



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

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012

Thursday, August 28, 2025

10:00 AM

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-4939)

Attachments: [VIDEO LINK](#)

1. Call to Order. (25-4708)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the special meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. followed by the reading of the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. She thanked the members for their commitment to the body and for attending the special meeting, then informed that there is only one item on the agenda for consideration. Roll call was performed by Commission Services staff and a quorum was met.

Present: Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member David J. Carroll, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

I. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

2. Continue 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 the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Care". (25-4710)

- 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 stated that upon review and discussion of the agenda item the committee will be asked to vote on the submission of the final

Board and reported that key themes emerged from the July 16, 2025 and August 20, 2025 PPSGC meetings that pertained to recommendations in the report, particularly the recommendation that called for an enhanced transition planning demonstration project. And that the key themes include preventing homelessness, housing access, Transition Age Youth (TAY) needing early planning and alignment of services and interventions, and connections to supported relationships prior to exiting DCFS and Probation. She noted this requires coordination among departments and community-based organizations. She also stated that the expectation that at 18 years of age youth are expected to be self-sufficient and act as adults is unrealistic and that following emancipation, many youth do not want to be associated with County departments and services which is when stressors and conditions emerge that could be addressed by County services. She stated that TAY need stronger support networks and emphasized the importance of creating a permanent, TAY-centered aftercare program coordinated across departments, State managed care plans, and community-based organizations (CBOs). She also highlighted the need to strengthen transition planning, provide individualized transition plans and skills, and expand support for pregnant and parenting youth, including healthcare, early care, and education.

Dr. Contreras overviewed the revisions on the report and highlighted the following:

- Page 3, Appendix B, the report has been revised to include reference to the prevention framework adopted by the Prevention Services Task Force and the Board
- Pages 5 – 9 includes language that supports pregnant and parenting on minor dependents and their children, with a specific reference on the last paragraph of page 5
- Recommendation 1E, top of page 7, calls for access to concrete supports for pregnant and parenting young people. With an added reference on page 8, Recommendation 2A
- Recommendation 2D was added to call for strengthened collaboration between the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and the Childcare Bridge Program to leverage existing funding and supports for the youth population
- Recommendation 3, page 10, calls for the expansion of departmental infrastructure to serve as a home for the County's aftercare support for former foster youth

Chair Dr. Contreras reported that revisions to the report include developing consent and data-sharing protocols to support cross-departmental work and adding language to involve Subject Matter Experts, including youth

with lived experience. She also noted that the Department of Homeless Services and Housing was removed as the proposed lead agency and will be replaced with either the Department of Youth Development (DYD) or the Office of Child Protection (OCP). The report further recommends that the feasibility assessment identify resources needed to carry out the new role.

Chair Dr. Contreras additionally highlighted the following recommendations:

- Recommendations 3A and 3B, number 10 was added on pages 10 and 11 to call for the dedicated focus on meeting the needs of pregnant and parenting young people
- Recommendation 3C, page 11, language was added to ensure the right fit of staff who have been identified to serve in the roles for the problem-solving navigation teams. Additionally, Dr. Hunter added language that specifically calls for the involvement of Subject Matter Experts and youth with lived experience in the development of the teams.

Member Carroll noted that page 8, recommendation C, should be revised to combine all lead agencies under on section C. Member Nichols expressed support for the report, recognizing the extensive work and revisions, and explained that the report is divided into two sections, DCFS support for youth in care and aftercare, and emphasized involving agencies that can provide expertise and resources. He also stressed the importance of exploring all programs and supportive systems for foster youth. Member Carroll agreed and reported that at a recent Education Coordinating Council (ECC) meeting, data showed foster youth underperform in graduation rates, proficiency, and attendance.

Member Todoroff noted the challenge of prioritizing multiple groups, including youth, families, veterans, older adults, and domestic violence survivors, and stated that structured decision-making would improve impact and feasibility. Member Dr. Scorza emphasized the need to focus on prevention and plan strategically for upcoming budget cuts. Chair Dr. Contreras highlighted the responsibility to support young people, many of whom face homelessness, incarceration, or reliance on general relief, and agreed that upstream focus can change outcomes. Lastly noted that Dr. Hunter will remain involved with the PPSGC in her new role at DCFS.

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

On motion of member Brandon T. Nichols to accept and submit the report to the Board with an amendment to page 8, section C, to combine proposed leads into one section, seconded by member Dr. D' Artagnan Scorza, this motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member David J. Carroll, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

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Adjournment

3. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (25-4712)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras stated the next PPSGC meeting is on September 17, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 2025. 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. Then adjourned the special meeting of Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 10:27 a.m.