



*Task Force Mission: Report to the Board of Supervisors, the Alliance for Health Integration, 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

### Meeting Notes

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2023  
TIME: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

#### **Meeting objectives:**

- Learn about the priorities for the Alliance for Health Integration (AHI)
- Obtain updates on the CHIP and the Center for Health Equity's Action Plan Extension
- Learn about the Department of Public Health's response to the fentanyl crisis
- Discuss and take possible action on Task Force priorities

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- **Meeting Open/Participants Welcome:** Gilda Noori (Co-Chair)
- **Task Force Members in Attendance:** Dahlia Alé-Ferlito, Celia Brugman, Grace Cotangco, Augusto (Goose) Dolce, Kenny Green, Naomi Iwasaki, Nomsa Khalfani, Margaret B. Martinez, Chad Monk, Jovita Murillo, Damon Nagami, Theresa (Missy) Nitescu (Co-Chair), Gilda Noori, Jennifer Ponce, Cori Racela, Hector M. Ramirez, Venezia Ramirez, Tiara Sigaran, Benjamin Torres, Debra M. Ward
- **Task Force Members Absent:** Oliver Brooks, Russia Chavis, Cathy Friedman
- **Department of Public Health (DPH) Staff Present:** Ava Cato-Werhane, Susan Blackwell, Jocelyn Ramirez, Isabella Kwok, Sonya Vasquez
- **Presenters:** Jaclyn Baucum, Gayle Haberman, Lauren Nakano, Siddarth Puri

#### 2. Public Comment: Opportunity for members of the public to address the Task Force on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Task Force

- **There were no public comments**

#### 3. Proposal to approve the November 2022 Task Force meeting notes

- **Decision:** The Task Force approved the notes from the November 2022 Task Force meeting.

#### 4. Overview on the Alliance for Health Integration (AHI) and an Introduction to their Current Priorities

*Jaclyn Baucum, Chief Operating Officer, Gayle Haberman and Lauren Nakano, Program Managers, Alliance for Health Integration*

- **Next Steps:** The Task Force co-chairs will discuss information presented by AHI about their current priorities and propose recommendations to the Task Force for discussion on how they might engage with AHI. These may include recommendations shared by TF members during the meeting around expanding the healthcare workforce to undocumented and mixed-status residents and ensuring living wages.

#### 5. Updates on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the Center for Health Equity (CHE)'s Action Plan Extension

*Sonya Vasquez, MSW, Director, Center for Health Equity, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

- DPH shared that the next CHIP will focus on a previously identified community driven priority area, violence prevention and will leverage the Office of Violence Prevention's Early Implementation Strategic Plan. The

Center for Health Equity will continue to finalize the CHE Action Plan Extension. Later this year a planning process will begin to develop a single CHIP and equity plan.

- **Next step: Special Task Force Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2023 at 9:00am – 11:30am. At this meeting, the CHE will solicit feedback from the Task Force on the Action Plan Extension.**

6. Updates on the Fentanyl Crisis and Public Health's response

*Dr. Siddarth Puri, MD, Associate Medical Director for Prevention and Harm Reduction, Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

- **Next step: The Task Force Co-Chairs will discuss information presented by Dr. Puri and propose recommendations to the Task Force on follow up actions to consider.**

7. Discuss updates, share next steps, and take possible action on Task Force priorities

- **Next step: Draft action plans for Task Force priority areas were shared in the meeting packet. Task Force members are asked to share any feedback on the action plans via email with the respective priority lead.**

a. Built Environment & Public Health Ad Hoc Committee and Equitable Land Use Ad Hoc Committee Proposal

- **Next step: The goals of the Built Environment & Public Health ad hoc committee were achieved, and this Ad Hoc Committee will sunset as a new ad hoc on Equitable Land Use is considered.**

- **Decisions made: The Task Force voted to approve a new ad hoc committee on Equitable Land Use and approved an action plan. Potential actions under consideration include:**

- Track implementation of policy recommendations and provide further recommendations and education of County Measures W, H, A, and M (WHAM).
- Advocate and elevate recommendations to ensure public health is at the forefront of the City and County's oil and gas well decisions and rule implementation.
- Monitor and draft recommendations on the intersectionality between population health/climate change/built environment and the supply freights stored in South Los Angeles.
- Track the development of and make recommendations for the new DPH-Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health.

b. Meetings with the Board of Supervisors

- **Next step: The Task Force will continue to schedule quarterly meetings with the Board offices to strengthen Task Force and Board communication efforts while sharing Task Force priorities and learning about the Supervisors' priorities and upcoming actions. Task Force Delegation Team leads will coordinate these meetings.**

8. Meeting wrap-up and provide feedback on today's meeting

- Special Meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2023, 9:00AM - 11:30AM
- Next Task Force meeting: Friday, May 19, 2023, 9:30AM - 12:00PM  
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