

Transcript

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□ **Claudia P. Alarcon** started transcription

R1 Room 140 0:04

Yes, yes.

Great. Hi everyone.

Welcome to family social services. Monica with SC 5.

And we're gonna get started with this wonderful event.

Going in opposite order, I'll start with SD form.

They called in with SD4.

Esther Lim with SD4.

SD3, Lizzie, with SD3 developer to go with SD2.

Marina Escobedo second district, Megan Ranch with the 2nd district. And I see what?

DM Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad 0:34

Hello.

R1 Room 140 0:40

That's me, Anthony Cespedes. First district.

Also thanks everyone and welcome.

We're going to start with item 3, the first motion which is supporting the Los Angeles County Office of Food Systems, SD 3 and 4.

I'm sorry, just a quick announcement for those in the room.

This meeting is being transcribed. Those at home should also have gotten the banner notification.

Thank you, Claudia.

Yeah. Thanks everyone.

This is our motion with SD4.

With two things.

One is to better integrate OFS and the other is to begin planning for long term sustainability in of the office.

The plan will sort of go through the history of how the office came about, and my

favorite is creation and how it currently sits as a public private partnership with a certain amount of funding from philanthropy.

So the directives request that OFS in collaboration with the CEOEF Co and CSO.

Sorry, let me pull this up.

Develop plans for partnership and collaboration between OFS and the county departments, including the department's designating a food systems liaison during times of disasters or emergencies that impact food access in the county. Having departments and offices participate in the lifecycle, community and community. Inspector, I'll also note that OFS is starting these repairs now response to the updates are fresh, so the first one will be on Friday where they're doing these convenings to address emergency access.

The motion also requests that OFS provide the board with an interim progress report by June 16th on how things are going with the office, and then by October of next year provide a final report and a verbal presentation to the board.

Long term strategic plan for this we already got some feedback about the following part around integrating them into the county and got feedback that.

It into accounting department, so we'll be updating some of the language there.

And this motion also requests that the CEO and IST list OFS on Zeo's website. Ofs is currently not listed anywhere on any of the county websites and had some difficulty with that request.

So that's the reason for that. Just giving some background there and also ask that CEO layer provide the office with any policy changes.

So yeah, we'll be adding a few changes here. And then we're also gonna make some edits to the preamble.

That incorporate information about what's going on right now with Cal Fresh and to sort of reinforcing the utility of having a new county that's.

Thank you SD 4 for co-authoring.

We know Supervisor Hahn has really been a leader in food access.

Pass it over to Nick.

Yeah. So this is just, you know, like a thoughtful approach to food and the cross-sectional alignment that's needed.

There's a lot of priorities with food in terms of insecurity and issue areas, and the Office of Food Systems is really going to help to address these issues directly.

So we want to make sure that all the departments are kind of integrated and aware of what's happening and.

So you know it's a generous reporting time.

I think it's like 50 for the final report, so there's plenty of time for them to work through and address and analyze what's needed.

But yeah, we're looking forward to the evolution and continuation integration, so.

Everyone. I'll go to deputy questions.

Yeah, Marina, I can receive both Savannah and Nick for working on this.

I think the timing of this is very timely given everything that's happening as I was reading it, I would immediately come to mind for me was, you know.

The DPS is kind of prompting us to for food banks and you know, I think the elephant in the room is like the food distributions, which I think we're going to start to see queued up should the shutdown not.

Our office was already approached by MLA Food.

Down 'cause I think the other board offices may have also already been approached.

And during our conversations there was comparison to the pandemic. But I do think it's important to note that we're not.

It's not similar, but not the same situation.

I think we have the same type of funding coming in and also the workforce. I mean I think with the pandemic we had access to a lot of emergency service workers.

So I think that is a point that hopefully can be taken into account within the report back so.

Not necessarily sure if it needs to be.

Addressed in the language, but I think it might be something that my boss might be interested in putting up when he comes to the board.

Thank you.

Questions.

One and it's related to Directive 3 about the fiscal plan and funding sources, since that will be going through the budget process and the county.

Challenge we.

Did you have ideas or are there potential funding sources?

Or just we'll find out.

In months, what's the story?

NO **Nancy Olivares** 6:12

That's good reviews.

R1 Room 140 6:13

Is Nancy Oliveres we can hear you.

NO Nancy Olivares 6:15

There's all those ghosts.

R1 Room 140 6:16

He's mute.

Yeah, I don't think we have any specific source in mind.

Yeah, we'll find out and I think.

You know, philanthropic community has really stepped up and and invested in this work like they fund.

Yeah, they find the whole thing for the whole year.

Yeah, the whole fun.

The whole thing.

So it's an opportunity to look at that and then also for the county to think about even given the limited resources we have, how we can put some.

Great.

Additional questions.

Seeing none, we'll go to public comment for this.

Oh, sorry. One more thing and everyone.

We.

We just met with Carrie Miller and talked about this in relation to the presentation that was going on at board yesterday about her eating this effort. So everything it's not to parallel tracks, they are.

Yeah, we'll now move to public comment on just this motion. If you have public comment, please raise your hand in person or online and you will have one minute for your public comment there.

Any public comments Muhammad had?

His hand up first, OK.

Doctor Muhammad, you have one minute. Thank you.

DM Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad 7:48

Thank you.

Good afternoon, everybody.

This is doctor Isranala Mohammed.

I'm author of the Bureau care to custody cemetery pipeline and the B2C3A pipeline prevention model frameworks.

Today's agenda demonstrates measurable evidentiary convergence with these frameworks, particularly across the Office of Food Systems, Youth Alignment and intensive services for foster care.

Each of these motions reflects trauma, informed prevention driven.

And interdepartmental coordination principles previously entered into.

To the county record under US copyright law on April 10, 2025.

This alignment is more than linguistic.

It is structural and procedural.

It marks the county's advancement towards prevention, equity governance, ensuring that systems are integrated.

Data-driven and ethically aligned with ADA protected design standards.

I respectfully request that this statement be entered into the public record as recognition of convergence and as a basis for continued collaboration between county leadership.

And community authored prevention frameworks.

Thank you.

R1 **Room 140** 8:54

Thank you, Doctor Mohammed.

We'll go to second public comment, Sarah, Paul or Polly.

SP **Sarah Paule** 9:00

Good afternoon.

My name is Sarah Paul and I'm attorney with neighborhood legal services of Los Angeles.

We are a legal aid organization that serves nearly 175,000 low income residents in Los Angeles County every year.

Our public benefits team represents people in Cal fresh cases and our benefits access for immigrants.

Los Angeles network addresses barriers to food access for immigrant communities.

We also participated in the Food Equity Roundtable that resulted in the creation of

the Office of Food Systems.

Cal Fresh, WIC, food banks and other food assistance resources prevent hunger in Los Angeles County every day.

However, our food systems are often brought to the breaking point by disasters such as the wildfires and immigration enforcement actions we experienced earlier this year.

Additionally, we anticipate that recent federal law and policy changes, like the imposition of time limits and work requirements in Cal fresh program, will make it more difficult for low income households access necessary food assistance.

Long term planning and coordination between the Office of Food Systems and other county departments and entities would ensure information and resources are disseminated effectively in Los Angeles residents to prevent food insecurity in these times of crisis.

Thank you.

R1 Room 140 10:17

Thank you, Sir. Thank you, Sir.

Additional public comment on this particular motion.

None in the room and Claudia is not seeing any additional thank you. Move to the next. Motion is SD4, strategically aligning LA County youth and student safe spaces programming services SD4.

Thank you so much, chair and colleagues.

Thanks so much for your time and loving us. Present this motion to y'all so as folks know, youth are our future.

And the board I think has done a really great job in terms of focusing.

For priorities and resources towards supporting.

Our our youth and students.

It's very evident by the numerous programs that a bunch of our county departments have put up. For example, our the motions preamble kind of mentions a handful of some of these programs. For example, DPH has their student Wellness centers.

DMH has their drop in centers.

The human relations.

They have their dream resource centers.

DCFS, they are in the process of implementing youth engagement, we have dyd.

We also have Laco and I'm sure there are others that are that are not named and so

part of what this motion is doing is 2. Part One is we want to reduce any redundancies, increase efficiencies and also increase.

Accessibility, especially for our youth and students, to the relevant resources services. That they need and I think with with what's going on there is actually even more of a reason to do so.

And so the motions directive one is for all of the relevant departments, some that are named and some that are not.

Do you provide?

Oh, and also I do want to mention just based on some feedback you know, including OCP in this in terms of the relevant departments to provide the CEO's policy implementation and alignment.

Branch and also the T table. But the reporting of their programs in terms of the population that they serve and the and the motion directors actually goes through this description of their centers and programs.

A list of services and resources that are provided the purpose, objectives and outcomes of their of their programs, the population that they are designed to serve. How clients are gonna be referred if their particular program doesn't offer a offer, a service, any language barriers, and how those will be addressed.

And so on and so forth and provide that report back to the CEO policy implementation and and alignment provision along with the T table.

Thank you for that feedback.

So that these entities can then review, evaluate and assess these existing programs to see are there areas in which there could be deeper collaboration.

Again, reduce any redundancies if there are any, ensure that there are strategically aligned.

That they are effective 'cause we don't wanna do is either overwhelm or underwhelm our student and youth with with resources and services.

But we also wanted to make sure that there's better coordination and how we deliver and offer these services and then, you know, as was mentioned in a previous motion, we are you know, the the county's fiscal situation is not that great.

And so if we can reduce any funding.

Or, you know, fiscal redundancies.

I think this is also where we're coming.

We are strategically utilizing our very scarce dollars in the way that we need to so that we can better support our county's youth right 'cause we want these programs

to be useful and effective and we're aware of the lack of finite resources. And so we want to.

Just be mindful of how we best and strategically utilize them for youth and our for our youth and our students.

And with that, I will answer.

Any questions that folks might have?

Thank you espera for going to the deputy questions on this item.

Not seeing any, but I will say, Esther, that we support streamlining and making things easy, so.

Thank you for thinking about this.

Thank you, chair.

Yeah, additional questions.

Seeing none, we'll go to public comment on this motion. If there's public comment in person or online, please raise your hand.

Mohammed, is this for this item because you had your hand up that didn't put it down?

Just want to check.

DM Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad 14:54

Yes indeed.

R1 Room 140 14:56

Right. Doctor Mohammed for the first comment. You have one minute. Thank you.

DM Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad 15:01

Yes, good afternoon.

For the record, this is Doctor Mohammed, author of the Bureau of Care to custody Cemetery pipeline framework and the BDC 3A pipeline prevention model, which was entered into the county record on April 10, 2025 under US copyright law.

And Ada protection. So as the county advances, these motions described as efforts to reduce redundancy and inefficiencies, it is important to recognize that these very structures, including cross departmental coordination, trauma, informed navigation and equity evaluation.

Adopt the architecture first, documented in the Bureau of Care to custody cemetery pipeline framework when convergence occurs without acknowledgment or

attribution, it becomes more than an oversight.

It becomes governance risk.

It erases provenance.

It displaces Ada protected contributors and it dilutes the Ethical Foundation of Prevention Equity. We are now in what some call a post vure. Care to custody cemetery, pipeline era, but true progress requires accountability to origin and process. The frameworks were built precisely to ensure that reform honors access. Authorship, ethics and transparency.

I respectfully ask that the record reflect this convergence, the attribution be restored, and that ADA and government code 11135 protections extend to the workforce and petitioners whose insights made this architecture possible.

Efficiency without equity is not reform.

Recognition is the first act of accountability.

Thank you.

R1 Room 140 16:41

Doctor Mohamed is there additional public comment?

If so, please raise your hand.

Yes, seeing none. Thank you.

We'll move on to the third motion today.

SSP four and two exploring a prohibited predatory or aggressive solicitation zone and oversight measures around DPSS and other county offices, ST4.

Lot of SD4 motions you guys are really moving. So this is the address kind of a concern that recently came up and.

As we know, for the public right of ways, it's not under DPSS jurisdiction outside of the offices.

And there's a lot of Gray area, but we're seeing that the system is kind of vulnerable to.

Capping and people being paid.

For suing the county, bringing lawsuits, bringing claims and.

NA Naomi Andrews 17:38

Not.

R1 Room 140 17:41

There's, you know, there's been challenges with that as well as other vendors who you know block access or prevent.

Right away from being used, grading food and need for other, you know, enforcement and so.

With this motion, it's kind of looking to address a buffer zone or how we can identify ways to engage with DPSS clients who are being approached.

And so it looks at a number of different avenues.

There are many departments involved.

Chief Lee UPSS working with you know Dcba County Council and sheriff and monitor.

 **+16*****34** 18:28

Every council chair.

 **Room 140** 18:32

Not an additional monitoring of these activities, but wanna know what's happening in.

 **+16*****34** 18:33

And.

The district auditory of taxes.

But I want to note what's happening.

 **Room 140** 18:42

Werber's on phone number. It looks like maybe 8186 Elena.

Thank you.

So yeah, just looking at the need to work with other, you know, cities, City of Los Angeles chiefly, and having a coordinated enforcement, there has been precedent with the treasurer and Tax Collector's Office and people using business names.

So looking at what we can do with this and.

Kind of having a more sustainable long term strategy.

Thank you, nick.

Yeah, we've all read these news stories about what was going on, and it's very concerning and definitely appreciate it.

So I kind of think about it like voting areas, right where you can't go within a certain feet wearing some sort of political messaging.

That it's kind of like that, is that right?

Like you just kind of like a special space of hey.

Don't come here with some stuff.

OK.

Got it.

And I know for the city, so I'll just kind of focus on the unincorporated area.

Who would be enforcing that?

But, well, LAPD for for the city city.

Sheriff's I know we have some contract cities with DPSS offices I Compton.

It was.

They've contracted it, so I'm pretty much trying to identify who that would be and get a report back that got it, would help identify. So it's to look kind of look and identify who is best positioned.

That enforcement, OK, got it.

Questions from the deputies.

Unincorporated communities is DPW. Do some of the right away stuff too?

They're named.

You sound relevant department Steve, though. OK, cool. If they do need to come up, there's.

Wanna name them?

Just wondering.

I was just thank you for adding us to Co-op there.

I know this motion was very relevant and then a lot of the what what came out with a lot of the 218 in finding out that you know some of were specifically targeted within the second district.

So we look forward to to the conversation.

Well, then, additional questions, Lizzy.

I'm sorry. I mean, I was just adding AD here that might happen with the new, especially the new asset test limits.

Good question.

Good suggestion.

And I know they're a relevant department, but since I feel like.

Many of them is good.

There is a question.

Questions from the deputies.

And then we'll go once again to public comment on this particular motion. If so, please raise your hand in person or online and you will have one minute.

Do we see any public?

Yes, Doctor Muhammad, go ahead.

DM **Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad** 22:06

Thank you so much.

R1 **Room 140** 22:06

You do have one minute.

Thank you.

DM **Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad** 22:09

Thank you for the record, Doctor Mohammed, author of the Beer Care to custody cemetery pipeline and the BDC 3A pipeline prevention model.

While the predatory or aggressive solicitation motion aims to protect the public, it also reflects a deeper pattern the county must confront where prevention logic and also ADA based design principles are reproduced from protective frameworks without recognition.

Or accessibility safeguards.

When your system adopts ADA derived authorship while excluding the protected author, that is not innovation.

It is institutional predation, the same extractive dynamics the county seeks to regulate externally is occurring internally through unacknowledged replication of disability authored governance models.

True prevention must begin with transparency, attribution and ADA Title 2 compliance.

Within county operations themselves. Thank you.

R1 **Room 140** 23:09

Thank you, Doctor Mohammed.

Additional public comment on this particular item.

Yes. So she sees none.

We see none in person.

You will now move to item 4 presentation.

That's DCFS, the SFC intensive services foster care public model briefing.

I know we have a briefer online and we have one in person.

Yeah, perfect. Thank you.

Want to be here to present on our progress since 2023 in building our intensive services foster care.

Public model at DCFS and you're remotely is our program manager overseas.

The team that delivers the service with Megan Shannon, she will go through an overview and be available.

MS

Meghan E. Shannon 24:04

Hi, good afternoon. I apologize.

I'm not there in person.

I'm a little under the weather, so I'll go over the PowerPoint I provided is for information about our program, but I'll briefly go over it and then I'll break down some of our statistics and outcomes so far and then take questions.

Next slide please.

So as Jennifer mentioned, we implemented our intensive services, foster care public model in December of 2023, we started accepting cases from our level of care unit and our program provides these ISSU supports to resource family homes, which include relative homes.

We bring these services to youth who are already placed. When we started the program, we went ahead and went through cases that.

Received the highest rate and saw was were trying to see.

Who were eligible and we brought those cases on board. The ISFC program is intended to serve youth who require intensive treatment and behavioral supports, as well as youth with specialized healthcare needs. And a youth is eligible through their level of care rate determination protocol. We had two UN.

Of 12 social workers who are assigned as secondary on our cases, they coordinate and deliver the ISFC supports to the resource parents and relatives.

And the children, and they also supervise those placements.

They refer the interested resource parents to appropriate trainings which are child specific and we work closely with the existing intensive mental health service teams such as wrap around or ifccs as well as medical providers or we can assist with linkage if not yet linked. Next slide please.

So these are the isfc resource parent requirements. As I mentioned, relative

caregivers are also eligible.

They are required to work closely with our secondary social workers who visit one to two times a month.

It really depends on the needs of the youth as well as telephonic check-ins. They need to be actively participating in the development of the youth's plan and also there is a capacity limitation in their home.

It can have no more than two children, foster care youth and two can be isfc eligible.

We do have an exception for sibling sets.

They receive a higher rate. The current rate is 3398 and then they also have to complete additional training requirements than those caregivers receiving the level of care, different tiers and our workers help them.

Link to those trainings as well as monitor their progress.

Next slide please.

These are some of the supports that our secondary social workers provide to the caregivers.

They help navigate the linkage and connection to the trainings as I mentioned and track compliance.

They also assess for continued training needs based on the needs of the youth they navigate the linkage and connection to appropriate mental health services and supports if they're not already linked, the majority of the cases that we do bring on do already have.

A.

Mental health team but we assist with linking to other non mental health services.

Support such as curricular activities and different activities to our level up program.

We also work closely to assist with educational needs. Our staff attend IEPs with the caregiver to help advocate for the use they facilitate child and family team meetings and always participate in the meetings when they're facilitated by the intensive mental health service team.

They support the primary CSW.

That's a big part of what they do.

And they'll hold placement preservation CFTS and as I mentioned, they'll visit the youth more frequently than the primary worker. And that's based on the needs of the youth.

And we assist with paperwork to get the the rate cut on next slide please.

We currently have 140 cases we're servicing.

Since December 2023, we have closed 218 cases.

Our average is usually around 140 to 150 cases.

The breakdown for our open cases right now are 57% male, 44% female, and the ethnic breakdown is 52% black, 30% Hispanic and 15% white.

The closed cases breakdown is 48% male, 54% female, and then the ethnicity statistics are pretty similar to our open cases.

It's 47% black, 38% Hispanic and 15% white. The average age for all our cases open and close is 11 and we currently have 22 youth placed with relatives.

Overall, we received positive feedback from caregivers.

They really appreciate the additional support of having what they feel like is their own social worker to help them and just to hear them out and having that extra support.

We would like to see an increase in the relative homes that we would be servicing. So we're working closely with our level of care unit, which is where we receive our referrals and just trying to see you know if there are cases were missing.

R1 **Room 140** 29:31

Speak.

MS **Meghan E. Shannon** 29:40

Or or why you know we're not getting quite as many relatives as we could be.

Of those close cases, just to talk briefly about the the reasons they closed.

So we had 40% of those were graduations, which means they were, you know, a positive outcome.

R1 **Room 140** 29:52

OK.

MS **Meghan E. Shannon** 29:57

They meant there are treatment goals or they return to their parent.

10% required a high higher level of care.

13% transition to regional center rates, so we have.

Had cases where we've taken them and there's been some developmental concerns or they've maybe started a regional center assessment.

So we've helped those cases move along and get their regional center eligibility

officials so that they can receive that dual agency rate, which is significantly more than the isfc rate.

15% were replaced to the same level of care, but that new caregiver was not interested in the ISFC supports, and then 21% we considered terminations which. Meant the caregiver no longer wanted to participate in the program. Refuses services.

Maybe the youth you know refuses services after our engagement and you know, trying to engage with them or the caregiver wanted to accept more youth in their home.

That's that's the reasons we see usually for our terminations.

The next slide has our contact information and.

Yeah, we receive our referrals directly.

From our level of care unit and work closely with them and then we also do roadshows to our offices to try to solicit more referrals directly from social workers who have homes that may need a redetermination.

So that concludes my presentation.

Are there any questions?

R1 Room 140 31:29

For that presentation, I'll ask my colleagues any questions.

On isfc.

I have one and it's about the lack of relative caregivers for the IFC youth.

Is that just because of the behaviors or that they're violent and maybe have had rough experiences with the youth in the past?

I know some youth that have, you know, assaulted their family members, and I can understand why the family might feel hesitant about bringing the kid back in. But in your isfc.

On point, do they return?

Back to the kin.

That's like the one question and then #2, why do the caregivers not not as interested?

MS Meghan E. Shannon 32:17

Yeah, that it's a hard question to answer.

Because that's what we're trying to figure out, basically because we do notice that

the relative placements are very low.

So in consulting with our level of care unit, you know it's trying to figure out is it just a matter of usually relative placements are like the first placement when the youth enters the system, maybe they're downplaying some of the behaviors and the concerns for a multitude of.

Reasons. And so it's difficult to say exactly, but I think the level.

Of care workers when they're doing their assessments can maybe, you know, dig a little more and just ask some clarifying questions.

We can catch those cases earlier rather than what we're seeing, which is they've probably like you said, exhausted their relative placements through their behaviors. And then once you know, then we get them.

R1 Room 140 33:08

On it.

Thank you for helping clarify that.

I think that would be a really interesting research question for DCFS future as you're placing and calling these family members who are saying no to kinda ask like, why is that?

You know, just because if it's something we can kind of help with that would be good.

Or if it's something like I'm afraid because I've been assaulted by this youth in the past.

I kind of can understand that and hopefully the youth will get a little bit more stabilized.

This in an isfc a placement, and then eventually can return to family.

Definitely appreciate that.

Additional questions from the deputies on this item.

I am seeing none that will now go to public comment this item and all other items.

You have a question. Please raise your hand in person or inline online and we will call on you and you will have one minute.

I see doctor Muhammad.

DM Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad 34:13

Thank you so much.

Good afternoon again everyone.

R1 Room 140 34:14

E-mail.

DM Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad 34:16

This is doctor Isran Allah Mohammed, author of the Bureaucratic custody Cemetery pipeline and the B2C3A pipeline prevention model.

The ISFC motion reflects the same coordinated family based prevention logic first demonstrated through a 2023 Board of Supervisors referral, which was a case assigned to me by Doctor Bill Tanner that case.

Addressing family suicidality, homelessness, disability and chronic disease prove that integrated trauma informed navigation can restore stability when systems respond collaboratively rather than punitively.

What's concerning today is that the very model developed from that framework from that work is now embedded in county policy without acknowledgment, attribution or ADA protection of the originating framework or its author.

When the county builds reforms from ADA author design, while omitting Providence risk reproducing the same inequities those frameworks were built to repair, and every year a procedural delay is in recognizing those frameworks has a measurable cost, including preventable crises, lost lives, and hundreds of millions and duplicative ex. Across child welfare.

Behavioral health and justice systems.

Family based prevention must begin with transparency.

Recognition ethics and ADA Title 2 compliance.

Without that, reform becomes replication appropriation without accountability, and the cost is both human and fiscal. Thank you.

R1 Room 140 35:59

Doctor Mohammed.

Additional public comment on this item or other items.

Being no hands in person or in line.

I didn't forget anything.

Yes, that's what I asked.

Oh, I'm sorry.

That item or other items that was our public comment period.

With that, we will now adjourn.

Thank you everyone for your time today.

I can't.

□ **Claudia P. Alarcon** stopped transcription