

Yolo County Health Council

October 12, 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 12th Day of October 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; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Healthcare; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Linda Copeland, MCAH Advisory Board; Nicole Hollingsworth, Yolo County Children's Alliance; Ozmar Aburto, CommuniCare Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Chester Austin, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health; Margaret Trout, UC Davis

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children's Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Serena Durand, Local Mental Health Board; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Ajay Saini, Elica Health Centers; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Gina Daleiden, First 5 Yolo; Aileen Barandas, CommuniCare Health Centers; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare; Chris Kelsch, Winters Healthcare; Dale Steakley, Woodland Healthcare

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4; Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director; Jaspreet Kaur, HHSA; Helen Ng, Public Health Deputy Director; Stacy Berrong, Northern Valley Indian Health; Nilufar Ceyhan, HHSA

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The October 12th, 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 SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023 MINUTES** – *Anthony Volkar, Chair*
Motion: Chester Austin **Second:** Linda Copeland **Discussion:** None **Agenda Vote:** Passed Unanimously
Minutes Vote: 16 Yes, 0 No
4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Brian Vaughn, Public Health Director*
 - County approved the adopted budget on September 26th. There is still continuing uncertainty given the state of the economy for the next year.
 - Adult & Aging Adhoc Subcommittee was created during the September 26th meeting.
 - Staff plans to provide an update to Board of Supervisors on the American Rescue Plan at their October 24th meeting.
5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4*
 - Announced the groundbreaking of the new Yolo Crisis Nursery.
 - The extended expiration dates for COVID tests can be checked online.
 - In the next Board of Supervisor meeting, allocation of American Rescue Plan funds is coming up. The funds that have not been utilized will be reallocated. New grant funding for Yolo Cares and Yolo Food Bank will be proposed.
 - \$9.1M grant funding from the State is granted for the construction of the new library in Davis. An information session on the new Davis Walnut Park Library will be held between 7:00 and 8:30pm on Wednesday November 15, 2023, at Marguerite Montgomery Elementary.
6. **HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE** – *Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer*
 - Summary of the items covered in the presentation: Health Officer Update

- Now is the time to prepare for respiratory virus season.
 - We expect to see COVID-19, influenza, and RSV co-circulating again this winter
 - We have vaccines available against all 3 major viruses
 - COVID-19: everybody 6 months and older should get an updated vaccine
 - Influenza: everybody 6 months and older should get an annual vaccine
 - RSV: recommended for 60 years and older, pregnant, and infants
 - Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself against the worst outcomes of severe disease, hospitalization, and death
 - The best time to get vaccinated is by the end of October
 - You can get all 3 vaccines at the same time
- Where to get COVID-19 vaccine
 - COVID-19 vaccine rollout no longer run by government
 - Insured: Health care provider or retail pharmacy
 - Uninsured adults: Bridge Access Program through Walgreens or CVS, community health centers (Winters Healthcare, CommuniCare, Elica)
 - Uninsured children: Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers
- Where to get influenza vaccine
 - Insured: Health care provider or retail pharmacy
 - Uninsured: Community health center or Yolo County Public Health vaccine clinics
 - Yolo County Public Health is focusing our limited doses on uninsured and underinsured
- Use multiple layers of protections
 - Stay up to date on vaccines
 - Stay home and test if sick
 - Seek treatment
 - Consider masking
 - Wash hands
 - Cover your cough
- Wastewater levels of SARS-CoV-2 are Medium
- We are seeing low levels of flu and RSV activity
- Masking recommendations depend on WW levels.
 - Medium. Mask recommended for:
 - High risk
 - Live with high risk
 - Don't want COVID
 - High. Mask recommended for:
 - Everyone
- This is not 2020.
 - We now have:
 - Widespread immunity from vaccination and prior infection
 - Rapid tests widely available
 - Safe and effective treatments
 - High quality masks widely available
 - Increased knowledge of SARS-CoV-2
 - We do NOT expect:
 - Stay-at-home orders
 - School closures or remote learning
 - Mask mandates for general public (healthcare settings may require masking during winter)
- Health officer order affects health care workers.

- On October 3, 2023, Yolo County Health Officer issued an [Order for Mandatory Influenza Vaccination for All Health Care Workers in Yolo County](#)

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

- Uncertainty at the Federal level may affect funding for some programs such as VIC program. State has somewhere around 1.5 to 2 months' worth of funding in reserve.
- Branch received a notification for a 2-year extension of the COVID funding which will help with the transition for the next years.
- Branch is monitoring the MHSR reform package which will be going out to the ballot in March 2024. There may be potential impacts to the funding between Mental Health and Housing programs after the current 3-year plan.
- Farm Worker Health Survey was launched and will be conducted over the Fall to collect information from the agricultural community.
- A jail health contract was finalized with Wellpath through an RFP process and will be presented to the Board in the next few months.
- Staff is finishing up DEI training over the past few months.
- October is the Suicide Prevention Month. There are campaigns and flyers available for those who are interested.
- Yolo County Virtual Milk Drive will be taking place in November.
- Hiring of a Maternal, Child & Adolescent Manager has been finalized after a long recruitment process.

8. RECAP OF GOAL SETTING SESSION – Anthony Volkar, Chair

- On September 14th meeting, the Health Council worked in subgroups tied to “Health Equity”, “Homelessness”, “Children” and “Infectious Disease” to identify the priorities to focus on in the next year.
- Health Council discussed the following recommendations in addition to the outcome of the September 14th meeting:
 - General discussion on increasing mental health in the health workforce.
 - Future collaboration with the Local Mental Health Board and Executive Commission on Homelessness.
 - Additional discussions about CHIP.
 - Fluoridation of water and its effect on the communities in Davis and Woodland.
 - Is it possible to compare HDI for low-income people in Davis and West Sacramento even though the student population in Davis is skewing the results?
 - How can we inform communities about the services 2-1-1 can provide?
 - Possible presentation on the impacts of long COVID.
 - How can we better conduct the message to the community and the medical providers about the latest recommendations such as universal STD screening, extended syphilis and hepatitis C screening?
 - Is there a potential to meet with the Syphilis Task Force?
 - Opportunities under CalAIM.
 - Prevention of homelessness. UCSF Housing Initiative released a report and it covers the factors causing homelessness. Can someone make a presentation on the report?
 - What are the challenges and barriers in terms of implementation and staffing for the programs already implemented so that the Health Council can better advocate for them?
 - How do we communicate to Board of Supervisors the importance of prevention of poverty rather than crisis management of poverty?

9. HEALTH COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR THE BOARD - Anthony Volkar, Chair

- A survey was distributed to collect Health Council Members' top felt priorities to be organized for the Board of Supervisors.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS – Anthony Volkar, Chair

- No items were recommended.

11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Stacy Berrong, a Woodland resident since 2001, will be representing NVIH in the Health Council. Chester Austin will switch to be an alternate representative.
- CommuniCare Health Centers and OLE Health have legally executed a merger and became CommuniCare+OLE. Dia de Muertos Celebration event is coming up on October 27th at Hansen clinic community garden.
- Dignity Health and Sutter Health worked very closely with CommuniCare and their mobile medicine program, for which the funding has been extended recently.
- Davis Community Meals and Housing welcomes Tracy Fauver as their new Executive Director.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Nilufar Ceyhan

Nilufar Ceyhan, Secretary
Yolo County Health Council