

# Yolo County Health Council

November 9, 2023

Minutes

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**YOLO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

GONZALEZ BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM  
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WOODLAND, CA 95695

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The Yolo County Health Council met on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of November 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; Michelle Famula, At-Large Member; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Linda Copeland, MCAH Advisory Board; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Ozmar Aburto, CommuniCare Health Centers; Stacy Berrong, Northern Valley Indian Health; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Moore-Pickett, At-Large Member; Sherri Olswang, Woodland Healthcare; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Dustin Lyda, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Margaret Trout, UC Davis; Larissa May, UC Davis; Serena Durand, Local Mental Health Board; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Ajay Saini, Elica Health Centers; Dale Steakley, Woodland Healthcare;

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4; Mark Bryan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Nilufar Ceyhan, HNSA

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

The November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 AMENDED AGENDA AND THE OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 MINUTES** – *Anthony Volkar, Chair*

**Motion:** Linda Copeland **Second:** Valerie Olson **Discussion:** None **Agenda Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**Minutes Vote:** 15 Yes, 0 No, 2 abstentions

4. **STATE AND COUNTY UPDATE** – *Mark Bryan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer*

- Next year’s budget is being prepared. It will take shape as projections become available around the new year.
- Davis Library at Walnut Park is moving forward and on track.
- The Child Abuse Prevention Council meeting is coming up in December.
- There will be an administrative update about the American Rescue Plan. Two important dates for the timing of the funds are as follows: The funds will need to be committed by December 2024, and the funds will need to be expended by December 2026.
- Youth Council Commissioners put forward their selections for the RFP process they went through. They are in the process of selecting new commissioners for the upcoming year.
- Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy was appointed.

5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE** – *Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen, District 4*

- Board of Supervisors is working on the next strategic plan. The previous strategic plan ends in 2024. The new strategic plan will determine the funding and the activities for the next 5 years.
- Hate Free Together: UC Davis, City of Davis, Yolo County, and DJUSD are collaborating in response to the hate incidents observed in the past to provide educational opportunities and response mechanisms.
- Town-Gown meeting between the City of Davis and UC Davis is coming up to discuss the housing status in Davis.

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

- Summary of the items covered in the presentation: Health Officer Update
  - Winter respiratory virus season: COVID-19, Influenza, RSV
- Wastewater levels of SARS-CoV-2 are Medium.
- Hospitalizations for COVID-19 in Yolo are low.
- Flu and RSV activity in Yolo are low but rising.
- RSV activity is increasing in California.
- 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 NOW
  - You can get all 3 vaccines at the same time
- Use multiple layers of protections.
- Free COVID tests are available.
- Wellness Vending Machines
  - Davis: Mary Stephens Library
  - Esparto: Library
  - West Sacramento: HHSA
  - Winters: City Hall
  - Woodland: La Superior Market (currently offline)
- 4 tests per household at [covid.gov/tests](https://covid.gov/tests)
- 8 tests per member per month through insurance (ends November 11, 2023)
- Free telehealth consultation is available for antivirals.
  - The State of California continues to offer free telehealth consultation for COVID-19 antiviral treatments through Sesame Care
  - Sesame Care is available at <https://sesamecare.com/covid> or 1-888-897-1244
- Masking recommendations depend on WW levels.
- 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 – Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer**

- Branch strategic planning, beginning with mission, vision, and values
- New MCAH manager
- CHIP Phase 1 was released
- Farmworker health assessment
- Monitoring federal government funding beyond November 17 (WIC)
- Public Health Strategic Planning has started.
  - Re-evaluation of priorities post COVID-19 emergency
  - Working with consultant
  - Starting with Mission, Vision, and Values
  - Will complement Yolo County and HHSA Strategic Plans

- Shelby McGriff, MPH recently joined Yolo County Public Health as Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Manager
  - Will oversee home visiting, FIMR, SIDS, and childhood lead poisoning prevention
  - Yolo County native
  - Peace Corps volunteer in South Africa (HIV)
  - Experience at FQHC and Lake County Public Health
- CHIP Phase 1 released.
  - Community Health Improvement Plan Phase 1 is [now available](#)
  - Thank you to all who participated in the CHIP Workgroup
  - Identified priority areas and goals
  - Developed menu of potential objective themes, strategies and metrics
  - Phase 2 will refine objectives, strategies, and measures
  - Will relaunch Healthy Yolo collaborative in early 2024 to begin Phase 2
- Farmworker health assessment is ongoing.
  - Purpose: better inform programs that work with farmworkers
  - In-person or virtual interview in English or Spanish
  - Questions address neighborhood and environment, socioeconomic status, health and access to care, education, service needs, and demographics
  - 119 assessments completed during October; goal of 300 total
- Federal government funded through November 17.
  - Monitoring funding situation
  - Women, Infants and Children (WIC) funding directly impacted
  - “California WIC will remain open in the event of a federal government shutdown.”

**8. INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL UPDATE – Kellymarie Chen, Primary Prevention Lead; Betsie Cialino, Infectious Disease Control Manager**

- Protect the public from the spread of communicable diseases
- Newly integrated Communicable Disease and COVID-19 teams
- Leverage COVID-19 infrastructure and investments with long-standing communicable disease and immunization efforts to:
  - Reinforce and expand communicable disease investigation efforts
  - Dedicate staff and build expertise in upstream prevention
  - Put equity front and center
  - Innovate and test new ideas
  - Maintain and build relationships with key partners
  - Partner with Branch Data and Epidemiology team to streamline investigations and make decisions based on local data
  - Foster a team culture of excellence, transparency, and compassion
- Communicable Disease: Investigate reports of cases and outbreaks of highly concerning diseases
- Primary Prevention: Make prevention tools and knowledge available to residents and key partners
- Immunizations: Increase immunization access and coverage
- Communicable Disease Investigation:
  - Investigate ALL reports of syphilis
  - Investigate repeat gonorrhea and chlamydia Investigate all new HIV diagnosis
  - Ensure adequate treatment & offer partner services
  - Long-term care facility outbreaks
  - Executed contract with Sacramento County to conduct clinical and case management of suspect and active TB cases

- Yolo continues to conduct any in-person activities and contact investigations, coordinate incentives/enablers
- Emerging Diseases:
  - Avian Influenza exposure monitoring Ebola traveler monitoring
  - MPOX
  - West Nile Virus
- Immunizations
  - Commercialization: transition from federal supply of free vaccines to integrating COVID vaccines into health systems.
  - Bridge Access Program provides free doses for uninsured/underinsured individuals. Yolo County allocated 310 doses
  - Influenza vaccine clinics: Open to all, prioritized for uninsured, underinsured, farm and factory workers
  - School reporting: Thanks to CDPH “IZ Champs” funding more staff time dedicated to training school & childcare staff and following up with schools to ensure timely and complete reporting.
    - 2022: 100% of sites reported by deadline. Visits to sites with 4% or more students un/under vaccinated. 2022: 6%; 2021: 10%
  - Immunization clearinghouse for all providers in Yolo (technical expertise, guidance...)
  - Educate providers on perinatal Hep B screening, care and reporting
  - Vet immunization provider referral list
  - Enrollment and use of CAIR
- Primary Prevention
  - Wellness Vending Machines
  - Syphilis Task Force
  - Healthy Schools Collaborative
  - PReP AP Enrollment
  - Partner Training: Provides Fit Testing and Antigen Test Collection Training to our Longterm Care, Skilled Nursing, and Congregate Care to ensure the workforce has the training necessary to mitigate the spread of infectious disease.
- Wellness Vending Machine:
  - Machines were first installed in Summer 2022 and stocked with COVID antigen tests. We are excited to begin expanding what they offer!
  - Goal: Protect health and improve quality of life for people with limited access to affordable health supplies and for people experiencing stigma, by providing free health and safety supplies
  - Values: Service Responsibility Innovation
  - Not everyone in Yolo County can afford resources to protect and promote their health Yolo County provides free prevention and wellness resources in vending machines (“Wellness Vending Machine”)
  - Priority Users: Uninsured and underinsured people, people experiencing homelessness, people who use drugs or who may witness overdose, people with limited agency and access to health supplies.
  - Locations: Esparto, Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland
  - Results: Over 79,000 COVID test kits distributed; Davis machine most active; 2400 n95 masks distributed; 4500 insect repellent packets distributed.
- Deep Dive Syphilis:
  - Yolo County Syphilis cases have increased 365% since 2011
  - Yolo County was 6<sup>th</sup> of 58 counties for primary and secondary syphilis in females in 2020
  - If Yolo County were a state, we’d rank 32<sup>nd</sup> in syphilis cases between Hawaii and Tennessee.
  - Yolo County diagnoses more cases late or with unknown stage than California

- African-American residents have a syphilis incidence rate 5.2x higher than non-Hispanic White residents
- Hispanic or Latino residents have a syphilis incidence rate 1.6x higher than non-Hispanic White residents
- Cases of congenital syphilis increased from 2 cases in 2017 to 6 in 2018, however through coordination and early intervention dropped to 1 case in 2020.
- Health impacts of syphilis: increasing rates in adult women and newborns
- Solution: Provider Training; Increase screening and testing; strengthen referral pathways; provide faster treatment; increase awareness.

**9. RESPONSES TO HEALTH COUNCIL PRIORITIES SURVEY – Anthony Volkar, Chair**

- The responses were categorized and shared with the council for identifying the ranking. The top 5 or 6 items will be taken to the Board of Supervisors but all results will be shared.

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

- No items were recommended.
- Early child-care update
- There will be a proposition on March 1<sup>st</sup> related to mental health and substance abuse. How does that impact the healthcare of those people?

**11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Winters Healthcare Esparto-Capay Valley Health and Community Center is open.
- The Yolo County Children’s Alliance hosted its 18th annual Community Giveaway Day for Yolo County families on Saturday, Nov. 18 at River City High School.
- Sutter Davis has opened its extended Emergency Department.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No public comments were received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**1. NEXT MEETING – January 11, 2024, 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