

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
EDUCATION AND PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minute Summary  
October 8, 2025**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Adam Siegel, Alicia Garoupa, Juan Navarro, Rebecca Birotte, Tony Bell, Jake Fisher, Kanin Pruter

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Commissioners Christina Gonzalez, Jerry Velasco  
**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** N/A

**GUEST REGISTER:** Stephanie Chen

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Education and Planning October 8, 2025 Agenda

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	<p>Chair Rebecca Birotte, County of Los Angeles, the Policy and Planning Committee convened the meeting at 12:42 P.M.</p> <p>Chair Rebecca Birotte asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests.</p> <p>Quorum present.</p>
2. Public Comments	No Public Comment
3. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absence	<p>Commissioners Christina Gonzalez and Jerry Velasco asked to be excused from today's meeting.</p> <p>Chair Rebecca Birotte entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Juan Navarro.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p> <p>Commissioners Adam Siegel and Kanin Pruter are appearing remotely in accordance with AB2449 "emergency circumstances" for today's meeting.</p> <p>Chair Rebecca Birotte entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Juan Navarro and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bell.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
4. Presentation	<p>Stephanie Chen – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Prevention Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initiatives</li><li>• Implementation of a new community defined promising practice called</li></ul>

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	<p>CHOICE – Creating Healthy Opportunities through Informed Choices and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardization of Brief Intervention (BI) programs are being developed with a goal to pilot throughout the County.</li> <li>• Alcohol Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAPC is currently working with the City of Inglewood and ABC on bringing more enforcement on the illicit alcohol sales near large venues.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cannabis Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning outreach to raise awareness on cannabis cafes/lounges in cities and communities considering such businesses around risk factors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Synthetic kratom and 7-OH Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A draft ordinance was developed to restrict synthetic kratom and 7-OH for LA County, restricting sales to adults, 21 and over, along with labeling requirement for the unincorporated part of the county.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Red Ribbon Week 2025: October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• National Rx Drug Take Back Day (Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>• Uniting Communities for Equitable Health Policies Coalition (UCEHP), Meeting 10/17/2025 (10:00AM to 11:30AM via Zoom)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners requested for a future presentation on Nitazenes</li> <li>• Commissioners requested for marketing materials for CHOICE when available</li> </ul>
6. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

**Next meeting date:**  
 December 10, 2025, at 12:30 P.M.  
 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
 500 W. Temple Avenue, Sybil Brand Commission Room, Suite 372  
 Los Angeles, California 90012