



**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, April 17, 2024

10:00 AM

VIDEO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (24-1586)

Attachments: [**VIDEO LINK**](#)

1. Call to Order, and Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. (24-1350)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum of members was confirmed. Member Lisa H. Wong, arrived at 10:09 a.m., and Member Fesia Davenport arrived at 10:11 a.m. Chair Dr. Contreras then read the LA County Land Acknowledgement. Followed by Public Comment for items 2, 3, and 4.

There was no in person, virtual or written public comment.

Present: Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Brandon Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Member Cheri Todoroff and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: Member Barbara Ferrer and Member Peter Loo

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of the minutes from the March 20, 2024 meeting. (24-1351)

On motion of Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, seconded by Member Cheri Todoroff, this item was approved by unanimous consent.

Ayes: 5 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Brandon Nichols, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 4 - Member Fesia Davenport, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Attachments: [March 20, 2024 DRAFT MINUTES](#)
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II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discussion of the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) Priorities in the Homelessness and Housing Domain. (24-1352)

Dr. Tamara N. Hunter, Interim Executive Director of the PPSGC, expressed gratitude to the Homelessness and Housing Work Group Members. She briefly overviewed stakeholder engagement efforts and identified needs and recommendations for the PPSGC consideration:

(1) Promote housing stability among the proposed priority populations within the 1. Child Welfare and Family Well-being, and 2. Behavioral Health Domains.

(2) Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative (CEO HI) to lead prevention and promotion work group and leverage PPSGC for complex systems level issues and opportunities.

Dr. Hunter noted the overall PPSGC focus on families with young children and Transitional Age Youth (TAY) aligns with that of the Housing and Homelessness Prevention Domain. Key impacts include strengthening preventative and promote mainstream services and supports, developing a “no wrong door” access system, and deepening investments in targeted prevention strategies. Member Cheri Todoroff overviewed outcomes from the PPSGC and Homeless Initiative (HI) meeting of April 3, 2024. She identified economic development and mobility/poverty alleviation as the common goals.

A discussion ensued in which Member Todoroff explained that centralizing access points, using effective mainstream systems, and having the PPSGC as a safety net will connect clients with useful resources and support. She emphasized the importance of scaling up prevention resources and setting clear measurable goals. She shared that PPSGC can increase access to federal housing for TAY and increase capital development for families and households by using HI-administered resources and collaborating with the LA County Development Authority (LACDA).

HI led work group and stakeholders will advance key items, referring system level issues to the PPSGC for support. Affordable rent and housing development is also important as only 10% of County households who are eligible for a federal voucher receive one. Members voiced the need to look at other variables impacting housing stability and suggested mapping available housing services to ensure scalability.

Chair Dr. Contreras and Member Todoroff clarified that centralization and mainstream systems with PPSGC as the safety net is temporary and that focus on standing bodies and identifying target groups for sustainability as work moves forward.

Attachments: [ITEM 3. SLIDES](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

4. Discussion of the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) Priorities in the Child Welfare and Family Well-Being and Behavioral Health Domains. (24-1353)

Dr. Tamara N. Hunter overviewed priorities, approaches, big picture goals, and systems level strategies in the Child Welfare and Family Well-Being and Behavioral Health Domains. She noted the focus for families with young children and TAY and that outcomes will be selected within big picture goals for each domain. A discussion ensued and Member Pleitéz Howell posed 3 suggestions for the PPSGC to consider: (1) For the systems level strategies to be more explicit on cultural discussions. (2) That they include regulatory requirements as part of leaning into policy advocacy to remove access barriers. (3) That they be explicit on the age group focus in the Behavioral Health Domain.

Member Dr. Scorza noted that the Prevention and Promotion Coordination and Implementation Team (PPCIT) can elevate strategies around regulatory barriers and identify effective strategies within TAY, client access, and so on. Members noted the need to do definitional work and align around efforts already happening as outcomes are identified. Members moved to include “equity” and a justice lens approach.

Dr. Hunter overviewed “Ensuring Alignment on the Road Ahead,” the Board directives. Her hope is that this work will be the blueprint for standard operations. Member Todoroff noted an opportunity for the PPSGC to challenge itself to have cross departmental conversations on refining/changing resource investments to continually serve. Members echoed that systems level strategies should be narrowed with all directives, and to workshop blueprint phase engagement strategies individually and return to the group with considerations. Member Dr. Scorza asked to look into Child Well-Being and Behavioral Health at the next meeting.

Attachments: [ITEM 4 SLIDES](#)
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III. PRESENTATION

5. Data Presentation on Families with Young Children in Los Angeles County.
(24-1354)

Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza overviewed the life course framework and noted it will help conceptualize long term outcomes and areas of focus. Ecological Institutional Factors (EIFs) are micro and macro environments formed by institutions that shape lives and can institute active harm to certain communities. It's important to consider how EIFs and human development shape Life Course Outcomes (LCOs), particularly early influences like school and educational engagement. Cultural and social factors such as racial discrimination and implicit bias need to be considered when thinking of the relationship between populations served and the living conditions they face. LCOs selected should be measurable and rooted in efforts known to improve lives. Members voiced concerns that players outside County jurisdiction may do work that undermines PPSGC selected outcomes. They agreed on the importance of strategic outcome selection and partnership engagement within the County.

Member Pleitéz Howell overviewed data points on Families with Young Children 0 – 5 from the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. She noted minimal data was collected internally and highlighted that 30% of families accessing WIC experienced the lowest levels of food insecurity. Dr. Hunter overviewed data from Ascend/Aspen Institute on Young Parents 18 – 24, which highlighted that ~ 49,000 young parents caring for 67,000 children, 1/3 live in three generation households, and over 1/2 of young black parents live in three generation households. She then overviewed data from a DPH California study on Maternal Mental Health by age and race/ethnicity, showing 30% of mothers ages 15 – 19 and 13.6% of mothers 20 – 34 experience prenatal depression, and black mothers experience the most prenatal and postpartum depression.

Member Dr. Scorza overviewed data from a Cederbaum study on Fatherhood and noted the limited data available. Fathers struggle with racism and implicit bias in family and dependency courts, homelessness and housing issues, inequity in access to services supports and opportunities, and child support related issues. Fathers would benefit from targeted outreach and engagement, advocacy and medication, access to health centered services/mental health supports, and service coordination.

Discussion ensued regarding data on Maternal and Fatherhood struggle and mental health. Members echoed being intentional about finding fathers who are disconnected and were tasked to align data with PPSGC categories and create candidate outcomes to bring back to the group for consideration. The members were asked to determine local black mother and infant mortality levels to create a prevention landscape.

Dr. Hunter raised the need to take advantage of leaders at this table and create outcomes that significantly bolster or fill gaps. She asked benefits from an enhanced targeted focus versus filling a gap. Chair Dr. Contreras and Vice Chair Nichols agreed that families with young children are a focus and to include families struggling with housing from all angles.

Member Todoroff expressed interest in working within PPSGC toward identifying subpopulations to which the County already has connection. The PPSGC needs to align cross department resources, set measurable goals, be more efficient in creating system capacity, and continue advocacy work and partnership outside County systems.

Attachments: [Item 5 SLIDES](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (24-1355)

There was no in person, virtual or written public comment.

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Adjournment

7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (24-1356)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras announced that the next meeting is scheduled to be held on May 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. If anyone wants to be added to the PPSGC distribution list, email contact@ppsgc.lacounty.gov. She then adjourned the meeting of April 17, 2024, at 11:57 a.m.