



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

Meeting Notes

Friday, August 18, 2023

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting objectives:

- Obtain updates from the Center for Health Equity
- Discuss and take possible action on Task Force Operational Items
- Discuss and take possible action on Task Force priorities and share updates from meetings with Board of Supervisors.

1. Welcome and introductions

- **Meeting Open:** Missy Nitescu (Co-Chair)
- **Task Force Members in Attendance:** Dahlia Alé-Ferlito, Celia Brugman, Grace Cotangco, Dana Guerin, Augusto (Goose) Dolce, Kenny Green, Naomi Iwasaki, Chad Monk, Damon Nagami, Theresa (Missy) Nitescu (Co-Chair), Gilda Noori (Co-Chair), Carmen Perez, Jennifer Ponce, Cori Racela, Tiara Sigaran, Debra M. Ward
- **Task Force Members Absent:** Oliver Brooks, Russia Chavis, Cathy Friedman, Nomsa Khalfani, Venezia Ramirez, Benjamin Torres
- **Department of Public Health (DPH) Staff:** Ava Cato-Werhane, Susan Blackwell, Jocelyn Ramirez, Sonya Vasquez
- **Presenters:** Brian Hui, DPH; Heather Jue Northover, Anti-Racism Diversity and Inclusion Initiative (ARDII) (virtual)
- **Members of the Public:** Margaret B. Martinez (Task Force member), Hector M. Ramirez (Task Force member), Leanne Bachman (member of the public)

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

- **General comment provided by member of the public on non-agendized item.**

3. Approve remote attendance by member(s) pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449 attendance notification for “Emergency Circumstances”, as presented

- **N/A**

4. Proposal to approve notes from February 2023 Task Force meeting

- **Decision: The Task Force approved the notes from the February 2023 Task Force meeting**

5. Discussion and possible action on updates from the Department of Public Health

- a) Provide customer satisfaction survey and have Task Force members complete the survey
Ava Cato-Werhane, MPH, Director of Planning, Office of Planning, Integration, and Engagement
 - **Next Steps: DPH to provide an update on the Community Public Health Teams to the Task Force at a future meeting.**
- b) Center for Health Equity (CHE) updates on Action Plan Extension and Equitable Contracting efforts
Sonya Vasquez, MSW, Director, Center for Health Equity
Brian Hui, PhD, Staff Analyst, Center for Health Equity
 - **Next Steps: CHE to share status of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and stakeholder engagement plan at the next meeting.**

6. Discussion and possible action on Task Force operational items

- a) Land Acknowledgement
Task Force members discussed and voted on opening their meetings with the County’s Land Acknowledgement.

- **Decision: A motion was approved to acknowledge the County's Land Acknowledgement verbally and in writing at Task Force meetings and create a committee to provide recommendations to the Task Force on actionable items to reflect the Task Force's commitment as stated in the Land Acknowledgement.**
 - **Next Steps: A Task Force committee (comprised of Grace Cotangco, Dana Guerin, Missy Nitescu, Carmen Perez, Cori Racela, and Hector Ramirez) will review the Land Acknowledgment and provide recommendations on how to institutionalize it along with other Task Force processes and documents.**
- b) Proposed amendments to Task Force Charter
- Task Force members discussed and voted on proposed changes to their charter to improve the effectiveness and functioning of the Task Force and adding clarifying language regarding processes and procedures.
- **Decision: A motion was approved to accept the proposed changes in the Task Force charter effective immediately.**
7. Discussion and possible action on Task Force priorities
- Debrief meetings with the Board of Supervisors and identify next steps
 - Updates on Task Force priority areas, including Equitable Land Use Ad Hoc Committee, COVID-19 Community Action Committee, County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI), and Violence Prevention
 - Brainstorm topics for upcoming TF meetings
 - **Next Steps: Task Force Board Office leads will schedule follow-up meetings with their respective health deputies, as needed.**
 - **Next Steps: The Task Force co-chairs will invite ARDI to provide a presentation on their work on racial health equity at a future meeting.**
8. Meeting wrap-up, group photo, and feedback on today's meeting

Next Task Force meeting:

Friday, November 3, 2023, 9:30 AM-12:00PM

Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Public Health

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