

PHAB

Public Health Advisory Board Agenda - Regular Meeting

Date: July 14, 2021 **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Location: IOOF Hall Conference Room, 1435 Butte Street, 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: March 11, 2020

5. Committee Reports:

a. Executive Committee: Judith Menoher

b. Membership: Linda Heick Kilzer

Action: Consider recommending the following individuals to the Board of Supervisors for reappointment to the PHAB for three-year terms through March 31, 2024: Laura Dougan, Kay Kobe, Mike Mangas, Judith Menoher, and Kristie Stephens (general members).

Action: Nominate and elect Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Executive Committee-at-Large Member and Membership Committee Chairperson for terms through March 31, 2022.

6. Director's Report:

a. Health & Human Services Agency: Donnell Ewert

b. Public Health Branch: Robin Schurig

7. Update: COVID, Robin Schurig

8. Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021 @ 12:00 noon

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Health & Human Services Agency & Public Health Branch
Director's Report - Public Health Advisory Board
July 14, 2021

CURRENT ISSUES:

Health & Human Services Agency (HHS) Update

- Many HHS employees, and employees from other county departments, served in the COVID Response Emergency/Department Operations Center between April 5, 2020, and June 30, 2021. The Agency-wide response was significant in size and duration, and was successful in limiting transmission of COVID, preventing hospitalization and death, and vaccinating half of the eligible population in collaboration with health care partners. In the meantime, other HHS employees maintained mission critical functions and services for Shasta County residents under the difficult circumstances of the stay-at-home order and mask mandate. I congratulate and thank all the HHS staff for their excellent efforts, and especially want to recognize those who served as incident commanders during the response: Melissa Janulewicz, Dan Dennett, Tom Campbell, Karen Ramstrom, Roxanne Burke, and Robin Schurig. It really does take a community to overcome public health challenges!
- A lot has been happening with housing since spring 2020.
 - Through Project Roomkey, more than 300 homeless individuals were housed for isolation and quarantine, or because they were elderly or medically fragile. As a result of this effort, more than 35 individuals were placed in permanent housing.
 - The county also partnered with ADK and Hill Country Health and Wellness Center to create 13 new housing slots for vulnerable adults in shared housing.
 - A second phase of The Woodlands opened with partial financing through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and ten of the twenty new units are dedicated for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) or for families with children with serious emotional disturbance (SED).
 - ADK, the McConnell Foundation, and Hill Country are creating the Center of Hope Apartments behind Lowe's. This complex will have 100 affordable apartments, with 30 set aside for individuals with SMI/SED. This project has two phases, and has funding from MHSA and No Place Like Home.
 - Progress continues on many other projects to create more affordable housing for vulnerable people within the county.
- Robin Schurig was appointed the Branch Director of the Public Health Branch in September 2020, after serving as Deputy Branch Director beginning in January 2020. Robin served throughout the COVID response, first as Operations Section Chief, then as Deputy Incident Commander, and finally as Incident Commander for the final 10 months of the response. Robin has nearly 20 years of experience working in the Public Health Branch, and did an outstanding job leading the county through the worst of the COVID surge and the vaccination campaign. Robin appointed Charlene Ramont as her Deputy Branch Director. Charlene also has many years of experience in the Public Health Branch and has been leading the branch while Robin served as COVID incident commander. Thanks to Brandy Isola, previous Public Health Branch Director, who left county service in May 2020 after more than 17 years of county service.
- Miguel Rodriguez was appointed Branch Director of the Children's Services Branch, effective June 6, 2021. Miguel served as Deputy Branch Director for 18 months before his appointment, and brings a great deal of experience in the area of children's mental health and child welfare, both in

the public and private sectors. Nancy Bolen, the previous Branch Director, retired after more than 22 years of county service. Interviews for a new Deputy Branch Director are taking place during the last week of June.

Public Health Branch Update

- Since our last meeting we were informed in late March 2020 that we achieved national accreditation! A lot of time and effort went into that pursuit and we didn't have an opportunity to properly celebrate because we were in the thick of the COVID response, but this is a significant achievement for our Branch and our community. It shows that we meet the standards that have been set for health departments nationwide, and it involves an ongoing process to maintain our accredited status. In fact, we just submitted part 1 of our first annual report. We are now waiting to hear back from the Public Health Accreditation Board ("the other PHAB") on the specifics for part 2. After that we will continue to report annually until it is time for reaccreditation in 2025.
- There have been some staffing changes in the Office of the Branch Director since the last PHAB meeting. In addition to the promotions of Robin Schurig to Branch Director and Charlene Ramont to Deputy Branch Director, Sara Westmoreland has been promoted to a Senior Staff Services Analyst position. She is now supervising two Staff Services Analysts and an Office Assistant, who work on contracts and safety for the Branch as well as providing clerical support to the Lab. We also said goodbye to Erin Barnhart (formerly Gibson) who promoted to become Executive Assistant to the County CEO, and we welcomed Allison ("Alli") Terry into the Executive Assistant position.
- A new home visiting program, Healthy Families America, was implemented during the first quarter of 2021. Northern Valley Catholic Social Services was awarded a grant to implement the program after a competitive process. Healthy Families America is paid for through State General Funds and is funded through the end of fiscal year 2023.
- Healthy and Safe Families Division will have a new Program Manager as of July 18, 2021. Amy Pendergast has been promoted into the position after Kathey Kakiuchi announced her retirement. She retired on July 6, 2021, after over 21 years of county service with 19 of those years spent in Public Health.
- Healthy and Safe Families was awarded an Office of Traffic Safety grant in the amount of \$253,000 in June. This grant will be spent to prevent drugged and drunk driving in Shasta County among youth and young adults.
- In March 2020, we shifted the major focus of our communicable disease prevention team to the COVID-19 response. We are now merging COVID-19 case investigation & contact tracing into normal operations with a focus on preparing for potential future surges from the Delta variant and colder weather beginning in the fall and overcoming vaccine hesitancy.
- The Public Health Clinic is offering COVID vaccines to the public and is also gearing up for back-to-school vaccines. We anticipate having double the number of needed back-to-school vaccinations because last year the requirement was waived due to COVID.
- We were awarded the Healthy Brain Initiative grant for two years to work on prevention and recognition of Alzheimer's and other dementias. We have partnered with the Alzheimer's Association, Shining Care, Dignity Health Connected Living, among others to begin to carry out this work.
- Healthy Shasta has conducted three Walking Challenges this year. In January and February, we promoted the Walks Passport challenge. In March, we hosted the Parks & Playground walking challenge and Hawaiian Island Hop walking challenge in June using an online platform.

- Healthy Shasta participated in Bike Month. Bike Month has 828 participant this year with 44 workplaces represented. A total of 132,825 miles were logged this year. There were 10,292 trips logged and 10% of those were for transportation.
- Healthy Shasta FARM Club was held at the Redding Farmers' Market on Saturdays in June. Currently, FARM Club is being offered at the Burney Farmers' Market in July and the first week of August.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR STAFF REPORTS (May & June):

- Agreement with Rescue Agency to provide media campaign services for teen vaping prevention and cessation
- Accept donation from the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)
- Certification Statements with the California Department of Health Care Services for Children's Medical Services
- First Amendment to agreement with Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada
- Agreement with Netsmart Technologies, Inc. to provide software and support services to the Public Health Clinic and Lab

Public Health Advisory Board
Minutes for March 11, 2020
Draft

Item 1: Call to Order:

Member Kristen Lyons called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. The following Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) members were present during at least part of the meeting: Elena Paul, Kristie Stephens, Judy Menoher, Laura Dougan, Ann Morningstar, Kristen Lyons, Mike Mangas, Toni Donovan, and Linda Heick Kilzer.

Members not in attendance: Richard Yoder, John Coe, Sharon Hanson, and Deanna Gallagher.

Others present: Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Donnell Ewert, Public Health (PH) Branch Director Brandy Isola, PH Deputy Branch Director Robin Schurig, Health Officer Karen Ramstrom, PH Program Manager April Jurisich, and PH Executive Assistant Erin Gibson.

Guests: Kay Kobe and Susan Wilson.

Item 2: Public Comments

No comments.

Item 3: Member Sharing/Announcements

- a. Member Lyons shared that the YMCA acquired the building next door to their current facility. The empty building was donated by McConnell Foundation. YMCA is working on a master plan for the facility. They have been at capacity in their current location and the new building will allow the YMCA to serve more youth and do more work with the community.

Item 4: Action - Approval of Minutes

a. November 13, 2019

Motion: Member Judith Menoher, seconded by Member Mike Mangas, made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

b. January 8, 2020

Motion: Member Elena Paul, seconded by Member Judith Menoher, made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Item 5: Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee:

Chair Kristen Lyons reported that the Executive Committee met on February 11, 2020 and briefly discussed the agenda for the March regular PHAB meeting. It was decided that Health Officer, Dr. Karen Ramstrom would give an update on the Coronavirus. The group also discussed the 2020 Community Health Awards. The date for this event is September 9, 2020. More information will be coming as the event gets closer.

b. Membership Committee:

Action: Consider recommending the following individual to the Board of Supervisors for reappointment to the PHAB for a three-year term through March 31, 2023: Linda Heick Kilzer (general member).

Motion: Member Mike Mangas moved, and Member Ann Morningstar seconded, to recommend the following individual to the Board of Supervisors for reappointment to the PHAB for a three-year term through March 31, 2023: Linda Heck Kilzer (general member).

Action: Consider recommending the following individuals to the Board of Supervisors for general member appointments to the PHAB: Dani Hayward for the term April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2023, and Kay Kobe for the term April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

Motion: Member Ann Morningstar moved, and Member Toni Donovan seconded, to recommend the following individuals to the Board of Supervisors for general member appointments to the PHAB: Dani Hayward for the term of April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2023, and Kay Kobe for the term April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

Action: Nominate and elect Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Executive Committee-at-Large Member and Membership Committee Chairperson for the period of April 2020 – March 2021: Judy Menoher, Toni Donovan, Linda Heck-Kilzer, Kristen Lyons, and Kristie Stephens.

Motion: Member Mike Mangas moved, and Member Elena Paul seconded, to accept the recommendation to elect the following slate of officers:

Chair: Judy Menoher

Vice-Chair: Toni Donovan

Executive Committee-at-Large Member: Kristie Stephens

Membership Chair: Linda Heck Kilzer

The Parliamentarian (Immediate Past-Chair) will be Kristen Lyons.

Item 6: Director's Report

a. Health & Human Services:

HHS Director Donnell Ewert - see written report

b. Public Health Branch:

Branch Director, Brandy Isola - see written report

Item 7: Health Officer Update: Coronavirus, Dr. Karen Ramstrom

Dr. Karen Ramstrom and Branch Director Brandy Isola gave a presentation on the current health issue the county is facing, Covid-19. A novel, meaning new, coronavirus that causes more severe illness has emerged (Covid-19). The Covid-19 symptoms are currently listed as: shortness of breath, cough, and fever. Covid-19 is spread by person-to-person contact via respiratory droplets and fomites amongst close contacts. Respiratory droplet transmission occurs when droplets that contain the virus travel through the air when a person talks, sneezes, or coughs and infect a person nearby (about 3-6 feet) by contacting their eyes, nose, or mouth. Fomite transmission occurs when a person touches an object or surface with the virus on it, then touches their mouth, nose, or eyes. Currently, we know the incubation period is an average of 5-6 days and could range from 1-14 days. There is no specific treatment currently available, but treatments are in development. As of March 9, 2020, worldwide there were 110,029 confirmed cases in 105 countries. In the United States, there were a total of 423 confirmed cases in 35 states. In California, there were 133 confirmed cases in 18 counties. In Shasta County, we have one confirmed case. Public Health is working directly with health care providers to help meet their needs for N95 masks, and helping them with PPE request forms if necessary. Public Health departments and the Centers for Disease Control are working on medical countermeasures including diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines. Public Health is also working to educate and inform the public with the most current information through social media, news media outlets, 2-1-1, and our website, in effort to control rumors, combat stigma, and break common myths. A few prevention measures to protect oneself and others: stay home when you are sick, keep your distance from others

who are ill but be kind, cover coughs and sneezes, frequently wash hands with soap and water, and clean frequently touched surfaces.

Public Health Officer, Dr. Karen Ramstrom and Branch Director Brandy Isola answered follow up questions from the PHAB.

Item 8: Adjourned at 1:50 pm