



Task Force Mission: Report to the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health with priority recommendations to promote health, equity, and community well-being in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County
Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force
Regular Meeting Notes:

Friday, May 16, 2025

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- I. Call-to-Order
 - a. **Meeting Open:** Chad Monk (Task Force Co-Chair)
 - b. **Task Force Members in Attendance:** Dahlia Ale-Ferlito, Celia Brugman, Marc Carrel, Augusto (Goose) Dolce, Kenny Green, Naomi Iwasaki, Gina Johnson, Chad Monk (Co-Chair), Theresa (Missy) Nitescu, Gilda Noori, Jennifer Ponce, Cori Racela, Venezia Ramirez, Tiara Sigaran, Debra M. Ward
 - c. **Task Force Members Absent:** Grace Cotangco (Co-Chair), Dana Guerin, Carmen Perez, Hector Ramirez, Benny Torres (joined virtually as a member of the public)
 - d. **Members of the Public:** Sarah Johnson, Alexis, Jessica, Paul Hennessy, Heather Detweiler
 - e. **DPH Staff:** Barbra Ferrer, Ava Cato-Werhane, Donna Sze, Isabella Kwok, Jocelyn Ramirez, Stacy Alford, Sonya Vasquez, Ashley McKay, Cynthia White
- II. Land Acknowledgement

Debra Ward, Task Force Member

 - a. **Next Steps:** Chad Monk will read the Land Acknowledgment at the following meeting.
- III. Public Comment - *Opportunity for members of the public to address the Task Force on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Task Force.*
 - a. Public comment #1: Requested support for a bill protecting the right to wear a mask. Asked for long-COVID to be a TF agenda item.
 - b. Public comment #2: Recommended creating an office dedicated to addressing long-COVID and increased action on long-COVID.
 - c. Public comment #3: Recommended that DPH issue messaging similar to New York on long-COVID, reinstate masks requirements in healthcare settings, make long-COVID a standing TF agenda item, and against redirecting COVID funding.
 - d. Public comment #4: Recommended extending HIV contracts for CBOs to the end of June due to sudden contract closure.
- IV. Action to approve February 2025 Task Force Meeting Notes
 - a. **Decision: The Task Force approved the notes from the February 2025 Task Force Meeting.**
- V. Discussion and possible action on updates from the Department of Public Health
 - a. Center for Health Equity Updates
Sonya Vasquez, MSW, Director, Center for Health Equity
 - b. Department of Public Health Updates
Donna Sze, MPH, Senior Staff Analyst, Health, Office of Planning, Integration and Engagement – Planning Unit.
- VI. Action to approve the Task Force's 2024-2025 Annual report to the Board of Supervisors
 - a. **Decision: The Task Force approved the 2024-2025 Task Force Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors**
- VII. Action to approve the amended Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force Charter
 - a. **Decision: The Task Force approved the amendments to the CPPH Task Force Charter**
- VIII. Discussion and possible action on Task Force priorities, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Task Force priority area committees

- i. Health and Equitable Land Use Ad Hoc Committee
 - **Next Steps: Ad Hoc recommends the next Task Force cohort continue to prioritize the built environment and land use with added focus on fire recovery, oil & gas decisions, and concerns with building near freeway.**
- ii. Equitable County Contracting Ad Hoc Committee
 - **Next Steps: Ad Hoc recommends the next Task Force cohort continue to work on equitable county contracting as a priority given the current momentum in the County.**
- b. Liaison priority areas
 - i. Affordable and Accessible Housing Liaison
 - **Next Steps: Liaisons recommend the next Task Force cohort**
 - ii. Black Maternal and Infant Health Liaison
 - **Next Steps: Liaisons recommends the next Task Force cohort continue to work on black maternal and infant health as a priority.**
 - iii. Workforce Pipeline Enhancement and Development Liaison
 - **Next Step: Cohort 5 of the Task Force may be interested in exploring this priority through the lens of payment systems for Community Health Workers.**
- c. Other
 - i. **Next Steps: Task Force will continue to meet with the Board of Supervisors and follow-up as needed.**

- IX. Co-Chair Business
 - a. **Next Steps: Recognition for Cori Racela, Missy Nitescu, and Benny Torres for serving three full terms on the Task Force.**
- X. Departmental Updates and Recognition from the Director of the Department of Public Health
Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed., Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- V. The Task Force re-opened Agenda Item V. for discussion and action:
 - a. **Decision: The Task Force approved the Task Force's support for DPH's budget requests to the Board of Supervisors.**
 - b. **Next Steps: Task Force Delegates will meet or draft email to their Board office and recommend supporting DPH's requests for flexible funding.**
- XI. Close / Meeting Adjournment

Next Task Force Meeting:

Date: Friday, July 18, 2025

Time: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Department of Public Health

313 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Conference Room 910

For more information, please visit www.TaskForce.ph.lacounty.gov.