



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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023**

**10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

**HYBRID MEETING (using Zoom)**

Physical Location: 510 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Conference Room A

**[Below is the link to the full meeting recording  
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 10:02 A.M.

*Attachment(s):*      [Meeting Slides](#)

2. Mark Lee, 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. The following reflects attendance at the time of roll call:

**Present (17):** Stephen Ceasar (as an alternate for Songhai Armstead), Carlos Benavides, Yahnii Bridges, Robert Byrd, Allyson Crosby, Nicholas Ippolito (as an alternate for Jackie Contreras), Barbara Ferrer, Tamara Hunter, Peter Loo, Minsun Meeker, Angela Parks-Pyles, D'Artagnan Scorza, Fran Sereseres, Tiara Summers, Cheri Todoroff, Solomon Shibeshi (as an alternate for Laura Trejo), John Wagner

**Absent (6):** Alicia L. Garoupa, Christina Ghaly, Tyrone Howard, Kelly LoBianco, Tracie Mann, Carrie Miller

*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: Christian Rios

Attachment(s): None

6. Review and take appropriate action on the Minutes of the Prevention Services Task Force Regular Meetings on June 2, 2023.

Attachment(s): June 30, 2023 [Draft Meeting Minutes](#) and [Recording](#)  
August 11, 2023 [Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

Chair Scorza provided an opportunity for members to suggest revisions to the Meeting Minutes. Seeing none, Chair Scorza suggested that members call for motion to adopt the minutes. Member Byrd put forward a motion, which was seconded by Member Sereseres. The members voted as listed below, and the motion did not pass.

**Yes:** 8 – Carlos Benavides, Allyson Crosby, Robert Byrd, Tamara Hunter, D'Artagnan Scorza, Fran Sereseres, Tiara Summers, Solomon Shibeshi

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 9 – Stephen Ceasar, Yahnii Bridges, Nicholas Ippolito, Barbara Ferrer, Peter Loo, Minsun Meeker, Angela Parks-Pyles, Cheri Todoroff, John Wagner

**Absent:** 6 – Alicia L. Garoupa, Christina Ghaly, Tyrone Howard, Kelly LoBianco, Tracie Mann, Carrie Miller

Chair Scorza indicated that staff would consult with County Counsel and the Task Force would revisit these meeting minutes at the next meeting.

7. Chair Scorza took a moment to share the news with Task Force members that Member Benavides had been honored recently at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, where an outdoor amphitheater had been renamed in his name to honor his contributions as a disability rights advocate and mentor to others. Members congratulated Member Benavides for this accomplishment.

## II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

8. Chair Scorza provided an overview of the Task Force's Special Meeting and site visit to San Diego County on Friday, August 11. Members who attended the visit shared their perspectives and learnings, including San Diego County's general management system, one-stop centers, workforce recruitment strategies, and funding strategies.

Attachment(s): [Presentation Slides](#)  
[Pre-Reading Packet from San Diego County](#)

9. Chair Scorza provided an overview of the July regarding July 25, 2023 motion from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors titled "[Building Los Angeles County's Prevention Infrastructure](#)," including key motion highlights and Board actions. He also reviewed the Task Force's contributions and transition activities to support the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee and the Prevention and Promotion Coordination and Implementation Team (PPCIT). He also provided an overview of the Task Force's remaining activities, including completing domain summaries to inform the efforts of the Committee and PPCIT.

*Attachment(s):* [Building Los Angeles County's Prevention Infrastructure Summary Memo](#) on the Prevention Services Task Force

Members asked questions about the various Committee directives and plans (e.g., how managed plans fit into the spending plan, Task Force documentation, outcomes and metrics, focus areas, people with disabilities, staffing plan, etc.)

10. Due to time constraints, Chair Scorza decided to table the discussion regarding a County dashboard of prevention and promotion outcomes until the next meeting.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND CLOSING**

11. General Public Comments to Address Task Force-Related Subject Matters  
Public Comment: Christian Rios

*Attachment(s):* [Written Correspondence](#)

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 A.M.

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