

Sexual Assault Council

Los Angeles County



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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH 510 S. VERMONT AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR TERRACE,
CONFERENCE ROOMS A AND B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020.

Item	Description	Lead
I.	Meeting Opening and Land Acknowledgment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call 	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order: 10:05AM Reading of the Land Acknowledgement ED reminder that Council members and members of the public can bring handouts to share at public meetings ED reminder that LAC SAC business, updates, agendas, Council member bios can be found on the LAC SAC website 	
II.	LAC SAC Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to Vote to Adopt Council Bylaws Rollcall vote 	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to pass bylaws: 1st motion to pass introduced by ED, 2nd, Rachel Greene Bylaws pass unanimously Bylaws finalized, approved by County Council. The Council can now move forward with actions. 	
III.	Co-Chair Nominee Introductions – 2 minutes each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to Vote in Three Co-Chairs Private ballot 	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-nominations for co-chair: Cari Teran, Rachel Greene, Yvette Lorzano ED reiterates duties of co-chairs: set agenda, facilitate meetings, bring in guest speakers All three self-nominees installed as co-chairs provided a brief introduction about their work, experience, and passion for the work in SA/SV. 	
IV.	Report Back from attendees at the VALOR US National Sexual Assault Conference 2025	Council members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VALOR conference well-attended with 1600 participants; including RCC reps from around the state of CA and country. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference was well-organized and had an emphasis on restorative practices as the future of healing and male engagement. • Survivor voices were centered and deemed necessary to the process of addressing SA/SV. And, Indigenous practices for healing were addressed and uplifted. • Tools were shared on how to empower staff apart from monetary compensation. 	
V.	Items held over from previous meeting(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
VI.	Matters not on the posted agenda/requested to be placed on a future agenda.	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items to discuss for developing (ad hoc) committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bystander prevention from West Hollywood law (as a result of new law, half the number of assaults reported) ○ Establish Committee processes for how to move forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Set up an expectation of reports, can meet more flexible (online, in person) ▪ How will survivors engage in the ad hoc; systems/processes and procedures established; vetting process for legitimate, trusted partners ▪ What is the output, how are we incorporating survivor voice, how are we representing the entire county, what is the vetting process ○ Website: Include all options available for survivors e.g., site of local RCC ○ Resources mapping, options after an assault, timeline for response, reporting, etc, what is the first step (after initial assault) ○ Assessment of current services and how they are meeting the current need (systems overview); EMS system designates the SARTs, determine effectiveness ○ Advocate/systems coordination for more accessible forensic exams ○ Include survivor voices within ad hoc committees and when making decisions. ○ Revisit data from the “Information session”: Prevention, Intervention, Healing, LE, Training, Advocacy, Role of the SAC, Data. ○ Ensure diversity and that one agency is not representative of the entire County. ○ Use case studies that can illustrate survivor experience through the system; hear from and incorporate survivor voices. ○ Outreach forum/event panel discussion. One part: story of survivors. Second part: providers. Educating in public in forum. ○ Assess: Where we are falling short and make adjustments to services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Barbara – have focus groups ▪ Patricia – webinars with survivors ○ Create an ad hoc strategic planning committee to cover and discuss these ideas; Strategic planning informed by data and resource mapping, lots of changes to resources makes it difficult to maintain a website. What makes sense for this group to do with the internal resources we have at the table. Lots of research is available on why people don’t report. ○ Focus on athletics and Greek life. ○ Create an ad hoc outreach and training committee – IPV/DV/SA ○ ED: Potential for October - IPV/DV/SA webinar for Oct. intersect with DV providers ○ Carlos: Anonymous contributions from survivors; the people we DON’T help to succeed 	

- Establish a 5-question survey on LAC SAC website to provide anonymous input; align with the community needs: Why would you not want to report? Is anyone interested on sitting on an ad hoc committee? How culturally sensitive have the services you've encountered been? Has that stopped you from moving forward in getting services?
- Prevention, culturally sensitive programming for schools, churches, etc. Pilot a public awareness campaign, consent, healthy relationships, bystander training
- Education in schools, trend (with Uber drivers), include psychological services
- Webinar on educ/outreach, pass on: "what do we wish we had known when we were younger"; healthy boundaries and assertiveness training, you can say "no"; roleplay; self-defense
- More coordinated response, lack of empathy; creating a system that works for survivors
- What resources can we give to a 5-year-old? Should we focus energy on perpetrators? Strategy to target perpetrators about their thinking, ideas about masculinity, identity and control – restorative justice
 - Perpetrators are folks who have already been caught. Council may want to consider its desire to focus on perpetrators v intervention.
- Helping non-offending parent and child heal from trauma
- Ad hoc committee on RCC and SART centers, child abuse centers
- The victim should never stand alone. How to help a friend/family member when they experience a SA.
- ED/Outreach – prevention and response education (separate), REQUEST: training on the basic public health model for SA, practices shown to work
- Culturally sensitive approaches
- Unified way to capture data
- Asset mapping for data (who collects data, what do they collect, for what purpose, who do they share it with) the extent of the ad hoc
- Identify the budget for survivors and for the survey, small stipend
- Note: When appearing at a LE out of jurisdiction of the SA occurrence, request a "Courtesy report". LE is obligated to do the report and to coordinate with other LE. Request an advocate.
- Agenda Items/Committees for moving forward:
 - Prioritize what should come first and road map how the other items will be addressed
 - Collapse: data/asset mapping
 - Education/Outreach ad hoc
 - Agenda items on what WeHo is doing and others

VII.	General Public Comment	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2-minutes maximum per comment ● Must pertain to LAC SAC business/subject matter jurisdiction ● No discussion 	

- James Maddox – Urges Council to watch the documentary "Survivor Ohio State". JM states its value to the Council to gain insight on shaming and not wanting to discuss/report SA
- JM – Recommends a standardized definition of SA – suggest start working on a paper and go to the BOS with ideas

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susanna – I wonder if we can map across socio-economic model • Susanna – More effective way to discuss levels of prevention: Primary, secondary, tierary prevention • JM – Reminder to Council member to please speak up in the room as it is hard for the public to hear members around the table. 	
VIII.	<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next LAC SAC Meeting October 16th, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Department of Mental Health 510 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles 90020 	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Exec. Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – Oct 16 10-12p DMH • Screening at UCLA at Hammer Museum, Monday Sep 29, will send flyer and panel with filmmaker • Meeting adjourned: 11:53AM 	