

Sexual Assault Council

Los Angeles County



MEETING MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL

JUNE 23, 2025

10:00AM – 12:00PM

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH 510 S. VERMONT AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR TERRACE,
CONFERENCE ROOMS A AND B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90020.

Item	Action	Lead
I.	Meeting Opening and Land Acknowledgment	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Executive Director
10:05a Meeting called to order. ▪ LAC SAC ED change agenda item speaker's title to: Michelle Wong, Managing Director of Programs Asian American Pacific Islander Equity Alliance (AAPI Equity Alliance) ▪ Request by Council Member Emily Wu Trong to remove: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) from Member handout sheet ▪ Land Acknowledgement, BOS LAC SAC Motion, LAC SAC select process 10:20a Quorum established. All Council members present		
II.	Introduction of LAC SAC Members	LAC SAC Member Self Introductions
10:07a-10:25a Member introductions		
III.	Background and Overview of the Creation of the Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council (LAC SAC)	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Executive Director
10:25a-10:28a LAC SAC ED provided overview: ▪ 9 Council members must be present to hold a meeting ▪ Communications will be posted on the LAC SAC Website to include Agenda/Member Bios and photo/Meeting minutes ▪ All LAC SAC meetings will be held in person		

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IV.	Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)	Andrea Welsing, (OVP) Director Clara Chang, Program Manager, Gender Based Violence Prevention Initiative, OVP Michelle Wong, Executive Director Asian American Pacific Islander Equity Alliance (AAPI Equity Alliance)
10:28a-10:50a Overview and Background, Andrea Welsing ▪ Andrea Welsing described the origins and 6 Strategic Priorities of OVP as well as a description of programs. Ms. Welsing addressed the current political environment and the need to increase awareness, continue to collect data and maintain a steady focus on the work. She acknowledged that community members are reporting/experiencing fear and that may cause them to go “underground”. ▪ Ms. Welsing urged members to take back information learned in this forum to their communities and for this Council to assist in the work of OVP to build a roster/network of services. ▪ Ms. Welsing, call for questions: ○ Member question: What support can Council members expect from the County/OVP? ○ Ms. Welsing answer: GBV funding (tranche 1 & 2), data sharing and evaluation support, resources and brochures, expertise, trauma informed support, community messaging		
10:51a-11:00a Gender-based Violence Prevention Initiative Updates, Clara Chang ▪ GBV Countywide definition ▪ The 5 Focus Areas of Countywide GBV Prevention efforts directs where funding is applied ▪ Provided an overview of the GBV Community Grant timeline and explained that awardees and next steps in grant process will be posted on the OVP website.		
11:01a-11:07a OVP Strategic Planning Overview, Michelle Wong ▪ Described an overview of the process. Intention to listen, learn and identify emerging themes. ▪ Described current projects and LAC SAC collaboration.		
IV.	Selection of Chairs and Co-chair(s) (Self-Nominations)	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Executive Director

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11:07a-11:12a Members who expressed interest: Member Susana Flores, Member Lisa Hirsh Marin, Member Carlos Benavides, Member Rachel Greene LAC SAC ED requested members to express areas of interest to learn from candidates prior to formal vote: ▪ Candidate’s expectations for running a meeting ▪ Candidate’s experience and proposal for how agenda items will be prioritized ▪ Candidate’s vision. ▪ Candidate’s approach to engaging/interacting with people who do not attend LAC SAC convenings ▪ Candidate’s approach for engaging survivors and those with disabilities		
VII.	Report to LAC SAC Partner Feedback and Recommendations (OVP’s summary of partner feedback regarding LAC SAC)	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Executive Director
11:12a-11:56a LAC SAC ED provided a brief presentation on tag line ideas and priority areas identified from April 28, 2025, LAC SAC strategic planning meeting. Below are member responses from the following categories: <u>Cultural Inclusion, Awareness and Practices</u> ▪ “Disabled/developmental disabilities” not inclusive descriptions ▪ Missing: Sex trafficking, Incarcerated/PREA, Deaf/hard of hearing, Vets, POC, and other marginalize groups ▪ “Native Americans” includes indigenous ▪ Youth: ○ Can age groups be better defined ○ Children and youth/teens and infants ○ To define age there should first be consideration of a goal; what are we trying to achieve ○ Council should look at Board directive to determine intentions for 1) prevention/intervention/healing 2) Gaps 3) Definitions of pops ○ Explore potential for sub-categories for youth vs as a more general idea ○ Data/stats of different age groups, genders; assess who needs what to define what “youth” means to the Council ▪ Include patient abuse in healthcare settings ▪ Categories can all have a deeper dive by creating sub-committees to unpack the true definitions. Start with a goal/purpose to know how to define and address ▪ DV/SA what is the intersection. Must review data; and to determine need. ▪ Add men/boys’ voices ▪ Provide a timeline of LAC SAC Board Report Backs to develop master calendar <u>Training, Education and Awareness</u> ▪ Focus on where the problems are e.g.: Greek life, athletics, etc.		

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	▪ Training for LE and security guards. Security guards should get bystander training ▪ Expand bystander training from bars only in WEHO to LACO ▪ Support Rape Crisis Centers that lack funding ▪ Conduct a landscape analysis of trainings and maintain a roster ▪ Develop strategy for marketing trainings ▪ Develop an info booklet/digital to include description of services, steps involved in the process “what to expect/next”. Include what to expect in person and for virtual options ▪ Cultural sensitivity training for service providers on survivor experience; Health Care/DA; include eliminating judgement ▪ Advocate for unarmed crisis response ▪ Educate the community on role of LE ▪ Ensure follow through, transparency, warm hand-offs, empathy and trauma-informed care ▪ Include survivor’s voices ▪ Determine Council training needs; what is needed, where are the gaps ○ Council to hear from Rape Crisis Center to understand the scope of service ○ Hear from providers: Where is the system failing ▪ Consider burnout of providers/LE ▪ Explore the idea of “where the real work starts” e.g., with case managers, how to get the appropriate information to them. Explore avenues to communicate one-on-one with providers ▪ Consider mandated reporting and confidentiality in training curriculum	
VIII.	Matters not on the posted agenda/requested to be placed on a future agenda.	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Executive Director
	11:56a-11:58a ▪ Continuation from today’s agenda: Cross Sector Collaboration feedback discussion to be calendared for next meeting ▪ Possibility for DA to provide a Bureau of Victim Services presentation (Member Rachel Greene) ▪ SART Center presentation/tour ▪ Tour of/hear from staff from Rape Crisis Center ▪ Tour of UCLA (Member Jane Halladay Goodman) ▪ Case study of system breakdowns (Member Rachel Greene - what happened/what could be done) ▪ Survivor presentation	
XI.	Public Comment	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Executive Director
	11:58a-12:00p ▪ Community member thanked LAC SAC for creating a safe space for survivors ▪ Community member appreciates the opportunity to build upward spaces to advocate and connect with Council members ▪ To understand the male survivor perspective, recommendation to watch: Surviving Ohio State	

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X.	Adjourn	Nicolle Perras, LAC SAC Executive Director
12:05p adjourned Next LAC SAC Meeting July 23rd, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Department of Mental Health 510 S. Vermont Ave. 9th Floor Terrace Los Angeles, 90020		