



**Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency
Health Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024**

| Place: | Tulare County Government Plaza – RMA Main Conference Room | Start Time: | 1:00 p.m. |
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| | 5957 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia, CA 93277 | End Time: | 2:30 p.m. |
| Committee Members Present | Supervisor Amy Shuklian, Dr. Ana Coll, Candace Hilvers, Dr. Thomas Overton, Alexandra Vander Poel-Yates, Lali Witrago, Christina Rodriguez, Frank Ardon, Ryan Gates, Melissa Mertz | | |
| Committee Members Absent | Nilsa Gonzalez, Marie Macedo | | |
| Guests/Staff Present | Karen Elliott, Gabriel Diaz-Carrera, Janilee Cena, Jessica Gocke, Laura Salcido, Nesreen Gusbi, Mila Orth, Jennifer Madrigal, Luis Cortez, Jerry Ledesma, Sharon Minnick, Nesreen Gusbi, Denise Gonzalez, Michael Washam, Lucy Shuklian | | |
| AGENDA ITEM | | SCHEDULED ACTIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS | PERSON (S) RESPONSIBLE |
| I. Call to Order | Meeting was called to order by Chair Shuklian at 1:03 p.m. | | CHAIR |
| II. Introductions | Introduction of new committee members, Ryan Gates and Melissa Mertz. | | ALL |
| III. Public Comment | No public comments. | | |
| IV. Action Items | | | CHAIR |
| a. Approve Minutes from December 11, 2023. | Ally Yates motioned for their approval, which was seconded by Lali Witrago. | | |
| b. Election of Officers | <p>Karen Elliott provided information on roles and responsibilities. For example: the Chair would be the person to lead the meetings and review the agenda before each meeting. The Vice-Chair would fill in the Chair's absence.</p> <p>Ally Yates nominated the current Chair, Amy Shuklian, for another term as Chair, and the motion was seconded by Cynthia Bartlett.</p> <p>Ally Yates nominated Lali Witrago for Vice-Chair and Christina</p> | | |



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| | <p>Rodriguez seconded the motion.</p> <p>Chair Shuklian nominated current Secretary Nilsa Gonzalez for another term as Secretary, and Lali Witrigo seconded.</p> <p>All position nominations were unanimously approved by all committee members.</p> | | |
| V. Reports / Discussion Items | | | |
| a. Active Transportation Program: “Goshen-Visalia Corridor Connection” project. | <p>The City of Visalia in partnership with the County of Tulare Resource Management Agency is seeking a letter of support for their state grant application. This grant would allow funding for roadway improvements for vehicles, bike paths, and pedestrian walkways. There are no current limits on the amount awarded as the amount funded through the grant is driven by the project. Applications that show that they can commit a match of 20% of the project's funding will receive full points. They are currently refining the project scope, but the project is currently estimated at \$21 million. This project would benefit the community and their overall health.</p> <p>In addition to the Health Advisory Committee providing a letter of support, a recommendation was made for the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors to provide a letter of support.</p> | | <p>Michael Washam Tulare County RMA and Diego Corvera City of Visalia</p> |
| b. Healthy Tulare County Week | <p>For over 25 years the American Public Health Association (APHA) has organized, National Public Health Week, the first full week of April, which is aimed at bringing communities across the United States together to recognize contributions made by Public Health. The 2024 theme was “Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We are All Public Health”, with events held in underserved communities across Tulare County from</p> | | <p>Jennifer Madrigal HHSA/Public Health</p> |



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| | <p>April 1st through the 7th. In recognition of National Public Health Week, on Tuesday, April 2nd, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors presented a Proclamation recognizing April 1-7, 2024, as National Public Health Week in Tulare County to the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency!</p> | | |
| VI. Member Announcements | <p>Amy Shuklian shared that District 5, Terra Bella Fire Station had their ribbon cutting ceremony on March 21, 2024.</p> <p>Dr. Overton shared that Measles are now in California, with 5 active cases to date. Dr. Overton worked with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) team to share information with local health care providers and requested that they look out for signs and symptoms and report any concerns to the Public Health Department. Currently, there are no active cases in Tulare County.</p> <p>Lali Witrago shared that in addition to other managed care plans, Anthem has received a lot of new guidance from the State of California, regarding partnerships with local health jurisdictions. Currently, managed care plans are working with HHSA programs to agree upon and execute new MOUs for Data Sharing. Lali shared that Tulare County has been great to work with.</p> <p>Ryan Gates shared that Kaweah Health received a 4-year, \$1.2 million grant to fund community health care workers to provide rural care coordination for internal health.</p> | | ALL |



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| VII. Agenda items for the next meeting | Sean Roberts, Public Health Emergency Preparedness will provide a presentation on WASH grant/ Covid Outreach. | | HAC |
| VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting | <p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held June 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the RMA Main Conference Room - 5957 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, CA 93277.</p> | | |
| Minutes Prepared By | Mila Orth, Department Secretary, HHSA/Public Health | | |