

# **Agenda - Regular Meeting**

#### **Ruth Atkins**

Tasting Room Manager Fall River Brewing Co.

### John Coe, MD

Physician Mercy Family Health

#### Paul Dhanuka, MD

Physician
DOCS Medical Group
District 2 Representative

#### Laura Baynard

Director of Clinical Operations Shasta Community Health Center

#### Benjamin Hanna

Chief Deputy District Attorney Shasta County

## Kay Kobe

Chiropractor / Business Owner Shasta Lake Chiropractic

#### Kristen Lyons

Chief Executive Officer Shasta Family YMCA Chair

# Mike Mangas

News Anchor KRCR TV

#### **Judith Menoher**

Retired Educator Board Member Dignity Health Connected Living

# Vice Chair

#### Ann Morningstar

Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District District 4 Representative

#### Jennifer Snider

Director of Data, Planning and Accountability Shasta County Office of Education

## Richard Yoder, MD

Retired Physician Community Volunteer District 1 Representative **Date & Time:** March 8, 2023 | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Shasta County Mae Helene Bacon Boggs Conference Center

2420 Breslauer Way, Redding, CA 96001

This meeting will be recorded.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

### 2. Public Comment Period:

#### To Address the Board During Public Comment:

The Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq) requires that every agenda for regular meetings provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Shasta County Public Health Advisory Board on any item on the agenda or any item not listed on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, before or during the Board's consideration of the item. Persons wishing to address the Board should fill out a Speaker Request Form by 10:00 a.m. prior to the beginning of the meeting (forms are available from <a href="mailto:phadmin@co.shasta.ca.us">phadmin@co.shasta.ca.us</a>). When the Chairperson announces the public comment period, any person wishing to address the Board will be recognized by the Chairperson and is requested to state their name and make their comments. Each speaker is allocated up to three (3) minutes to speak. Comments must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board will take no action and will hold no discussion on matters presented during public comment unless the matter is an action item on the Board agenda. The Board may briefly respond to statements or questions and, if deemed necessary, may refer the subject matter to the appropriate department or agency for follow-up and/or to schedule the matter on a subsequent Board agenda.

- 3. Member Sharing/Announcements (limited to five minutes per member)
- 4. **Action**: Approval of Minutes: November 9, 2022 and January 11, 2023
- 5. Committee Reports:

a. Executive Committee: Kristen Lyons, Chairb. Nurse Family Partnership: Laura Baynard

6. Membership:

**Action:** Consider recommending the following individuals to the Board of Supervisors for reappointment to the PHAB for a three-year term through March 31, 2026: Ruth Atkins and Benjamin Hanna (General Members).

**Action:** Nominate and elect Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Member-at-Large and Membership Committee Chairperson for the period of April 2023 – March 2024

- 7. Director's Report:
  - a. Health & Human Services Agency: Laura Burch
  - b. Public Health Branch: Robin Schurig
- Presentation: The Future of Public Health
   Charlene Ramont, Public Health Deputy Branch Director
- 9. **Discussion:** Community Health Awards
- 10. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: May 10, 2023

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# Public Health Advisory Board Minutes for November 9, 2022 *Draft*

# Item I: Call to Order:

Chair Kristen Lyons, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. The following Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) members were present during at least part of the meeting: Ruth Atkins, Laura Baynard, Paul Dhanuka, Benjamin Hanna, Kay Kobe, Judith Menoher, Ann Morningstar, Jennifer Snider and Richard Yoder.

**Members not in attendance:** John Coe, Deanna Gallagher and Mike Mangas. Sharon Hanson attended online, but not able to be counted as a member in attendance.

**Others present:** Public Health (PH) Branch Director Robin Schurig, Senior Staff Services Analyst Sara Westmoreland, Executive Assistant Cara Schuler, Office Assistant II Kyra Farrar, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Director Laura Burch, Supervising PH Nurse Caryl Greenwood, Therapist Supervisor Christine Triantafyllou, Deputy Health Officer Michael Vovakes, PH Program Managers Linda Singler, April Jurisich, Shellisa Moore and Amy Pendergast.

# **Item 2: Public Comments**

Member Kobe congratulated HHSA Director Laura Burch for being appointed to the position of HHSA Director by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

# **Item 3: Member Sharing/Announcements**

No member sharing or announcements.

# **Item 4: Action -** Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Member Yoder, seconded by Member Morningstar, made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

# **Item 5: Committee Reports**

# a. Executive Committee:

Chair Lyons advised she was not in the attendance at the meeting. Following the meeting she learned that previous Chair, Toni Donovan, announced that she was relocating and would not be able to continue as PHAB Chair. Per PHAB Bylaws, following the current Chair's resignation, the Vice Chair moves into the role of Chair automatically. Member Menoher was in attendance at the Executive Committee meeting and advised discussion was around the November agenda and future meeting topics.

# b. Nurse-Family Partnership®(NFP) Community Advisory Board (CAB):

Member Baynard was unable to provide an update regarding the NFP CAB. She advised that she was unable to attend since there was miscommunication and the meetings are now only taking place in person. The meeting did take place, but only for in person attendees.

## Item 6: Membership

**Action:** Nominate and elect Vice-Chair to fill vacancy for the period of November 2022 – March 2023: Judith Menoher.

**Motion:** Member Baynard, seconded by Member Kobe, made a motion to approve Member Judith Menoher to fill Vice-Chair vacancy for the period of November 2022 – March 2023. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

# **Item 7: Directors' Reports**

# a. Health and Human Services Agency:

HHSA Director Burch provided an update on the restructure and reorganization of HHSA. Business and Support Services and Office of the Director Branches will be consolidated, and Adult Services and Children's Services Branches will be consolidated. Miguel Rodriguez is now the Interim Mental Health Director. HHSA is still struggling with staff vacancies. Currently there are approximately 150 vacancies. The Economic Mobility Branch has a high number of staff vacancies which is causing high call times to the call center.

# b. Public Health:

PH Branch Director Robin Schurig referred to her written report and added that the Agency Worksite Wellness survey will not be shared as staff were advised that their responses were confidential, and it would be kept internal. For additional updates, please see written report.

# Item 8: Presentation: PHAB Orientation

PH Branch Director Robin Schurig began the presentation with the mission and values of PH along with PH funding and where funding comes from. PH is mainly prevention-focused and serves the entire county including incorporated areas. The cities in Shasta County do not have their own Public Health Departments. Due to meeting time constraints and the tour of the Medical Therapy Unit, the presentation will resume at the January 2023 meeting. The continuation of the presentation will start at "Health Officer Statute." Please refer to presentation.

Item 9: Presentation & Tour: California Children's Services (CCS), Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) Supervising Public Health Nurse (PHN) Caryl Greenwood provided a history and makeup of the CCS Administrative Services / Medical Therapy Program. Supervising Therapist Christine Triantafyllou provided information regarding the CCS Redding Medical Therapy Unit – history, purpose, qualifying conditions, along with staff roles. Referrals come from physicians, teachers, parents and Far Northern Regional Center. Please refer to presentation.

Discussion following the presentation included questions, suggestions, concerns, and comments. Following the discussion, Board members and guests were invited to tour the Medical Therapy Unit.

Item 9: Adjourned at 1:25 pm by Chair Lyons where Board members and guests could travel to and tour the MTU.



# Item I: Call to Order:

Public Health Branch Director Robin Schurig filled in for Chair Kristen Lyons and called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. The following Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) members were present during at least part of the meeting: Ruth Atkins, Benjamin Hanna, Jennifer Snider, John Coe, Richard Yoder and Mike Mangas.

**Members not in attendance:** Judith Menoher, Deanna Gallagher, Laura Baynard, Kristen Lyons, Kay Kobe, Ann Morningstar, Paul Dhanuka and Sharon Hanson.

Others present: Public Health (PH) Branch Director Robin Schurig, PH Deputy Branch Director Charlene Ramont, Senior Staff Services Analyst Sara Westmoreland, Executive Assistant Cara Schuler, Office Assistant II Kyra Farrar, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Director Laura Burch, Deputy Health Officer Michael Vovakes, PH Program Managers April Jurisich and Amy Pendergast, Supervising Public Health Nurse (PHN) Kristen Shearer and Deputy Branch Director Andrew Bastaros.

## **Item 2: Public Comments**

No public comments.

# **Item 3: Member Sharing/Announcements**

Member Yoder shared the Red Cross Incident Action Plan for the current flooding situation in California. Red Cross is currently running 30 shelters from Northern California to the Bay Area.

# Item 4: Action - Approval of Minutes

There was no quorum for this meeting. Minutes will be carried over to the March 8, 2023 meeting.

## **Item 5: Committee Reports**

## a. Executive Committee:

PH Branch Director Robin Schurig provided an update from the Executive Committee meeting. The group discussed the agenda for the January PHAB meeting along with the move to the Boggs Building for the regular PHAB meetings since the space is larger and will accommodate all members and guests. Due to the change in the location, the group discussed discontinuing the virtual option for non-members at PHAB meetings. Meetings will now be held in person.

Membership was also discussed due to Chair Donovan resigning and Vice Chair Lyons moving into the position of the PHAB Chair. At the November regular PHAB meeting, Member Menoher was voted to fill the role of Vice Chair. Due to these shifts it leaves vacancies in the position of Member at Large, and Parliamentarian/Immediate Past Chair on the PHAB Executive Committee. The group discussed announcing the vacancy of Member at Large at the January meeting and contacting members to assess interest in filling that role.

The Community Health Awards will need to be discussed at the March meeting since a theme will need to be identified. It will be put on the PHAB Executive Committee agenda for discussion.

b. Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) Community Advisory Board (CAB): No update given due to Member Baynard not in attendance.

# **Item 6: Directors' Reports**

# a. Health and Human Services Agency:

HHSA Director Burch went over highlights from the Directors' Report. Director Burch further advised that HHSA will be presenting monthly to the Shasta County Board of Supervisors (BOS) highlighting different programs under HHSA. The first presentation will be highlighting the value of Peer Support Specialists in the Behavioral Health & Social Services Branch. February's topic will be Public Safety and March will be Harmful Substance Use in the community. This will be across all HHSA branches.

HHSA Director Burch introduced Deputy Branch Director Andrew Bastaros who oversees the Internal Accountability, Compliance and Performance Division. The new division's goal is to build 360-degree internal accountability within HHSA and shed light where there may be a perceived lack of transparency. Internally, they want to make sure HHSA is examining its own policies and procedures and making them better, in addition to finding any waste and eliminating it, promoting continuous quality improvement, and streamlining processes. This will cover the entire agency.

For additional updates, please refer to the written report.

#### b. Public Health:

PH Branch Director Robin Schurig referred to her written report and added that the recent HHSA restructuring that brought the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) programs, as well as the Epidemiology and Evaluations Unit to PH have added approximately 50 more staff to the Branch. The PH Branch now has approximately 185 staff. Epidemiology and Evaluations have already moved into PH offices. WIC and NFP are currently downtown and will be moving eventually due to the lack of parking and parking fees for staff and clients. HHSA leadership are exploring alternative locations. The new location will need to be client service accessible.

The second round of Health Officer recruitment was unsuccessful. The BOS held a closed session at the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. They agreed that a Request for Proposal to contract with a Health Officer would be an appropriate next step.

Programs are working with fiscal to make requests for mid-year adjustments to current budgets and preparing for 23/24 fiscal year budget.

For additional updates, please see written report.

# Item 8: Presentation: PHAB Orientation (continuation)

PH Branch Director Robin Schurig continued with the PHAB Orientation that was begun at the November meeting. She started off with the Health Officer statute, qualifications, and authority of county Health Officers. The Health Officer is appointed by the BOS.

The role of PHAB was reviewed and how it relates to the Branch and the BOS. The Brown Act was discussed and who and what it applies to. Please refer to the presentation.

## Item 9: Presentation: Preventing Perinatal Substance Exposures

PH Program Manager Amy Pendergast and Supervising Public Health Nurse Kristen Shearer presented on Preventing Perinatal Substance Exposures. There is a Perinatal Substance Exposures Summit taking place on March 3, 2023, from 9-2:30 at Shasta County Office of Education Professional Development Center located at 2985 Innsbruck Drive. Dr. Candy Stockton will be the keynote speaker. Data was provided for tobacco use during pregnancy, cannabis use during pregnancy, drug treatment among pregnant women in Shasta County, and 2019-2021 drug involved overdose deaths in Shasta County. Please refer to the presentation.

Discussion following the presentation included questions, suggestions, sharing of information, concerns, and comments.

# Item 9: Adjourned at 1:59 p.m. by PH Branch Director Robin Schurig.



# Directors' Report - Public Health Advisory Board March 8, 2023

# **CURRENT ISSUES:**

## Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Update

- HHSA has recently filled over 35 vacant positions, and more than 45 people are currently in active recruitment.
- In effort to increase quality and timely service to the community, the Eligibility and Employment division in the
  Economic Mobility Branch is not accepting customer service calls in the Customer Service department on
  Thursdays from March 2, 2023 May 31, 2023. During this time, they will be processing new and existing
  CalFresh and MediCal cases. Services are still accessible online at <a href="www.BenefitsCal.com">www.BenefitsCal.com</a> 24/7 and in person at
  each of the Regional Offices during business hours.
- Administration is working diligently to move staff out of downtown buildings to avoid increased strain from
  parking costs. The agency is implementing some temporary changes to help mitigate the impact to staff and
  clients and is actively seeking long term solutions.
- Community Relations created a video highlighting the Peer Support Specialists' vital role in our programs and
  in serving the public. This video is one of many to come that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors to
  emphasize the impact HHSA staff and their programs have in our community.

## **Public Health Branch Update**

- Public Health has been busy preparing our 2023-24 budgets and filling vacancies within the Branch, as well as
  orienting and incorporating WIC, Nurse-Family Partnership® and Epidemiology & Evaluation staff into the
  Branch.
- We are planning moves of staff from our East Building to the downstairs of the BHSS building next door, and then staff from Cottage 5 to the East Building. This is to free up Cottage 5 for some Behavioral Health & Social Services programs that need a client-friendly space out of downtown.
- The Strengthening Families Collaborative (of which Public Health is a part) has had the month of March
  proclaimed as ACEs, Hope and Resilience Awareness Month in Anderson, Shasta Lake, Shasta County, it was
  on Redding's agenda last night and it's on the Shasta County Office of Education's agenda today.
- We held the first round of interviews for a new Public Health Administration division manager and will hold hiring interviews later this month.
- The Health Officer Request for Proposals closes this Friday.

# **Community Engagement and Quality Improvement Division**

- The Capacity Building for Equity unit is working on developing resilience hubs in Burney and Anderson and sharing emergency preparedness information with community groups. They are also facilitating Community Conversations about equity within the Public Health Branch.
- The Director of Nursing is re-establishing HHSA Nursing Alliance meetings and coordinating Mandated Reporter training for nurses throughout the agency, while maintaining updated Standardized Procedures and Standing Orders.
- The Emergency Preparedness and Response team will be attending POD (Point of Dispensing) training with Public Health nursing staff (to prepare for future flu clinics). They are also supporting the HHSA fiscal team in PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) and HPP (Hospital Preparedness Program) audits which happen every 3 years. Additionally, they have recently completed a portion of the region's Pediatric Radiation plan.

 The Supporting Health Improvement Practice unit is finalizing the annual Performance Measures report, facilitating IDP (Individual Development Plan) training for staff, and CliftonStrengths training for supervisors. Additionally, they are planning out the development of a revised CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan).

# **Community Health Protection Division**

- We had a successful CommUNITY Mobile Care Clinic open house for Public Health Staff.
- We are preparing to start STI (sexually transmitted infections) testing on the CommUNITY Mobile Care Unit on the Breslauer Campus.
- Partnered with NorCal Outreach to provide STI testing and information at their COVID Pop-Up Vaccine Clinic.
- The STI Public Health Nurse continues to go out weekly with Dr. Patton from Shasta Community Health Center, to provide STI testing and treatment to the unhoused population.
- Haven Humane and the Communicable Disease team are partnering to do some animal bite/rabies prevention presentations to HHSA staff and eventually the community.
- Planning a tabletop exercise for measles outbreak beginning internally with PH staff and eventually including HHSA staff who would help in emergency response.
- Developing an anti-stigma campaign for people who use drugs.
- Preparing for Hep C Awareness Month in May and will have a display at the County Administrative building and collaborate with all events happening that month.
- Completed an assessment of clients going through the Hep C treatment process in Shasta County to identify barriers for people to receive treatment.

## **Family Health Division**

- The Family Health Division, which includes Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), moved from Economic Mobility to the Public Health Branch. The move has kept the services provided the same. WIC serves income-eligible pregnant and post-partum women, infants, and children up to age 5.
   NFP has a subcommittee of PHAB, and updates are provided by our representative, Laura Baynard.
- WIC currently has a caseload of 4,480, a participation rate of 95.31%, and an exclusive breastfeeding rate of 38.5%.
- NFP is currently serving 91 families and is now approaching a waitlist, with 85% of families being served in person. NFP still offers the option of telehealth services as well. Continue to work with CalWORKs to implement the California Department of Social Services CalWORKs Home Visiting program.
- The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program was reauthorized in December 2022. The MIECHV program supports evidence-based home visiting programs across the country. More specifically, in California and in Shasta County, these funds support Nurse-Family Partnership. As a part of the five-year reauthorization, the MIECHV program received its first-ever funding increase.
- Lactation Consults are now being provided at our Enterprise and Anderson Regional Offices.
- WIC services are provided in-person and telehealth at Anderson, Enterprise, and Shasta Lake Regional Offices. In other locations (Downtown, Burney, Shingletown, and McArthur), services are provided via telehealth.

# **Healthy & Safe Families Division**

- The in-person Shasta Perinatal Substance Exposures Summit will be March 3rd. Registration filled within days
  of opening. The Summit features keynote speaker Dr. Candy Stockton, a panel sharing perspectives from
  various lenses about what is happening with substance use during pregnancy, and interactive activities to foster
  cross-sector discussions about solutions.
- Registration for the virtual option of the Shasta Perinatal Substance Exposures Summit is open. Participants will receive links to recordings of the speakers from the live Summit to view at their leisure, plus participate in cross-sector discussions and activities virtually on March 16th.
- The Injury Prevention program will host assemblies with a powerful guest speaker at continuation schools and high schools with the goal of preventing driving under the influence.
- Alcohol and Drug Prevention team is hosting an art contest for middle school students with the theme of "I
  don't need alcohol or drugs to enjoy my passions." Students may submit their art to their middle school office
  by March 3rd.

- Recently conducted DUI prevention campaigns at 11 high schools, both teen centers, two driving schools, and both DMV offices.
- Preparing for DUI prevention campaigns at 20 bars. We will be distributing DUI prevention materials that
  promote safe rides and designated sober drivers and encouraging bars to incentivize designated sober drivers
  with free non-alcoholic drinks.

# **Healthy Communities Division**

- Healthy Shasta's Walks Passport wrapped up February 28th. We are still gathering completed passports. Thank
  you to the area libraries who helped with Passport distribution and collection.
- The CalFresh Healthy Living team has been busy providing nutrition education. The Around the Table
  curriculum was presented in Cottonwood during January and February. The Color Me Healthy curriculum is
  being taught at a preschool in Burney and at the Alta Mesa preschool.
- Code 9 Project SHARE trainings were held February 28-March 4th. A second round of trainings is planned for May 2-6, 2023. These trainings are for law enforcement, fire, dispatchers, veterans, and their families to learn how to support each other in their intense lines of work. For more information, reach out to Sydney at <a href="mailto:sstinger@co.shasta.ca.us">sstinger@co.shasta.ca.us</a> or 530-229-8426, or register at <a href="https://shield.training">https://shield.training</a>.

# **Specialty Health Services Division:**

- Our Local Oral Health Program has visited 21 schools during the 22/23 school year. They have educated 1,271 students, screened 704 students, referred 66 to the Child Health and Disability Prevention program, where our case managers work to help find dental services for these children. They continue to distribute dental kits to school age children and community members.
- The Immunization program has been busy assisting schools and health care providers to ensure that children
  in Shasta County receive their immunizations and are not excluded from school. We continue to partner with
  community health care providers to ensure the availability of vaccines for Vaccine for Children programs and
  continue partnerships with managed care plans and pharmacies to provide immunization clinics for those in
  the community.
- Our Medical Therapy program continues to provide Occupational and Physical Therapy to medically fragile children. The current case load is around 200 clients, ages 0-21 years of age. The California Children's Services (CCS) administrative unit continues with a caseload of 998 clients.

# **Board of Supervisors Staff Reports (January & February)**

• HHSA-PH CalOES, Homeland Security Grant Program