



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 17, 2024

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting objectives:

- Learn about recent and upcoming work from the Center for Health Equity (CHE)
- Obtain updates from the Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Discuss and take possible action on Task Force priorities
- Discuss and plan delegation meetings with Board of Supervisors

I. Call-to-Order

- a. **Meeting Open:** Chad Monk (Task Force Co-Chair)
- b. **Task Force Members in Attendance:** Celia Brugman, Grace Cotangco, Augusto (Goose) Dolce, Kenny Green, Dana Guerin, Gina Johnson, Margaret B. Martinez, Chad Monk (Co-Chair), Theresa (Missy) Nitescu, Gilda Noori (Co-Chair), Carmen Perez, Jennifer Ponce, Cori Racela, Hector M. Ramirez, Venezia Ramirez, Benjamin Torres, Debra M. Ward
- c. **Task Force Members Absent:** Dahlia Alé-Ferlito, Naomi Iwasaki, Tiara Sigaran
- d. **Members of the Public:** N/A
- e. **DPH Staff:** Ava Cato-Werhane, Isabella Kwok, Jocelyn Ramirez, Donna Sze, Cynthia White

II. Land Acknowledgement

Grace Cotangco, Task Force Member

- a. **Next Steps:** Dana Guerin will read the Land Acknowledgement at the following meeting.

III. Action to approve April 2024 Special Task Force Meeting Notes

- a. **Decision:** The Task Force approved the notes from the April 2024 Special Task Force Meeting.

IV. 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. **N/A**

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
 - i. **Next Steps:** CHE will follow-up with Scott Chan, MPA to possibly present on the work regarding Language Justice.
- b. Department of Public Health Updates
Donna Sze, MPH, Senior Staff Analyst, Health – Office of Planning, Integration and Engagement – Planning Unit
 - i. **Next Steps:** DPH will invite Task Force members to participate in key informant interviews or focus groups to provide input on the Department’s next Strategic Plan.

VI. Discussion and possible action on Task Force priorities, including, but not limited to:

- a. Task Force priority area committees
 - i. Healthy and Equitable Land Use Ad Hoc Committee
 - ii. Equitable County Contracting Ad Hoc Committee
 - iii. Community Health Equity Improvement Plan Ad Hoc Committee
 1. **Next Steps:** Ad Hoc Committee leads will develop talking points for quarterly Board of Supervisors Delegation meetings

- b. Liaison priority areas
 - i. Affordable and Accessible Housing Liaison
 - ii. Black Maternal and Infant Health Liaison
 - iii. Workforce Pipeline Enhancement and Development Liaison
 - 1. **Decision: To continue exploring newly identified priority areas for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year, the Task Force approved the appointment of liaisons for:**
 - a. **Affordable and Accessible Housing – Chad Monk and Hector M. Ramirez**
 - b. **Black Maternal and Infant Health – Dana Guerin and Gina Johnson**
 - c. **Workforce Pipeline Enhancement and Development – Celia Brugman, Carmen Perez and Jennifer Ponce**
- c. Plan for next quarter's meetings with the Board of Supervisors
 - i. **Next Step: Task Force will continue to meet with the Board of Supervisors and follow-up as needed.**

- VII. Discussion and possible action on Operational Items
 - a. Teleconference provisions pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449 / Brown Act
 - i. **Decision: Task Force will continue to operate with quarterly meetings.**

- VIII. Close / Meeting Adjournment

Next Task Force Meeting:

Date: Friday, August 23, 2024

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

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