



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, August 21, 2024

10:00 AM

VIDEO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (24-3666)

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

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Call to Order, and Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. (24-3458)
Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. followed by the reading of the LA County Land Acknowledgement. A quorum of in-person members were present.

There were no in person, written or virtual public comment on items 2, 3, and 4.

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

Absent: Member Fesia Davenport

2. Approval of the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting. (24-3459)

On motion of Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, seconded by Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Ayes: 8 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Member Cheri Todoroff, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 1 - Member Fesia Davenport

Attachments: [071724_PPSGC DRAFT MINUTES](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. County of Los Angeles Efforts to Facilitate Economic Opportunity and Poverty Alleviation and Discussion on the Intersection with the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committees (PPSGC's) Work. (24-3460)

- Kristina Meza, Executive Director, Poverty Alleviation Initiative (PAI), Policy Implementation and Alignment Branch, County of Los Angeles
- Carrie D. Miller, Ph.D. Senior Manager, Policy Implementation and Alignment Branch, County of Los Angeles
- Kelly LoBianco, Director, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), County of Los Angeles
- Rafael Carbajal, Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, County of Los Angeles

Chair, Dr. Jackie Contreras reminded Members that based on feedback from stakeholders and the priorities of the PPSGC, it was determined that its work would be characterized by a racial justice and equity lens, by centering resident voice and choice, and facilitating economic stability, mobility, and empowerment.

Kristina Meza presented on the Poverty Alleviation Initiative (PAI), its framework and current efforts, including three Guaranteed Income Programs.

Kelly LoBianco presented that Cash Assistance programs are being launched and aligned with sector - based training. And that 20 million is being invested in High Road Training Partnership sector-based training in aerospace, healthcare, and greenspaces. Targeted outreach provided would be \$1,500 in cash assistance, and that the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) oversees the youth public workforce system. A barrier is that workforce programs stop at output and need an extended lens.

Carrie D. Miller discussed employment as an intervention: Research shows people with severe mental health issues benefit from working, thus alleviating reliance on the mental health system. The Tax Credit project created 6.5 million dollars.

Rafael Carbajal shared that the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) is involved from a consumer perspective on the rising insurance rates and risk support and works with the State. And that work is done with County Counsel on price gauging.

Chair Dr. Contreras posed the following discussion questions:

1. What does it mean to center economic stability, mobility, and empowerment in our work?
2. From a prevention standpoint, how do we leverage and build on efforts currently underway?
3. What other opportunities are before us, and what opportunities can we create?

Member Dr. Ferrer expressed that elected officials gravitate toward guaranteed income programs in lieu of expanding entitlement programs and that the County needs better investment in essential programs and services. Job training and education is a better pathway for a livable wage.

Kelly LoBianco indicated that the County needs to find a way to create model employers so that they can offer livable wages to their teams, and on the entrepreneurship front, so much of LA County is gig and contract work based, so how does the County make sure there are opportunities for mobility and non-traditional pathways.

Carrie Miller discussed the idea of a one-time emergency fund and that sometimes a guaranteed income isn't needed but rather a lump sum amount to help a person in need.

Member Dr. Ferrer added that philanthropy create emergency funds for income dependent people, and it's issued as a grant and suggested looking at other parts of the country where major donors have set up funds.

Member Dr. Wong stated how difficult it is to access mental health benefits for those entitled to it. And that there is a dilemma with those that do seek employment again and lose their disability benefits, and find there is no support, especially among youth.

Mr. Carbajal shared that the DCBA is working on a type of emergency fund that can get people through one-time financial difficulties and they are working on zero interest emergency loans.

There were no in person, written, or virtual public comments.

Attachments: [PAI Strategic Framework Presentation](#) [Prevention](#)
[Economic Empowerment in Prevention](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

4. Discussion on Effective Cross-Departmental Planning Strategies. (24-3461)

Dr. Tamara N. Hunter, Interim Executive Director, Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) reported on the current state analysis that is currently underway in each domain. She asked departments to conduct their own internal assessments of their current state within the department relative to the areas of focus discussed.

Chair Dr. Contreras suggested weaving the PPSGCs thoughts into a broader conversation with the System of Care (SOC) meeting in September.

Member Dr. Ferrer expressed change strategies must be specific to the population and outcomes selected, they must be individualized and target contributing factors.

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

Attachments: [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the PPSGC on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the PPSGC. (24-3462)

There were no in person, written or virtual public comments.

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Adjournment

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (24-3463)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras announced that the September 18, 2024 PPSGC meeting, at 10:00 a.m. is a joint meeting with the County's Systems of Care (SOC). And that if anyone would like to be added to the PPSGC distribution list to email: contact@ppsgc.lacounty.gov. She then adjourned the meeting of August 21, 2024 at 12:01 p.m.