



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Collaboration, Coordination, Information & Assistance Committee

MINUTES

Monday, June 28, 2021, 9:00AM-11:00AM, via Zoom

PRESENT:

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| Raymona Bell (Unite Us database platform) | Pedro Matura (Co-op Homecare) |
| Isaac Blackstock (Yolo County Housing) | Alysa Meyer (Legal Services of Northern CA) |
| Caroline Brooks (Yolo Co. Public Guardian) | Bianca Moreno (Yolo Co. Children’s Alliance) |
| Dana Carey (Yolo Co. Office of Emergency Services) | Aliya Patel (Yolo Hospice Rural Research Project) |
| Lynne Charlot-Iverson (Yolo Meals on Wheels) | Monique Preciado (Yolo 211) |
| Beth Conn-Ossenfort (Yolo Adult Day Health Center) | Maria Sandhu (Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance) |
| Denise Davis (Alzheimer’s Assoc.) | Phonecia Stone (Adult Protective Services-APS) |
| Jaana Elina (AAA4 Person Centered Counselor) | John Tan (HICAP) |
| Mark Fink (Yolo Co. Library) | Jan Taylor (Comfort Keepers) |
| JR Fujita (AARP) | Loran Vetter (St. Luke’s Comm. Resource Navigators) |
| Laurie Haas (Yolo Co. APS and Public Guardian) | Elizabeth Yeh (senior advocate) |
| Lindsey Hall (Yolo Co. DA Elder Protection Unit) | Sheila Allen, staff (Executive Director, YHAA) |
| Emily Jacob (Yolo Adult Day Health Center) | (31 people present) |
| Brandy Jones (Yolo Hospice-Rural Research Project) | |
| Tracy Keenan (Yolo Hospice-Citizens who Care) | |
| Sandra Lazona (Yolo Co. Infectious Disease Unit) | |

1). Introductions and announcements (Sheila Allen)

2). Approve Minutes 5/24/21 meeting –MOTION: Move approval as written. Moved by Denise Davis, Isaac Blackstock 2nd, passed by acclamation.

3). COVID update and outreach to remaining unvaccinated 50+ (Dana Carey, Yolo Co. Office of Emergency Services, Kristen Weivoda, Yolo Co. Emergency Medical Services)

Hospitals are seeing increased positivity rates with 40% of positive cases being the delta variant. All those that have been hospitalized are the non-vaccinated. Partnered last week with state at McDonalds and vaccinated 10 people, River Cats-13 people. “You Call-We Vaccinate” 9a-7p, 7days a week (92 done so far). Ends this Friday (NOTE-this has been extended to the end of August). In home for older adults on Wednesdays by partnering with Healthy Davis Together. Hospitals and ER will vaccinate all people at discharge. Healthy Davis Together moving into Communicare and Friday Farmer’s Market.

COVID Response Center is demobilizing and being transferred to Yolo Co. Health and Human Services. Office of Emergency Services is now focusing on Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) is coming into effect and possible evacuations (west of Winters and Capay Valley). Remind older adults to have their go kit ready and make sure Yolo Alert is up to date. Also should prepare a Go Kit for animals and special needs. Preparing Cooling Center plans-Watch for open hours.

4). Yolo Co. District Attorney Office, Elder Protection Unit (Lindsey Hall) (see powerpoint)

The unit has a number of programs that connect victims of fraud and abuse to resources, educate the public on fraud and elder abuse prevention and support victims through the legal process.

In Yolo Adult Protective Services (APS) work alongside social workers (joint position between DA and APS).

Ana Mejia (Spanish speaker) is the new victim advocate 530-666-8178 and Lindsey Hall: 530-666-8396.

Fraud protection fair-usually in late Oct. Meeting later this week to see if it will happen this year.

“VITALS” program is a phone app for emergency responders to voluntarily receive information regarding interacting persons with mental health, dementia and developmental challenges. Family and individuals provide information to 1st responders for people that might have trouble with 1st responders and their interactions. Get link: www.thevitalsapp.com

5). Provider spotlight: New/Updated Programs - none

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

Alzheimer’s Assoc. (Denise Davis) Still virtual support groups, beginning to connect with volunteer coordinators to perhaps get ready for in person. Progressing slowly-perhaps Aug. or Oct. Walk for Alzheimer’s at Sutter Health in October is on.

Adult Protective Services (APS) (Pho Stone/Laurie Haas) Back to business as usual, going out in field as usual, checking emails, faxes and calls. Clients-some are still hesitant and others really want the visits and connecting to resources. Thanks to Lindsey and her assistant from DA. Getting some additional funding from state-thinking of how to utilize. Hoping that second wave won’t come to county. Have new support.

Public Guardian (Laurie Haas) Support staff and filled 2 additional positions-to track property (Tetsuro), Caroline Brooks (new staff), Grand jury report last year addressed the challenges with being understaff for level of work needed. Funded 100% by county with state mandates. Recent trend-changes in the Epple Act – change (trying to get in places) seeing a dramatic increase in probate referrals from skilled nursing facilities. Asking facilities to include families rather than going directly to Public Guardian.

Yolo Hospice Programs

Citizens who Care (CWC) (Tracy Keenan) Bringing on new clients, doing volunteer matches in the home. Looking for more volunteers (have a waitlist). Norriell Richards is back. Referrals accepted for persons 60 yrs. and older. Call the main number to make referral: 530-758-3704.

Yolo Cares (palliative care program) New LCSW to address additional need.

Galileo Place (adult day program) August possibly opening if COVID allows and license in place, there is a wait list for persons interested. Saturday Club also hopes to restart in August. It provides respite for 5 hours-games, on-on-one interactions with volunteers.

Senior Peer Counseling no update

End of Life Native and rural Communities Projects (Brandy Jones) Yoche De He Winton Tribe has funded a project through Yolo Hospice to explore barriers to access for rural and native people communities-3-year grant. Making an advisory board and reaching out to rural and indigenous people. Project title is End-Of-Life Healthcare Access in Capay Valley.

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Yolo Adult Day Health Care (Beth Conn-Ossenfort/Emily Jacob) Starting in person programming with pods (8 participants at a time) beginning in July. Evaluations and assessments before coming into the building. Full day-10am-2pm. Looking at cognition and mobility. Those that maintained their walking did better in the pandemic. Program will be W-Th-F. September is currently planned as full opening. Emily Jacob-new social work assistant-will do referrals. A UCD grad. Will be doing lots of enrolling this month.

AAA4 Person Centered Counselors (Jaana Elina) A couple Google Home devices are still available, AAA4 has started a new funding cycle with most providers remaining the same. One change is a split of congregate funding between Yolo Meals on Wheels and Drewski's food truck. In addition to the Yolo specific providers multi-county providers: Del Oro Caregiver Resource, Mature Edge (employment services), HICAP, Yolo 211, Legal Services, Ombudsman (Randy Dinning). Transportation funding is to Yolo Adult Day Health Center. Will have an ADRC office in Woodland with staff from AAA4, RIL, and AAA4-open later in the year. Care consultation program-can assist persons age 60 years and older and their caregivers-connect to resources.

Yolo 211 (Monique Preciado) Helping with in home vaccines. Can find cooling centers on website or call them to find out. To update your information check: <https://www.211sacramento.org/211/2-1-1-yolo-county/>. If anyone would like some 211 Yolo information material, please contact Monique via email mpreciado@211sacramento.org.

Yolo County Infectious Disease (Lupita Vital) Yolo Health and Human Services has a new phone number for all their programs: 1-833-744-4472 to direct clients to HHSA services-for those who do not know what they need. English/Spanish/Russian. COVID immunization card lost can mail them a new copy. 530-312-5858. Can also help with travel specific information.

Yolo County Libraries (Mark Fink) 3 types of service available at all branches (including Clarksburg)-open hours, curbside, hours where everyone wears masks (for those who are unvaccinated or want to wear mask). Expanding hours after July 4. Still have books by mail services. (website for application or 530-666-8005) one phone number for all the locations. For use of computers-no appointment is necessary. No fines going forward. Summer reading program can waive any existing fines.

Isaac Blackstock (Yolo Housing Authority) Opening up to the public, have protocols on the door. Asking members of public to continue to wear masks. Starting to have public events-August is National Night Out Aug. 3 at Las Pasitas, will also do in Woodland. Voucher List currently closed.

UNITE US (Raymona Bell) HIPPA compliant, secure and easy referrals between agencies. If your organization would like more information or assistance with signing up contact raymona.bell@uniteus.com.

Yolo Public Authority for IHSS (Rossana Vigil) Contact 530-661-2676 if in need of hiring an In Home Supportive Services regular caregiver or temporary assistance.

Lynne Charlot-Iverson (Yolo Meals on Wheels) Same service delivery schedule: M-W-Th. No congregate sites are open yet. Still need volunteers. Adding new people each Monday. To refer call 530-662-7035. Contact Daysi Lawton: dlawton@mowyolo.org.

Comfort Keepers (Jan Taylor) Private home care agency.

Partnership Healthplan (Christine Dicker) Low cost or free events on their website. Contact member services for transportation to vaccines.

Veteran Services (Sal Torres) Moved to Bauer Building 137 N. Cottonwood about a week ago. Transportation is not open yet modifying vans, drivers need to be vaccinated. Not see people in-person yet not until after June 15. Start with appointment before walk in. Vaccinations to all veterans and their caregivers (see chat for appointment). Now aid and attendant can be initiative via email. VA COVID Vaccination information is on the VA website or by calling 800-698-2411. The Website is: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/#who-can-now-get-a-covid-19-vac>. If you are not contacted by the VA for a walk in appointment here: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/sign-up/introduction>. email request for Aid and Attendance Claim Requests or any claim questions to Salvador.torres@yolocounty.org or Kien.Do@yolocounty.org.

Legal Services of Northern CA (Alysa Meyer) Civil legal services-health, public benefits, housing, civil rights. New-reinstituting some drop in hours. Tues, Wed. 9-11:30 for those that need in-person, these are usually older adults, persons with disabilities. Will be outside. Have had a lot of eviction orders lately. Although they are not supposed to be doing this yet. 8:30-5pm M-F by phone. Adding outreach hours at Grace in Action in Davis, West Sacramento-location also, presentations at Communicare and 4th and Hope.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) (John Tan) Phone counseling for Medicare questions. No change to in person yet. Usually at Senior Centers but they are not yet ready to open. Reaching out to all the FQHCs in Yolo Co. Looking to change some of their model as number of volunteers needed is very high. Elizabeth is retiring in August.

Yolo Co. Public Authority (Rossana Vigil) Emergency backup "Home Care Now" have providers on the list. Call (530) 661-2676.

St. Luke's Resource Navigators (Loran Vetter) New priest that is very community interested. Doing more write ups in the newsletter of what they can do to help. In person services on July 4 with masks. New webpage for Resource Navigators-more user friendly/ stlukeswoodland.org under collaboration category-click on Resource Navigators.

AARP (JR Fijuta) All offices closed. Planned opening for after Labor Day. Virtual workshops. Free movies for grown ups.

Co-op Home Care (Pedro Maturana) Non-medical home care agency, co-op owned, started by Center for Cooperative Development. Hired 2 new caregivers and looking for hours for them. Co-op Home Care- Pedro Maturana, Administrator (530) 746-5730 info@coophomecare.coop

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Yolo County Children's Alliance (Bianca Moreno) YCCA offers assistance to families, individuals, community with Medi-cal, Covered CA, CalFresh, along with many other resources. Are currently doing outreach for the COVID Vaccine. Here is email if you have any questions
bianca.moreno@yolocounty.org

YHAA Phone Friends Program (Maria Sandhu) Checking in with all of the volunteers and seniors.

Update from members not on call:

MSSP (Stacy Vue) MSSP still have no waitlist and we continue to take referrals. We have a new Office Assistant and she is working in the office and attending to the phone calls. The office is still closed and staff remain to work primarily from home. We will be taking on the MSSP El Dorado Site starting July 1st. If any of the community partners provide services to El Dorado County and would like to make a referral, they can call the office, or call my cell or email me. If you have any questions and would like more information, you can reach me at svue@healthcollaborative.org 916-764-1027.

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

- a. Friendly caller program- <https://www.yolohealthyaging.org/phone-friend-forms>
- b. California Master Plan for Aging <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-aging/> send report
- c. Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection-*new phone number-530-248-2421*
- d. COVID outreach grants (Yolo County and ADRC)
- e. Yolo Congregate Meals with Drewski's food trucks with funding from AAA4
- f. Expansion of Yolo Adult Day Health Center
- g. Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance Advocacy Committee meets first Thurs. each month, 10am-noon via Zoom <https://www.yolohealthyaging.org/advocacy>
- h. YHAA Annual Fundraiser- Sunday, Sept. 12, 5p-7p, Galileo Place Healing Garden (new Adult Day Program), Davis NOTE: moved to Sunday, April 3, same time and location.

8). Future agenda items: August-Yolo Hospice Rural program

9). Announcements member requests for continuing this meeting via Zoom or hybrid in future.

10). Next meetings: regular-Monday, August 23, 2021, 9am-11am, via Zoom
Annual cross training September 27, 8:30am-11:30am via Zoom

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