



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PREVENTION AND PROMOTION
SYSTEMS GOVERNING COMMITTEE

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00 AM

VIDEO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (24-1134)

Attachments: [VIDEO LINK](#)

1. Call to Order, and Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. (24-0907)

Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum of members was confirmed. Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras joined the meeting virtually and exercised AB 2449 just cause. Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols then read the LA County Land Acknowledgment. Followed by Public Comment for items 2, 3 and 4. Lou Walker, Paul Pinion and an anonymous caller provided virtual public comment.

There was no in-person or written public comment.

Present: Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols
Member Fesia Davenport, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member
Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, and Member Cheri
Todoroff
Absent: Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of the minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting. (24-0908)

On motion of member Dr. Barbara Ferrer Seconded by member Karla Pleitéz Howell this item was approved by unanimous consent.

Ayes: 7 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Brandon Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport, Member Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 2 - Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Attachments: [011724_PPSGC DRAFT MINUTES.pdf](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discussion of the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) Priorities in the Child Welfare and Family Well-Being and Behavioral Health domains. (24-0910)

Vice Chairperson Nichols introduced item 3. Dr. Tamara N. Hunter, Interim Executive Director of the PPSGC gave an overview of the workgroup efforts and their focus area recommendations. A discussion ensued, in which the PPSGC expressed the importance of meeting the needs of families with young children (0-5), as they are the most vulnerable population. They noted that both a social justice, and an economic well-being approach are needed and that throwing services at families, assuming they will fix fundamental issues does not uplift the population. One concern expressed was that working across three domains (Homelessness, Mental Health, and Child Welfare) with three separate goals may spread the PPSGC too thin and slow down work, however, there is ease and efficiency addressing issues in all domains by focusing efforts on families with young children (0-5). Following discussion, the Committee identified the following items for further exploration:

1. Combine Child Welfare + Family Well-Being Goals with Behavioral Health Goals into a single goal focusing on families with young children (0-5).
2. Consider meeting the behavioral health needs of TAY.
3. Revise the language of the combined single goal to include a “racial justice lens” in addition to an economic empowerment approach.

Regarding the recommendation to explore integrating the PPSGC’s work with the LA County System of Care Program (SOC), Vice Chair Nichols overviewed the state law requiring each County form SOC. The LA County SOC is comprised, of but not limited to the Department of Public Health (DPH), Department of Mental Health (DPH), and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Each SOC includes a Leadership and Implementation Team to meet to identify and implement policies and targets to improve the lives of children and families. He shared that there is also a Statewide team where counties report ongoing activities. He and other SOC members agreed on exploring alignment, with the suggestion that the PPSGC consider combining these meetings with the PPSGC’s and align direction strategies under common big picture goals.

There was also a recommendation to explore expanding the PPSGC membership.

The PPSGC asked Dr. Hunter and staff to report back on next steps regarding the discussion and to present the Homelessness Work Group recommendations at the April 17, 2024 PPSGC meeting.

Attachments: [MARCH 20, 2024 PRESENTATION SLIDES](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

4. Discussion regarding the February 6, 2024, Board Motion: Report Back on Homeless Prevention Programs and Resources for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and Older Adults. (24-0909)

Member Cheri Todoroff gave an overview of the Board Motion. She reported an overall increase in the homeless count, including a 40% increase in Transitional Age Youth (TAY), and an 11% increase in Older Adults. The Motion specifically calls for the Homeless Initiative (HI) to collaborate with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Aging and Disabilities Health Services (AD), Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), the Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and other relevant County departments on a 120-day report back analyzing current homeless prevention strategies and programs serving TAY and Older Adults in LA County due to increasing trends. She shared that there are additional vulnerable disproportionate subpopulations such as black people experiencing homelessness and asserted that targeting prevention across sectors is a collective struggle.

The second directive of the Board Motion is to work with the PPSGC and present to the Board on the homelessness and housing domain, tentatively on June 4, 2024, and include a timeline and action plan for short- and long-term solutions for prevention-based programs and resources.

Attachments: [FEBRUARY 6, 2024 BOARD MOTION](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (24-0911)

Virtual Public Comment was provided by Paul, and Lou Walker.

In person Public Comment was provided by PPSGC Interim Community Advisory Board Member Fran Sereseres.

There was no written public comment.

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Adjournment

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (24-0912)

Vice Chairperson Brandon T. Nichols announced that the next PPSGC meeting is on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. If anyone wants to be added to the PPSGC distribution list, to receive future meeting agendas and materials email: contact@ppsgc.lacounty.gov. He then adjourned the meeting of March 20, 2024 at 11:59 a.m.