

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND  
OTHER DRUGS  
(CAOD)**

**Meeting Summary – September 14, 2022**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Tony Bell, Bruce Boardman, Amanda Cowan, Deena Duncan, Joseph Essavi, Jeremiah Hart, Tonya McKenzie, Dean Nakanishi, Juan Navarro, Sharona R. Nazarian, Bennett Root, Jr., Mark Ryan, Johng Ho Song, Jerry G. Velasco, Howard Winkler, Wendie Warwick and G. Lola Worthington

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Commissioners Rebecca Birotte, Lou La Monte, and Mark Mendoza

**GUEST REGISTER:** Stephanie Chen

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs September 2022 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs July 2022 Minutes – Draft

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	<p>First Chair Deena Duncan, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Chair Deena Duncan asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guest.</p> <p>Quorum present.</p>
2. Public Comments	No public comments.
3. Motion to Excuse Absences	<p>Commissioners Rebecca Birotte, Lou La Monte, and Mark Mendoza have asked to be excused.</p> <p>Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Jerry G. Velasco seconded by Commissioner Tony Bell. Motion was carried with three (3) abstentions from Commissioners Bruce Boardman, Dean Nakanishi and Mark Ryan.</p>
4. Approval of Minutes	<p>Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell seconded by Commissioner Sharona R. Nazarian. Motion was carried with three (3) abstentions from Commissioners Bruce Boardman, Dean Nakanishi and Mark Ryan.</p>

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5. Presentation	<p>Dr. Brian Hurley, Medical Director of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance Use Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opioid sales, deaths and addiction treatment</li> <li>○ Narcotic analgesic dispensed</li> <li>○ Drug-involved overdose rates</li> <li>○ People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) drug-related deaths</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New SUD treatment approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Early engagement</li> <li>○ Medications, counseling and support</li> <li>○ Specialty addiction treatment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Naloxone access and administration</li> <li>• Engagement and overdoes prevention hubs</li> <li>• Meth Task Force</li> <li>• Safe Med LA</li> <li>• Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) Action Team</li> </ul>
6. Report from Substance Abuse Prevention and Control	<p>Stephanie Chen, LCSW, MPH, Chief of Community and Youth Engagement for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) spoke on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus of prevention services</li> <li>• Programs run by prevention services</li> <li>• Program opportunities</li> <li>• New prevention contracts</li> <li>• Capacity building</li> <li>• Alcohol delivery initiative</li> </ul>
7. Commission Committees Report	<p>The Education and Prevention Committee discussed presentation given by speaker Jeff Farber, Executive Director of Helpline Youth Counseling concerning Youth Field Base Services.</p> <p>Chair Deena Duncan informed the Commission on legislation discussed in Policy and Planning meeting. She also discussed Naloxone distribution in schools.</p> <p>Commissioner Wendie Warwick gave update concerning the AI-Impics that will be held Saturday, September 17, 2022 at Los Angeles Harbor College.</p>
8. Chairs Report	<p>Chair Duncan admonished the commissioners to complete their DPH annual mandatory trainings.</p>

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	Chair Duncan gave an update to the Commission concerning: upcoming speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Speakers</li> <li>• December – Health Deputy Roundtable</li> </ul>
9. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	No Commissioner Comments
10. Adjourn to the next meeting of the Commission	Meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

**Next meeting date:**  
 October 12, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. location TBA