

# Health Innovation Community Partnership

## January 8, 2021 Meeting Summary

**Zoom Meeting Attendees (64 total):** Valerie Acevedo, Dulce Acosta, Cecilia Aguilar, Pamela Agustin-Anguiano, Sofia Alvarez, Carolina Aristizabal, Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati, Rosa Barahona, Greg Bonett, Christina Cardenas, Juan Carmen, Connie Castro, Stacy Dalglish, Desiree Diaz, Yolanda Duarte, Guadalupe Duran-Medina, Jazmin Flores, Eliza Fraga, Jose Gardea, Karen Glenn, Natalie Godinez, Lorena Gomez, Ari Gutierrez Arambula, Heather Hays, Agnes Hirai, Eduardo Ibarra, Barbara Kappos, Meaghan Lloyd, Dalila Lopez, Ozzie Lopez, Andrea Marchetti, Priscilla Marin, Orlando Martinez, Dana McKinney, Cynthia Mejia, Juana Mena, Juanita Montes, Teresa Nuno, Armida Ornelas, Jorge Orozco, Anna Parra, Aydin Pasebani, Jasmine Perez, Dayana Primero, Alicia Ramos, Waqas Rehman, Esiquio Reyes, Martin Reyes, Ruby Rivera, Ruth Rivera, Diego Rodrigues, Roberto Roque, Sister Jane Rudolph, Rosalind Sagara, Angela Salazar, Hayley Sayrs, Rosa Soto, Tensho Takemori, Tana Teicheira, Caroline Torosis, Alex Villalobos, Brenda Wiewel, Maggie Woodruff, *plus 1 attendee by phone*

Agenda Item	Discussion Highlights
<b>I. Welcome, Meeting Overview, &amp; Guiding Principles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Heather Hays</b> welcomed the group to the Zoom meeting, reviewed the agenda, and reviewed the HICP Guiding Principles:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All participants agree to basic principles prioritizing equity, community resilience, and health in all programs and projects.</li> <li>○ All participants agree to approach issues with an open mind, be willing to engage in dialogue, and commit to thinking boldly about solutions.</li> <li>○ Participants will state views and ask genuine questions.</li> <li>○ Participants will seek to avoid monologues and arguments; move to conversations where participants are curious and seek to understand various points of view.</li> <li>○ Participants will explain reasoning and intent; share how we reach our conclusions so that others can understand our divergent reasoning.</li> <li>○ Participants will attack the problem and not the person, organization, or institution.</li> <li>○ Participants will define key terms so that we can attain a shared understanding.</li> <li>○ Participants will share all relevant information.</li> <li>○ Participants will always arrive prepared for the meeting.</li> <li>○ During meetings, only one person speaks at a time; we will not engage in sidebar conversations.</li> <li>○ Participants will work to develop a comprehensive, common set of information with which to solve problems and make decisions.</li> <li>○ Participants will jointly design next steps</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The <b>Meeting Agenda</b> and <b>presentation slides</b> were provided in an email to participants.</li> <li>● <b>Eliza Chavez-Fraga</b> provided Spanish-English interpretation and <b>Dalila Lopez</b> provided translation in the chat.</li> </ul>
<b>II. LAC+USC Medical Center Update</b>	<b>LAC+USC Medical Center COVID-19 Updates</b> - Jorge Orozco, Chief Executive Officer, LAC+USC Medical Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● [no slides; just talking]</li> </ul>

- We are challenged by the volume of patients and severity of cases. 255 patients with COVID in the hospital, which is close to our peak. We hit 270 last week.
- There are many times throughout the week we have been on ambulance diversion, which means we are closed to ambulance traffic because of the volume of patients in our hospital. This isn't functionally significant since the majority of hospitals in our area are on diversion - if everyone is on diversion, no one is on diversion. We are never closed to patients walking into our emergency department.
- We are challenged by the number of patients requiring high levels of oxygen - we're ok but monitoring.
- We are not in crisis levels of care. Some hospitals are close and preparing for crisis levels of care, including giving patients pamphlets on what might happen (e.g. being transferred to a different part of the hospital).
- We've vaccinated close to 6,000 employees.

**Questions and Comments:**

- **[unclear]** (via video): How are the homeless being admitted?
  - **Jorge Orozco** (via video): Our hospital always has a percentage of patients that are homeless, and they are treated like any other patient. The discharge can be a bit tricky, especially if they have other issues, but we have many experts to connect individuals to services when they exit.
- **Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati** (via chat): Which vaccine are you using?
  - **Jorge Orozco** (via video): Pfizer is the only one we have access to. We purchased a low temperature freezer last year in order to handle the vaccine.
- **Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati** (via chat): Are there any concerns about administration of the second dose?
  - **Heather Hays** (via video): Or side effects of the vaccine?
  - **Jorge Orozco** (via video): There are reports that the side effects of the vaccine are greater on the second dose. As such, we are making efforts not to schedule clinicians from the same department all at once - we are staggering them. It's difficult in that the percentage of patients having a significant reaction to the second dose is still relatively low, but significant enough to be concerned - the percentage is around 20%.
- **Heather Hays** (via video): Is there a sense of when non-clinicians might get the vaccine, what month?
  - **Jorge Orozco** (via video): There are two factors. One is how much vaccine will LA as a region continue to receive from the federal government. Two is as we move through the tiers of individuals to receive the vaccine, we started delivering second doses this week and in the next two weeks. So in the next few weeks we will have a better sense of when we can move to the next tiers.
- **Ozzie Lopez** (via video): Has there been any discussion about using clinical students to help ease the staffing challenges?
  - **Jorge Orozco** (via video): We're challenged with staffing and with the level of care that COVID patients require. We have reached out to agencies for additional help. The Department of Defense is sending a team tomorrow morning, about 18 individuals, mostly nurses. The state has sent us 11 additional nurses. In terms of students, we have not restricted access to the clinical site to our nursing students

	<p>throughout the pandemic. This allows students to continue to receive their experience here. We have continued to allow at a slightly lower level access for nursing students. We could use the help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ozzie Lopez</b> (via video): I'll follow up via email.</li> <li>○ <b>Caroline Torosis</b> (via chat): hi All - workforce development department here. If there is anything we can do to help on the recruitment and training side, particularly with respect to the vaccine techs, or any other lower skilled jobs, we would love to support. ctosis@wdacs.lacounty.gov thank you all!</li> <li>● <b>Natalie Godinez</b> (via chat): Are any healthcare workers declining the vaccine?       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jorge Orozco</b> (via video): It is not mandatory, some people have refused.</li> <li>○ <b>Ari G Arambula</b> (via chat): Jorge: Are the medical personnel who decline the vaccine allowed to work in direct contact with Covid patients?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Heather Hays</b> (via video): Is DHS doing any work to help dispel rumors that people who are ill will not be taken to hospitals because they are full?       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jorge Orozco</b> (via video): There was an EMS order put out instructing ambulance drivers, addressing patients who had a very low chance of survival in the field (for example not responding to CPR for an hour after a heart attack), to not bring patients to hospitals. There are triage officers assigned to work with ethics departments to make these very difficult decisions in terms of who receives care, and with the goal of delivering the most amount of appropriate care to the most amount of people - that's different to our usual, which is delivering the most amount of care to the individual in front of us.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati</b> (via chat): Do you know if promotores de salud will be trained on vaccine education and health safety behaviors?</li> <li>● <b>Rosa Soto</b> (via video): Can you talk about the fact that there is still care for people who don't have COVID?       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jorge Orozco</b> (via video): We have 600 beds in this hospital and another 57 at Hawkins, and we have about 570 patients in house. Only 250 of those are COVID patients, the rest are individuals who need care. We are here, continuing to give care to anyone who needs care. Really the challenge to our system is the volume of patients.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Help Slow the Spread!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Wellness Center and local partners, alongside 17 agency partners, join the Department of Public Health's CHW Outreach Initiative to reach hard-to-reach and vulnerable communities across Los Angeles County with COVID messaging and supplies.</li> <li>○ Reduce your risk of COVID-19 by avoiding the three C's           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Confined (indoor) spaces</li> <li>■ Crowds</li> <li>■ Close Contact</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>III. Reflections on the New Year</b></p>	<p><b>Reflections on the New Year and Unprecedented Times</b>, Rosa Soto, LAC+USC Medical Center Foundation, Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● [no slides; just talking]</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is great to come together at these meetings during this time of isolation. It was quite shocking to see the events at the Capitol this week. As we think about who we are, I want to ask our partners to share reflections on the week and on our role as an equity table.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ari G Arambula</b> (via video): I think we can focus on the positive, which is that there will be a change. We now have the House, the Senate, and the White House. We can start to think about things that we have left on the back burner, that shouldn't have been left on the back burner. It's also a new day in LA.</li> <li>● <b>Yolanda Duarte</b> (via video): Well said Ari. I think it's also our responsibility with various positions on boards to challenge racism and uphold our values. It's important to see the tactics available to police in response to different groups.</li> <li>● <b>Greg Bonett</b> (via video): 2021 can be nothing like 2020. We can do so many things to dramatically improve people's lives for the better. While we are deep in the pandemic, the vaccine is here. We can double down on our health campaigns and pair that with economic relief.</li> <li>● <b>Sister Jane Rudolph</b> (via chat): Do we know whether ATT and Spectrum provide better Internet access to our neighborhood (e.g, Ramona Gardens)? I am teaching on line at Santa Teresita School close by and some of our students have to learn through distorted sound and at times are off line. Just wondering, as some months ago I had asked ATT for upgrade and was told "we don't serve that area" and same for Spectrum.</li> </ul>
<p><b>IV. COVID-19 Equity Conversation</b></p>	<p><b>Community Response to COVID-19, Ari G Arambula</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● COVID-19 Equity Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HICP is a health equity table that allows us to address often-difficult community topics that would otherwise be addressed by those not from the Boyle Heights and East side communities but rather by institutions and systems.</li> <li>○ One of the goals of our time together is to work on difficult topics with disparate outcomes. COVID-19 has exactly highlighted the inequities in health and income among other challenges in our community.</li> <li>○ Today, we want to take some time to discuss some of those inequities. We want to know if there is a role HICP can play in continuing to support the community to address those needs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● What can we do to support our community responding to COVID-19? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continue to provide accurate information, education and PPE?</li> <li>○ Address the exacerbated number of Latinos and Latina women infected by COVID- 19?</li> <li>○ Can we do more to address the housing and food security crisis? What are we doing well?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● How can HICP partners help address equity concerns? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can we do more to community needs among HICP partners?</li> <li>○ Can we ask SD 1 for something we have seen works in other areas?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Are there topics we can prepare for presentation for future HICP meetings?
- What do we know about this community that can help us address these demographic disparities?
- We should be helping with the distribution of the vaccine, as medical professionals are swamped with care. We should take our community organizing model and help the government with the rollout. We'll need to fight fears of medical racism.

**Questions and Comments:**

- **Yolanda Duarte** (via video): They've already announced that the distribution model will change soon. It sounds like it will be up to us, the community, to host major vaccination sites.
  - **Ari G Arambula** (via video): This will change, but this might take a while to filter down to our community however, so the federal government might need to catch up to us. And we can still have a huge educational role.
- **Rosa Soto** (via video): I wanted to share how impressed I was to see the setup of the vaccine at the hospital. There is a real effort to figure out how to get the vaccine out as quickly as possible. Whatever it takes, maybe putting in a letter, HICP can identify sites and a work force in terms of helping relieve this distribution.
- **Ari G Arambula** (via video): I saw on the news that the CDC is changing the categories of people who are going to receive the vaccine first - just compiling information like that to distribute could be good. It also made me wonder about prioritizing communities. For example, could we distribute based on demographic impacts? We have the data for it.
- **Jasmine Perez** (via video): I was a community health worker for the Wellness Center last winter. My entire team did a great job of going out distributing PPE and fliers on safety guidelines (e.g. to street vendors). I enjoyed the work although it was terminated at the end of last year. I am interested in figuring out how to make use of that network team. I'm also curious about how cancelling rent could work. My mom is a street vendor and to make ends meet she really can't stay home. Cancelling rent might be helpful.
  - **Ari G Arambula** (via video): My impression was that once more money comes down, we can put in a good word for that job to continue.
- **Teresa Nuno** (via video): Is it correct that a new group of Promotoras is being hired? To what extent is that also being extended and leveraged?
  - **Ari G Arambula** (via video): Also Teresa, I saw that Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Mitchell put together a motion to engage the faith community. It impressed me because it said that the work will be done anyway, we just want to help get the work done. A similar motion to engage our existing networks is absolutely great. As for the Promotoras, I'm confused as to why it took so long - I think that should be a lesson learned, not to wait so long.
  - **Stacy Dalglish** (via chat): Regarding a previous question regarding Promotoras/es, Here is link to updates on DMH Promotoras/es: <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/148534.pdf>
- **Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati** (via chat): Thanks for this presentation Ari. One thing we are going to need is a massive group of trained individuals to administer the vaccine, especially since there are two doses. We hope

	<p>there are no adverse events in the first vaccination so we make sure people will come back for the second dose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pamela Agustin-Anguiano</b> (via chat): Yes, we as a partnership CAN do more to address the housing and food security crisis. A crisis needs bold and innovative responses. With solutions developed in coalition, not siloed. Services are important because they provide an immediate need. But regarding a long term effort to address equity in health and recovery must include the bold economic step that Jasmine mentioned. The forgiveness of rent and mortgage debt that is causing anxiety to low income residents. If we are in this meeting, at this hour and over zoom, we are more likely working from home and are privileged to be doing so. But some on this call are worried about continuing to pay rent. To pay for food. They lost jobs, yet are still risking their lives. Jasmine mentioned her mom being a street vendor. She is without income without fault of her own. So let's encourage our Board of Supervisors and our local city council to forgive rents in the coming months so that vulnerable residents don't further risk their health to pay for a rent. Eastside</li> <li>● <b>Ruby Rivera</b> (via chat): COMPLETELY AGREE WITH PAMELA. Thank you for sharing that. And thank you for pointing out that very real need @Jasmine.</li> <li>● <b>Greg Bonett</b> (via chat): Yes! Exactly. Thank you Jasmine.</li> </ul>
<p><b>V. LA County Housing Crises and Response</b></p>	<p><b>LA County Housing Crisis and Social Justice Response</b>, Gehry Partners, LLP; Meaghan Lloyd, Tensho Takemori &amp; Dana McKinney</p> <p><b>Social Justice and the LA River</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What Keeps You From Visiting the LA River? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [see Presentation Slides for more in-depth break down of survey results]</li> <li>○ 24% concerned about being attacked or injured</li> <li>○ 20% concerned about few people being around</li> <li>○ 25% concerned about the presence of people experiencing homelessness</li> <li>○ 20% concerned about the lack of police patrolling</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Early Investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many interviews</li> <li>○ “What is social justice?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ “Social justice is about creating an environment where everyone can thrive, regardless of their economic background.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ashlee George, Impact Justice, Associate Director, Restorative Justice Project</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ “Until and unless we think of fair and compassionate ways of dealing with harm, we will be unable to deal with justice.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rebecca Ginsburg, University of Illinois, Director of Education Justice Project</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ “Social Justice is primarily about opportunity and access to opportunity, with a key awareness of historic and current obstacles that are associated with the lack of opportunity.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Steve Pontell, National Core, President and CEO
      - “Social justice is about everyone, regardless of their zip code or level of education, feeling like they have a voice and they are a functioning part of their community.”
        - Melissa Freeny, City of Compton, Chief of Staff for Mayor Aja Brown
- To supplement, we did several geo-spatial assessments
  - [see Presentation Slides for more images of various maps depicting various demographics]
- We looked at other projects, such as
  - Million Dollar Hoods
    - [see Presentation Slides for chart depicting the costs of jailing and arresting people across various neighborhoods]
    - \$20 million or more that neighborhoods have spent between 2012-2017 in LA County Sheriff’s Department Facilities
  - Gang Injunction Zones
    - 10,000 LA residents lived under a gang injunction
    - 450 gangs in LA
    - 45,000 gang members
- [see Presentation Slides for infographics on the following topics]
  - Nationwide Incarceration
  - Who does incarceration affect?
- Consequences of Incarceration
  - 76.7% of incarcerated individuals recidivate within 5 years
  - Disinvestment
  - Educational attainment
  - Increased incidence of crime
  - Lesser access to jobs
  - Lowered housing values
  - Disjointed families
- Criminal Justice in LA County
  - [see Presentation Slides for infographics about the Federal, State, and County Courts]
- Alternatives to Incarceration
  - Diversion Programs
    - Homeboy Industries
      - “Homeboy Industries provides hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of our community.”
  - Reentry Programs
    - A New Way of Life

- “Most of us know where China is and most of us know what a boat is. But, if you take us to a dock and tell us ‘get in a boat and go to China’, we are kind of at a loss. Coming out, we do not know how to navigate the system.”
      - Stanley Bailey, served 25 years
  - Sentencing Alternatives
    - Star Court for Sex Trafficking
      - “As a whole, it is an open minded, clean, and knowledgeable court environment that also provides numerous resources.”
        - Tami Warren, LA County Public Defender
    - Restorative Justice
      - A circular discussion about the crime, harm caused, and how to remediate the harm.
      - The discussion occurs between the accused, the victim, and community members.
      - Eligible population
        - “First-time, non-violent offenders can avoid going to court, while still taking responsibility for their actions.”
          - California Courts
        - At-risk Individuals Likely To Recidivate:
          - Veterans
          - People experiencing homelessness
          - People suffering from mental illness
          - People with substance abuse issues
          - Victims of human trafficking
  - Finland and Norway Trip, Impact Justice
    - “Impact Justice dares to dream of a humane and restorative system of justice in America. Through innovation, research, policy, and advocacy, we are forging a new path to a justice system that is fair to all of us.”
      - Impact Justice mission statement
    - [see Presentation Slides for infographics about the Comparison of Systems between California, Finland, and Norway]; Incarceration Rates Over Time; images of prisons]
- Criminal Justice Reform in California and LA County
  - Reform Legislation, 2011-2018
    - AB 109 | Realignment - State To County Jails
    - Prop 36 | 3 Strikes Reform For Nonviolent Charges Prop 47 | Reduced Charges
    - Prop 64 | Legalization Of Marijuana
    - SB 180 | Repeal Sentencing Enhancement Act
    - SB 190 | Ending Juvenile Fees
    - SB 335 | No Court Fees For The Innocent
    - SB 393 | Expunge Non-conviction Arrest Records

- SB 394 | No Life Without Parole For Youth
  - SB 395 | Miranda Rights For Youth
  - SB 439 | Minimum Age For Prosecution
- Juvenile Halls Closures, 2013/2019
- Criminal Justice Hearing & One-Stop Center, 2019
  - “I am interested in developing a program that would be run by formerly incarcerated people (...) This center would allow people to access all different services at one place and one time.”
    - Congresswoman Karen Bass, Head of the Congressional Black Caucus
  - “This is an innovative one-stop shop where people can get help to find a job, go back to school, get connected to much-needed housing, get their record cleared, and receive healthcare, therapy, and other services crucial to turning someone’s life around - the essential ingredients to giving them a second chance.”
    - Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, LA County Second Supervisorial District
- Cancellation of LA County Jail Contract, 2019
  - “On February 12, 2019, [The Board of Supervisors] commissioned the Office of the CEO to create a public-private County Work Group on Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI), charged with developing a “road map, with an action-oriented framework and implementation plan, to scale alternatives to incarceration and diversion so care and services are provided first, and jail is a last resort.”
    - Dr. Robert K. Ross, Chair of the ATI Work Group, 21 President & CEO, The California Endowment
- Cares First, Jails Last, 2020 Motion
  - Strategy 1
    - Expand and scale community-based holistic care and services through sustainable and equitable community capacity building and service coordination.
  - Strategy 2
    - Utilize behavioral health responses for individuals experiencing mental health and/or substance use disorders, homelessness, and other situations caused by unmet needs; avoid and minimize law enforcement responses.
  - Strategy 3
    - Support and deliver meaningful pretrial release and diversion services.
  - Strategy 4
    - Provide effective treatment services in alternative placements, instead of jail time.
  - Strategy 5
    - Effectively coordinate the implementation of ATI recommendations, ensuring that strategies work to eliminate racial disparities and to authentically engage and compensate system-impacted individuals.



- **Greg Bonett** (via chat): Good question Ari. We think the federal rental assistance the County will likely get in the coming weeks will be enough to provide meaningful support for small landlords who have tenants eligible for rent cancellation. And hopefully more federal money will come to provide additional support. But low-income tenants need relief now to get the virus under control.
- **Ruby Rivera** (via chat): Hello Ari: With regards to rent cancellation the policy platform that Healthy LA is advocating for includes a strong focus on Small landlords.
- **Ari G Arambula** (via chat): Having just worked on the Census where we say a major undercount - I have concern that undocumented folks will not get access to these rent relief programs. How can we assure they do?
  - **Greg Bonett** (via chat): yes - we don't want burdensome eligibility requirements. We think a tenant should be able to simply sign a document establishing that they meet the eligibility requirements of the federal assistance and give the document to their landlord. This would be enough to suspend their rent payments and the landlord could use the form to show their eligibility for support payments (focusing on small landlords). Of course language access and public outreach will be key.
  - **Natalie Godinez** (via chat): Ari, the idea is that the rent relief targets landlords vs the tenants. Placing the responsibility of applying on the landlords. Rent relief as it has been used before didn't work well, people took the time to apply and a lot of landlords still refused to accept the help.
- **Ari G Arambula** (via chat): defund the police - how are the funds being redirected by LAPD and the LAUSD police?
  - **Dana McKinney** (via video): For the LAPD, the removal from their budget was the scheduled increase in their budget. So this is about Measure J, which is attempting to redirect funds towards things like housing. I'm not sure for LAUSD, but that was \$25 million.
- **Heather Hays** (via video): Is social rehabilitation for the formerly incarcerated part of your recommendations, and how might it be implemented?
  - **Dana McKinney** (via video): There is emphasis based on the Cares First report that some are better suited for mental health programs or similar. It's been difficult with the timing of the release and COVID, but as a result of that motion, I think there will be movement there soon. It's also about family structure, joblessness, housing insecurity, etc. Money in the future will hopefully be spent on these underlying concerns.
- **Ari G Arambula** (via chat): Question for Dana: what is the direct alternative to juvenile incarceration?
  - **Dana McKinney** (via video): A few options being tried across the country, but mostly we've been looking at restorative justice. There is emphasis on neurological development not being finished until age 24. There is also a focus on rehabilitation within the home, although residential programs exist to house juveniles away from their homes if there are concerns about harm occurring. Sometimes the residential programs can be less expensive.
  - **Ruby Rivera** (via chat): @Ari: Here is more information on alternatives to incarceration <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ati-documents-and-resources/>
- **Heather Hays** (via video): To recap, what are your priorities with the LA River?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dana McKinney</b> (via video): The LA River master plan has 9 different goals focused on various things, including housing and environmental efforts.</li> <li>○ <b>Dana McKinney</b> (via chat): larivermasterplan.org</li> <li>● <b>Esiquio Reyes</b> (via video): A major focus of helping homelessness seems to be around housing, but that can take years. Has there been any focus on helping the homeless while they are on the streets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dana McKinney</b> (via video): One thing we're looking at is sort of these deployable resource centers that can go along the river.</li> <li>○ <b>Tensho Takemori</b> (via video): To add to what Dana mentioned, we're also considering education about housing rights etc., and increasing housing stock as well.</li> <li>○ <b>Esiquio Reyes</b> (via chat): Thank you.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Yolanda Duarte</b>: Have to sign off - this project has tremendous solution-based potential impacts for our community</li> <li>● <b>Ruby Rivera</b> (via chat): If anyone in the county is dealing with illegal evictions or landlord harassment you can request legal advice/support using the Stay Housed LA website. stayhousedla.org</li> <li>● <b>Heather Hays</b> (via chat): For more information on the planning grant opportunity, please visit: <a href="https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml">https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml</a></li> <li>● <b>Heather Hays</b> (via chat): Please visit the HICP website resource library for meeting materials and Zoom recording. <a href="https://www.hicpla.org/resource-library">https://www.hicpla.org/resource-library</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dalila Lopez</b> (via chat): Visite el sitio web de HICP para obtener materiales de la reunión y grabaciones de Zoom. <a href="https://www.hicpla.org/resource-library">https://www.hicpla.org/resource-library</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>VI. SD1 Update on County Equity Initiatives</b></p>	<p><b>SD1 Policy Updates</b>, Guadalupe Duran-Medina, Office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis; <b>3rd and Dangler Housing</b>, Cynthia Mejia, National CORE; <b>LAC+USC Campus Projects</b>, Alicia Ramos, LA County Department of Public Works, Iris Regn, LA County Department of Arts and Culture</p> <p><b>SD1 Policy Updates</b>, Guadalupe Duran-Medina, Office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● [no slides, just talking]</li> <li>● Increase in COVID-19 testing and testing sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current capacity is 300,000 tests per week</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Vaccine distribution and priority groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supervisor Solis recently sent a letter to the CDC, the Health and Human Services Agency, and the Governor re: postal workers and similar positions, asking them to be considered as part of the first tier to get vaccines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Hero pay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board of Supervisors approved a motion to provide hero pay to frontline workers in groceries and drug retail stores etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Eviction moratorium update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Extends eviction moratorium to February 28th.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Provides eviction defense to tenants who couldn't pay between March and September of 2020
- Provides eviction defense to tenants who couldn't pay the 25% between October and December 2020
- Restarts full eviction moratorium February 1st.
- Rent relief motion
  - New update essentially allows more flexibility
- Community land trust
  - Increasing funds to trusts in order to purchase more housing eligible for Section 8 etc.
- Next meeting there will be more details re: the Vignes house project
- HICP Endorsement
  - Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) Planning Grant Opportunity
    - Planning assistance to help jurisdictions implement and adopt Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts
    - Examples include:
      - Planning assistance to help jurisdictions implement AB 73, through the use of incentives to create housing on infill sites near public transportation, including fair housing analysis, identifying potential areas for affordable housing, and developing equity-based housing policies and programs.
      - Planning assistance to help jurisdictions implement SB 540, through the use of streamlining the housing approval process by having cities identify Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones and completing up-front planning focused on employment and affordable housing in areas close to jobs, transit, and result in reduced VMT.
      - Planning assistance to help jurisdictions implement tax increment financing districts that will result in accelerating housing production, through the development of infrastructure improvements to support infill housing and transit-oriented mixed-use development.
  - ***A zoom poll was distributed asking members to vote on endorsing the HICP Co-Design Committee to approve and send a support letter for a SCAG Planning Grant Application***
    - ***28 (100%) people responded Yes***

**Questions and Comments:**

- **Greg Bonett** (via video): Is increased housing development in the area part of this proposal?
  - **Guadalupe Duran-Medina** (via video): It is able to be used to fund additional affordable housing in the area.
- **Greg Bonett** (via video): Can we support with conditions, such as with certain implementation?
  - **Guadalupe Duran-Medina** (via video): I think that is fine, and aligned with promoting HICP policies.
  - **Teresa Nuno** (via video): I appreciate this confirmation that this is a study and we can support with caveats according to our values.

- **Ari G Arambula** (via chat): Covid test/vaccine response: what if folks don't have tech access for setting appointments? what is the plan for that? I noticed the Dept. of Public Social Services now offers walk up
- **Ari G Arambula** (via chat): funding source for affordable housing: what if the government builds market rate housing and uses the revenue to subsidize housing expenses for those who need it based on income level or income loss, medical situations, etc. (i am not trying to be flippant -- i am really interested in funding affordable housing in a larger scale faster. )
- **Ari G Arambula** (via chat): SCAG request - this is just for the support letter, right?
  - **Rosa Soto** (via chat): Yes, its a letter of support for the planning grant to explore feasibility of the fund as a resource for our site

**LAC+USC Campus Projects**, Alicia Ramos, LA County Department of Public Works, Iris Regn, LA County Department of Arts and Culture

- Child Care Center
  - Building and Safety design review complete this month
  - Civic Arts selection process underway
    - 1/8/21 (today) 2nd Evaluation Committee Meeting
- Women's and Children's Hospital Demolition
  - (1240 North Mission Road – Corner of Zonal and Mission)
  - Status and Next Steps
    - Award of the Demolition Services Contract on 12/8/2020
    - Interior demolition activities on-going
    - Commemoration Celebration Video to be shown at next HICP meeting

**Questions and Comments:**

- **Ari G Arambula** (via chat): Child Care Center - to be clear, this child care facility will be for staff of the LAC+USC medical facilities, right? that means not the community. i ask because i was rejected when i needed child care for my daughter. -- as such maybe the SCAG opportunity is something that can be used to increase child care access to the working families of the immediate area.
- **Ari G Arambula** (via chat): will the ceremony air on the county channel? do we need to promote it?
  - **Rosa Soto** (via chat): I heard on a previous presentation that there will be spots for community members as well for the child care center. Not sure how many spots but yes this was a replacement site for the childcare center set up for staff primarily many years ago
  - **Rosa Soto** (via chat): We will look into whether ceremony can be shared on county channel

**Partner Announcements**, Cynthia Mejia, National CORE;

- [no slides; just talking]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Should have a final pocket park conceptual design ready by next month</li> <li>● Deadline for RFQ for the mural is next Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Over the next few weeks, the candidate pool will be narrowed down</li> <li>○ Final artist selection will be in April with community input</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Target Worker Hires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We are working with the Labor Compliance specialist we hired, which will be joining our Committee led by Esidrio.</li> <li>○ We are on track to begin construction in early to mid June</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ari G Arambula</b> (via chat): how/where do artists apply? Please provide link and or actual rfp</li> </ul>
<b>VII. Closing and Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Heather Hays</b> shared a link to the partner agenda poll to survey members on their thoughts for future meetings. <a href="#">HICP Meeting Topics Survey / Encuesta sobres los Temas de la Reunión de HICP</a></li> <li>● The next HICP meeting will be held on Friday, February 5, 2021.</li> </ul>