

Yolo County Health Council

September 8, 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 8th Day of September 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; 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

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Birtcil, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Tandy Burton, Woodland 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, HHSA; Nolan Sullivan, Director of Health & Human Services Agency; David Linebarger, HHSA Program Coordinator; & Rebecca Tryon, HHSA Program Manager; Betsie Cialino, HHSA Manager; & Margarita Ortiz, Co-lead for COVID-19 School’s Team

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The September 8, 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 JULY 14, 2022 MINUTES, AND CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL HEALTH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – *Anthony Volkar, Chair*
Motion: Chester Austin **Second:** Jeneba Lahai **Discussion:** None **Agenda Vote:** Unanimous
Minutes Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No, 4 Abstain: Carri Ziegler, District 3; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator*
 - Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator:
 - Board of Supervisors is considering adopting their budget for fiscal year 22-23 on September 27th.
 - County remains committed to planning Adult Day Health Center at St. John’s facility.
 - St. John’s facility is still in an ongoing lawsuit.
5. **ST. JOHN’S UPDATE** - *Nolan Sullivan, Director of Health & Human Services Agency*
 - St. John’s facility will combine several populations to offer a multi-generational space, i.e. apartments for CalWORKS families and for Senior Low Income Housing.
 - 91 Total Units: Family (35) Units and Senior or Disabled (56) Units
 - CalWORKS HSP
 - Senior Voucher Based Housing
 - Non-Profit Partnerships
 - Hospice and Conservator
 - Adult Day Health Center
 - Child Welfare Receiving Center
 - Operating Budget:
 - Revenue
 - Lease Revenue, Resident Rents
 - a. Total=\$85,128

- Expenditures
 - Staffing/Property Management, Utilities, Landscaping, Insurance, Equipment/Contracts, Remodel/Deferred Maintenance
 - a. Total=\$85,128
- Next Steps:
 - Timetable: October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023
 - Board of Supervisors Approved Purchase Agreement
 - Proceed with Reuse Plan
 - a. 331 Vouchers received
 - b. Remodel and rehabilitation begins
 - Execute leases with Senior Focused Non-Profits
 - Resident Lease Up
 - Ongoing Property Management and Maintenance

6. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE –Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2; & Sheila Allen, Deputy Supervisor, District 4.

- Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2:
 - Winters Healthcare Pharmacy had a ribbon-cutting ceremony and is now accessible to the community.
 - Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to move forward on the Safe Firearm Storage ordinance.
- Sheila Allen, Deputy Supervisor, District 4:
 - The Pacifico project in Davis, two buildings currently empty and owned by the City of Davis, will work with the County on a plan to move forward with utilizing the buildings.
 - Yolo County Children’s Alliance has been distributing backpacks to children. Prior to the pandemic, there were more programs offering services in these areas but after the pandemic, there have not been as many.

7. ORAL HEALTH PLAN – David Linebarger, HHS A Program Coordinator; & Rebecca Tryon, HHS A Program Manager

- Rebecca Tryon, HHS A Program Manager:
 - About the Oral Health Program
 - Funded through Prop 56 funds (Tobacco Tax) +Realignment Funds
 - 1.5 staff
 - 5-year strategic plan/work plan started 7/1/22
 - Robust Oral Health Advisory Committee (OHAC), meets monthly
 - Website: www.yolocountyhealthymouth.org
 - About the Oral Health Program Activities
 - Community events to raise awareness and improve OH literacy
 - School Screenings – aim to screen all Kinder / 3rd graders
 - OH education in schools – train nurses/school staff
 - Improve school-dental-medical care linkages to improve care access
 - Facilitate OHAC meetings and workgroup meetings
- David Linebarger, HHS A Program Coordinator:
 - Oral Health Needs: Tooth Decay Rates
 - Oral health school screenings are an effective way to prevent decay early in children
 - Moderate to severe decay rates: around 30% in elementary school children
 - Decay rates decreased in the '19-'20 school year due to more widespread screening efforts
 - Decay rates in some underserved communities like Esparto have been up to 40% and higher in 2021
 - Oral Health Needs: Access to Care
 - Medi-Cal enrollment has increased throughout the pandemic

- Undocumented residents increasingly enrolling in Medi-Cal
- Everyone enrolled in Medi-Cal Dental
- ED visits for dental conditions have increased for all adult age groups between 2012-2019
- Oral Health Needs: Barriers to Care
 - Private dentists accepting Medi-Cal Dental have increased between 2017-2022
 - Very few private dentists accepting Medi-Cal Dental are accepting new patients and this rate has decreased between 2017-2022
 - There are no specialty dentists (Endodontists, Oral Surgeons, ect.) accepting Medi-Cal Dental in Yolo County
- Oral Health Needs: Staffing Shortages
 - There is a dental assistant workforce shortage in Yolo
 - Dental assistant recruitment is the topmost challenge dentists are currently facing
 - FQHC Dental Providers have increased capacity to see more patients but struggle to recruit new dentists
 - Average FQHC wait times for dental appointments is one month
- Oral Health is a Significant Health Need
 - Access to Dental Care and Preventative Services was identified as the 11th most significant health need from the 2022 CHNA
- Next Steps: Activities to Address OH needs
 - Educate our community about oral health needs and priorities
 - Facilitate local oral health workforce investments and solutions
 - Advocate for local and statewide oral health policy changes
 - Organize the OHCA to meet our strategic goals
- Next Steps: Workgroup Development
 - Local solutions (workforce/primary care integration)
 - School-based and community screening
 - Fluoridation
 - Policy
 - Community Voice
- Ways to get involved
 - Oral Health Advisory Committee (OHAC): Meets second Mondays of the month from 8:30-9:30 am (no meetings in August and December)
 - Next Advisory Committee meetings in 2022: September 12th, October 10th, November 14th.
 - Community Water Fluoridation Workgroup: Meets third Tuesdays of the month from 4-5 pm
 - Next Fluoridation Workgroup meetings in 2022: September 20th, October 18th, November 15th, December 20th.
 - Additional workgroups will be determined in upcoming meetings

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.
- Wastewater levels of SARS-CoV-2 are decreasing overall.
- Yolo has Substantial Community Transmission.
 - 12.3/100k/day
 - 86.1/100k/week
- Yolo is at Medium COVID-19 Community Level.
- Yolo COVID-19 hospitalizations are low.
 - COVID-19+ Patients in Yolo Hospitals:
 - 9/7 5,1 ICU
 - 8/26 5,1 ICU

- 1/27 29, 8 ICU
- Masking recommendation downgraded.
- New COVID-19 boosters are here.
 - Moderna and Pfizer have developed bivalent boosters that target Omicron (BA.4/5) and the original SARS-CoV-2 strain
 - Will boost waning immunity and offer improved Omicron protection
 - Authorized by FDA and recommended by CDC
 - Eligibility:
 - Moderna 18+, 2 months after latest dose
 - Pfizer 12+, 2 months after latest dose
 - Encourage residents to seek vaccination through healthcare provider or retail pharmacy; limited doses will be available through County-run clinics
- Monkeypox (MPX) spreads through direct contact or surfaces.
 - MPX is illness caused by MPX virus and characterized by rash
 - 4,140 cases in California, 4.5% hospitalized
 - Transmission primarily through direct skin-to-skin contact, often during sex; also through contact with contaminated objects/surfaces such as towels; very low risk of transmission with prolonged face-to-face contact
 - Anyone can get MPX
 - 97% of cases among men, primarily men who have sex with men (84% gay, 10% bisexual)
 - Overall MPX risk is low
 - Avoid physical contact with persons who are ill or have unexplained rash; don't share food, drink, clothing, linens; wash your hands
- MPX identified in Yolo County.
 - 5 cases have been confirmed among Yolo residents to date
 - Vaccination (JYNNEOS) available for close contacts of cases
 - Treatment (TPOXX) available for cases
 - Cases required to isolate until all sores healed if in a high-risk setting or until all sores either healed or covered if not in high-risk setting
 - No quarantine required for contacts
 - Providers required to report confirmed or suspected cases to Public Health within 24 hours
- Wastewater being monitored for MPXV.
- JYNNEOS vaccine availability improving.
 - JYNNEOS vaccine supply limited nationwide
 - FDA allowing intradermal dosing with 1/5 original amount to stretch existing supply
 - Yolo County receiving more doses since cases identified; can now vaccinate known contacts and high-risk individuals
 - Men who have sex with men AND other risk factors (e.g., recent STD, multiple or anonymous partners, sex for money or drugs, immunocompromised)
 - County providing doses to providers, large clinic on 8/31

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

- Future of public health funding was received of which over 70% will be spent on new staffing.
 - Community Health Branch will be adding outreach specialists, a public health informaticist, an additional epidemiologist, and others.
- Public Flu Vaccine clinics are coming up in the community.
- COVID team will be integrated with the Infection Control team.
- Community Health Needs Assessment report is being finalized and will be presented to Health Council in the coming months.
- MHSa plan was approved for the final year of the three-year plan. In the coming months, a new three-year plan will be started.

10. SCHOOL READINESS UPDATE – *Betsie Cialino, HHSA Manager; & Margarita Ortiz, Co-lead for COVID-19 School's Team*

- Betsie Cialino, HHSA Manager:

- County has a shared priority with CDPH and schools to keep students safe in the schools and will be critical to student health and wellbeing in the county.
- Margarita Ortiz, Co-lead for COVID-19 School's Team:
 - 2022-23 Yolo School/Childcare Updates- School Guidance Changes
 - CDPH Released updated COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for k-12 Schools on June 30, 2022
 - Updates to the Childcare Guidance are coming soon
 - CDPH COVID-19 Guidance - K-12 Schools
 - Staying up to date on vaccinations – Recommended
 - Optimizing indoor air quality – Recommended
 - Using facemasks – Required
 - Getting tested– Recommended
 - Maintaining clean hands– Recommended
 - Managing individuals with symptoms– Required
 - Managing students diagnosed with COVID-19– Required in Yolo County
 - Managing students exposed to COVID-19– Recommended
 - Managing COVID-19 outbreaks– Recommended
 - Cleaning facilities– Recommended
 - Reporting disease burden to local public health
 - Per the [July 19th Yolo County Health Officer letter to schools](#), schools are no longer required to report individual COVID-19 cases
 - Schools shall report when 10% or more of a student cohort is unexpectedly absent
 - Yolo County Public Health provides ongoing support to schools for the 2022-23 school year including:
 - Training on new outbreak reporting guidance and SPOT
 - Outbreak investigation support
 - Ongoing technical assistance to school health staff
 - Assigned School Specialist team
 - Support with non-COVID related Public Health Concerns
 - Weekly meeting with YCOE and District Superintendents
 - Healthy Schools Collaborative meeting every other Wednesday
 - Testing:
 - CDPH Released [Testing Framework for K–12 Schools for the 2022–2023 School Year](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions around K-12 Testing Framework](#)
 - CDPH recommends that antigen tests be considered the primary option for detecting COVID-19 in schools. Both the Professional, onsite antigen tests, and Over the Counter (OTC) home antigen tests are approved and effective. CDPH is providing OTC tests directly to schools.
 - Schools may also enroll into a professional antigen testing program and order OTC tests directly from the CDPH
 - Since the 2022-23 School Year began, we have received 15 reports from schools and childcare centers
 - The 10% unexpected absence threshold appears to be a meaningful threshold

11. BRAINSTORM FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS – Anthony Volkar, Chair

- Valerie Olson, District 5: homeless count, progress at the 102 Beamer Site, jail medical general update, timely health access issues.
- Leon Schimmel, District 4: unfilled Pre-K slots causes/fixes, integrating the Public Healthcare world with the private healthcare world.
- Chester Austin, Co-Vice Chair: activity levels in the county for ACES screening, treatment, and prevention and a potential Resilient Yolo presentation around the subject.

12. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Keeley Albright, CommuniCare Health Centers:
 - New health clinic, Vida Family Health Center, was opened at 954 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento.

- CommuniCare announces plans to merge with OLE Health. Website: www.communicarehc.org
- Chester Austin, Co-Vice Chair: NVIH mobile medical units were previously purchased for COVID-19 evaluation and treatments outside of the main clinics and will be repurposed for other uses by the clinic and community.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT MEETING – October 13, 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