



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE MEETING OF
THE OFFICE OF PREVENTION SERVICES TASK FORCE**

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

**9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Below is the link to the full meeting recording, which includes a transcript:

[Meeting Recording](#)

I. OPENING AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Executive Director of Racial Equity, at 9:01 AM.

Attachment(s): [Meeting Slides](#)
[Pre-Reading Materials on Vision and Benchmarks](#)

2. Mark Lee, Senior Analyst, Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative, provided instructional information and disclosures to attendees.
3. Chair Scorza shared a land acknowledgment to acknowledge the ancestral land and peoples of Los Angeles County. He also provided a welcome and opening remarks.
4. Mark Lee conducted roll call.

Present: Meredith Berkson, Jackie Contreras, Barbara Ferrer, Alicia L. Garoupa, Jacquelyn McCroskey (as an alternate for Tamara Hunter), Kelly LoBianco, Reid Meadows, Minsun Meeker, Carrie Miller, Angela Parks-Pyles, D'Artagnan Scorza, Robert Byrd (as an alternate for Kanchana Tate), Cheri Todoroff, Laura Trejo

Absent: Songhai Armstead, Alain Datcher, Christina Ghaly, Tyrone Howard, Tracie Mann

(Special Note: Some members or alternates arrived late and/or left the meeting early, thus some votes may reflect absences. A quorum was present at all times.)

5. Public Comment Period for Specific Agenda Items

Public Comment: None

6. Review and action on the Draft Minutes of the Prevention Services Task Force Regular Meeting of June 17, 2022.

Attachment(s): [June 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

Member Trejo moved for the task force to approve the minutes. Alternate Member Byrd seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the following vote:

Yes: 14 – Meredith Berkson, Jackie Contreras, Barbara Ferrer, Alicia L. Garoupa, Jacquelyn McCroskey (as an alternate for Tamara Hunter), Kelly LoBianco, Reid Meadows, Minsun Meeker, Carrie Miller, Angela Parks-Pyles, D'Artagnan Scorza, Robert Byrd (as an alternate for Kanchana Tate), Cheri Todoroff, Laura Trejo

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 5 – Songhai Armstead, Alain Datcher, Christina Ghaly, Tyrone Howard, Tracie Mann

II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

7. Review and discussion of community engagement process and guiding principles. Members affirmed the guiding principles and strategies. Members discussed representation on the Task Force and tables, including a request for a wide range of age diversity.

Attachment: [Community Engagement Process](#)

8. Following an introduction by Chair Scorza, Arnold Chandler from Forward Consulting introduced and presented on the prevention and promotion. Members reaffirmed that prevention tiers are about tiers of support, rather than tiers of individuals, and want to ensure that promotion is approached with a strengths-based lens. Some members reacted and reflected on how their work aligned with a promotion-oriented model. Others elevated a need to ensure that the focus on promotion/prevention is seen systemically and about changing the conditions for good things to happen in communities (e.g., resources), rather than “changing” individuals. Members also wanted to be sure as the County promotes certain outcomes that it is also not too narrow in defining what living a “good life” entails.

Attachment: [Prevention 4-pager](#)

9. Following an introduction by Chair Scorza, Malavika Dhawan from Ernst & Young led a short presentation about vision setting, including providing examples of vision statements and scope from other benchmark jurisdictions that are also aligning their jurisdiction-wide prevention/promotion services. Members discussed the balance of long-term vision versus immediate action, and how that should or should not be reflected in the vision statement.
10. Q&A panel of individuals with lived expertise relating to County prevention systems and services. Member Trejo moderated a discussion with Fran Sereseres, Jessica Wade, and Alejandro Cardoza regarding their experiences accessing, navigating, and receiving County services. The community members shared their perspectives on the importance of a promotion frame and how services can and should be provided to ensure communities can thrive.
11. To discuss their reactions to the panel and prior discussion on vision setting, the Task Force broke into Zoom breakout rooms to further discuss vision themes. A one-page summary of the themes during those conversations can be found below.

Attachment: [Preliminary Vision Themes](#)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND CLOSING

12. General Public Comments to Address Task Force-Related Subject Matters
Public Comment: Latia Suttle, LaRae Cantley, Fran Sereseres
Written Correspondence: [Attached](#)
13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

The full upcoming schedule can be found on the task force website at:
<https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi/prevention-taskforce/>