



*Task Force Mission: Report to the Board of Supervisors 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, February 2, 2024  
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

#### Meeting Objectives:

- Obtain updates from the Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Learn about Legionnaires' Disease and take possible action
- Elect new Task Force co-chair
- Discuss and take possible action on Task Force priorities and plan for meetings with Board of Supervisors

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting Open:** Theresa (Missy) Nitescu (Task Force Co-Chair)
- Task Force Members in Attendance:** Dahlia Alé-Ferlito, Celia Brugman, Grace Cotangco, Augusto (Goose) Dolce, Kenny Green, Dana Guerin, Naomi Iwasaki, Gina Johnson, Margaret Martinez, Chad Monk, Damon Nagami, Theresa "Missy" Nitescu (Co-Chair), Gilda Noori (Co-Chair), Carmen Perez, Cori Racela, Hector Ramirez, Venezia Ramirez, Tiara Sigaran, Debra M. Ward
- Task Force Members Absent:** Oliver Brooks, Cathy Friedman, Benjamin Torres
- Members of the Public:** Julia Mockeridge (SD 4), Jennifer Ponce (Task Force Member)
- DPH Staff:** Isabella Kwok, Jocelyn Ramirez, Sonya Vasquez, Barbara Ferrer, Christopher Boyd (Virtual)

#### 2. Land Acknowledgement

*Venezia Ramirez, Task Force Member*

- Next Steps:** Hector Ramirez will read the land acknowledgement at the following meeting

#### 3. Public Comment

- N/A**

#### 4. Action to approve remote attendance by member(s) pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449 attendance notification for "Emergency Circumstances"

- Decision:** The Task Force Members approve remote attendance for the following Task Force members:
  - Hector Ramirez (Just Cause – A)**
  - Cori Racela (Emergency Circumstance)**

#### 5. Action for approval of notes from November 2023 Task Force meeting

- Decision:** The Task Force approved the notes from the November 2023 Task Force Meeting.

#### 6. Elect new Co-Chair

- Decision:** The Task Force elected Chad Monk as new Co-Chair.

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

- Center for Health Equity Updates  
*Sonya Vasquez, Director, Center for Health Equity*
  - Next Step:** The Center for Health Equity will be meeting with the Community Health Equity Improvement Plan (CHEIP) Ad Hoc Committee to inform the development of the CHEIP.
- Department of Public Health  
*Barbara Ferrer, Director, Department of Public Health*
  - Next Step:** DPH will provide additional information regarding Medical Debt.

8. Presentation and possible action on Legionnaires' Disease  
*Chris Boyd, Program Analyst, Acute Communicable Disease Control Program-ELC Core Projects, DPH*
  - a. **Decision: The Task Force approved a letter of support for Module 2 in recommendations report to prevent Legionnaires' Disease in LA County.**
9. Discussion and possible action on Task Force priorities, including:
  - a. Task Force Priority Area – Committees and Liaisons
    - Equitable Land Use Ad Hoc Committee
    - COVID-19 Community Action Committee Liaison
    - County's Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative Liaison
    - Violence Prevention Liaison
    - Equitable County Contracting Ad Hoc Committee
    - i. **Decision: The Task Force approved the Equitable County Contracting Ad Hoc Committee Action Plan.**
  - b. Meetings with the Board of Supervisors
    - i. **Next Steps: The Task Force will continue to meet with the Board of Supervisors and follow-up as needed.**
10. Meeting Wrap-Up and Feedback on Today's Meeting

**Next Task Force Meeting:**

Friday, April 12, 2024

9:30AM – 12:00PM

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