

Yolo County Health Council

July 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 July 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via video or teleconferencing.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Volkar, District 1; Ximena Diez-Jackson, District 2; Leon Schimmel, District 4; Valerie Olson, District 5; Nick Birtcil, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Lori Duisenberg, 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; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Margaret Trout, UC Davis; Tandy Burton, Woodland Healthcare

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Carri Ziegler, District 3; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4; Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator; Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Nilufar Ceyhan, HHS; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Healthcare; Jason Honig, Unite Us; Aisha Lemseffer; Brielle Mansell

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The July 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
A roll call for voting members was taken, and the quorum was confirmed.
3. **VOTE ON APPROVAL OF AGENDA, THE [JUNE 9, 2022, MINUTES](#), AND CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL HEALTH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – Anthony Volkar, Chair
Motion: Jeneba Lahai **Second:** Chester Austin **Discussion:** None **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously
4. **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 falling case rate is misleading
- Less testing finds fewer cases.
- Wastewater levels of SARS-CoV-2 are high.
- Yolo COVID-19 hospitalizations are relatively low.
 - 7/13 – COVID-19+ Patients in Yolo Hospitals: 10, 2 ICU
 - 1/27 – COVID-19+ Patients in Yolo Hospitals: 29, 8 ICU
- BA.5 variant now dominant.
 - Per UC Davis Genome Center genotyping of positive specimens for 6/26-7/2: BA.4 and BA.5 together represented 57% of cases in Yolo
 - Per CDC Nowcast, HHS Region 9 (which includes CA) had 65% BA.5 and 16% BA.4 on July 9
 - Per Davis wastewater genotyping by SCAN, BA.5 >> BA.4
 - BA.4 and BA.5 are highly transmissible AND associated with immune escape (infection in vaccinated and/or previously infected)
- CDC recommends universal indoor masking in areas with High COVID-19 Community Level.
- New communications campaign will increase awareness of COVID risk at points of entry
- 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 and high risk

- Vaccine recommendations have expanded.
 - CDC recommends all persons >6 months get vaccinated against COVID
 - 2 safe and effective vaccines now available for young children
 - Pfizer vaccine available for 6 months – 4 years
 - 3 doses (0 weeks, 3 weeks, 11 weeks), lower dose → fewer side effects
 - Moderna vaccine available for 6 months – 5 years
 - 2 doses (0 weeks, 4 weeks), higher dose → more side effects
 - Vaccines available at County clinics every Thurs and Fri, at pharmacies, and through health care providers
- Second booster rates low.
 - Second boosters recommended:
 - 50+ and/or
 - Underlying condition
- Home antigen tests widely available.
 - Healthy Yolo Together community saliva-based PCR testing ended 6/30
 - Tremendous resource that filled a need; situation has changed
 - Home antigen testing is backbone of testing moving forward
 - 3 rounds of free tests through covid.gov
 - Insurance reimbursement for 8 tests per member per month (some pharmacies bill insurance directly)
 - Libraries have free home tests available
 - Vending machine pilot project will offer free tests 24/7
 - Optum Serve offers test-to-treat in Woodland
 - Antigen tests may be negative early in infection; retest in 1-2 days if symptomatic and negative
- Monkeypox outbreak in CA growing.
 - 186 cases in California across 17 local health jurisdictions; 1 hospitalization
 - No cases in Yolo County to date
 - Risk to general public very low
 - Illness caused by monkeypox virus
 - Spread by direct contact, contaminated surfaces, prolonged face-to-face contact
 - May have fever, swollen lymph nodes x 1-3d, then rash on face, hands, feet, genitals, or anus
 - Anyone can get monkeypox but men who have sex with men at higher risk
 - County working with partners in LGBTQ communities to communicate risk
 - Antiviral treatment available if infected and vaccine available for exposed contacts

5. STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE – Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator.

- Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator:
 - Gerardo Pinedo started as County Administrator on June 20th and appointed Nolan Sullivan as HHSA director.
 - 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 prior year, the county identified Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as a priority and the Board allocated funding to hire a consultant to do an assessment of our organization. The consultant worked with an advisory group composed of our staff to conduct an organizational assessment including focus groups and reviewed policies and procedures. They presented the findings to the Board and are now approved to move to phase two. Phase two includes the development of the strategic plan in order to implement DEI within the county, and there is a workgroup made up of department heads working on developing that plan. The plan is for that workgroup to make recommendations to bring back to the Board the plan and any necessary resources for implementation.

6. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE –Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2.

- Sheila Allen, Deputy Supervisor, District 4.
 - St. John’s facility would be utilized as a great resource for the community, especially as additional space for a Meals on Wheels program’s kitchen.

- The Pacifico buildings are being remodeled to be used as transitional housing for families with young children experiencing homelessness.
- Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2.
 - Celebrated Public Health staff for putting vending machines for COVID tests in areas that are accessible to communities that don't have easy access to them and for being innovative in serving our community.

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

- The Public Health community received new funding, of which the majority will be used towards staffing.
- Community Health received funding for Workforce Development Grant \$300,000, focused on school immunizations. Will boost initiatives around all school-aged immunizations around schools.
- County is continuing collaboration with Winters Highschool Students to bring forward an ordinance on a flavored tobacco ban in the City of Winters.
- Child Passenger Safety program received full funding, allowing the purchase and distribution of car seats to low-income families.
- The Oral Health program is finalizing the 5-year needs assessment and strategic plan and will present it to Council in the coming months for feedback.
- The County Reaccreditation process was launched and will take about a year.
- WIC continues to monitor the formula shortage, but a shipment was received to ease it.
- Mental Health Status Update is in the public review period and available for Council review and comment.

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

Summary of the items covered in the presentation

- Key Considerations:
 - 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
- What Determines Our Health:
 - Social inequities
 - Institutional inequities
 - Living conditions
 - Risk behaviors
 - Disease and injury
 - Mortality
- Large disparities in the County
 - West Sac- life expectancy 69.5
 - Davis- life expectancy 89.4
- Income in Yolo County by Census Tract:
 - Top: Davis- \$68,750
 - Median: \$34,628
 - Bottom: Davis- \$15,578
- Interventions to Affect Health
 - Behavioral Interventions
 - Clinical Interventions
 - Long-lasting Protective interventions
 - Changing the Context (To Make Individuals' Default Decisions Healthy)
 - Socioeconomic Factors
- Public Health 3.0 Recommendations
 - Position Public Health as Chief Health Strategist for their communities
 - Form vibrant, structured, cross-sector partnerships to address complex health issues
 - Leverage public health accreditation as the foundation for PH 3.0 efforts
 - Developed and utilize actionable data systems and metrics to evaluate and drive work
 - Enhance and substantially modify public health funding to support prevention and PH 3.0 work
- Public Health Planning Cycle 3-5 years
 - Community Health Assessment (CHA)
 - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

- Strategic Plan
- Next Steps
 - Incorporate data and findings into the new Community Health Assessment (CHA) 2023-2025
 - Develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with local leaders and stakeholders to address at least 1 upstream social determinant of health
 - Restart Healthy Yolo initiative using a collective impact approach to implement the CHIP
 - Rerun HDI data in 1-2 years to assess the impact of COVID pandemic

9. BRAINSTORM FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS – Anthony Volkar, Chair

- Review of Goal Setting document was sent for Council review.
- Homelessness is being considered as a topic for future meetings or possibly as a special meeting dedicated to it.

10. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT MEETING – September 8, 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