

LACCW Health Committee Meeting Notes  
May 11, 2026

Call to order: 8:33 am

Adjourn: 8:55 am

**Attendees:**

**Commissioner Members:**

Chair Commissioner Friedman, Vice Chair Commissioner Dr. Emetu, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Dr. Gorman

**Absent:**

**Ex-Officio:** President Dr. Smith

**Community Representatives Attendees:**

**Community members Absent:**

- Zoe Phillips, MPH, CHES, LA County Dept. of Public Health, Office of Women's, Director of Administration, Communications and Programs, Office of Women's Health
- Gretchen Downey, Vice President, Programs, Sharefest Community Development
- Kathleen M. Sanchez, PhD, MPH, LA County Dept. of Public Health, Director, Research and Evaluation, AEP Unit, Vaccine Preventable Disease Control
- Dalia Jones
- Jessica Monge Coria Regional Manager, Community Development, Southern CA
- Cindy Esquivel
- Vanessa Melendrez
- Erika Toriz
- Aidee Zuno
- Veronica Arciga Barriga

## MEETING NOTES

1. Call to order Los Angeles County, Land Acknowledgment
2. Vote on Approval of January 12, 2026 meeting notes – approved
3. Discussion on LAC DPH addressing medical debt
  - Kathleen Sanchez was not present at today’s meeting to discuss.
  - No meaningful discussion took place regarding LAC DPH’s work on addressing medical debt.
4. “Women’s Health & Economic Empowerment” conference June 25, 2026
  - Commissioner Diaz was thanked for securing a donation from Chicago School.
  - Commissioner So-Perkins secured a \$1,000 sponsorship from financial corporation JBC.
  - Commissioner Diaz secured participation from the CEO of the Center for Non-Profit Management.
  - Currently there are 139 people registered. Commissioner Friedman requested that staff send conference information to the Commission and the broader LACCW distribution list.
  - Staff stated they will send this information out today. The conference will be capped at 225 attendees due to cost considerations.
  - Currently have \$10,000 in sponsorships. \$12,000 is still needed for food and incidentals. Sponsorships can be sent to Iris Cantor or the California Endowment.
  - Resource tables (currently 35) will be available including one for LACCW.
  - Staff has confirmed that there are sufficient Women and Girls Initiative bags to provide for the Conference.
  - Agenda still in progress:
    - Current speakers include:
      - UCLA Chancellor’s wife
      - Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director, LAC DPH
      - Supervisor Horvath
      - Measures of America

- Darcy Totten, ED, California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
- Cathay Bank
- Commissioner President Dr. Smith
- Commissioner Dr. Emetu will serve as moderator for one session.
- Topics to be discussed will include medical debt
- SGDW Magnets will be available at the conference.

5. Discussion on topics for the Status of Women & Girls Report with Mount Saint Mary's

- A survey will be distributed at the conference to gather input on possible focus areas for the report.
- Suggestions included the following:
  - Asthma and Lung Cancer/Respiratory Issues
  - Environmental issues
  - Sexual and gender-diverse health issues
  - An "Other" option for additional suggestions
- The Committee also discussed asking Health Deputies for input on possible report topics.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the following: Attending Health Cluster meetings with health deputies and Committee member Organizations update

- Commissioner Friedman would like to share with the Health Cluster meetings. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:30am
- commissioner Friedman and Commissioner Diaz will attend virtually.

7. Adjournment for the meeting