUNTY OF YOLO**

Health and Human Services Agency

**COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT** 

July 2022

PROGRAM	March 2022	April 2022	MAY 2022	JUNE 2022
Medi-Cal/PHC Enrollees	59,224	N/A	60,270	60,722
WIC Participants	3,354	3,261	3,289	3,293
CMSP Cases	3	3	3	3

# **Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness**

• **Emergency Medical Services (EMS):** The EMS team has been working with our EMS medical director on several protocol updates for our field providers. We are also working to clarify with our EMS provider agencies language in our exclusive operating area contract and our county-wide ambulance ordinance. Finally, our EMS QI coordinator is working with our local dispatch agencies, service providers, and area hospitals on a project to provide QI feedback to our entire EMS system on every cardiac arrest call in Yolo County.

Our RDMHC and MHOAC program continue to coordinate the allocation of federally provided COVID-19 therapeutics to our health care partners in Yolo County and the Mutual Aid region. Our RDMHC program also rebooted meetings, long-deferred during COVID, with regional partners.

• **Emergency Preparedness (EP):** Our EP team finalized year-end reports and submitted work plans for the next fiscal year for their federal funding grants; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Cities Readiness Initiative, Pandemic Influenza; Hospital Preparedness Program, and Pandemic Influenza. The team also has been working to complete several purchases of emergency equipment that would be used during disaster response such as power disruptions impacting healthcare facilities, and large multi-casualty incidents. Finally, the team continues collaborating with Service Centers on revisions and updates to the county Mass Care and Sheltering Plan.

# **Health Education**

## Substance Use Prevention: Friday Night Live (FNL) Program

Winters High School (WHS) FNL youth continue working on bringing forward an ordinance to ban the sale of flavored tobacco to Winters City Council. WHS FNL youth developed a yearlong media vaping campaign that includes weekly advertisement in their local newspaper to increase community awareness of the danger of vaping. The campaign ended with an ad highlighting 5 vaping myths. The WHS FNL youth will be doing a presentation for the Winters School Board trustees on Thursday, July 21, 2022 where they will be presenting the results of signatures, they collected on their petition to support the sale of flavored tobacco in the City of Winters as well as the survey data they collected at Winters Youth Day. They will be

asking the Winters School Board to issue a resolution in support of banning the sale of flavored tobacco in the City of Winters.



#### **Tobacco Prevention Program**

In June, the Tobacco Prevention team completed evaluation activities including key informant interviews (KIIs) and the first wave of observation data for the statewide End Commercial Tobacco Campaign. Staff continues to review smoke-free policy language related to parks, outdoor dining, sidewalks, and tobacco retailers in the City of Winters.

- A total of seven KIIs were completed. The individuals interviewed were deemed to be either a part of an organization within the City of Winters, business owners, Friends of the Library, teachers, or active community members. The responses have helped staff determine effective approaches to passing both a flavored tobacco ban and a smoke-free outdoor policy in the City of Winters.
- Staff completed 14 sidewalk observations and 10 park observations to measure the level of smoking that takes place in these areas. Once the findings are completed, staff plan to disseminate the data to elected officials via educational flyers and infographics.
- The End Commercial Tobacco Campaign aims to build a movement across the State that prepares and transitions communities to end the tobacco epidemic. This movement will be accomplished by:
  - Reducing the availability of their products
  - o Countering structural, political, and social factors that promote and sustain tobacco use
  - Focusing on those burdened by commercial tobacco
  - Supporting the quit journey of those who use tobacco

## **Child Passenger Safety Programs**

#### Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Update:

Through a competitive application process, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) tentatively approved our grant application for the 2022-2023 grant cycle in the amount of \$226,000. This is the most funding the program has ever received.

#### Kids' Plate Program Update:

The Yolo County Child Passenger Safety program conducted the first Car Seat 101 class offered through the new Kids' Plate Partnership with local hospitals and clinics including Woodland Dignity Health, CommuniCare Health Centers, and Winters Healthcare. To increase referrals from community partners, the program implemented its first referral system called <u>Unite Us</u> — an online platform that connects patients with community-based resources like the Yolo County Child Passenger Safety Program.

## Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)

MCAH Nurse Home Visiting (NHV) success story:

A client and her infant were recently referred to the Nurse Home Visiting Program (NHV) by another HHSA program. Once enrolled in the NHV program, program staff were able to collaborate with other HHSA programs and a medical provider in our community to arrange the infant's first well child visit at 3 months of age when he had previously been denied care due to issues with his Medi-Cal. Due to collaboration between programs, we were able to resolve the issues and connect this infant to appropriate medical care. Number of active cases for FY 21/22: 20

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Referral Source	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Year to Date
CalWorks	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	7
Davis Community Clinic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
First Steps Infant Program												0	1
Hansen Family Health Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Help me Grow	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
Hospital - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other County	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Nurse Family Partnership	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	4
Physician Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Self Referral	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UCDMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Woodland Healthcare	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
YCCA/HFA	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	6
YCOE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Yolo County Probation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	2	0	1	5	2	4	3	4	4	5	6	37

MCAH Nurse Home Visiting (NHV) and Adolescent Parenting Program (APP) – Referral source data:

FY21-22 Referrals by Referral Source (APP & NHV)

## **Communicable Diseases**

Our CD Team has closed 107 open disease incidents in the past month, not including chlamydia, TB, or COVID-19.

Last month we received reports of contacts to monkeypox that we had to monitor for the potential development of symptoms until the end of the incubation period. Additionally, we had four cases of suspected monkeypox reported by health providers in our jurisdiction that we investigated and worked with health providers to perform appropriate testing at the Sacramento County public health lab. Three of the four suspected cases tested negative while one could not be confirmed or ruled out because it was too late to perform relevant tests when we received the notification. We continue to work closely with the California Department of Public Health to obtain the latest recommendations for surveillance and prevention of monkeypox.

We have one case of congenital syphilis last month. Our staff is providing case management and followup to ensure proper treatment of infant and mother.

Our IZ Team was heavily involved in the preparation for the rollout of the infant/toddler COVID vaccine. We provided information and technical assistance to our internal COVID 19 vaccination team, as well as our partner agencies who receive the COVID 19 vaccine through our Yolo County HHSA Immunization Program. Our IZ Team continues to provide support for partner agencies who are rolling out the infant/toddler COVID 19 vaccine.

## Health Equity and Healthy Communities

## **CalFresh Healthy Living**

• •CFHL continues its partnership with the Community Ambassador project. In June 2022 they conducted food demos at all Mobile Market stops in West Sacramento utilizing produce from the mobile market and free pantry items available from the mobile market; will be teaching nutrition education lessons to residents in later summer

## **Oral Health**

• In collaboration with Pacific Health Consulting Group, the draft 5-year Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan are complete. The drafts are with the Oral Health Advisory Committee for review and will be finalized by 7/3/22. July marks the beginning of the next 5-year Oral Health Program's Prop 56 funding cycle.

#### Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan

- The RFP process for selecting a consultant to work on the Community Health Improvement Plan was completed, and interviews for the final two candidates will begin July 2022. The CHIP work plan development will begin in September 2022
- The Healthy Communities Team completed a draft of the CHA on 6/30/22 and will hand over their completed version to the CHIP consultant for finalization in September 2022.

## **DEI Trainings piloted with HHSA staff**

• Two DEI training pilot initiatives, one hosted by Public Health Instituted, entitled "21-day challenge", and another using the Paradigm Reach online platform (www.paradigmreach.com) launched in June 2022. Fifteen staff are participating in the 21-day challenge, and 17 in the Paradigm Reach trainings. At the end of each training program staff will complete an assessment of the training and attend a focus group to help HHSA determine the utility and benefit of launching these trainings across HHSA.

# Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

## Infant formula shortage:

WIC continues to monitor the infant formula shortage very closely. We've been able to assist families in locating formula in the WIC authorized stores and the last week of June we received an emergency shipment of formula in our clinics that we've been able to distribute directly. We feel like we've seen an increase in calls to enroll in the program and have been adding appointments weekly to accommodate the need.

## Farmers' Market Nutrition Program:

The infant formula shortage delayed our roll out of the Farmers Market Nutrition Program but we are now in full swing offering the coupons to interested WIC participants. We have 300 booklets to distribute. Each booklet has three \$10 checks eligible to be used at a local certified farmers' market. Primary issuance is in Woodland and Davis where the certified Farmers' Markets are primarily located.

#### Books for Kids:

We successfully enrolled 238 children in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library on behalf of the WIC program. Each child was enrolled until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and will receive a book each month until then. Here is a breakdown of how they were enrolled:

Yolo County WIC								
<b>Books for Kids</b>	Newborn	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr			
March	1	2	3	0	3			
April	5	8	7	19	60			
May	6	11	13	4	11			
June	4	10	28	35	8			
Totals	16	31	51	58	82	238		

Imagination Library was a voluntary option for our WIC clients. Because that program doesn't have a wide range of bilingual books and involved registering for a subscription, we ordered over 1300 bilingual and culturally diverse books for our WIC clinics that can be handed out at WIC appointments. We expect to receive funds in the next fiscal year to continue offering books and will re-assess the needs at that time.

## Breastfeeding

WIC breast pumps are now available to both hospitals in Yolo County. WIC participants needing a breast pump during the hospital stay can acquire a WIC pump from the lactation team at the hospital. The WIC's lactation consultant works with participants to offer additional support and ensure that clients get the support they need.

The Welcome Baby program and WIC are partnering to ensure that Welcome Baby participants are referred to the Breastfeeding Warmline to enroll in WIC or receive breastfeeding services such as support, access to the breastfeeding peer counselors, and breast pump loans.

The Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program (BFPC) completed its annual profile survey, including program compliance questions, to assess the local Peer Counseling program readiness for the new Level 2 USDA Training. It identifies interest in mentorship opportunities for new BFPC Programs as part of the BFPC funding expansions and collects success stories for the annual BFPC newsletter.

The Breastfeeding Coalition met in June and discussed local lactation support challenges. Members of the coalition agreed that one of the biggest challenges lactating people face in Yolo County is a lack of support when returning to work by employers. SB 142 is codified in Sections 1030-1032 of the California Labor Code and requires employers to establish lactation accommodation policies, spaces, and programs for providing adequate breaks. Labor Code Section 226.7 provides penalties if employers fail to provide compliant lactation breaks. For more information, visit:

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DMCAH/Breastfeeding/Pages/Lactation-Accommodation.aspx

August is National Breastfeeding Month, and the first week of August is World Breastfeeding Week. The Breastfeeding themes for World Breastfeeding Month/Week are the following:

- World Breastfeeding Week 2022 Step up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support
- National Breastfeeding Month 2022 Every Step of the Way

For more information, visit <u>Warm Chain Card - World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (waba.org.my)</u> for pre-written posts, kits, hashtags, and graphics to add and link to social media accounts during August.

For June 2022, the eleven-month-old fully breastfeeding rate increased from 13.7% to 20% and is 2.8% above the California statewide average. The three-month-old fully breastfeeding rate is 41.7% and is 19.6% above the statewide average. The six-month fully breastfeeding rate is 21.1% and is 3.0% higher than the California statewide average.

# **Mental Health Services Act**

## • MHSA Presentations

An MHSA Annual Update Presentation was provided to the Yolo County Local Mental Health Board on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## • Yolo County Draft MHSA Annual Update FY 22-23

The Yolo County Draft Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update FY 2022-2023 has been posted, as of June 17, 2022, to the MHSA page of the Yolo County website at <u>www.yolocounty.org/mhsa</u>. This draft is available for public comment through July 16, 2022. Comment forms and online resources are also available on the website. Hardcopies have also been made available at HHSA locations in Woodland, Winters, Davis, and West Sacramento within Yolo County. The county announced and disseminated the draft Annual Update broadly through community stakeholders, the general public, the Community Engagement Work Group, MHSA listservs, service providers, consumers and family members, Board of Supervisors, Local Mental Health Board, county staff, and have requested and encouraged partners and community stakeholders to promote the review of the draft plan and participation by posting and sharing with others. A public hearing will be held by the Yolo County Local Mental Health Board on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM, by teleconference. Call information will be published in advance of the meeting and listed on the Local Mental Health Board event listing page. The MHSA Annual Update will be presented to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in August 2022.

## • MHSA Community Outreach

MHSA represented MHSA and HHSA at the "Cancer Prevention Community Health Fair" hosted by LUCHA (Latinos United for Cancer Health Advancement) in Esparto CA on Saturday June 25, 2022. The purpose of the event was to provide local community resources and learn about cancer prevention screenings. The materials that were provided at the table were: Each Mind Matters Mental health support guide for Native Families, Each Mind Matters Mental health support guide in English and Spanish, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Child, Youth and Family Branch Brochure in English and Spanish, Know the Signs Suicide Prevention cards in English and Spanish, Pin Buttons, Know the sign posters, and Self-care postcards.

# **COVID** Response and Vaccine Distribution

COVID case rates and wastewater indicators continued to increase in June, due to increased infectiousness of the BA.2 subvariants and increasing dominance of BA.2.4 and BA.2.5. COVID hospitalizations in Yolo County's two hospitals, however, remained low. Community transmission is high, and residents are encouraged to wear masks indoors, stay up-to-date on vaccines, stay home if they feel sick or test positive, and seek treatment immediately if they test positive and have other health conditions that put them at higher risk of developing severe COVID-19.

The team continued to receive, investigate, and monitor COVID exposures in high-priority settings, including schools, long-term care facilities, and other congregate settings. In June, 112 new exposure events were reported to the County, a 56% decrease in exposure events from May. This decrease in reported exposures is due to the school year ending and fewer exposures on school campuses.

As of June 24, the COVID Vaccination Team administered 238 COVID vaccines at vaccine clinics, and with the County DoorVax program. In late June, Moderna and Pfizer vaccines for infants and toddlers (6 months to four years-old) were approved by the FDA, CDC, and Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup. Parents and guardians are encouraged to vaccinate children in this age group. Many pediatricians and healthcare systems offer the vaccine for this age group, as well as some pharmacies. Yolo County will also begin offering vaccines for this age group at county clinics starting on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

To prepare for the ramp-down of Healthy Yolo Together's COVID testing program and the County has prioritized expanding community access to over-the-counter COVID tests. The County coordinated with CDPH and Yolo community-based organizations to get test kits for staff and county residents and continued to work through the procurement process to purchase vending machines. The Yolo County COVID webpage displays updated testing options, including how Medicare and Medi-Cal beneficiaries can obtain free home test kits.

# Administration

## **PHAB Reaccreditation**

- PHAB adopted the New Version 2022 Reaccreditation Standards and Measures in February 2022, which was released to LHDs in March 2022.
- Community Health Branch had its first successful PHAB Reaccreditation Workgroup meeting in June.
- The Workgroup comprises various staff throughout the Community Health Branch who will contribute to the domains set by PHAB.
- CHB PHAB workgroup will continue meeting throughout the next several months to gather and collect material satisfying the reaccreditation standards and measures.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
July 14	9:00 AM	Health Council
July 25	8:30 AM	Local Mental Health Board
August 17	6:00 PM	MCAH Advisory Board

# **UPCOMING HHSA MEETINGS & EVENTS**