



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, February 7, 2025

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Objectives:

- Obtain updates from the Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Learn about DPH's legislative priorities
- Learn about the County's efforts on Equitable Contracting
- 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:** Gilda Noori (Task Force Co-Chair)
- b. **Task Force Members in Attendance:** Dahlia Ale-Ferlito, Celia Brugman, Marc Carrel, Grace Cotangco, Augusto (Goose) Dolce, Kenny Green, Dana Guerin, Naomi Iwasaki, Gina Johnson, Chad Monk (Co-Chair), Theresa (Missy) Nitescu, Gilda Noori (Co-Chair), Carmen Perez, Jennifer Ponce, Cori Racela, Hector Ramirez, Tiara Sigaran, Benjamin Torres, Debra M. Ward
- c. **Task Force Members Absent:** Margaret B. Martinez, Venezia Ramirez
- d. **Members of the Public:** Julia Hamilton
- e. **DPH Staff:** Ava Cato-Werhane, Donna Sze, Isabella Kwok, Jocelyn Ramirez, Stacy Alford, Sonya Vasquez, Joshua Bobrowsky, Susu Chan, Ashley McKay, Cynthia White

II. Land Acknowledgement

Gilda Noori, Task Force Member

- a. **Next Steps:** Debra Ward 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. **Next Steps/Decisions:** N/A

IV. Discussion and possible action on updates from the Department of Public Health

- a. Center for Health Equity Updates
 - i. Sonya Vasquez, MSW, Director, Center for Health Equity
 1. **Next Steps:** Sonya Vasquez will provide additional information on:
 - a. **LGBTQ+ Commission Meeting**
 - b. **Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for As-Needed Language Assistance Services**
- b. Department of Public Health Updates
 - i. Donna Sze, MPH, Senior Staff Analyst, Health, Office of Planning, Integration and Engagement – Planning Unit
 1. **Next Steps/Decisions:** N/A

V. Presentation and discussion on DPH's Legislative Priorities for 2025

- a. Joshua Bobrowsky, JD, MPH, Director, Government Affairs
 - i. **Next Steps:** Joshua Bobrowsky will share updates with the Task Force regarding County sponsored State Legislative Bills, once they are introduced.

- VI. Presentation and discussion on Equitable County Contracting within Los Angeles County
 - a. Michael Owh, JD, Director, Internal Services Department
 - b. Kelly LoBianco, MPA, Director, Department of Economic Opportunity
 - i. **Next Steps/Decisions: N/A**
- VII. Action to approve November 2024 Task Force Meeting Notes
 - a. **Decision: The Task Force approved the notes from the November 2024 Task Force Meeting.**
- VIII. Co-Chair Election
 - a. **Decision: The Task Force elected Grace Cotangco as the new Co-Chair.**
- IX. 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
 - ii. Equitable County Contracting Ad Hoc Committee
 - 1. **Decision: Benjamin Torres elected as Equitable County Contracting liaison.**
 - 2. **Next Steps: Ad Hoc Committee leads will update 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. **Next Step: Liaison Group Leads will continue to explore newly identified priority areas and develop talking points for quarterly Board of Supervisors Delegation meetings.**
 - 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.**
- X. Close / Meeting Adjournment

Next Task Force Meeting:

Date: Friday, May 16, 2025

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

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.