

Sexual Assault Council

Los Angeles County



MEETING MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL (LAC SAC)

AUGUST 13TH, 2025

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT 1000 N. ALAMEDA STREET, 9TH FLOOR TERRACE,
CONFERENCE ROOM SOLIS B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

Item	Description	Lead
I.	Meeting Opening and Land Acknowledgment	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
	- Meeting called to order: 12:04PM - Reading of the Land Acknowledgement - ED acknowledges the challenges of the times for Los Angeles County and the nation. Urges Council and public to take care of themselves as needed. - Public announcement of upcoming Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Town Hall hosted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on August 28, 2025.	
II.	Review of LAC SAC Draft Bylaws	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
Continued from Jul 23, General Meeting		
Chapter 4. OFFICERS Section 4, 5, 6 and 7: No edits Chapter 5. DUTIES OF MEMBERS – Section 1. Number of Councilmembers: - Council member discussion regarding implementing Alternates. Options include: No Alternates, Alternates who do not vote, Alternates who do vote, Alternates who abstain. - Further discussion to determine Temporary and Permanent replacements and the selection process. Questions on whether Permanent replacement would have voting rights. - Recommendation by ED to breakdown Temporary versus Alternate replacements and consider language on extended leave. Section 2. Attendance: - Consider review circumstances for further action following 2 unexcused absences (unexcused absence - Council member not informing OVP staff of planned absence). Differentiate between “excused” versus “non-participatory” absence.		

○ Members agreed to add language to the effect of: ‘Members or their alternates are expected to attend all meetings. If a member, without reason acceptable to the Council, fails to attend either (1) two or more consecutive meetings, or (2) three or more meetings in a 12-month period, then the Council shall convene a closed meeting and determine whether to declare the member as inactive. If the member is declared inactive by action of the Council, then the Council shall also discuss member status and appropriate action.’ ○ Member discussion on Replacements: process and timeline, whether Replacements should be based on sector representation, and whether the current seat holder can install replacement. Options include consideration for geographic diversity, meet/greet of potential replacements (including multiple member choices), open call, or appointment of government agencies with consent from Council. ○ Option 1: Leave bylaws “as is” and establish ad hoc to present options to full Council for vote. ○ Option 2: Use language/matrix used to appoint original Council members. ○ Must consider the differences between CBO representation and government representation in appointments as these entities work differently and a different set of standards/practices/protocols for membership recruitment/selection must be established. Consider moving item to ad hoc committee for further development. ○ Temporary replacements could have no voting rights and still be counted towards a quorum. Consider parameters around the alternate e.g., can a new alternate be used at every meeting for the same member? ○ Section 3. Terms and Term Limits: Include language on staggered appointment including maximum number of years served on Council (6 years). ○ Section 4. Participation and Public Input: No edits ▪ Chapter 6. SUBCOMMITTEES: Add Brown Act language regarding community member involvement in subcommittees and maximum number of Council members to serve on subcommittees. ○ Section 1. Authority to Establish. No edits ○ Section 2. Subcommittee Actions. Making voting consistent, 50% plus one. ▪ Chapter 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ○ Section 1. Public Comment: Add an option for anonymous feedback. Include in ad hoc discussion for bylaw updates and the establishment of procedures. ○ Section 2. Code of Conduct: No edits ○ Section 3. Signs: No edits ○ Section 4. Disruptive Conduct: Add language about protected class discrimination. Include on online forum. Mirror language for anonymous comments. ▪ Revisions will be shared with County Council for review and input.		
III.	Roles and Responsibilities of LAC SAC Co-Chairs Overview and Discussion	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
▪ 3, rotating co-chairs. Determine speed of rotation among chairs. ▪ Differentiate the roll of LAC SAC/OVP staff from Council member duties ▪ September timelines: Bylaws. Vote of chairs by secret ballot. Establish committees. ▪ 3 new nominees for rotating chairs: Cari, Susy, and Jerry. ED will reach out to all self-nominated to determine continued interest.		

▪ Public Comment: None		
IV.	Items held over from previous meeting(s). • Continued from LAC SAC June 23rd, 2025, meeting - OVP's summary of partner feedback and recommendations.	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
▪ Priority Areas Identified in Previous LAC SAC Strategic Planning Workshop (April 2025): ○ Cross Sector Collaboration: No discussion ○ Training, Education and Awareness: No discussion ○ Discussion on integrating SARTs and Forensic nurses into ongoing work to invite as guest speakers and Council members to encourage participation at general public meetings and comment. ▪ Public Comment: None		
V.	Matters not on the posted agenda/requested to be placed on a future agenda.	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
▪ Training on PREA standards/regulations – work being done with youth in general detention centers ▪ Report back on National Sexual Assault Conference (VALOR) ▪ SART center presentation ▪ Big venue events preparation and discussion (i.e., Olympics, World Cup, Super Bowl, etc.). Response/prevention coalition work together with LAC SAC to prepare. Include presentations/discussions as event times approach. ▪ Establish an ad hoc on big venue events, education, awareness and resources in multiple languages (international) ▪ Take education out to the public and create forums ▪ Learn more about OVP and grants. Consider how Council members can offer their own contributions and lived experience ▪ Review W Hollywood Ordinance. Discuss how it has reduced crime in bars. ▪ Consider making symposiums or webinars ▪ Data in LACO with demographics, impacts, etc.; share information from Spring strategic planning Announcements: ▪ Send flyers to SAC email for distribution ▪ Oct 8, Start Anew Clinics (national) at Cal Endow, health screening and mobile services, expungement clinics, MH, resume writing, online to sign up. ▪ Keynote on Sep 15, Remembrance Ceremony, Norwalk ▪ LASD reported a sharp decline in the overall reporting of sexual assaults. It was mentioned that current ICE raids and immigration uncertainties have increased hesitancy for victim/survivors to report, or work with investigators. LE asked CBO's to please assist them when working with clients and educating on LE in LAC non-reporting to ICE. ▪ In contrast to LE, CBO's (rape treatment centers, SART, etc.) have noticed of an increase in sexual assaults in the past two weeks (10 the last week – way more than usual) ▪ LE seeing a decrease in reporting. CBO's seeing an increase. Could be a community forum.		

▪ SARTs are requiring LE reports to get services; LE needs a report (of number) for reimbursement. Santa Monica SART center receiving more clients as a result (no requirement for LE reporting to provide services).		
VI.	General Public Comment • 2-minutes maximum per comment • Must pertain to LAC SAC business/subject matter jurisdiction • No discussion	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
▪ Joseph Quintana: For November, Native American Heritage Month, can we join in partnership to host a one-day symposium/ discussion on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People (MMIW/P), and/or the Feather Alert System, and provide a resource fair or discussion? ▪ Joseph Quintana: For large events, these should be considered. Could you also consider including groups like the Discover LA/ LA Convention and Tourism Board, or LA28? Announcement: Next meeting reminder place/time		
VII.	Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 1:59PM. • Next LAC SAC Meeting September 15th, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Department of Mental Health 510 S. Vermont Avenue Los Angeles 90020	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director