



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Collaboration, Coordination, Information & Assistance Committee

MINUTES

Monday, January 25, 2021, 9:00AM-11:00AM, via Zoom

PRESENT:

Julie Bates (AARP)	Emily Miyaoka (Resources for Independent Living)
Isaac Blackstock (Yolo County Housing)	Michelle Nevins (Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center)
Craig Blomberg (Sutter Davis Care Management)	Ali Padua (YHAA Gerontology intern)
Brandi Bluell (Resources for Independent Living)	Jorge Preciado (Comfort Keepers)
Christina Bolanos (Co-op Homecare)	Norriell Richards (Yolo Hospice-Sr. Peer Counselors)
Dana Carey (Yolo Co. Office of Emergency Services)	Maria Sandhu (YHAA Program Coordinator)
Lynn Charlot-Iversen (Yolo Meals on Wheels)	Marissa Schaffer (Yolo Food Bank)
Denise Davis (Alzheimer's Assoc.)	Elida Serratos (Yolo Co. IHSS)
Lisa DeAmicis (Davis Senior Center)	Katherine Sorenson (Yolo 211)
Christine Dicker (Partnership Healthplan)	Jon Sugarman (YHAA Board of Directors)
Randy Dinning (AAA4 Ombudsman Program-Yolo)	Jan Taylor (Comfort Keepers)
Jaana Elina (AAA4 Person Centered Counselor)	Teagan Tomesello (Yolo 211)
Josephina Elliot (Yolo Co. Adult Protective Services)	Cindi Unger (ApexCare)
Moises Gamboa (AAA4 Person Centered Conselor)	Casanya Ursery (Unite Us database)
Nancy Gifford (M.McDowell Manor-Housing)	Loran Vetter (St. Luke's Comm. Resource Navigators)
Lindsey Hall (Yolo DA Elder Victim Services)	Rosanna Vigil (Yolo Co. IHSS Public Authority)
Victoria Harling (CA Phone Access Program)	Lupita Vital (Yolo Co. Infectious Disease)
Rebecca Hensley (AAA4-Person Centered Counselor)	Alexandra Weisgerber (Alzheimer's Assoc.)
Tracy Keenan (Yolo Hospice-Citizens who Care)	Kristin Weivoda (Yolo Co Emergency Medical Services)
Ricardo Lopez (Yolo Co. Housing)	Lynne Charlo-Ivan (Yolo Meals on Wheels)
Pedro Maturana (Co-op Homecare)	Sheila Allen, staff (Executive Director, YHAA)
Pauline Martinez (UCD-Davis Together)	
Alysa Meyer (Legal Services of Northern CA)	(43 total people on call)

1. Introductions and announcements (Sheila Allen)

2. Approval of minutes 11/30/20 meeting MOTION: Move approval as written. Moved by Craig Blomberg, Isaac Blackstock 2nd, passed unanimously.

3. Yolo COVID Update (Dana Carey, Yolo Co. Office of Emergency Services; Kristin Weivoda)

Health care system status

- Hospitals still impacted, high compared to rest of year. Woodland hospital has state nurses support. As soon as someone is discharged new COVID patient admitted.
- Some Yolo patients admitted to Sleep Train Arena overflow care as Adult COVID step down unit (between home and skilled nursing level of care)

- Sent letter last week to hospital leadership on how to use Sleep Train Arena COVID step down unit. No more COVID recovery unit at Courtyard.

Vaccination update

- Some 2nd doses at long term care facilities (LTC) this week and then all will be done. A few adult residential facilities did not participate. Yolo County did not wait for Walgreens program to start vaccinating LTC but started vaccines right away. Yolo used their allocation for these and did not receive additional doses from Walgreens.
- To date there has been one general public drive through clinic in Woodland for Tier 1b. Yolo County is not sitting on any vaccine. Scheduling and distributing vaccine as soon as it is received.
- We don't know next week allocation yet so can't plan new vaccine clinics. 75 yrs. and older focus first because Yolo County data showed those 75 yrs. and older are 300 times more likely to die if infected with COVID.
- Also focusing doses on those with limited access to healthcare and system issues. Encourage general public to go through their health care system rather than utilize county vaccine. Trying to coordinate with health systems on who is being prioritized. Yolo County vaccine clinic sign up is online and includes a medical screening that person is to print out and bring to the clinic.
<https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-government-departments/health-human-services/adults/communicable-disease-investigation-and-control/novel-coronavirus-2019/coronavirus-vaccine>
- Tier 1a “healthcare providers” are anyone who is taking care of someone who needs care. We are not checking it but by honor system. These providers may sign up for and attend any of the county public vaccine clinics.
- Volunteers-we have 4000 people on the list. We have sufficient volunteers and plans but we don't have the vaccine. Volunteers must be willing and able to stay the whole time of the clinic. All volunteers will receive the vaccine upon completion of their shift. For those who are licensed to give shots, sign up through CA Volunteer to verify your credential. **FOLLOW UP:** send link to the group.
<http://yolopodclasses.org/>
- Drive through clinics are by appointment only. Will be using Eventbrite now and getting assistance with 211 for by phone sign ups. Greeting, medical screening, dispensing, watch for 15 min. watch. Average time for a person receiving vaccine through the clinic is 42 min. Will use mass notification system to remind people about clinics.

4). Unite Us (Casanya Usery) Website based referral system that is locally funded by Kaiser Permanente and a free service to providers. Training every Friday at 9am.

- Sutter uses “Epic EMR”; there is integration between UniteUs and Epic software.
- Will provide training but not required to join.
- Checking if all information can be used by a screen reader.
- Casanya will provide a software demonstration at future Collaboration Committee meeting.
- Sheila noted that this platform is a HIPPA secure, computer-based referral system and can take the place of the YHAA Cross Referral Form. She encouraged all YHAA Collaboration Committee members to participate to enhance our cross referrals.

For more information or to join Unite Us contact Casanya at casanya.ursery@uniteus.com and visit <https://uniteus.com/>

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5). Spotlight New Organizations-none

6). Round table discussion from participants-updates on programs and services from members (all)

Adult Protective Services (APS) (Josefina Elliott) still continuing to see clients on emergency basis in person but otherwise via phone. Yolo Co. not accepting online APS reports yet. Still require phone call with follow up of fax or email. There is a fillable form electronically.

IHSS Public Authority (Rossana Vigil) Have a list of providers for IHSS consumers to request a list for possible hiring. Also have “Home Care Now” backup temporary provider list for emergencies and temporary care. IHSS providers not required to receive the vaccine but on a voluntary basis. Those 65 years and older providers were notified they could get vaccine. Others will be notified in the near future. Assisting to help get providers scheduled for vaccine.

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) (Elida Serratos) taking applications for new IHSS recipients. Can call main number. Need full scope MediCal. IHSS is on the list for vaccination and working with Yolo County vaccine distribution.

Coop Homecare (Christina Bolanos/Pedro Maturana) still recruiting caregivers, have not yet started providing care.

Davis Senior Center (Lisa DeAmicis) Program on Feb. 24, “Dry eye and macular degeneration” via Zoom. Tax assistance program will begin in Feb. is contactless system will take written information from clients and provide to tax assistance volunteers. Senior Center still COVID testing site for Healthy Davis Together and Yolo County site. Offering online classes.

Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center (Michelle Nevins) Go to Del Oro website to find free trainings. Continuing phone-based support. Respite is slowing down now that funds are almost fully expended. Hoping to get staff vaccinated. Have Care Navigation platform. <https://www.deloro.org/>

Yolo Hospice Programs

Citizens who Care (Tracy Keenan) Have volunteers who are in person visiting and others providing phone support, accepting new clients. Completed a needs assessment for program.

Yolo Cares Dr. Lizzy Giles, nurse Donna continuing to see patients.

Yolo Hospice (Kenia Miller)

Galileo Place (adult day program) furniture arriving, garden in works, open when safe in 2021.

Senior Peer Counseling-(Norriell Richards) To receive care must be a senior in Yolo Co. (60 yrs and older). Volunteer, trained counselors provide a compassionate ear via video or phone. Volunteers are 55 years and up, thoughtful and confidential support. Accepting referrals and volunteers.

AAA4 Person Centered Counselors (Rebecca Hensley/Jaanae Elina/Moises) Nutrition program supporting Yolo County Project Roomkey-80 clients served through end of March. Yolo Meals on Wheels no waitlist at this time. “Let us Help” grant-up to \$245 Walmart gift card for persons 55 years and older, with a disability, income at or below federal poverty level, and increase of expenses. AAA4 Direct

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services, Health Promotion program and Mature Edge (job readiness program) is now being held virtually.

Yolo 211 (Teagan Tomasello/Katherine Sorenson) In process of hiring new Yolo County coordinator. Working with Yolo County to provide phone based connection to vaccines.

Sutter Davis (Craig Blomberg) ICUs are heavily impacted by COVID while overall hospital capacity is good. Length of time people needing to be hospital with COVID is decreasing.

Margaret McDowell Manor (Nancy Gifford) MMM is a low income senior housing location in West Sacramento. Residents at MMM would like the vaccine but company that owns the building not willing to have an onsite vaccine clinic.

Yolo Ombudsman (Randy Dinning) still going into both skilled and assisted living facilities.

Resources for Independent Living (Brandi Bluell/Emily Miyaoka) Examples of programs they provide for persons with disabilities of any age: assistive technology program (CFIL will help you find lowest cost internet) and a program for persons with speech difficulties to take home ipad. Still working remotely but able to provide information/referral services over the phone.

Apex Care (Cindi Unger) Most of their caregivers have received their first vaccine. Would like to get back to some in-house, in person training after full vaccination of staff. Have volunteers to go out HUD 202 properties.

Isaac Blackstock (Yolo Housing) Pilot program for housing choice voucher-sent 1445 letters out and received 45% back. Giving participants ways of communicating with their staff that can also connect to services. Family self-sufficiency educational program. People are looking for food and help with utilities. Rental assistance only 10% so the voucher system is working.

Comfort Keepers (Jorge Preciado and Jan Taylor) Jan is back after time off and glad to be participating today. Jorge thanks to YHAA for the PPE and hand sanitizer. Educating caregivers to become more comfortable to get the vaccine. Company is “big on joy” lifts care team and the people they care for.

Elder Abuse Prevention Program DA (Lindsey Hall) Still in hiring process for a new project advocate sand part-time paralegal. Have a consultant analyzing the data from the elder abuse prevention grant. Will present to this group in March or April.

Alzheimer’s Association (Denise Davis) continuing to provide education and caregiver support groups virtually. Caregiver Support Group 2nd Tues of each month in Woodland via zoom. Also provides care consultations and 24/7 hotline. Care Partners Forum will be virtual this year. Will follow up with flyer. Walk to End Alzheimer’s scheduled for Sept. 25, Encouraging committee members to like their Youtube channel (and other committee members too!)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLuSt_4R7iVhgiUlpFCrI0Q

Legal Services of Northern CA (Alysa Meyer) AB3088 eviction moratorium expires on Jan. 31 and no extension yet. Even now there still are trials are going forward. In order to qualify a renter has to pay 25% of rental debt due on Jan. 31. Have some videos on this process. Those covered by vouchers can ask for a rent reduction but those without need to submit a declaration. Barriers include that clients can't properly use technology, language... so difficult for trials on zoom. Still meeting with clients in person when absolutely necessary. Send people with eviction notices to LSNC so they don't go to trial.

Yolo Meals on Wheels (Lynn Charlot-Iversen) Meals now being delivered on MWTh. Taking referrals and adding new clients weekly. Phone interview to see if they qualify then see if there is room to add them. Added 53 new clients since Jan. Still in need of volunteers who will receive orientation, protocols and training. Still need TV trays for socially distant deliveries. Had an influx of new referrals recently. New referrals take a couple weeks so there is a waiting period but currently no waitlist.

Yolo Food Bank (Marisa Schaffer) 3 new coordinators, Marisa Schaffer is senior programs coordinator. Working on how to get food to seniors that are not mobile or set up food closet. Looking to identify locations to get product out to those who need it. marisa@yolofoodbank.org 530-219-5700

7). Update on Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance activities (Sheila Allen)

a. Friendly caller program- <https://www.yolohealthyaging.org/phone-friend-forms>

b. Healthy People-Healthy Park Project in collaboration with Cache Creek Conservancy and Putah Creek Council <https://parkrxamerica.org/about.php>

c. California Master Plan for Aging <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-aging/>

d. Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance Advocacy Committee meets first Thurs. each month, 10am-noon via Zoom <https://www.yolohealthyaging.org/advocacy>

e. Availability of masks and hand sanitizer YHAA has received offers of many surgical and cloth masks (not N95) and 1 qu. size hand sanitizer for distribution to seniors and providers of senior services. Collaboration Committee members were offered these for free. **FOLLOW UP:** Contact Sheila if you would like some and we can arrange pick up.

8). Future agenda items District Attorney Elder Abuse Prevention Program update (April 2021)

9). Announcements – no additional

10). Next meeting, Monday, February 22, 2021, 9am-11am, via Zoom