



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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| The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item: | | | | |
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| 9. | | Favor | Jeff Farber | <p>To The Board of Supervisors, my name is Jeff Farber, and I am the Executive Director of Helpline Youth Counseling and the Chair of the LA County Youth Services Policy Group. I applaud the leadership of Supervisors Solis and Horvath for their motion to prevent overdose deaths of youth in the child welfare system. As a provider offering substance use disorder prevention, early intervention, and treatment including Medication Assisted Treatment to youth and adults, including those in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, as well as the chair of the LAC YSPG comprised of over 20 youth service SUD providers, and subject area experts, I applaud the Board's leadership to create a system of support for youth and families.</p> <p>As we build a community pathway model in LA County to support our most vulnerable youth and families, it is essential that we ensure that all parties involved with young people have the training, tools, and resources needed to offer youth support on demand. To best support young people, we need to reduce barriers to care and offer services in a youth-centered manner that engages them in a non-judgmental manner. To effectively serve youth requires building trust and rapport and our existing youth substance use disorder network of providers need to be engaged as part of the solution based on our experience and success in reaching and serving young people. I encourage the Board and the leadership of DCFS, DPH, DMH, and the OCP partner closely with the youth SUD provider network as well as youth and families themselves to develop an action plan that creates a true "open door" model of services and tools for preventing overdoses for youth engaged with the child welfare system.</p> |
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