

# Yolo County Health Council

November 10, 2022

Minutes

ANTHONY VOLKAR, CHAIR  
NICKI KING, CO-VICE CHAIR  
CHESTER AUSTIN, CO-VICE CHAIR

**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 10<sup>th</sup> Day of November 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; Nick Birtcil, At-Large Member; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Keeley Albright, CommuniCare Health Centers; Jessica White, Elica Health Centers; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare; Tandy Burton, Woodland Healthcare

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Celeste Armstrong, EMCC; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Margaret Trout, UC Davis

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4; Jill Perez, Chief Deputy County Administrator; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Nicole Hollingsworth, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Yong Xiong, HHSa; Jaspreet Kaur, HHSa; Samar Lichtenstein, HHSa; Kanat Tibet, HHSa; Rebecca Tryon, HHSa; Josh Hoffner, HHSa; Aimee Sisson, Health Officer; Brielle Mansell, Legal Services of Northern California; Craig Blomberg; Sutter Health; Sara Simmons, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2; Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2; Ian Evans, Adult and Aging Branch Director; Lorraine Todden, Public

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

The November 10, 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 – Yong Xiong, Interim Health Council Secretary**

A roll call for voting members was taken and quorum was confirmed.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**VOTE ON APPROVAL OF AGENDA, THE [OCTOBER 13, 2022 MINUTES](#), AND CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL HEALTH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Anthony Volkar, Chair**

**Motion:** Anthony Volkar    **Second:** Chester Austin    **Discussion:** None    **Agenda Vote:** Unanimous  
**Minutes Vote:** Unanimous

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

- Supervisor Don Saylor will be retiring. In the past 12 years, he has been a public health champion who advocated for tobacco control, PHAB accreditation, Yolo Basic Income (YOBI) project, County Medical Services Program, Yolo Emergency Medical Services Agency, health equity, and many others.

**5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE – Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2; Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2; Sheila Allen, Deputy Supervisor, District 4**

- Supervisor Don Saylor, District 2
  - Health Council is a place where dedicated community members and the healthcare system gather to discuss community interests, concerns, and struggles. The work done by the Health Council is essential the Board of Supervisors and County staff in supporting community health.
  - Yolo County will be partnering with the city of Davis and UC Davis to create Hate-Free Together, which is a community project to combat the recent string of local hate incidents and prioritize the well-being and safety of all residents.
- Tara Thronson, Deputy to Supervisor Saylor, District 2
  - Overview of some items the Board of Supervisors addressed last month:
    - Approved a funding plan for the Knights Landing park.

- Took the first step to passing an ordinance requiring non-handgun firearms stored in unattended vehicles be in a locked container or tethered to the vehicle.
  - Approved recommendation to prohibit the use of coupons and discounts for tobacco products.
  - Approved minimum package sizes and minimum prices for tobacco products.
  - Directed staff to continue outreach and conversations with property owners before bringing a smoke free multi-unit residence policy recommendation.
  - Approved funding recommendation for housing and homelessness (City of Davis Downtown Streets Team, City of Woodland proposal to complete phase 2 at East Beamer Way campus, and Yolo County Homeless Poverty and Action Coalition).
  - Approved \$1.3 million for projects under the ARP Food Security category.
  - Approved continued funding for YOBI.
  - Approved an additional \$50,000 for the Raise a Child project through the Child Welfare subcategory to help recruit new resource families.
- Sheila Allen, Deputy Supervisor, District 4
    - Thanked Supervisor Saylor for his service to the community.
    - No other updates from the Board of Supervisors reported.

#### 6. HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE – *Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer*

Summary of the items covered in the presentation: [Health Officer Update](#).

- Yolo County's COVID-19 case rate is relatively low.
- SARS-CoV-2 wastewater levels are variable.
- Yolo County has Moderate Community Transmission.
- Yolo County is at Low COVID-19 Community Level.
- Yolo County COVID-19 hospitalizations are low.
- BQ Omicron subvariants are spreading.
- Bivalent boosters are recommended for 5+.
- Indoor masking is optional in most settings.
  - For more information on masking, visit: [www.yolocounty.org/masks](http://www.yolocounty.org/masks).
- Monkeypox (MPX) outbreak is slowing.
  - 11 cases in Yolo County; Overall MPX risk is low.
  - Avoid physical contact with persons who are ill or have unexplained rash. Don't share food, drink, clothing, linens and wash your hands.
  - Vaccines are available through providers for persons at increased risk and healthcare workers.
- Get vaccinated against influenza.
  - Vaccines are available through healthcare providers, retail pharmacies, and County-run clinics.
  - Effective 11/1, healthcare workers must get vaccinated or wear a mask indoors.
- Uganda travelers are being monitored for Ebola.
  - Travelers returning from Sudan being monitored by local health departments, including Yolo County Public Health, for symptoms.
  - Plans in place at local hospitals to care for Ebola patient temporarily before transferring to Ebola assessment hospital.
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is early and severe.
  - RSV is common and mild except in infants and older adults.
  - High-risk infants can receive monthly monoclonal antibody during RSV season to prevent RSV infection.
- Tripledemic is a possibility this fall/winter.
  - RSV, influenza, and COVID-19 could collide to make both adult and pediatric hospital beds scarce.
  - Protect yourself and the community by getting a flu shot and updated COVID-19 booster as well as washing your hands regularly and wearing masks in crowded indoor spaces.

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

- Update regarding the Tobacco program was already shared in the Board of Supervisors Update.
- To allow sufficient time for today's presentations, please review the November 2022 Community Health Branch Report sent prior to the Health Council meeting.

**8. HOMELESS PIT PRESENTATION – Ian Evans, Adult and Aging Branch Director**

Summary of the items covered in the presentation: [Homeless Point in Time \(PIT\)](#).

- Notable Homeless PIT data:
  - 4.8 % decrease in unsheltered and only 13.9% increase in total count.
  - 22-24% lived in Yolo County their entire life.
  - A minimum of 16% have reported a disability, PTSD, SMI and/or DV.
- Opportunities to reach those disproportionately impacted.
  - Race disparities:
    - African Americans are 2.6% of the county population, but 14.8% of the homeless population.
    - American Indian/Alaska Native are 0.6% of the county population, but 6% of the homeless population.
  - Children and youth:
    - 15% are under the age of 25.
    - 6% indicated they were former foster youth.
- Additional takeaways.
  - Programmatic changes since 2019:
    - Project Roomkey, Project Homekey, Fourth & Hope Expansion, West Capital Housing, and Mobile Medicine Team.
  - Housing First works in Yolo County as demonstrated through Project RoomKey.
  - [Yolo County Homeless Count 2022](#) report is available online.

**9. COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA) AND COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) UPDATE – Samar Lichtenstein, HHS Program Coordinator**

Summary of the items covered in the presentation: [CHA and CHIP Update](#).

- Community Health Assessment (CHA) is an analysis of qualitative and quantitative data to identify and prioritize Significant Health Needs.
  - Community Health Status Survey (1,500 + residents).
  - 29 community health experts, social service providers, and medical personnel interviewed.
  - 14 community residents or community organizations participated in focus groups.
  - 100 quantitative metrics from county, state, and federal sources.
  - Yolo County's prioritized Significant Health Needs (Source: 2023-2025 CHA).
    - Access to basic needs such as housing, jobs, and food.
    - Access to mental/behavioral health and substance use services.
    - Injury and disease prevention and management.
    - Active living and healthy eating.
    - Access to quality primary care health services.
    - System navigation.
    - Access to specialty and extended care.
    - Increased community connections.
    - Safe and violence-free environment.
    - Access to functional needs.
    - Access to dental care and preventative services.
  - Built upon 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) completed in partnership with Sutter Davis Hospital and Woodland Memorial Hospital with participation from CommuniCare Health Centers and Winters Healthcare.
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): Moving from analysis to action.
  - A plan developed collaboratively by a workgroup to address 1-3 Significant Health Needs.

- Includes strategies, goals, resources, and partners to address the identified specific needs over a three-year period.
- CHIP Workgroup includes CommuniCare Health Centers, Community Advisors, Dignity Health, Empower Yolo, First 5 Yolo, Health Education Council, Meals on Wheels Yolo County, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Northern Valley Indian Health, Partnership Health Plan of California, PRO Youth and Families, Progress Ranch Treatment Services for Children, Redwood Community Health Coalition, RISE, Inc., Sutter Health, UniteUs, VCSS West Sacramento, Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety (UCD), Western Regional Agricultural Stress Assistance Program, Winters Health, Yolo County Children's Alliance, Yolo County Housing Authority, Yolo County Office of Education, Yolo Farm to Fork, Yolo Food Bank, and Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance.
- CHIP Implementation (June 2023 – June 2026).
  - Implement strategies, track progress toward goals, quarterly meetings, and annual reporting.
- How is community included in Healthy Yolo?
  - CHA: Community Health Status Survey had more than 1,500 responses; CBOs participated in focus groups and key informant interviews; and community has public review of draft document before finalized.
  - CHIP: Community Advisory Program (residents are active members of CHIP Workgroup); townhalls with rural and Spanish speaking populations; CBO representation in Workgroup; and public review before finalization.
  - Implementation and Evaluation: Community participation in decision making; public tracking of progress to monitor impact of strategies; and complete evaluation of CHIP process including interviews with Community Advisors.
- Health Council opportunities for engagement:
  - Review draft of the CHA (now).
  - Help disseminate the final CHA (December 2022).
  - Participate in CHIP Townhalls (Spring 2023).
  - Advise Board of Supervisors on resources and/or support needed for CHIP implementation.
  - Monitor CHIP Implementation at HealthyYolo.org.
  - Review annual CHIP Implementation reports.
  - Future Health Council Meeting updates.

**10. HEALTH COUNCIL 2023 CALENDAR – Anthony Volkar, Chair**

- Calendar invitation for future Health Council meetings will be sent via e-mail.
- Governor Gavin Newsom announced the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end February 28, 2023.
- In-person Health Council meetings will resume March 2023.
- County Counsel is reviewing the regulations now to provide written guidance to all Brown Act committees on the implications of ending the COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration.

**11. BRAINSTORM FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS – Anthony Volkar, Chair**

- Nicki King suggests future meetings include a presentation about the K-12 School Partnership Program, which aims to expand mental health services to children throughout the county, improve outcomes for Yolo County youth, and promote awareness regarding mental health issues.
- Michelle Famula suggests future meetings include a presentation on how Proposition 63 (Mental Health Services Act) funds have been utilized and its subsequent impact in Yolo County.
- Jeneba Lahai suggests future meetings include a presentation about the functions of Family Resource Centers and Home Visiting Collaborative in Yolo County.
- Leon Schimmel suggests future meetings include a report from the Yolo County Child Care Planning Council.

**12. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health
  - The UC Davis Cancer Center's Community Advisory Board (CAB) is seeking members from Yolo County. The CAB is comprised of nine community leaders representing all racial/ethnic populations,

cancer survivors (two CAB members), and rural/urban counties spanning across the Cancer Center's 19-county catchment area. The CAB meets bimonthly (6 times per year) to provide direct input to the Center's director, Dr. Primo "Lucky" Lara and other leadership on the needs of the catchment area and assists with directing the Center's research priorities.

- For more information about how to become a Community Advisory Board member, please contact: [hs-uccdcancer@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hs-uccdcancer@ucdavis.edu).
- Website: [Community Advisory Board | UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center](#).
- Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children's Alliance
  - YCCA Community Giveaway Day is on November 19, 2022. Holiday food baskets, jackets, blankets, and household items will be distributed to families.
  - Family Resource Centers are always looking for organizations to adopt families. Contact [Jeneba.Lahai@yolocounty.org](mailto:Jeneba.Lahai@yolocounty.org) for more information.
- Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California
  - Partnership HealthPlan is still recruiting providers to participate in the CalAIM program for both Enhanced Care Management as well as Community Supports.
  - CalAIM Website: <http://www.partnershiphp.org/Community/Pages/CalAIM.aspx>.
  - Kathryn Power will be going on parental leave and Dustin Lyda will be attending future Health Council meetings on behalf of Partnership HealthPlan.
- Sheila Allen, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance
  - Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance is recruiting for a new executive director. For more information visit: <https://www.yolohealthyaging.org/>.
- Michelle Famula, At-Large Member
  - Democracy Winters is going to have a presentation on healthcare policy. To sign up, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/DemocracyWinters/>.
  - On November 17, 2022, League of Women Voters Davis Area is going to have a presentation on housing policy. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVDavisArea/>.

### 13. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

## ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT MEETING – January 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Yong Xiong*

Yong Xiong, Interim Health Council Secretary  
Yolo County Health Council