

# Yolo County Health Council

September 12th, 2024

Minutes

ANTHONY VOLKAR, CHAIR  
ERIKA ROSHANRAVAN, CO-VICE CHAIR

**YOLO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

GONZALES BUILDING, COMMUNITY ROOM  
25 NORTH COTTONWOOD STREET  
WOODLAND, CA 95695

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The Yolo County Health Council met on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in-person in the Gonzales 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; Dawn Myers, Commission on Aging & Adult Services; Sherri Olswang, EMCC; Linda Copeland; MCAH Advisory Board; Erika Roshanranvan, CommuniCare Health Centers; Stacy Berrong, Northern Valley Indian Health; Kathryn Power, Partnership HealthPlan of California; Margaret Trout, UC Davis; Stacey McCall, Winters Healthcare

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lori Duisenberg, First 5 Yolo; Gina Daleiden, First 5 Yolo; Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children's Alliance; Nicole Hollingsworth, Yolo County Childrens Alliance; Nicki King, Local Mental Health Board; Serena Durand Local Mental Health Board; Tatyana Bak, Elica Health Centers; Ajai Sanai Elica Health Centers; Mark Ho, Kaiser Permanente; Deven Merchant, Sutter Health; Craig Blomberg, Sutter Health; Ashley Sens, Woodland Healthcare; Gena Bravo, Woodland Healthcare

**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT:** Mental Health Director Shelby McGriff, HHSA; Physician Mary Ann Limbos, HHSA; Alyson Witt, World Relief; Sheila Allen, District 4; Jasmine Gill, Northern Valley Health; Administrative Assistant Cassie Guevara, HHSA

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

The September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Health Council meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Anthony Volkar, Health Council Chair.

1. **WELCOME** – Anthony Volkar, *Chair*

2. **ROLL CALL** – Cassie Guevara, *Secretary*

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

3. **VOTE ON APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 AGENDA AND THE JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 MINUTES** – Anthony Volkar, *Chair*

**Motion:** Sherri Olswang    **Second:** Margaret Trout    **Discussion:** None    **Agenda Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**Minutes Vote:** 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstention

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

- No update today

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

- Lease has been signed at Adult Day Health Center
- County working with city on moving local food vendors to be licensed to assure food being served is safe
- Animal Shelter-UCD signed a granted called Clinic in a Can – Will support any medical needs for animals to include spay and neutering
- Walnut Park Library is moving forward

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

- COVID-19 levels vary across Yolo County
  - Indoor masking recommended for all when SARS-CoV-2 levels in Wastewater are HIGH
  - Indoor masking recommended for person at high risk or who are in close contact with persons at high risk when levels are MEDIUM
  - Most national COVID indicators are decreasing

- Vaccine is best protection against severe disease, hospitalization and death
- 2024-25 COVID-19 vaccine is FDA approved
- Targets currently circulating Omicron variants
  - Pfizer and Moderna: KP.2
  - Novavax: JN.1
- Available from provider offices and retail pharmacies
- Can be given at same time as seasonal flu vaccine
- Recommended for everyone 6 months and older
- At least 2 months since last COVID vaccine
- Consider waiting 2-3 months after COVID infection before getting vaccinated
- West Nile virus continues to spread
  - Several recent cases of West Nile virus infection among Yolo County residents
  - Spread by bite of infected mosquito
  - Protect yourself against mosquito bites
    - Dawn and dusk
    - Mosquito repellent (free in County vending machines and from SYMVCD)
    - Long sleeves and pants
  - 80% of infected people have no symptoms
  - 20% of infected people get fever with headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, rash
  - 1 in 150 infected people get severe illness impacting central nervous system
  - Can be fatal
- 3 dairy herds in Central Valley infected with H5N1
  - CDFA announced on 8/30 that cows at 3 dairies in Central Valley tested positive for avian influenza (H5N1)
  - H5 detected in Turlock wastewater on 9/4
  - No human cases of H5N1 in California at this time
  - No affected California poultry farms at this time
  - Providers should consider avian influenza in dairy workers with flu-like symptoms
  - In U.S. there have been 15 human cases of H5 since March 2024
    - 4 in dairy workers
    - 10 in poultry workers
    - 1 with no known animal exposure
  - Risk to general public remains low
- Harmful algal blooms affect Yolo County
  - 3 recent algal blooms in Yolo County water bodies
- Please heed HAB warnings
  - CAUTION – Harmful algae may be present in this water
  - WARNING – Toxins from algae in this water can harm people and kill animals
  - DANGER – Toxins from algae in this water can harm people and kill animals
- Recent Health Alerts
  - Mpox Clade 1 <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/CAHAN/Update-on-Clade-I-Mpox-Geographical-Spread-in-Africa-Recommendations-for-California-Health-Care-Providers.aspx#msdyntrid=E-moh3i4mngZt-HKczKYTHQP4I7BvGNqjeTit0uwWUA>
  - Oropuche Virus <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2024/han00515.asp>
  - Parvavirus B19 <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2024/han00514.asp>
  - Drug Resistant Shigella <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/CAHAN/Rise-in-Extensively-Drug-Resistant-Shigella-Strains.aspx>

- HPAI in California <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/CAHAN/Detection-of-H5N1-in-California-dairy-cattle.aspx>

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

- Mental Health Services Act Annual Plan – In final legs of plan
  - Speaking with MHSA Director Karleen Jakowski to arrange a presentation
- Will be a rough year for MHSA. Will be several cuts and changes to compensate for the deficit
- WIC remodel has begun in the front lobby of the Gonzales building
- Immunization clinics have begun
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for WIC August 2024
- Davis Cemetery 9/22/24 - Dedication to COVID-19 Memorial

**8. HOMELESS PIT COUNT – Londell Earls, Executive Director Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition**

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**9. MCO TAX – Joshua Heller, Yes on Prop 35 Campaign**

- THE PROBLEM: Our Health Care System is in Crisis
  - Californians are struggling to access health care
    - Hospitals and clinics are closing
    - Overcrowded emergency rooms
    - More than 40 hospitals have stopped offering labor & delivery services
    - Patients struggling to schedule appointments
- Crisis is worst for CA's most vulnerable populations
  - More than 15 million rely on Medi-Cal including more than 50% of children
  - Lack of adequate funding for Medi-Cal contributing to crisis
- The Solution?
  - YES on Proposition 35
  - PROP 35 provides dedicated funding to improve our health care system
    - Prop 35 addresses our most urgent health care priorities by securing a dedicated, ongoing funding source – without raising taxes on individuals to protect and expand patient access care
    - Permanently extends an existing levy on health insurance that would otherwise expire in 2026
    - Establishes strong accountability provisions to prevent funds from being used for other purposes

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

- Prop 1
- Farmworker
- Adult Day
- Date Exchange
- Homelessness

**11. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OUTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Anthony Volkar, Chair**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**1. NEXT MEETING – September 12th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted by:

*Cassie Guevara*

Cassie Guevara, Secretary  
Yolo County Health Council

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