



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

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

10:00 AM

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-3997)

Attachments: [VIDEO LINK](#)

1. Call to Order, Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement, and Welcome of new members: Aging and Disabilities (AD), and the Department of Youth Development (DYD). (25-3890)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. followed by the reading of the LA County Land Acknowledgement. She then welcomed the two new PPSGC Members, Dr. Laura Trejo, DSW, Aging and Disabilities and David Carroll, Department of Youth Development.

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

I. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

2. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Report Back pertaining to the January 7, 2025 Board Motion "Enhancing the Continuum of Care for Former Foster Youth and Those Exiting Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Care". (25-3891)

- Dr. Jackie Contreras, PPSGC Chair and Director of the Department of Public Social Services, County of Los Angeles
- Dr. Tamara N. Hunter, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Commission on Children and Families (CCF), and the Los Angeles County Mandated Supporting Initiative (MSI)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras informed the committee that a vote on the report is due in August. She then overviewed the January 7, 2025, board directives outlined in the motion which include:

1. Collaborate with County departments and partners on the development

strategies to support Transition Age Youth (TAY)

2. Regularly report out on efforts at PPSGC meetings and submit bi annual report backs
3. Collaborate with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation to recommend improvements to transition planning from the child welfare and juvenile justice systems
4. Recommend strategies to build out the County's Supportive Infrastructure for former foster youth between the ages of 21-26
5. Explore the prioritization of systems impacted youth in the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) Coordinated Entry System (CES), through age 26

Dr. Tamara N. Hunter presented findings from the discovery phase, which included research, a listening session in collaboration with DCFS, the Youth Advisory Council, and a review of existing services and motions. She emphasized the need to prevent homelessness among former foster youth through early intervention, housing access, and having supportive connections once TAY exit the system. She overviewed the findings and summary of recommendations of the Enhanced Transition Planning and Strengthened Readiness Preparation findings and recommendations. As well as findings and summary of recommendations on Establishing Permanent Infrastructure and Aftercare Support. And lastly went over the "Enhanced Transition Planning Demonstration Project".

A discussion ensued in which the PPSGC emphasized the need for stronger transition support, particularly from DCFS and Probation, and highlighted gaps in services for young people exiting the system. And support for enhancing parenting support services, strengthening partnerships with existing County programs, and ensuring smoother transitions via cross sector teams co led by community based organizations (CBOs).

Concerns were raised over efforts being made on the prevention side of homelessness and the need for clarity before youth transition out of DCFS and Probation. And an emphasis for resources for DCFS to prevent youth homelessness and that 18 is too young to be considered an adult without support. Further discussion ensued on which agency should lead support efforts for TAY and why youth are aging out of the system rather than reuniting with their family, which impacts a successful transition into adulthood. There was emphasis on the idea that having a network of caring relationships is key for TAY, noting that mental illness occurs in the late teens to early twenties stage for youth when many youth are not mandated to be under DCFS care. There was a concern of youth who are not in foster care but come from dysfunctional homes and if these youth are excluded from services.

It was recommended that the report focus on making recommendations on parenting and young families whether someone young has children, planned or unplanned. And that recommendations should be to strengthen collaboration between the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), DCFS, the Department of Public Health (DPH), as well as some California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) programs. There was a request for clarity on why the Housing Department is responsible for wraparound services and if a Certified Social Worker is qualified to assist with managed care. Noting that funding and building a relationship early on between the Community Based Organizations (CBO) and a young person is key to have the best outcome.

After discussion it was concluded that the PPSGC members submit their report changes and or recommendations to staff and to continue this discussion at the August 20, 2025 meeting.

Virtual public comment was provided by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad and Fran Sereses. In person public comment was provided by Judge Michael Nash (ret) OCP. And written public comment was provided by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad.

Attachments: [Item 2 July 16 PPSGC Presentation Continuum of Care Motion](#)
[Enhancing the Continuum of Care for Former Foster Youth and Those](#)
[Item 2 Enhancing the COC Motion. Report Back Draft. 7-9](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

3. Discussion and take appropriate action on Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) and Coordinating Bodies Collaboration, Homelessness and Housing Domain Outcomes. (25-3899)
 - Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, PPSGC Member and Executive Director, of Racial Equity, County of Los Angeles
 - Carlos Pineda, Prevention and Promotion Coordination Implementation Team (PPCIT) Manager, Los Angeles County Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative
 - Noha Kikhia, Redstone Strategy Group
 - Kate Anderson, Director, Center for Strategic Partnerships
 - Jacqueline Chun, Associate Director, Center for Strategic Partnerships
 - Lisa Watson, Homelessness and Housing Consultant, Center for Strategic Partnerships

Chair Dr. Contreras informed that this item was continued from the June 18, 2025, meeting.

Member Dr. Scorza stated that this effort was a series of conversations and recognized that the role of the PPSGC is also to think about where funding comes from to advance strategies and achieve outcomes.

Mr. Pineda overviewed LA County's robust eco system of prevention programs among which the PPSGC can facilitate better coordination. He noted that efforts are underway focused on how to allocate relevant funding. And reported on the Prevention and Promotion (P&P) Systems Infrastructure made up of various entities committed to collaboration for positive outcomes, such as the coordinating bodies and PPCIT workgroups. He also touched on the roles and responsibilities each entity plays to meet the goals such as the PPCIT supporting the PPSGC to develop and identify funding shifts across domains. Also, that they are working to advance outcomes across the three PPSGC domain areas: Child Welfare and Family Well Being; Behavioral Health; and Homelessness and Housing. He went through the Board Directed Plans and stated that on July 25, 2023, a P&P motion directed the PPSGC to develop plans to address each domain area.

Ms. Kikhia overviewed approaches that can be used to maximize resources for prevention and promotion in the program and services plans, including closing strategic gaps, reinforcing what works, and using journey mapping where needed.

Mr. Pineda stated the three domain areas are supported by several departments to assist in identifying and prioritizing support and identified how the P&P infrastructure works together to produce plans, such as identifying potential strategies and deploying resources to validate and advance opportunities. Member Dr. Scorza noted what is being discussed is the ability to work with the coordinating bodies to identify strategies that the PPSGC body wants to approve or support.

Ms. Kate Anderson, Director, Center for Strategic Partnerships stated they worked 9 10 months to pull together a cross departmental work group to address the question of how to better assist TAY. Ms. Watson discussed One Roof's Mission and Vision and stated the goal is to end homelessness by 2030. And that by 2030 LA County will reach zero TAY ages 18-26 experiencing homelessness.

After a brief overview the committee members agreed to have the Redstone Group return at a later time to further discuss the goals.

Virtual public comment was provided by Dr. Esrouruleh Mohammad, Tina Rios, and Fran Sereses. Written public comment was submitted by Dr. Esrouruleh Mohammad. There was no in person public comment.

Attachments: [Item 3 PRESENTATION](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

4. Discuss and take appropriate action to request approval from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to authorize the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) to make the appointments to the PPSGC which would include memberships from other County departments, offices, and or a someone with lived experience. (25-3902)

Chair Dr. Contreras gave an update on the PPSGC's request to increase its membership. She stated that the Committee's original plan to submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) requesting authority to make appointments has been replaced with working with the BOS on a motion that would give the committee the authority to increase its membership from nine to twelve members. The Committee tabled discussion on this item until the August 20, 2025, meeting.

Virtual public comment was provided by Dr. Esrорuleh Mohammad, Tina Rios, and Fran Sereses. Written public comment was submitted by Dr. Esrорuleh Mohammad. There was no in person public comment.

Attachments: [PPSGC ByLaws Adopted 052125](#)
[062523 BOS Motion Building LACs Prevention Infrastructure](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

5. Approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2025 meeting. (25-3905)

On motion of Member Cheri Todoroff, seconded by Member Brandon T. Nichols, this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

Written public comment was submitted by Dr. Esrорuleh Mohammad. There was no in person or virtual public comment.

Ayes: 7 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, VMember Brandon T. Nichols, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Member Cheri Todoroff, Member Dr. Laura Trejo, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Abstentions: 2 - Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, and Member David J. Carroll

Attachments: [06/18/25 PPSGC DRAFT Minutes](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the PPSGC on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the PPSGC. (25-3906)

Public Comment for items 3, 4, and 6 were taken together. Virtual public comment was provided by Dr. Esrourleh Mohammad, Fran Sereses, and Tina Rios. Written public comment was provided by Dr. Esrourleh Mohammad. There was no in person public comment.

Attachments: [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

Adjournment

7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (25-3907)

Chair Dr. Contreras announced that the next PPSGC meeting is on August 20, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM. And that members of the public who wish to be added to the PPSGC distribution list can email contact@ppsgc.lacounty.gov. She then adjourned the meeting of Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 12:02 PM.