



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, November 4, 2022
TIME: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting objectives:

- Learn about the new Department of Public Health Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health and initial plans for a Strategic Planning process
- Learn about recent and upcoming work from the Center for Health Equity
- Elect a new Task Force co-chair
- Discuss and take possible action on Task Force priorities

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - **Damon Nagami Co-Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed participants**
 - **Task Force members in attendance:** Celia Brugman, Russia Chavis, Augusto Dolce, Kenny Green, Anisha Hingorani, Naomi Iwasaki, Nomsa Khalfani, Margaret B. Martinez, Chad Monk, Damon Nagami, Theresa Nitescu, Gilda Noori, Jennifer Ponce, Cori Racela, Hector M. Ramirez, Venezia Ramirez, Tiara Sigaran, Debra M. Ward
 - **Task Force members absent:** Dahlia Alé-Ferlito, Oliver Brooks, Grace Cotangco, Cathy Friedman, Jovita Murillo, Benjamin Torres
 - **Department of Public Health (DPH) staff present:** Susan Blackwell, Brian Hui, Jocelyn Ramirez, Sonya Vasquez
 - **Presenters:** Christine De Rosa, Christine Montes
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 August 2022 & September 2022 Special Task Force meeting notes
 - **Decision: The Task Force approved the notes from the August & September 2022 Task Force meetings**
4. Presentation on the Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health and discussion on initial plans for a strategic planning process

Christine De Rosa, PhD, Program Manager, Oil and Gas
Christine Montes, MPH, Senior Policy Analyst
Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, Toxicology & Environmental Assessment Branch

 - **Next Steps:**
 - **The Built Environment & Public Health Ad Hoc will review the information learned from this presentation and may propose a recommendation on an action for the Task Force to consider at the next meeting.**
5. Updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

- a. Announcements from the Office of Planning, Integration and Engagement
Susan Blackwell, MA, Health Program Analyst III, Office of Planning, Integration, and Engagement – Planning Unit
 - b. Presentation on Center for Health Equity (CHE) priorities, including the Action Plan Update and Extension, Social Determinants of Health Board Motion and the COVID-19 Community Advisory Council
Sonya Vasquez, MSW, Director, Center for Health Equity
Brian Hui, PhD, Health Program Analyst II, Center for Health Equity
 - **Next Steps:**
 - **Missy Nitescu and Margaret Martinez will review the information shared on what DPH is doing to educate the public on the fentanyl crisis and propose a recommendation for the Task Force to consider at the next meeting, if any.**
6. Share nominations, vote, and confirm new Task Force co-chair
- **Decision made: Vote to confirm Gilda Noori as the next Task Force co-chair through November 2024.**
7. Discuss updates, share next steps, and take possible action on Task Force priorities
- a. Built Environment & Public Health Ad Hoc Committee
 - b. CHIP / Equity Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee
 - c. Liaison priority areas: County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative and COVID-19 Community Action Council
 - d. Follow-up from the Special Task Force meeting on the following priority areas and action plans: Equitable Contracting & Principles of Equity, Violence Prevention and Alternatives to Incarceration, Social Determinants of Health with a focus on Aging, and Built Environment.
- **Decision made:**
 - **Select Missy Nitescu as the Equitable County Contracting liaison.**
 - **Appoint Celia Brugman, Tiara Sigaran and Debra Ward to the CHIP/CHE Action Plan Update ad hoc committee.**
 - **Next Steps:**
 - **Task Force co-chairs and leads will draft the 2022 annual report for full Task Force review by January 2023.**
 - **Task Force members will continue to refine Action Plans for the Task Force to consider at the next Task Force meeting on the priorities of Equitable Contracting & Principles of Equity, Violence Prevention and Alternatives to Incarceration, Social Determinants of Health, and Built Environment.**
8. Meeting wrap-up and provide feedback on today's meeting
- a. Next Task Force meeting: Friday February 10, 2023, 9:30 AM-12:00PM (visit www.TaskForce.ph.lacounty.gov for more information)