



Task Force Mission: Report to the Board of Supervisors, the Health Agency, and the Department of Public Health with priority recommendations to promote health, equity, and community well-being in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force

NOTES:

Friday, November 3, 2023

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- Welcome and Roll Call
 - **Meeting Open:** Gilda Noori (Task Force Co-Chair)
 - **Task Force Members in Attendance:** Dahlia Alé-Ferlito, Celia Brugman, Grace Cotangco, Dana Guerin, Augusto (Goose) Dolce, Kenny Green, Naomi Iwasaki, Damon Nagami, Theresa “Missy” Nitescu (Co-Chair), Gilda Noori (Co-Chair), Carmen Perez, Jennifer Ponce, Cori Racela, Venezia Ramirez, Tiara Sigaran, Benjamin Torres, Debra M. Ward.
 - **Task Force Members Absent:** Oliver Brooks, Cathy Friedman, Nomsa Khalfani, Chad Monk
 - **Members of the Public:** Derrick Brackshaw Sr. (Trade Tech)
 - **Department of Public Health (DPH) Staff:** Ava Cato-Werhane, Susan Blackwell, Jocelyn Ramirez, Sonya Vasquez, Brian Hui (Virtual), Rachel Bonkovsky (Virtual), Alexis Marron (Virtual).
1. Action to approve remote attendance by member(s) pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449 attendance notification for “Emergency Circumstances”
 - **Decision: The Task Force members approve remote attendance for the following Task Force members:**
 - **Dahlia Alé-Ferlito (Emergency Circumstance)**
 - **Carmen Perez (Just Cause -B)**
 - **Hector Ramirez (Just Cause -B)**
 2. Land Acknowledgement
Hector Ramirez, Task Force member
 - **Next Steps: Venezia Ramirez will read the land acknowledgement at the following meeting**
 3. Public Comment
 - **N/A**
 4. Action for approval of notes from August 2023 Task Force meeting
 - **Decision: The Task Force approved the notes from the August 2023 Task Force meeting.**
 5. Discussion and possible action on updates from the Department of Public Health
 - a. Update on Community Public Health Teams (CPHTs)
Ava Cato-Werhane, Director of Planning, Office of Planning, Integration, and Engagement
 - **Next Step: As they build a resource list for the CPHTs, DPH will re-connect with the Task Force to seek their input.**
 - b. Center for Health Equity updates
Sonya Vasquez, Director, Center for Health Equity
 - **Decision: The Task Force approved the creation of a Community Health Equity Improvement Plan (CHEIP) ad hoc committee to inform the development and implementation of the next CHEIP. Task Force members include Celia Brugman, Grace Cotangco, Dana Guerin, Missy Nitescu, Gilda Noori, Carmen Perez, Cori Racela, Hector Ramirez, Tiara Sigaran, and Debra Ward.**

6. Presentation and possible action on Addressing Teen Mental Health Challenges – A Toolkit for Parents and Guardians of Teens

Rachel Bonkovsky, M.Ed, Director of Education Partnerships and Programs, Office of Planning, Integration, and Engagement, Education Section, LAC Department of Public Health

- **Next Step: Task Force members will share the Toolkit with their partners.**

7. Discussion and possible action on Task Force priorities, including:

a. Task Force Land Acknowledgement Workgroup follow-up recommendations

- **Decision: The Task Force approved changes to their charter, effective in the next cohort. To demonstrate the Task Force's commitment to truth, healing and reconciliation connected to the LA County's Land Acknowledgement, Task Force members voted to reserve a seat on the Task Force for a member who represents or serves an indigenous community, thus prioritizing the First Peoples of LA County, as a major part of their work.**
- **Decision: The Task Force approved changes to the Task Force's Principles of Equity to include language inclusive of indigenous populations.**
- **Decision: The Task Force accepted edits to the Issue Elevation Form.**
- **Next Steps: Although the Land Acknowledgement workgroup completed their recommendations, they will track the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Council's (LANAIC) toolkit once available and consider potential additional recommendations.**

b. Task Force priority area committees, including:

- Equitable Land Use Ad Hoc Committee
 - COVID-19 Community Action Committee
 - County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative
 - Violence Prevention
 - Equitable County Contracting
- **Decision: The Task Force voted to form a short-term ad-hoc committee to develop equitable contracting recommendations for the County and DPH by the next Task Force meeting. Workgroup members include Naomi Iwasaki, Margie Martinez, Missy Nitescu (lead), Venezia Ramirez, Benny Torres, and Debra Ward.**

c. Debrief meetings with the Board of Supervisors and identify next steps.

- **Next Steps: The Task Force will continue to meet with the Board of Supervisors and follow-up as needed.**
- **Next Steps: Task Force members interested in serving as a co-chair are directed to submit interest to DPH staff. Elections will be held at the next meeting.**

8. Brainstorm topics for upcoming TF meetings

9. Meeting wrap-up, and feedback on today's meeting

Next Task Force meeting:

Friday February 2, 2024, 9:30 AM – 12:00PM

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