

PHAB

Public Health Advisory Board Agenda - Regular Meeting

Date: November 10, 2021 **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Location: Community Conference Room
2660 Breslauer Way, Redding, California

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1. **Call to Order and Introductions:**
2. **Public Comment Period:**

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3. **Member Sharing/Announcements:**
4. **Action:**
 - a. Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2021
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Executive Committee: Judith Menoher
 - b. Nurse Family Partnership: Laura Dougan
6. **Director's Report:**
 - a. Health & Human Services Agency: Donnell Ewert
 - b. Public Health Branch: Robin Schurig
7. **Health Officer Update:** Karen Ramstrom
8. **Presentation:** Local Oral Health Program Overview - Ayah Ali, HHSA-Public Health
9. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: January 12, 2021 @ 12:00 noon

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Public Health Advisory Board

September 8, 2021

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Item 1: Call to Order:

Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) Chair Judith Menoher called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. The following PHAB members were present during at least part of the meeting: Kristen Lyons, Ann Morningstar, Linda Heick Kilzer, Toni Donovan, Deanna Gallagher, Richard Yoder, Mike Mangas, Laura Dougan, and John Coe.

Members not in attendance: Sharon Hanson, Kay Kobe, Elena Paul, and Kristie Stephens.

Others present: Public Health (PH) Branch Director Robin Schurig, Health Officer Karen Ramstrom, Health and Human Services (HHSA) Director Donnell Ewert, HHSA Deputy Branch Director Kerri Schuette, Supervising Community Education Specialist Amy Koslosky, Epidemiologist Rene Santana, Senior Staff Services Analyst Sara Westmoreland, and PH Executive Assistant Allison Terry.

Guests: Public Health Program and Policy Analyst Ayah Ali, Public Health Program Manager Beth Woodworth, Executive Assistant Erin Barnhart, Public Health Nurse II Kristen Shearer, Public Health Nurse III Megan Groshong, Disease Investigation Specialist II Zachary Hale, Public Health Nurse II Tracy Osterday, Public Health Program and Policy Analyst Josette Shipley, Dean Germano, and Dianne Bassett.

Item 2: Public Comment

None.

Item 3: Member Sharing/Announcements

- a. Member Linda Heick Kilzer shared that this will be her last meeting. She will be resigning from the PHAB. Member Heick Kilzer has been a member since 2011. She thanked the board for the opportunity to serve these many years. The board expressed gratitude to Member Heick Kilzer and wished her well.
- b. Member Gallagher shared that for the past ten years Shasta Thrive has had a resource center in Anderson that worked with at risk youth and adults providing education and outreach. Since the pandemic, the center has been repurposed as a homeless resource center. She stated that they are beginning to refocus their efforts on a micro-shelter in a different area and are looking for new locations.

Item 4: Action - Approval of Minutes

July 14, 2021

Motion: Member Heick Kilzer, seconded by Member Morningstar, made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Item 5: Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee:
Chair Menoher reported that the Executive Committee met at a new location on August 11, 2021. The group discussed the agenda for the September regular PHAB meeting. Member Heick Kilzer announced her resignation at that meeting.
- b. Membership Committee:

Member Heick Kilzer shared that this will be her last update as PHAB Membership Chair due to her resignation. She announced that PHAB member Dani Hayward has also resigned from PHAB, which leaves two regular member vacancies, as well as vacancy of the position of Membership Chair. She shared that the PHAB Executive Committee discussed deferring fulfillment of those positions temporarily and will reassess in the coming months.

Member Heick Kilzer also shared that she has served as the PHAB representative on the Nurse Family Partnership Community Advisory Board, which is a subcommittee of PHAB. Public Health Branch Director Robin Schurig asked the members to reach out to Senior Staff Services Analyst Sara Westmoreland if they are interested in taking on this role.

Item 6: Director's Report

- a. Health & Human Services:
HNSA Director Donnell Ewert - see written report
- b. Public Health Branch:
Branch Director, Robin Schurig - see written report

Item 7: Update: COVID, Public Health Branch Priorities, and Accreditation - Robin Schurig

Public Health Branch Director Robin Schurig gave an update on COVID. She shared that Shasta County is currently in the midst of a surge due to the Delta Variant. This is because the Delta Variant is more contagious than the regular strain of COVID, and also due to Shasta County's low vaccination rates. The latest data shows that Shasta County's vaccination rate is inching up slowly with 45.6% of the eligible population fully vaccinated, and 55.6% having received at least one dose of the vaccine.

There are currently 105 people hospitalized in Shasta County. These are the highest numbers Shasta County has seen at any point in the pandemic. The majority of hospitalized cases are among the unvaccinated. Public Health continues to share the message that vaccinations are safe and effective, help to protect those around you, and can help to prevent severe symptoms, hospitalization, and death. They can also help keep schools and businesses open by preventing outbreaks.

PH Branch Director Schurig also gave an update on her priorities for the Public Health Branch. She has worked in the Shasta County Public Health Branch for 19 years. She has held many different roles in many different programs within Public Health during that time. Prior to that, she earned her bachelor's degree in Multicultural and Gender Studies. She went on to earn her master's degree in Public Health. She shared that she is passionate about health equity and maternal, child, and adolescent health. She also has a passion for leadership and helping staff to see their strengths, set goals, overcome challenges, and be fulfilled by their work. Her priorities for the Public Health Branch include an equity focus in the work being done, and a focus on workforce engagement and wellness.

PH Branch Director Schurig also gave an update on public health accreditation. She shared that the Shasta County Public Health Branch received national accreditation in the Spring of 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic. This means that the Shasta County Public Health Branch has successfully demonstrated that they meet a set of standards that have been determined to be the hallmarks of a good health department. She is extremely proud of this distinction. Next steps are that annual reports will be required to be submitted, and the first one was submitted last month. Reaccreditation will occur every five years.

Item 8: Presentation: Fentanyl, The Latest Opioid Trend – Amy Koslosky and Rene Santana

Supervising Community Education Specialist Amy Koslosky gave a presentation regarding the opioid drug Fentanyl. Illegal use of Fentanyl is on the rise in Northern California, and Fentanyl related deaths are increasing in Shasta County. Please refer to presentation.

Item 9: Discussion

Health and Human Services Agency Deputy Branch Director Kerri Schuette facilitated discussion regarding possible media campaigns to combat illegal use of Fentanyl in the community. The group was shown a series of posters and asked to give feedback on what they liked and disliked.

Item 10: Adjourned at 1:39 pm.

Health & Human Services Agency & Public Health Branch
Director's Report - Public Health Advisory Board
November 10, 2021

CURRENT ISSUES:

Health & Human Services Agency (HHS) Update

- Dwayne Green was recently appointed Deputy Branch Director for Children's Services. Dwayne has extensive leadership in military and civilian roles, and was most recently a program manager in the Business and Support Services Branch. He is replacing Amber Condrey, who resigned in late-September.
- Melissa Janulewicz, Branch Director of the Economic Mobility Branch, is retiring from the county after 21 years of service. Her last day in the office is November 5, 2021. We will be interviewing candidates to replace her on November 15. Melissa is a strong leader and has had a tremendous impact on the HHS and the county. She began her Shasta County career in Public Health as a program manager over the communicable disease programs. She was instrumental in starting the parent partner program, Nurse Family Partnership, the immunization registry, 2-1-1, housing case management, regional offices throughout the county, the syringe services program, the call center for public assistance programs, and case management for homeless individuals. We will miss Melissa, but wish her a healthy and happy retirement.
- Shasta County is partnering with the Redding Police Department on a pilot program called Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT). This program pairs up plain-clothed police officers with a mental health clinician to respond to mental health crisis calls. The goal is to use a multi-disciplinary approach to better de-escalate and resolve these crisis calls. This program started in September and has already engaged many community members through this new approach.
- Two significant affordable apartment complexes have been fully funded and will be breaking ground in the spring. The first is Burney Commons, a 30-unit complex that will be operated by Northern Valley Catholic Social Services. The second is the Center of Hope Apartments, a 50-unit complex in Redding that will be operated by Hill Country Health and Wellness Center. K2 Properties is a principal in both projects, and McConnell Foundation is involved in the Redding project. The county has some investment in the Redding project, and Partnership Healthplan has provided some financing for the Burney project.
- The Hartman House, a medical respite facility for homeless individuals, is planning to open in early-2022 in South Redding. This will be a 15-bed facility where homeless folks can recuperate after a hospital stay. This will provide a dignified way for homeless individuals to heal, while also allowing time to address permanent housing needs. In addition, it will reduce length of stay in local hospitals, reducing medical costs and allowing those facilities to serve more community members.

Public Health Branch Update

- Several Public Health staff participated in the Northern ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Summit, held virtually in September, and learned about some promising practices and what others are doing to prevent and/or mitigate ACEs.
- Because the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) annual conference was held virtually this year, multiple staff were able to participate in early October. Most of the sessions focused on equity and emergency preparedness and response, as well as the chronic underfunding of public health and the siloed nature of our funding. There is interest at the state and national levels in investing in public health, and there is also a desire to fund public health departments in a way that allows them to work on priority public health issues, such as the social determinants of health.

- HHS Director Donnell Ewert and Public Health Branch Director Robin Schurig were invited to participate in an interview to help inform Mercy Medical Center Redding's Community Health Needs Assessment. The organization they've contracted with to complete this assessment is conducting interviews with a variety of groups, so it was nice to be able to share our prevention perspective.

Community Engagement & Quality Improvement Division:

- The COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Team has collaborated with the City of Redding for two very successful vaccine clinics at Redding City Hall. They also continue to provide vaccines to homebound individuals, people in remote areas, people in congregate living, among others.
- Emergency Preparedness and Response staff continue to support Shasta County's impacted healthcare system navigate the current COVID surge with support from the Health Care Coalition and MHOAC (Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator).

Healthy & Safe Families Division:

- Chemical People, in conjunction with Shasta County Office of Education and Youth Options, were chosen for \$115,000 in funding through the RFP we issued to implement drug prevention programming for youth during the 2022 calendar year. They will be focusing on fentanyl with a combination of interventions, including presentations at schools and parent education.
- The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Subcommittee of PHAB met on November 5th for the first time since February 2020. Thank you to Linda Kilzer, who was previously the PHAB representative for NFP. And a warm welcome to Laura Dougan who stepped into this role on November 5th.

Community Health Protection Division:

- The COVID case investigation and contact tracing teams have pivoted staff to more effectively prioritize supporting congregate settings, schools, and businesses experiencing outbreaks. This strategy involves the use of a text survey to gather information from individuals who test positive but don't fall into these groups, rather than a phone interview. This allows more staff time to be devoted to supporting skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, shelters, correctional settings, schools, and businesses.
- The STD unit is finalizing protocols for offering testing and treatment for chlamydia and gonorrhea in the Public Health clinic and on the mobile STD clinic. We expect to be offering these services around November 10th in our clinic. This will be in addition to the services already being offered for rapid syphilis testing and treatment of positives.
- The STD unit recently provided training to juvenile hall on offering opt-in syphilis testing for new intakes. Opt-in chlamydia and gonorrhea testing is already being provided.
- The mobile STD clinic RV (the commUNITY van) is nearing completion, and the team will receive a delivery date by 11/4. The team is planning to partner with the HOPE Van and the Pit River mobile clinic to coordinate service delivery and is currently identifying locations and days to provide services, which will hopefully begin in January.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR STAFF REPORTS (September & October):

- Accept Donation from Association of Public Health Laboratories
- Resolution Designating Authorized Agents for the Purpose of Obtaining and Expending Homeland Security Grant Programs Funding