



**SUMMARY 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, August 20, 2025  
10:00 AM

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-4700)

ATTACHMENTS: [VIDEO LINK](#)

1. Call to Order, and Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. (25-4589)

**Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. followed by the reading of the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. She then informed the body that Member Dr. Laura Trejo retired and that they are in the process of seeking a new member to join the PPSGC. Roll call was performed by Commission Services staff, and a quorum was not met. The Committee however proceeded with a discussion and took public comment.**

Present: Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Brandon T. Nichols, and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Absent: Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member David J. Carroll, Member Cheri Todoroff, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

2. Approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2025 meeting. (25-4590)

**Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras asked the body if there are noted changes to the minutes they would like to share. There being no noted changes, she informed the body a vote on the July 16, 2025 minutes would not occur due to lack of quorum and will be carried on to the next meeting on September 17, 2025.**

**Virtual public comment was provided by Dr. Esrорuleh Mohammad. There was no in person or written public comment.**

Attachments: [071625\\_PPSGC DRAFT Minutes](#)  
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

## **II. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL**

3. Continued discussion 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". (25-4591)

- Dr. Jackie Contreras, PPSGC Chair and Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), 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. Contreras gave an overview on the report's recommendations and enhanced transition planning demonstration project and highlighted key items related to prevent homelessness including that Transition Age Youth (TAY) need early planning and alignment of services and interventions, housing access and connections to supportive relationships prior to exiting DCFS and Probation, and lastly, following emancipation, many young adults do not want to be associated with county departments and services. Additionally, that many TAY lack a network of caring, supportive relationships and that there is an opportunity to establish a TAY centered, permanent infrastructure and aftercare support program. She stated there is opportunity to coordinate between key County Departments, the State Managed Care Plans, and CEOs that TAY are connected with prior to exiting care.**

**Dr. Hunter overviewed the revisions of the report and highlighted the following:**

- Recommendation 3A, page 6, includes an update on the status of the transitional housing placement program contract, and outlines DCFS next steps to improve the contract and program
- Recommendation 3, page 10, calls for the expansion of existing County departmental infrastructure to serve as the home for the County's Aftercare Support for former foster youth
- Recommendation 3C, page 11, establishment of problem-solving navigation teams within high-touch departments. Language was added to encourage departments to ensure the right fit of staff who can serve as problem-solvers or navigators

**She stated that the report was revised to note the need of consent and data sharing protocols to facilitate the cross-departmental work that is recommended in the report and that she added language that specifically calls for the departmental infrastructure and its establishment to be performed by internal and external Subject Matter Experts, including youth with foster care and juvenile justice system lived experiences. And stated revisions were made to the proposed lead agency for this recommendation**

in that the Department of Homeless Services and Housing was removed as the lead agency and replaced with the recommendation for the Department of Youth Development or Office of Child Protection. She also noted that the report states a feasibility assessment is to be conducted and should identify the resources necessary to carry out the new role for either organization. Dr. Hunter additionally stated that meeting the needs of pregnant and parenting young people is reflected in the overview of recommendations 3, 3A, and 3B.

Member Howell made the following recommendations to the report:

- Page 5, Strengthening Transition Planning, add language that recognizes parents who are already pregnant
- Page 6, add language for pregnant, parenting youth to have access to support including, health care, early care, education, coaching, and resources
- Page 8, feeding, between D and E, add language that states strengthening collaboration between the Department of Social Services (DPSS), the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Childcare Bridge Program to leverage CalWORKs opportunities.

Virtual public comment was provided by Tina Rios and Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad. In person public comment was provided by Amy Perkins, Supervisor Horvath's office. There was no written public comment.

**Attachments:** [Enhancing the COC Motion. Report Back Draft](#)  
[Board Motion](#)  
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

4. Continued Discussion and take appropriate action on Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) and Coordinating Bodies, Homelessness and Housing Domain Outcomes. (25-4592)
  - 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
  - Lisa Watson, Homelessness and Housing Consultant, Center for Strategic Partnerships
  - Kate Anderson, Director, Center for Strategic Partnerships
  - Jacqueline Chun, Associate Director, Center for Strategic Partnerships
  - Dexter O'Connell, Director, Youth Policy and Advocacy, Safe Place for Youth
  - Andrea Iloulian, Senior Manager, CEO-Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI)

Chair Dr. Contreras reminded the body that item number 4 builds on the funding opportunities discussion held at the June 18 meeting and stated securing funding is paramount to advancing domain and population-specific strategies, developing the board-directed plans and achieving the governing committee's outcomes. She further stated that the July 16, 2025 deck was presented to the Family and Social Services (FSS) cluster meeting on July 23, 2025 and that revisions were made to incorporate feedback and address questions.

Member Dr. Scorza overviewed LA County's robust prevention programs ecosystem and how the PPSGC can facilitate better coordination and stated that the TAY population was identified by the PPSGC as an important focus population and that the PPSGC partnered with a number of organizations, County departments, and external consultants to assess County programs that align with the needs of those populations identified: TAY, older adults, women, and children between the ages of 0-5. And that the Prevention and Promotion (P&P) Systems Infrastructure and the various entities committed to collaborations for positive outcomes such as the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the PPCIT who are comprised of department heads, initiative leads, and external agency partners. And that they are working to advance outcomes across three domain areas and four target population groups 1) Child Welfare and Family Well-Being with families and young children aged 0-5, 2) Behavioral Health with youth and young adults, and 3) Homelessness and Housing with County Systems Impacted TAY and older adults. Also, that on July 25, 2023, the P&P motion directed the PPSGC to develop plans to address the outcomes selected by the PPSGC in each domain: Programs and Services Plan, Staffing Plan, and Spending Plan. And how the P&P infrastructure work together to produce those plans. Furthermore, that there are approaches that can be used to maximize resources for P&P in the program and services plans including closing strategic gaps, reinforcing what works, partnering with coordination bodies and PPCIT to identify strategies by domain area, and partner with PPCIT and department staff to use the program and funding inventory.

Lisa Watson overviewed One Roof 2.0 and informed the body that it is a model for developing and implementing good strategy within the County's infrastructure that will contribute towards preventing and ending TAY homelessness and that One Roof 2.0 North Star will reach zero of TAY experiencing homelessness ages 18-26 by 2030 in LA County. And includes members with lived experiences, philanthropy, as well as County members. And that initial operating agreements will include establishing active partnerships, sharing strategic opportunities, and provide input to the PPCIT and PPSGC.

Carlos Pineda stated that as the PPCIT and PPSGC develop a relationship they want to establish operating agreements to work across coordinating bodies. He also shared examples of opportunity in the homeless prevention domain for TAY, for example reinforcing what works, mitigating funding risks, leveraging existing resources differently, and pursuing new funding opportunities. Jacqueline Chun noted that in 2024 there were 2,500 young people homeless in LA County, and of those 50 young people had vouchers for subsidized housing with nowhere to utilize them.

Dexter O' Connell informed the PPSGC that the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) voucher is a special voucher for former foster youth and that every housing authority can request up to 50 and that in 2018 the BOS worked with various agencies to assess if housing authorities or Counties wanted to participate in the program. He stated that a gap was discovered when only two of the 19 housing authorities in LA County were participating in the program. He further stated that the housing authorities questioned whether those receiving the voucher would receive case management and housing navigation to enable them to lease the voucher and One Roof identified the Intensive Case Management System (ICMS), through the Department of Housing as the appropriate system for housing navigation. Additionally, that effective coordination to get housing authorities to sign inter-agency agreements where vouchers can be leased in an adjacent housing authority is an important step in the process. Also, that ICMS Case Managers need to be trained to work with young people. Noha Kikhia further expanded on the discussion and stated that leveraging the program and funding inventory data is needed to understand what resources the County is relying on and where the resources are being focused on to leverage funds in a better way. ICMS did an excellent job in blending diverse funding sources to support a variety of different populations, including justice-involved individuals and people with behavioral health conditions.

Jacqueline Chun overviewed the set of strategies that can advance the work including: closing the strategic gaps, reinforcing what works, mitigating funding risks, leveraging existing resources differently, and pursuing new funding opportunities. And stated how the PPSGC can provide catalytic funding to address the gap such as connecting young people with Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS), tracking key metrics, and developing a learning report and sustainability plan. She stated that it is a scalable solution that can be expanded to other specialized populations, like older adults and done in partnership with the PPCIT and PPSGC first with the innovation and catalytic dollars to test the solution, than scaling it within the system. Mr. O' Connell stated the FYI vouchers currently out are matched through the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) not through DCFS; vouchers matched through

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**DCFS receive ICMS support and leased immediately.**

Andrea Iloulian stated that one crucial component that has been brought up is training for the ICMS providers or increasing the number of providers who have experience in working with young adults. An enhancement to training modules is being proposed that would bring in new providers to the master agreement program that exists at Housing for Health. One Roof stated they currently have three individuals with lived experiences serving on the steering committee.

Ernst and Young stated they are currently working on building partnerships and understanding what work has been done to not duplicate efforts.

Chair Dr. Contreras stating that pockets of great work are occurring and sees that the work being presented by the PPSGC and PPCIT are receiving the full support of the County with Dr. Scorza adding that what is being presented is the ability to combine efforts and move forward.

Member Howell noted slide 5, and stated that when the board passed this motion it was to look at systemic connections that do not exist in the County and inquired whether it's possible to look at the timelines on how domains are being addressed with Chair Dr. Contreras stating they are getting to the point of bringing in each coordinating body to the PPSGC meetings to address questions.

Virtual public comment provided by Tina Rios and Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad. There was no in person or written public comment.

**Attachments:** [PPSGC - Coord Prevention Programming \(07.20.25\)](#)  
[MHSA to BHSA transition fact sheet](#)  
[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. (25-4593)

Virtual public comment was provided by Tina Rios and Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad. There was no in person or written public comment.

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

**Adjournment**

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (25-4594)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras stated the next PPSGC meeting is on September 17, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. And that members of the public who wish to be added to the PPSGC mailing list for future agendas and materials can do so by emailing [contact@ppsgc.lacounty.gov](mailto:contact@ppsgc.lacounty.gov). Then adjourned the discussion of Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 11:47 a.m.