

# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

# **COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT**

September 2022

Program	MAY 2022	JUNE 2022	JULY 2022	AUGUST 2022
Medi- Cal/PHC Enrollees	60,270	60,722	61,178	61,266
WIC Participants	3,289	3,293	3,316	3,349
CMSP Cases	3	3	3	N/A

#### **Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness**

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS): The EMS team continues to support our Yolo County EMS providers with permitting actions for basic life support ambulances, and event standbys. The department also responded to supply chain shortages of emergency medications by authorizing appropriate EMS policy changes to ensure there is no interruption in the delivery of prehospital care. Our EMS Specialists worked diligently to ensure field EMS providers' professional certifications are up-to-date, and to ensure appropriate enforcement of disciplinary actions where needed. Our EMS QI Coordinator continues to develop a county-wide CQI plan for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, and presented a successful CQI presentation to our providers and stakeholders. Finally, we are pleased to be partnering with UC Davis Fire Department to host a Resuscitation Academy on UC Davis in September. This academy will bring together renowned experts on EMS leaders from across California to discuss the ongoing improvement of EMS cardiac arrest resuscitation.
- Our RDMHC and MHOAC programs continue to coordinate the allocation of federally provided COVID-19 therapeutics to our health care partners in Yolo County and the Mutual Aid region. These mutual aid coordination programs also obtained more over-the-counter COVID-19 test kits from CDPH to support the public distribution of tests in the county and coordinated the fulfillment of professional test kits to congregate care and healthcare partners experiencing COVID-19 cases. Our MHOAC program assisted the Communicable Disease and Vaccination teams with obtaining CDPH funded vaccinators and doses of Jynneos to support an MPOX vaccination clinic. We also obtained a small number of tecovirimat treatment courses to stage in the CHB to support rapid treatment of cases of MPOX in Yolo County.
- The MHOAC program participated in the EOC activation for the Yolo County DeltaX flood exercise, and our RDMHC program participated with regional, state, and federal partners in National Disaster Medical System table-top exercise in Sacramento.

 Emergency Preparedness (EP): Our EP team held their Healthcare Preparedness Coalition meeting with community partners and introduced a new process for healthcare partners to make resource requests to the Yolo County MHOAC. The team also participated in the Region IV planning meeting with CDPH-EPO along with the RDMHC and EP partners from across the region. Finally, the EP team, and MHOAC are working to support Sutter Davis hospital with a full-scale hospital evacuation exercise to occur in September.

## **Health Education**

#### **Child Passenger Safety Programs**

- The Child Passenger Safety Program joined the JC Penny Back to School Shopping Event in collaboration with the Woodland Salvation Army. During this check-up event, staff conducted car seat checks, provided current car seat safety information, and distributed multiple car seats to eligible families.
- Staff has been preparing for Child Passenger week which takes place September 18-24 and focuses on educating parents and caregivers about the importance of choosing, installing, and using the correct car seat for their child. The flyer below shows the dates/times of the check-up events that week.



## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE (FNL)

 Yolo County Friday Night Live staff have brought Club Live to Winters Middle School (WMS) for the 2022-2023 school year. Club Live (CL) is the middle school version of Friday Night Live and was kicked off with an interest meeting at lunch on Thursday, August 25, 2022. 85 youth attended the meeting and scheduled to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Yolo County Friday Night Live/Club Live programs work with youth and their communities to create opportunities for youth to make meaningful contributions to their programs and to improve the health of their communities through outreach, social action and advocacy. With the guidance of their Club Live advisor, Mari Chavez, planning Red Ribbon Week activities for their school is the first project the youth from WMS Club Live are working on.

## **Tobacco Prevention Program**

- As a part of our smoke-free outdoor policy campaign in the city of Winters, the Tobacco Prevention Team conducted a tobacco waste pick-up event at Rotary Park in Winters with four Winters Friday Night Live (FNL) students. The waste will eventually be on display at a future Winters City Council meeting to demonstrate the amount of tobacco waste that is produced. In just an hour, youth and staff filled a half-gallon jar with tobacco waste product from Rotary Park and the surrounding parking lot area.
- In partnership with Friday Night Live, staff attended the Back-to-School event at Winters High School to encourage student participation in our tobacco prevention campaigns targeting Winters elected officials.
- Staff posted smoke-free signs at the Yolo County fair. Staff has been doing this since the fair adopted a 100% smoke-free fair policy in 2004 under the encouragement of the Yolo

County Tobacco Youth Coalition. To remind attendants of this policy, staff hung 100 "Smoke-Free Fair" signs and created two new welcome banners displayed at both entrances.

 Staff is conducting consumer feedback from Winters residents to assess the appropriateness and appeal of educational materials for our ENDGAME objective. The educational material

highlights public opinion poll results that staff and Winters FNL youth collected during Youth Day 2022.

# Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)

- MCAH Agreement Funding Application has been approved for FY 2022-2023.
- MCAH Nurse Home Visiting (NHV) and Adolescent Parenting Program (APP)
- continue to serve the women, infants, children, and adolescent population. For referral and program eligibility questions, please contact raquel.aguilar@yolocounty.org
- MCAH is currently working with six families who were referred by Help Me Grow, YCCA/HFA, and WIC.

# **Communicable Diseases**

- CD staff received 400 reports of non-COVID communicable disease in Yolo County residents between August 1 and August 31, 2022.
  - o 284 (71%) have been closed
  - 114 (29%) remain under investigation.
- CD staff members handled an average of 33 cases per investigator
- Average time from case report to case closure is 6 days.





- Top 5 most frequently reported possible communicable diseases requiring staff action this month included MPX, TB, Influenza, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis.
- A deceased bat fell from the sky (just one of the few interesting reports received).
- 15 MPX case reports and are following several close contacts.
- One avian influenza case was reported and monitored for infection.
- Our Immunization Team was heavily involved in the preparation for the roll out of the bivalent COVID booster vaccine. We provided information and technical assistance to our internal COVID 19 vaccination team, as well as our partner agencies who receive COVID 19 vaccine through our Yolo County HHSA Immunization Program. Our IZ Team continues to work seamlessly with the COVID-19 vaccination team and are planning several combined flu/COVID-19 vaccination clinics in September, October and November.
- The team is completing a lengthy case investigation of a tuberculosis case at a school.
- Our TB Nurse Case Manager is working daily with our four active tuberculosis cases including case management and direct observed therapy.
- The first MPX vaccine clinic was done on 8/31 in conjunction with CDPH.
- Jynneos vaccines are being redistributed to partners throughout the county to provide prompt immunization to individuals.

## Health Equity and Healthy Communities

- The CalFresh Healthy Living Program partnered with CommuniCare Health Centers to host a Healthy Snack Day at the Hansen Clinic on 8/16/22; The event showcased recipes and taste tests of how to make healthy, affordable snacks for all flavor preferences.
- A new Community Advisory Program (CAP) was launched in August 2022. The CAP aims to recruit up to 10 residents from throughout the County to participate in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) development workgroup. CAP residents will receive training sessions to prepare them for participation in the CHIP process and will receive a stipend based on participation in the CHIP workgroup.
- The Healthy Communities Initiative is partnering with Junious Williams to offer a "Fundamentals of Equity and Social Determinants of Health" webinar on 9/27/22. The aim of the webinar is to help increase understanding of what equity is, particularly in the context of health equity, how it applies to the work being done in HHSA, and how the Social Determinants of Health impact health outcomes.
- The Health Equity Coordinator, in collaboration with the Cultural Competency Coordinator, met with The HHSA director to discuss next steps for introducing a racial equity-based staff training, called the "21-day challenge". Next steps include identifying a specific timeline to invite HHSA staff to participate in this offering, and potentially adjusting the timing to be a 21-week challenge.
- The Oral Health program is collaborating with the Early Smiles/Oral Health Solutions
  program in Sacramento County to bring additional oral health screenings to Yolo County
  Schools. This is a grant-funded effort that is led by staff in the Sacramento County Oral
  Health Program, who are seeking funds to expand the program to neighboring counties.
  If funded, the screenings would occur starting January 2023 and would focus on schools

or grades in schools not currently being served by the current Oral Health Screening partners.

#### Mental Health Services Act Yolo County Draft MHSA Annual Update FY 22-23

The Yolo County Draft Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update FY 2022-2023 was approved by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and will be submitted to the California Department of Health Care Services and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission in compliance with regulations. MHSA plans are available to review at <u>www.yolocounty.org/mhsa</u>.

#### Suicide Prevention Week September 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

During the month of September, we celebrate Suicide Prevention Week (September 4th-10th, 2022) and World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10th, 2022). This is a time when individuals and organizations around the country and the world join their voices to broadcast the message that everyone can take action for suicide prevention and to remember loved ones lost to suicide. <a href="http://www.suicideispreventable.org/">www.suicideispreventable.org/</a>

#### World Suicide Prevention Day September 10th, 2022

 Join individuals from across the globe in observance of World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Light a Candle is an act of acknowledgment demonstrating support for suicide prevention, to remember a lost loved one, and for the survivors of suicide. <u>www.who.int/campaigns/world-suicide-prevention-day/2022</u>

## **DEI/Cultural Competence**

- Increased enrollment in Cultural Competence Committee, Team Equity!, and Umoja work group
- CCC held it's second Expungement Clinic on August 4th, in W. Sacramento. Increased participation 35%. Served 39 community members. In partnership with the Public Defender's Office.
- Team Equity! presented Candidate Feedback progress report to ILT, August 8th. Policy and Procedure now developed for leadership approval.
- DEI/CC Coordinator participated in CH PHAB reaccreditation process. Member in Domain 1, 4, and 8 workgroups.
- Somatic Practice sessions continued throughout August, recordings to be shared by RAD team.
- Began collaboration with CYF Branch in FFPSA. This project goal is to develop prevention programming to reduce entries into child welfare and foster care.
- As a member of the DA Multi-Cultural Community Council, pleased to announce that AB 2778, Yolo's sponsored Race Blind Charging bill passed unanimously in the Senate, and now sits on the Governors desk. AB 2418, Yolo DA sponsored Transparency bill, based on our Commons data transparency dashboard has also passed the senate and is on its' way to the Governor!
- Participated in DMC-ODS EQRO (quality review audit) to present CC contribution to HHSA Substance Use Disorder programming. CC Plan, Cultural Considerations trainings, and expungement clinics were acknowledged.

- Scheduled Dr. Kristee Haggins to do our next Cultural Considerations training: Engaging the Black/African Diaspora community: November 17th, 9am – noon.
- Sharing our HHSA CC/DEI work with the national PACEs community on September 13th, and NAMI Yolo on November 4th.

#### **COVID Response and Vaccine Distribution**

- COVID case rates and wastewater indicators gradually declined throughout the month of August, and Yolo's Community Level moved from High to Medium towards the end of the month. To communicate more clearly to residents when masking is strongly recommended indoors, Yolo County provided red "High level" signs to businesses, workplaces, places of worship, and schools. When COVID transmission indicators show sustained declines, Yolo will distribute yellow "Medium level" signs to indicate that indoor masking is strongly encouraged for higher-risk individuals.
- The team continued to receive, investigate, and monitor COVID exposures in highpriority settings, including long-term care facilities, shelters, and the County jail. In August, 17 outbreaks were investigated and monitored in these settings. The Yolo COVID team provided guidance to facilities experiencing outbreaks in consultation with the Health Officer to mitigate further spread.
- With the start of the Academic year and sunsetting of AB86 on July 1, Yolo County revised its reporting requirements for schools. In the previous year, schools were required to report every case of COVID that had been on campus. Moving forward, schools are required to report outbreaks, including, but not limited to when 10% or more of a student cohort is unexpectedly absent. This threshold was vetted with District Superintendents, and the COVID Schools team trained school health staff on how and when to report. The Schools team also sent out a newsletter to school health staff that summarized changes in CDPH's K-12 Guidance, Yolo's reporting requirements, and how to request additional support from the Yolo COVID team.
- The COVID Vaccination Team administered 247 COVID vaccines at vaccine clinics and through the DoorVax program. The team also coordinated redistributions of vaccine vials to healthcare partners, including Winters Healthcare, Communicare, UC Davis Student Health, and Elica. The team is anticipating full approval of Pfizer and Moderna bivalent booster doses that protect against Omicron variants the first week of September, and has begun planning for booster rollout.
- The Vaccine team also coordinated Yolo County's first MPX vaccine clinic on 8/31, in cooperation with the Health Officer, EMS Administrator, and CD Immunizations team. CDPH contractor MobileMed provided vaccinators and support staff. Eight people received the JYNNEOS vaccine at the clinic.
- To ensure equitable access to COVID testing across the county, the COVID team launched a vending machine pilot in West Sacramento, Davis, Esparto, and Winters. Residents can access test kits from the machines 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and test kits are free of charge. Since the first vending machine was installed in July, 11,100 tests have been disbursed, with an average of 2,417 tests per week.

#### Administration Data/ Epidemiology

• Providing weekly COVID reports for branch leadership.

- Providing weekly updates on MPX vaccination rates in Yolo County to leadership.
- Reviewing death certificates to calculate excess deaths at the zip code and neighborhood level from 2000 to 2021 to quantify improvements in health of Yolo County residents this century.
- Procured SAS statistical analysis software for large data sets.
- Participating in the development of detail specifications for new state disease and vaccine reporting databases.
- Participating in CDPH task force to identify population denominator data.
- Conducting preliminary analyses of violence-related deaths, hospitalizations and emergency room visits to determine if need for a violence prevention program.
- Preparing estimates of live births, prenatal care, hospitalizations, preterm birth, obesity, gestational diabetes mellitus and breastfeeding rates to brief the MCAH advisory board in September.
- Assisting Winters Healthcare to upload approximately 1900 missing COVID vaccine records.
- Assisting COVID team to identify 123 of 158 people with incorrect dates of birth, missing addresses and contact information.
- Submitted 91 CalREDIE and 581 CAIR account merges.
- Updated 304 CalREDIE and 315 CAIR accounts.
- Working to integrate COVID and Branch Data and Epi teams.

#### Performance Management Steering Committee (PMSC)

- The Community Health Branch is in the process of determining which programs to prioritize for creating performance measures this fiscal year. Program leaders have been provided a weighted Criteria Alternative Matrix (C.A.M) template to rate each of the following programs with a score from 0 to 2 against four criteria: (1) External Contract Expiration, (2) Program Readiness, (3) Funding or Financial Implications, and (4) Programmatic or Strategic Importance.
  - Emergency Medical Services
  - Public Health Emergency Preparedness
  - o Jail Health Services
  - Health in All Policy & Health Equity
  - Infectious Disease Prevention & Control
  - o MHSA Planning, Evaluation, & Assessment
- The programs with the highest scores indicate that they are the highest priority for performance measures creation. A training schedule will be created to help program staff create performance measures once the programs are prioritized.

#### PHAB Reaccreditation

• The PHAB Reaccreditation Workgroup kick-off meeting took place on June 29, 2022. Since then, Domain Teams have been established, Domain Leaders have been identified, and workgroup members have been trained on how to demonstrate conformity with PHAB Standards and Measures. Domain Leaders will facilitate their first Domain Team meetings in September 2022.

#### **Community Health Mural Project**

• The Community Health Mural Project was introduced during the August CHB All Staff meeting.

- Staff was encouraged to join the Mural Workgroup, which is a one-hour monthly meeting and possibly additional time outside the meeting assignments.
- The timeframe for the Project completion is the end of the fiscal year 22/23 and the start of fiscal year 23/24.
- Activities that will be conducted within this workgroup include gathering input from staff, clients, and other key stakeholders.
- Reviewing artist applications and submissions.

#### **Team Alliance**

- Team Alliance was introduced to the CHB staff during the August CHB All Staff meeting. Team Alliance is being formed to address overwork culture, burnout, and stress through an agreement and standards that set the tone to create a healthy and safe work environment/ work culture.
  - Designing Team Alliance will involve making a clear agreement and expectations for working together.
  - To take shared responsibility for the climate we wish to create.
  - Builds commitment and trust as the team (branch) holds itself to what we agree upon.
  - We will end up with a living document where staff can provide ongoing feedback and hold everyone accountable at all levels.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	
September 8	9:00 AM	Health Council	
September 21	8:30 AM	8:30 AM MCAH Advisory Board	
September 26	6:00 PM	Local Mental Health Board	

#### **UPCOMING HHSA MEETINGS & EVENTS**