

Yolo County Health Council

June 8, 2023

Minutes

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YOLO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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The Yolo County Health Council met on the 8th Day of June 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in-person in the Gonzalez Building, Community Room, 25 North Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Volkar, District 1; Ximena Diez-Jackson, District 2; Carri Ziegler, District 3; Leon Schimmel, District 4; Valerie Olson, District 5; Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Linda Copeland, MCAH Advisory Board; Ozmar Aburto, CommuniCare Health Centers; Ajay Saini, Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare; Brenda Wright, Northern Valley Indian Health; Margaret Trout, UC Davis;

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Healthcare; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children's Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Larissa May, UC Davis; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Dale Steakley, Woodland Healthcare

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4; Mark Bryan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Roxana Garcia-Ochoa, Health Education Council; Mary Ann Limbos, HHSa; Betsie Cialino, HHSa

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The June 8, 2023, 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 AND THE MAY 11TH, 2023 MINUTES** – *Anthony Volkar, Chair*
Motion: Deven Merchant **Second:** Pat Moore-Pickett **Discussion:** None **Agenda Vote:** Passed Unanimously
Minutes Vote: 16 Yes, 0 No
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Mark Bryan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer*
 - Mark Bryan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
 - Budget hearing is next Tuesday, the budget book will be available on the County website.
 - Currently, no significant cuts to the budget are expected.
 - DEI manager has accepted the position, will start in the near future.
 - New Public Information Officer, Dwight Coddington, started a few days ago.
5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4*
 - Sheila Allen, Deputy Supervisor, District 4
 - Budget from the State is not expected to change, the Federal is not known yet.
 - Having additional discussions about the remaining ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds. Decisions will be announced on July 25th.
 - Next Yolo County Library, being planned and built in Davis, is moving forward. City of Davis voted on and continued to move forward with their allocated budget. It is currently on the architectural phase. Looking for the second round of the State Library Grant to fill the \$2M gap in the budget. This is not expected to stop the process.
 - Dawn Meyers
 - St. John's Retirement Village, has a new board. The County is working with them to renew the lease and get over the finish line.
6. **HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE** – *Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer*
 - Summary of the items covered in the presentation [Health Office Update](#).

- SARS-CoV-2 local wastewater levels are low.
- Masking remains optional.
 - Influenza season ended April 30; unvaccinated HCW no longer required to mask for flu
 - Press release May 1 announcing change from masking recommended to masking optional
 - Masking strongly recommended in facilities with COVID-19 outbreak (staff, residents, and visitors)
 - Facilities encouraged to develop their own masking policies
 - CDC no longer publishing COVID-19 Community Levels, the basis of previous masking recommendations
- County-run vaccinations ending June 30.
 - Press release planned for mid-June
 - County COVID-19 vaccine clinics will end June 30
 - DoorVax will end June 30
 - Decreased funding, low utilization
 - After July 1, vaccines for general public available at:
 - Healthcare provider
 - Retail pharmacy
 - After July 1, County will remain able to vaccinate in LTCFs
 - County will likely offer COVID vaccines again in fall
- Paxlovid now has full FDA approval for adults.
 - On May 25, FDA approved Paxlovid for 18+
 - Paxlovid still under EUA for 12-17 y/o
 - SesameCare free telehealth consultation remains available through Feb 2024
- Omicron XBB.1.16 causes growing % of cases.
 - XBB.1.16 associated with conjunctivitis, especially in children
 - Not associated with more severe disease
 - Consider COVID-19 when someone presents with conjunctivitis

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

- Jail Health contract are undergoing negotiations.
- MHS budget will be finalized in a couple weeks.
- Medi-Cal and WIC numbers are increasing.
- Vending machines are being moved around and new products are being added in. Will be testing out the West Sacramento office in a couple of weeks.
- CHIP will be producing a preliminary report, expected to finalize next month.

8. CALAIM UPDATE – *Ashley Peel, Partnership HealthPlan of California*

- Summary of the items covered in the [CalAIM Presentation](#)
- Non-profit, County Organized Health System (COHS) model health plan, serving the Medi-Cal population in 14 counties in Northern California
- NCQA Health Plan Accreditation - 2021
- To ensure Medi-Cal recipients have access to high-quality, comprehensive, and cost-effective health care
- CalAIM stands for “California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal.”
 - CalAIM is not a singular goal or program; CalAIM is a multi-year, multi-initiative framework being implemented by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) over the next 5 years.
 - All of the initiatives within CalAIM are focused on transforming the delivery of Medi-Cal services, programs and benefits with a goal of integrating services and improving outcomes.
 - The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved CalAIM and the state’s associated waivers on Dec. 29, 2021.
 - DHCS CalAIM proposal: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/calaim>

- Key CalAIM areas of focus:
 - Population health management, enhanced care management and community supports, services and supports for justice involved adults and youth, ect.
- Enhanced Care Management
 - A Medi-Cal benefit
 - To qualify, members must meet DHCS criteria outlined – *“Population of Focus”*
 - Goal is to provide a lead, community-based case manager to coordinate: medical, oral, behavioral health, long-term supports and community referral needs – no matter the payer
 - New Populations of Focus are being added by DHCS
- Community Supports
 - Not a Medi-Cal benefit; an optional service that health plans have been allowed to provide
 - The Community Support service can only be approved if it demonstrates that it replaces a regular Medi-Cal benefit (ex: hospital stay, ED visit, etc.)
 - A menu of 14 optional services for health plans to choose from
- Partnership currently offers the following Community Supports Services:
 - Housing Transition & Navigation Services
 - Housing Deposits
 - Housing Tenancy
 - Short-Term Post Stabilization Housing
 - Recuperative Care (Medical Respite)
 - Medically Tailored Meals
 - Respite Services (Added January 2023)
 - Personal Care/Homemaker Services (Added January 2023)
- Enhanced care management
 - Fourth and Hope, CommuniCare, Dignity Health Yolo Adult Day Health Center, and more
- Community supports
 - GA Foods, Mom’s Meals, Second Opinion Expert, and more
- Partnership goals for CalAIM
 - Grow our capacity
 - Focus on quality
 - Investing in infrastructure
 - Support local solutions
- Provider Requirements
 - Experience and expertise in serving the population(s) of focus
 - Primary Care Provider, County Behavioral Health, Tribal Health, Local Government Agency, Community Based Organization, etc.
 - Medi-Cal Enrolled, if current pathway exists
 - If no pathway exists, Partnership contracting and credentialing standards
 - Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) for ECM/CS Services
 - National Provider Identifier (NPI)
 - Bill for services
 - Invoicing is Permissible
 - Submit necessary reports to Partnership
 - Encounter Data
 - ECM Release of Information (ROIs)
 - ECM Individualized Care Plans (ICPs)
 - Quality Oversight Monitoring Reports

- Any provider interested in becoming an ECM and/or CS Provider must complete and submit an ECM and/or CS Readiness Questionnaire
 - Opportunity to share with Partnership your expertise; not a 'pass/fail' document
 - Email CalAIM@partnershiphp.org to request an ECM and/or CS Readiness Questionnaire if you have not done so already
- Justice Involved Initiative
 - Through the CalAIM 1115 Demonstration, California received federal approval to provide a targeted set of Medi-Cal services to youth and adults in state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release
 - California is the first state in the nation to get federal approval to provide pre-release services
 - The goal is to achieve advance health equity, improve health outcomes, and serve as a model for the rest of the nation
 - Eligible Adults include those who have a mental health diagnosis, a chronic clinical condition, an Intellectual/Developmental Disability, or are pregnant or postpartum
 - Eligible Children and Youth includes all youth in correctional facilities, no additional criteria is required
 - Members who meet criteria for Pre-Release Medi-Cal Services will also be eligible to receive Enhanced Care Management services
 - PATH Funding specifically for Justice Involved is currently open and closes on July 31, 2023
- Covered Pre-Release Services (Fee-For-Service)
 - Re-entry case management services
 - Physical & Behavioral Health Clinical consultation services
 - Laboratory and radiology services
 - Medications and medication administration, including a minimum 30-day supply of covered outpatient prescribed medication and over-the-counter drugs and durable medical equipment (DME) upon release
 - Medications for addiction treatment (MAT), for all Food and Drug Administration- approved medications, including coverage for counseling
 - Services provided by community health workers with lived experience
- Post-Release Services (Covered under managed care)
 - Enhanced Care Management (ECM)
 - Community Supports
- Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)
 - Offers care coordination and wrap-around services to Members dually eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal
 - Includes a review of MCP utilization data and any available data from outside delivery systems such as In-Home Supportive Services, Behavioral Health, and Pharmacy data in order to identify member needs (Risk Stratification)
 - Members may meet ECM criteria, although there is risk for duplication if a Member receives care management from both programs

9. GENERAL HHSB BUDGET, GRANTS AND FUNDING OVERVIEW DISCUSSION – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*

- HHSB currently has 762 Regular, Limited Term and At-Will full time positions (40% of the County staff).
- The FY 2022-23 budget for HHSB is \$241,354,673.
- An estimated 56,380+ clients were directly serviced through one or more HHSB programs with many more indirectly served.
- The HHSB program inventory includes 68 Programs and 146 Sub-Programs Agency-wide.
- 2023 Budget Summary:

- Operating Budget: \$241,354,673
- General Fund Contribution: \$11,653,557
- Full-Time Equivalents: 762
- Emerging issues - The 5 R'S
 - Retain our existing staff – focusing on key positions with high rates of turnover
 - Recruit for increasing vacancies –Yolo HHSA is competitive for key positions in the local job market
 - Re-energize our workforce and Refresh our workspaces – after three+ years of COVID operation, staff are experiencing high levels of burnout
 - Reconnect our teams with each other and our strategic vision – with COVID taking primary focus, we need to regroup
- 2021-2025 HHSA strategic plan
 - Respond to emerging issues and projects
 - Refresh our space
 - Reorganize our financial structure
 - Ensure a healthy, equitable, and safe workforce
 - Reduce vacancies
- Administration branch
 - HHSA currently has 80 Regular, Limited Term and At-Will full time positions.
 - The FY 2022-23 budget for the Administration Branch is \$17,378,091.
 - The Admin Branch serves all 760 Regular, Limited Term and At-Will full time HHSA positions as well as additional extra-help and volunteer staff.
 - The HHSA program inventory includes 11 Programs and 31 Sub-Programs Agency-wide.
- Adult & Aging
 - Staffing turnover and longstanding vacancies for clinical and key leadership positions
 - Priority Local Projects and Mandatory Statewide Initiatives
 - Crisis Now
 - California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) and payment reform
 - CARE Act (December 2024)
 - Fiscal Sustainability of Behavioral Health Programming
 - Decades long core mental health budget multi-million \$ deficits
 - MHSA revenue fluctuations and uncertainties with proposed MHSA reform
 - Funding gaps for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) continuum
 - Growing Need for Behavioral Health Services
 - Expand Full Service Partnership (FSP) for adults with SMI
 - Need for expanded mobile crisis and alternatives to hospitalization and incarceration
 - Development of Local 3-Year (2023-2026) MHSA Plan
 - Will be completed in June 2023; informed by community feedback
 - Budget
 - Fund balance to expand programs, support cost increases, strengthen infrastructure
 - Funding mandates and revenue fluctuations complicate budgeting
 - Local Priorities
 - Crisis Now
 - Increase FSP capacity; assume treatment costs for Mental Health Court expansion
 - Enhance Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program and co-responder model
 - Expand Early Childhood Mental Health Access and Linkage program
 - Concerns
 - Budget fluctuations and sustainability of critical programming
 - Lower than anticipated Medi-Cal revenue
 - Pending 2024 MHSA reform initiative

- In Home Support Services (IHSS)
 - Responding to the growing aging population and Medi-Cal expansion
- Public Guardian (PG)
 - Legislative proposals to expand the guidelines for Conservatorships
 - Reliance on general fund
 - Local MHSA funding needed due to funding deficits
- Adult Protective Services (APS)
 - Responding to the growing aging population and expanded eligibility criteria
 - Home Safe
- Veteran’s Services
 - Reliance on general fund and related staffing and service delivery impacts
- Child, Youth & Family Branch
 - CYF currently has 123 Regular, Limited Term and At-Will full time positions.
 - The FY 2022-23 budget for the CYF Branch includes costs from 7 different budget units totaling \$217,935,334; not all those costs are directly attributable only to CYF.
 - An estimated 4,298+ clients were directly serviced through one or more CYF programs with many more indirectly served.
 - The CYF program inventory includes 21 Programs and 36 Sub-Programs.
- Service Centers Branch
 - Service Centers currently has 260 Regular, Limited Term and At-Will full time positions.
 - The FY 2022-23 budget for the Service Center Branch includes costs from 4 different budget units totaling \$130,120,647; not all those costs are directly attributable only to SC.
 - An estimated 56,460+ clients were directly serviced through one or more Service Centers programs with many more indirectly served.
 - The Service Centers program inventory includes 11 Programs and 15 Sub-Programs Branch-wide.
 - Eligibility Priorities
 - CalFresh efforts to increase participation
 - DOC for application backlog
 - Medi-Cal and end of Public Health Emergency (PHE)
 - Meeting program timeframes
 - Employment Services Priorities
 - Reengaging CalWORKs participants post PHE
 - Increasing housing capacity for homeless CalWORKs families
 - Workforce development in a recovering economy
 - Supporting farmworkers
 - Future Challenges
 - Increased workload and delayed services
 - Underfunded, particularly in CalFresh
 - Recruitment and retention
 - Staffing shortages especially in CalFresh and Medi-Cal
 - FY 23-24 request for 28 FTE
- Public Health Branch
 - HHSA currently has 128 Regular, Limited Term and At-Will full time positions.
 - The FY 2022-23 budget for the Public Health Branch includes costs from 4 different budget units totaling \$35,621,986; not all those costs are directly attributable only to PH.
 - Public Health programs impact and serve all 222,115 Yolo County Residents and the 46,807 workers commuting into the county weekly.
 - The HHSA program inventory includes 12 Programs and 28 Sub-Programs Agency-wide.
 - Opportunities

- The role of Public Health has never been more important than it is today
- Through the pandemic, we have managed to build a stronger public health infrastructure in Yolo County
- Threats
 - >90% of COVID funding will be gone by FY24-25
 - After 3+ years of pandemic response, staff need time and resources to recover
 - New funding and revenue growth has been largely eaten up by increases in staff costs, inflation, and indirect costs
- To support Public Health in Yolo County
 - Advocate for additional state and federal funding to support public health infrastructure and prevention efforts.
 - Support Public Health to re-launch our Healthy Yolo initiative
 - Health In All Policies (HIAP)

10. BRAINSTORM FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS – Anthony Volkar, Chair

- Ideas for the following topics were brought up:
 - Initiative Fatigue
 - State and Federal Mandates
 - Universal Basic Income
 - Health in All Policy
 - Moms Demand
 - Update on Crisis Now
 - Sexual Assaults in Yolo County

11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recommend the book “Poverty, by America” by Matthew Desmond, about the root-cause analysis of poverty.
- Sutter Davis opened the expanded birthing center and the first baby was born on Mother’s day. New expansion will double the size.
- Adult Aging Commission provides services around emergency response for isolated and disabled adults and seniors.
- Community Health Program run by the Yolo County Office of Education starts this week.
- The Woodland Pride Parade will take place at 10 am on July 24th.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The non-profit, Values to Action, is offering small grants on areas of interest, such as Children’s Reading.
- Health Education Council is a collaborative in Yolo County focusing on social factors affecting communities in West Sacramento. They received additional funding to continue supporting the collaborative and looking for residents and partners to form committees focusing on Access to Healthy Food, Social Connection, Increasing Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Services, Secure Housing, Walkability.

ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT MEETING – June 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nilufar Ceyhan

Yolo County Health Council

Nilufar Ceyhan, Secretary
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