

Members of Health Council were asked to provide a priority that you would like to communicate to the Board of Supervisors. Here are their responses.	Year Submitted	Category
Support for 211 to increase public awareness of and use of all the various kinds of supports offered in Yolo County.	2023	211
Systems Navigation. This remains a high priority need to assure Yolo county residents can easily access available resources, e.g. modernization of 211 with a new comprehensive online system.	2025	211
Broader dissemination to the public (beyond the Yolo County website and other sites) of both 211 and 988 for resource information and emergency behavioral health intervention. Possible solutions - Postings in public places, refrigerator magnets, etc. People and their caretakers seem unaware of these resources at a time of crisis, as was noted in a recent LWV study. The public still calls 911 which may result in un-needed jail or emergency room admissions at a higher cost to the County than other available solutions. The Health Council is well positioned to help in this area if there is a lead department to work with.	2025	211 and 988 Outreach
Encourage and fund more integration of all agencies providing services and resources.	2023	Address HHS Funding Gaps
Health presentations to Council and to the BOS to include both gaps in services and data to support how budget allocations are used and with what results. Example: How is MHSA money for mental health services in schools, resulting in earlier assessment and follow-up care by schools.	2023	Address HHS Funding Gaps
Investment in public health department and planning for future pandemics.	2023	Address HHS Funding Gaps
Review how tax revenue is divided in Yolo County so that the county might either have increased revenue or other public agencies work more closely in how we use it.	2023	Address HHS Funding Gaps
Ensuring sufficient funding for, and access to, public health services and programs, especially those serving low income and immigrant communities who are now fearful of deportation.	2025	Address HHS Funding Gaps
Affordable housing for families and low wage workers	2023	Affordable Housing
Expanded prevention and increased supportive services to low income supported housing, near homelessness (as result of medical bankruptcy, inflated rents, etc), shelters, and transitional housing via better use of community resources and volunteer recruitment programs. Bring providers of services together to talk.	2023	Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Increase Community Resources for Homelessness
Affordable in-home elder care support	2023	Aging and Elder Care
Services to the older/disabled population are underfunded, with many clients not qualifying for Medi-Cal/Medicaid yet still not able to afford out-of-pocket costs for care that is not covered by Medicare, and also not able to afford long-term care policies. "This is resulting in marginal living situations, lack of supportive care options, food insecurity, and safety issues as a result of memory issues." Overworked social workers with large case loads and volunteer staff only partially address the issues for this growing population. Innovative ideas are needed to address this population such as considering combative dementia to be a behavioral health issue, funded with behavioral health money. "Consider a pilot program for the most vulnerable who are without Medi/Medi access with a strong evaluation component." Such a program might encourage the State of California to budget additional services as envisioned by the Older Americans Act.	2023	Aging and Elder Care
More attention to elderly and disabled not eligible for Medi-Cal and not wealthy (those in what is referred to as "the gap"). Off particular concern, but not limited to, affordable and age/disability friendly transportation out of county, to see medical specialists not available in-county or only available infrequently with 3-4 month lag times. The Health Council is well positioned to focus on elder and disabled issues, and identify gaps in service, by hearing from those providing senior/disabled services and by other methods of evaluation.	2025	Aging and Elder Care
In alignment with the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Service Environment: All community members can easily access quality behavioral health, physical health, and wellness services.	2023	Align CHIP Mission and Vision with Strategic Plan
Early childcare and education pre kindergarten. (0-5) Resources for and education of parents to increase their accessing services for their children.	2023	Childcare and Parent/Family Resources
Facilitate training for early childhood care givers and educators.	2025	Childcare and Provider Education
Childcare update to include presentations on loss of childcare subsidies in the American Rescue Plan and on child care worker crisis and potential solutions.	2023	Childcare Subsidies
Fund development of community health facilitators.	2023	Community Health Navigators
The Board should strongly consider establishing a Yolo County ombudsman position/program. Given current local, state, and national economic challenges, doing such within the near-term would probably be unrealistic. However, relevant thinking and planning could and should begin/renew at this stage, perhaps with a view toward a 3-5 year timeframe. While there might be some functional overlap with County HHS, having someone (or small team) with the most advanced knowledge of available services and how to access them would be invaluable to the community. At the last YCHC meeting it was mentioned that Ombudsmen exist elsewhere in the state (e.g., CA DHCS). However, having within Yolo County someone with broader and deeper local knowledge and contacts - coupled with expertise regarding available state and federal programs - would be vastly more helpful to individuals in need.	2025	Community Health Navigators / Ombudsman
Facilitate increased communication between all public institutions (county, city, school boards, etc.) to maximize value in our collective work.	2023	County Operations
Emphasize the focus first on delivering services and less on administrative support!	2025	County Operations
Significantly reduce the time from decision to provide a new service and the delivery of it.	2025	County Operations

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Crisis Now is conceptually a necessary and innovative program to follow a behavioral health crisis with trained staff staying with the individual throughout the crisis, and providing timely follow-up treatment. It looks like it will not get off the ground because of lack of funding and staffing. The cost should be counterbalanced with the cost of the rotating door concept when these clients are hospitalized or put in jail. A good project for an integrated community approach for the public and private sector.	2023	Crisis Now/Mental Health Crisis Services
Implementation of Crisis Now project	2023	Crisis Now/Mental Health Crisis Services
Mental health crisis care services,	2023	Crisis Now/Mental Health Crisis Services
Long-term solutions for "Crisis Now" that extend beyond 1 million dollars for contracted services. One million for contracted services is commendable but also a short-term solution to an ongoing issue.	2025	Crisis Now/Mental Health Crisis Services
Reducing toxic and cancer causing environmental exposures in the county.	2025	Environmental Impacts
Fluoridation of water. If consensus from Davis and Woodland cannot be reached, consider providing fluoridation to the city where fluoridation is welcome. This is the easiest solution to address dental issues resulting from poverty.	2023	Flouridation of Water
Fluoride in the water	2025	Flouridation of Water
Foster youth transition program. What happens after they turn 18 years old? How effective is the transition? Long term?	2023	Foster Youth Services
Burnout prevention and mitigation in public health and other healthcare workforce. This workforce has been stretched beyond healthy for a long time, worsened by COVID, and the new funding cut threats again risk tipping an entire workforce over the edge. Within the county's possibilities, it will be important to acknowledge, evaluate and address this issue.	2025	Healthcare Workforce
Homelessness	2023	Homelessness
Homelessness in Yolo County	2023	Homelessness
improve/expand healthcare to homeless and unstable housed in yolo county.	2023	Homelessness
Homeless community resources	2023	Homelessness
Children - assess needed pre-k, foster care, school support. Assess Welcome Baby outcomes and impact on children of the pilot Yolo Basic Income Project (YOBI). Explore ways to support childcare programs, children's mental health programs in schools, collaborating with school nurses.	2023	Improved Outcomes for Children
Funding for early childhood care and education:0-3.	2025	Improved Outcomes for Children
Increase strategies for getting infectious disease information and prevention strategies to the community at a time when Covid data is hard to access, and infections like syphilis are on the rise." Include what is now known about covid and share long-covid information as more information is available.	2023	Infectious Disease Strategies
Infectious disease- renew focus on STDs (increased incidence) and tuberculosis, as we come out of Covid pandemic. Public Health is best situated to track and resume contact tracing.	2023	Infectious Disease Strategies
Investing in widespread communication of factual healthcare information to counter disinformation that is now occurring - especially around vaccines.	2025	Infectious Disease Strategies
Vaccines and evidence-based healthcare. With the federal attacks, continuing to build local trust in local public health initiatives, campaigns and recommendations in support of evidence-based healthcare, above all vaccines, will be critical.	2025	Infectious Disease Strategies
Support for the jail/prison system to care for inmates that need care after a hospitalization	2023	Jail and Prison Health
Medi-Cal and CalAIM funding are in jeopardy: Depending on how CA curtails Medi-Cal based on federal and state budget cuts, there will be a great need to look at newly opening gaping holes in access to healthcare and social services that are currently covered through CalAIM and other parts of MediCal. This will pose renewed enormous equity problems for the most vulnerable in our county and will likely keep us busy for the next few years.	2025	Medi-Cal and Cal AIM
Mental Health Service integration with medical care resource planning. The importance of ensuring that all medical care models offer facilitated access to mental healthcare.	2025	Mental Health Services
Acknowledge community and individual mental health impacts in all policies and programs especially as they relate to social determinants of health (food, housing, healthcare, employment, public safety).	2025	Mental Health Services
Impact of Proposition 1 as it relates to prevention and early intervention service reductions for serious mental illness and addiction. Prop 1 emphasizes treatment and housing for established chronic illness at the expense of early intervention dollars. This is not a classic public health approach and comes by reducing funding for early basic public health interventions.	2025	Mental Health Services (Proposition 1)
Adolescent and Youth Mental Health: Access to all measures that prevent and treat mental health challenges at all ages, but particularly in teens who continue to be in crisis as a group. This includes much needed support for parents with teens, which has been largely lacking in favor of supporting parents of kids 0-5yo. Of course the federal funding cuts to Head Start etc. jeopardize all the progress made in the 0-5yo category as well. It will be important to still not lose sight of the adolescents.	2025	Mental Health Services (Youth)

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Figure out how to integrate Behavior Analysts with BCBA credential into the overall Mental Health/Behavioral Health work force to increase workforce capacity for evidence-based behavioral health interventions	2023	Mental Health Workforce
Poverty prevention while providing funding crisis programs	2023	Poverty Reduction
Consider poverty prevention and elimination in all financial services decisions.	2025	Poverty Reduction
Review of current organizations supporting rental protections to prevent eviction, to include presentation from Yolo County Children's Alliance on eviction prevention	2023	Poverty Reduction (Rent)
Presentation on prenatal care and access to include noted health inequities; what has worked or not worked in the past and potential solutions going forward	2023	Prenatal Access
Targeted resiliency programs to school district to improve mental health of population	2023	Resilience/ACEs
Sexual health education in collaboration with school and non-profits	2023	Sexual Health Education
Facilitate and fund specialty housing for persons with disabilities and those with mental health issues.	2023	Specialty Housing
Transportation services are being worked on in Yolo County (i.e., cabs, buses, vans, etc.)	2023	Transportation Services
Transportation throughout Yolo County to access services	2025	Transportation Services
Youth truancy at public schools. Causes and prevention. Identify who is not attending school. Difference by race, parent education level, free and reduced lunch. Information about truancy from mental health perspective.	2023	Youth Truancy