

GLENN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OVERVIEW

Through the 2022 Budget Act, California took a transformational step toward rebuilding our state and local public health workforce and infrastructure that was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic and years of disinvestment. The \$300 million ongoing General Fund investment (\$200 million for local health departments, \$100 million for CDPH), referred to as the Future of Public Health, is a critical investment in our state's public health readiness and response to existing and emerging public health threats.

FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTMENTS REBUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Funds a new Community Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation (CAPE) unit; CAPE provides information, evaluation, planning, and technical assistance to public health programs, community partners, decision-makers, and residents to improve community health and address root causes of health inequities. FoPH supports their first Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The LHD has also initiated and begun pursuing Public Health Accreditation.
- Funds are being used to conduct their first-ever local Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), a health-related telephone survey that collects data about local residents regarding their health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services.
- Funds provided vaccines needed in the community based on data, community-identified needs, and stakeholder input.
- Supports staff trained on ACEs to present ACEs to community groups and agencies; leads the health sphere workgroup; actively participates in the ACEs county-wide steering committee; and helped develop a local ACEs website (<https://glenncares.org/>)
- FoPH-funded staff was critical to creating and approving the local county-wide Fatality Review Team. FoPH-funded staff supports case identification and data analysis and assists in implementing strategic findings/recommendations.
- FoPH-funded staff has hosted well-attended community town halls on fentanyl and opioid education with a strategy component built in to gather community input on what can be done to address this epidemic and its effects on our youth and young adults.
- FoPH-funded staff has been critical in creating a county-wide coalition to address our aging population needs and leading workgroups that address identified needs. FoPH-funded staff leads the loneliness workgroup that works toward creating more social environments for the aging population, providing education on social isolation and its health impacts, and engaging with the local senior nutrition centers to increase patrons and activities. FoPH-funded staff has been critical to the planning and conducting of the outreach campaign of the first Senior Resource Expo, set to occur on June 27.