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PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

In the final report of the Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection (BRCCP), *The Road to Safety for Our Children*, two key recommendations were to “establish an entity to oversee one unified child protection system,” and for it to create a strategic plan for the work it will focus on. On June 10, 2014, the Board adopted the recommendations contained within that BRCCP final report and took action to establish the Office of Child Protection (OCP) as a separate entity reporting directly to the Board and located within the Executive Office. In October 2016, the OCP submitted to the Board its Countywide Child Protection Strategic Plan, which categorizes the work across five goal areas: prevention, safety, permanency, well-being, and cross-cutting approaches. It has submitted quarterly updates on its progress since August 1, 2016; this is a report on its progress since the last update submitted on January 31, 2018.

GOAL 1: PREVENTION *Provide children and families with the upfront supports and services they need to prevent them from entering the child welfare system and/or limit their involvement with the system once they are known to it.*

Countywide Prevention Plan

- Implementing the OCP’s plan, *Paving the Road to Safety for Our Children: A Prevention Plan for Los Angeles County*. All workgroups aligned with the strategies for action have been formed and are tackling their specific charges: networking the networks and measuring prevention are being led by First 5 LA, expanding home visitation is being led by the Department of Public Health (DPH), expanding early care and education is being led by the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development, prevention and aftercare network capacity and implementing the Portrait of Los Angeles County report recommendations are being led by the OCP.

- ✧ Networking the Networks Working with First 5 LA, DPH, the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS), Prevention and Aftercare Networks (P&As), Children's Data Network, and the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development to identify strategies for enhancing connections and coordination across existing prevention networks
 - Disseminated a survey to known prevention networks, in both English and Spanish, that can be shared with others to learn more about both formally funded and informal networks, obtain data on factors that sustain them, and understand what barriers they face in connecting with other existing networks
 - Began cataloging the responses to develop a list of additional existing networks identified
- ✧ Prevention and Aftercare Network Capacity Working with the P&As to help reach families that could benefit from support as early as possible and to expand the capacity of families served
 - Hired a consultant who is working in close partnership with DCFS, DMH, and the P&As to develop individualized plans for capacity building, including addressing program service gaps, increasing family engagement, and maximizing revenue
- ✧ Home Visitation Working with DPH, the Center for Strategic Public-Private Partnerships (CSPPP), First 5 LA, DMH, DCFS, Public Library, Probation Department, Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Children's Data Network, and the LA County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium on developing a plan for expanding home visitation services available to vulnerable families
 - DPH and First 5 LA are pilot-testing processes that expand the number of providers that can bill Targeted Case Management (TCM) for their home visitation services, increasing the amount of Federal funding that Los Angeles County leverages.
 - DMH and the LA County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium have begun training the entire Countywide home-visiting workforce on Mental Health First Aid, and are surveying them on additional perinatal mental health trainings that would be useful.
- ✧ Early Care and Education Working with the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development, First 5 LA, the Los Angeles Child Care Alliance, DCFS, DPH, the Commission for Children and Families, DMH, the Child Care Planning Committee, the Alliance for Children's Rights, the Advancement Project, the Southern California Association for the Education of Young Children, P&As, and others to create a roadmap for improving access to early care and education programs

- Identifying effective models in other jurisdictions that could be feasible in Los Angeles
- Researching options for conducting a Countywide comprehensive fiscal analysis of early care and education programs
- ✧ Measuring Prevention Working with First 5 LA, DMH, DCFS, Children's Data Network, Chief Executive Office (CEO), DPH, DHS, the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), and other data experts to develop a set of standardized measures of prevention to evaluate the effectiveness of prevention-plan implementation efforts
 - Planning a three-day workshop with County and external partners, to be led by Socrata, to develop a roadmap for performance management measures of prevention; the workshop is tentatively being scheduled for June or July 2018
- ✧ A Portrait of Los Angeles County Working with various entities including the CEO, the City of Los Angeles, First 5 LA, DPH, DCFS, WDACS, Public Library, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Probation Department, DPSS, Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA), Children's Data Network, LACOE, CSPPP, Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development, Child Care Planning Committee, Healthy Design Workgroup Grants Committee, Equity Workgroup, Weingart Foundation, Southern California Grantmakers, and the Center for Financial Empowerment to monitor the overall well-being of communities and support efforts that implement the report's recommendations
 - Identifying existing initiatives that align with key recommendations and areas where gaps need to be addressed, so that strategies that improve well-being for Los Angeles County residents can be developed where needed
 - Presented the report findings and recommendations involving early care and education to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education as part of its planning session on expanding high-quality early childhood education programs; as a result of this and other presentations, the school board approved the opening of 16 new early learning centers throughout the district for this next school year
- ✧ Other Noteworthy Efforts
 - Home Visitation Pilot Project DPSS, SHIELDS for Families, First 5 LA, DPH, Children's Data Network, and CSPPP have partnered to develop a pilot project for connecting families to home visitation and other prevention services
 - This pilot was launched in DPSS' GAIN Region V office in South County in November 2017.
 - To date, 50 families have been enrolled in a home visitation program (the target set for this pilot), with an additional 35 families being connected to

various supports. The types of supports received by both sets of families include basic needs (e.g., food, diapers, household items), concrete needs (e.g., furniture, rental assistance, clothing), housing, and education/employment.

- The 50 families enrolled in home visitation additionally receive support for benefit services, family recreation/enrichment, health care, mental/behavioral health, and infant/child nutrition and feeding.
- The 35 families only connected to supports additionally receive support for utilities, legal services, and parent education.
- Parents participating in this pilot have expressed much appreciation to the linkages staff for the support they are able to receive.
- Substance Abuse Support Pilot Project DPH, DMH, and DCFS have partnered to outstation substance abuse counselors in each of the DCFS regional offices to provide on-site support and warm hand-off connections to substance abuse supports for those parents or youth who need them.
 - Substance abuse counselors were outstationed in 9 DCFS regional offices on April 30, 2018—Palmdale, Lancaster, Van Nuys, Glendora, Metro North, West Los Angeles, Vermont Corridor, Compton, and Wateridge.
 - The outstationed substance abuse counselors will be trained in trauma-informed care and receive an overview of mental illness and substance use disorders, including risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, on May 8, 2018.
 - Efforts are underway to have 3 more counselors outstationed in May in the West San Fernando Valley, Pomona, and Covina Annex offices, and the pilot continues to identify space in the other regional offices so that counselors can be outstationed in them as quickly as possible.

GOAL 2: SAFETY *Minimize, if not eliminate, the risk that a child known to one or more entities in our system will be harmed.*

Risk Assessment and System Improvement Recommendation Implementation

- Partnering with DCFS to implement the recommendations outlined by the OCP in its report of May 2017
 - ✧ A plan for implementing these recommendations over the next three years was developed that includes:
 - Steps to rigorously study current DCFS assessment policy, practice, and methods for gathering and using assessment-related data

- Implementing changes to policy, continuous quality improvement activities, and training curriculum, as well as new practices for strengthening supervision
- Enhancing strategies for DCFS staff to connect families defined as being at-risk to community supports
- ✧ A Board letter to increase the amount of an existing contract DCFS has with the National Council on Crime & Delinquency (NCCD) to support these activities and the OCP recommendations is scheduled to go to the Board for approval on May 8, 2018.

DCFS Hotline Pilot

- Developed a draft pilot project with DCFS' Hotline and the P&As to serve families referred to the Hotline whose concerns do not warrant a DCFS investigation, but where an identified need exists that could be addressed through community-based prevention supports
 - ✧ Currently creating a checklist to identify families who would benefit most from this kind of referral; developing a new process flow for making these referrals to the P&As from the hotline; determining what data is needed for tracking pilot implementation; and reviewing the Structured Decision Making® (SDM) screening process used at the Hotline
 - ✧ The pilot is anticipated to begin on July 1, 2018.

Use of Public Health Nurses (PHNs) in Child Welfare

- Submitted a plan to your Board on December 8, 2017, that identified the best use of PHNs in child welfare moving forward and included an evaluation of the children's social worker/PHN joint-visit pilot conducted by the Children's Data Network
 - ✧ The PHNs working in child welfare were consolidated into DPH effective July 1, 2017.
 - ✧ The Child Welfare PHN (CWPHN) Steering Committee is continuing to meet to address issues resulting from the consolidation, including PHN workload, termination of the CSW-PHN joint visitation pilot, and the role of the PHNs out-stationed in the County's medical Hubs.
 - ✧ DPH and DCFS are drafting a plan to transition the joint-visit pilot PHNs into the CWPHN general program.
 - Additional training needs to support the PHNs have been identified.

Electronic Data-Sharing Efforts

- Working with DCFS, the Chief Information Office (CIO), County Counsel, and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on the production of an electronic portal that would facilitate the electronic sharing of information relevant to an investigation of child abuse or neglect across 7 county departments and DCFS, based upon an MOU that the OCP finalized with the participating departments, County Counsel, and the Chief Executive Office (CEO)
 - ✧ Phase I development of the system for law enforcement data, in partnership with the Sheriff's Department and the Information Systems Advisory Body (ISAB), has been completed.
 - ✧ Trainings for the first set of DCFS regional office emergency response workers are being scheduled for May and June, with an anticipated soft launch date of June 2018. Additional offices will be scheduled for training until the system is fully launched, which is anticipated by August 2018.
- Collaborating with the CEO, DCFS, Anthony & Jeanne Pritzker Family Foundation, Fullscreen Media, Think of Us, The Chronicle of Social Change, Binti, Sidebench, FosterMore/Children's Action Network, Raise A Child, Bixel Exchange, iFoster, the Alliance for Children's Rights, Teens Exploring Technology, First Place for Youth, ScaleLA, and others to hold a follow-up "Hack Foster Care LA+1" convening on May 24, 2018. This convening will be an opportunity to update participants on the progress made toward technology and legal solutions that were proposed at last year's original Hackathon. The OCP is leading the workshop "Working Through Legal Barriers, One Year Later."

GOAL 3: PERMANENCY *No child leaves the system without a permanent family or a responsible caring adult in his or her life.*

Increasing the Use of Relative Placements

- Continuing to monitor the progress of the upfront family-finding pilot project launched in the Santa Fe Springs and Glendora DCFS offices in November 2016 that prioritizes placing children coming into foster care with relatives (the pilot is still showing rates around 80% or higher for placing children with non-offending parents, relatives, and non-related extended family members)
 - ✧ Expansion of the pilot is underway with the Vermont Corridor and West L.A. DCFS regional offices, and initial data is promising.
 - ✧ Next steps include:
 - Identifying and increasing the engagement of non-placement relatives and non-related extended family members through Child and Family Teams (CFTs) and other means

- Tracking the engagement of relatives and non-related extended family members
- Ensuring that adequate resources are available to extend these front-end family-finding efforts to additional DCFS offices
- Working with DCFS to advocate for Resource Family Approval (RFA) reform and additional financial resources to further support relative placements

Permanency and Self-Sufficiency Planning for Transition-Age Youth (TAY)

- Continuing to participate in the TAY Self-Sufficiency Workgroup, led by the CEO, to help develop a multi-year countywide strategy to support the self-sufficiency goals of TAY foster youth at the earliest stages possible
 - ✧ A conceptual draft of this strategy has been developed.
- Finalizing a plan for increasing permanency for TAY before they age out of foster care
- CEO and OCP have held several focus groups with key constituents—including former foster youth, relative caregivers, advocates, DCFS children’s social workers, relative caregiver support staff, and others—to obtain input into both drafts and their recommendations.
- Additional input into recommendations for both drafts will be obtained at the Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (SIP) Conference scheduled for May 3, 2018.

Transitional Shelter Care (TSC) Pilot

- Continuing to convene bi-weekly meetings with stakeholders—including DCFS, Probation, the Juvenile Court, Children’s Law Center of California, Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), the Violence Intervention Program (VIP), County Counsel, and others—to discuss the multidisciplinary teaming pilot led by DCFS’ Accelerated Placement Team to stabilize and find permanency for hard-to-place youth (i.e., overstays and chronic repeaters) at TSCs
 - ✧ Discusses individual cases with regional social workers and their engagement teams so partners can help identify solutions to issues being raised
 - ✧ Tested a pilot involving Engagement Placement Stabilization (EPS) meetings for youth who are overstaying, followed by a hearing in Dependency Court, as needed, where the Court reviews efforts to place these youth and encourages youth to work proactively with DCFS to assist in their placement efforts
 - EPS meetings are now occurring at David and Margaret and Hathaway-Sycamores.

- ✧ A meeting was held on February 1, 2018, to review the work of the TSC committee with DCFS Director Bobby Cagle and CDSS Deputy Director Greg Rose. The discussion included how best to institutionalize the work of the committee, the potential impacts of converting group homes to Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs), and the 72-hour TSC contract's expiration in 2019. Data presented at this meeting included:
 - A total of 40 hard-to-place youth have been in the EPS pilot since it began. As a result of the work of the engagement teams, 28 of the 32 who are still involved have moved into placements and are maintaining them.
 - Of the 8 youth who have graduated from the pilot, 7 are successfully maintaining stable placements with a family member, with a non-related extended family member, or in a lower level of care.
 - Case example: A.C. is a non-minor dependent who consistently exhibited extremely dysfunctional behavior and had been considered for conservatorship. Through the strong support she received from her team in this pilot, she has remained stable in her current placement for over 5 months, taken on a job at a day care center, and developed much greater self-esteem. She is receiving Regional Center assistance and is in the process of transitioning to a placement with in-home support staff where she will live with roommates. She has started becoming a very positive support and resource for other youth residing at the TSC, including her younger sister who is now there.

GOAL 4: WELL-BEING *Ensure that system-involved youth achieve the physical, emotional and social health needed to be successful.*

Education Coordinating Council (ECC) Efforts

- Continuing to partner with DCFS, Los Angeles County school districts, and LACOE to develop processes and policies for implementing the foster youth school-stability provisions included in the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). The ECC, DCFS, LACOE, and LAUSD are implementing a transportation pilot to keep foster youth in their schools of origin. The pilot, which runs through June 30, 2018, is intended to be a “bridge solution” and learning opportunity as long-term transportation agreements between DCFS and the districts are drafted and finalized.
 - ✧ The ESSA Transportation Workgroup, which is convened by the ECC and LACOE and includes multiple public and private stakeholders, is in the final stages of drafting a sample transportation plan that will serve as a template for long-term interagency agreements between DCFS and the County's 80 school districts. The sample transportation plan and guidance document should be completed by May 2018.
 - ✧ The ECC secured an additional \$30,000 of philanthropic bridge funding for the ESSA Transportation pilot, bringing the total philanthropic funds raised to \$60,000. DCFS receives hundreds of notifications a week when youth are being

placed into foster care or are changing placements. DCFS has committed to hiring 8 more education consultants to handle this work over the long term, but they will not be in place until fall 2018. The philanthropic bridge funding provides the additional capacity needed to process these notifications and coordinate transportation until the education consultants are fully staffed. Two of these bridge-funded education consultants have already begun assisting DCFS with this work. Additional philanthropic funding for 3 more education consultants, as well as a consultant to outreach to other Los Angeles County school districts and help reach agreement on an ESSA Long-Term Plan, is currently being sought.

- ✧ Made progress toward greater access to accurate and consistent education data for foster youth
 - Facilitated the signing of an MOU between LACOE and DCFS for accessing and sharing data in LACOE's electronic education data system, the Education Passport System (EPS); this agreement creates a single point for school districts and other users to access and share education data on foster youth
 - Worked with the Juvenile Court and LACOE on solidifying an agreement to provide judicial officers with electronic access to EPS. The partners are now working on leveraging the Court's case management software portal in this effort, identifying the information in EPS that would be most useful to judicial officers, and developing an MOU to formalize the collaboration and data-sharing efforts.
- Helped to develop a trauma-informed arts education pilot for middle and high schools with high numbers of foster and probation youth; this pilot is based on a successful model currently existing within probation halls and camps that was created by the Arts for Incarcerated Youth Network (AIYN), the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, and the Probation Department.
 - ✧ Worked with DMH, the Arts Commission, and AIYN on developing this pilot to embed trauma-informed care within arts education and to develop local art-focused networks of mental health clinicians, artists, teachers, and other stakeholders within the schools and their surrounding communities
 - ✧ The pilot will start in 3 to 5 schools and expand throughout the County within the next few years. It will complement other County efforts to increase trauma-informed arts education, such as DMH's Technology Enhanced Arts Learning (TEAL), which provides socio-emotional learning modules for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade.
 - ✧ The pilot is scheduled to begin in fall 2018.

County Medical Hubs

- Partnering with DCFS, the Health Agency, DHS, DMH, and DPH to determine gaps and help improve access to timely health and dental exams for DCFS-supervised youth
 - ✧ Convened a series of meetings of the Los Angeles County Implementation Council—which includes department heads and representatives from DCFS, the Health Agency, DHS, DPH, DMH, and stakeholders—to review Board priorities around the Medical Hubs, including ensuring that DCFS-supervised youth receive comprehensive health assessments and referrals for appropriate follow-up care within 30 days of entering the foster care system, as well as strengthening and expanding the Medical Hubs across the County. In response to this review, the OCP is:
 - Conducting an analysis of 3 months of Hub referral and service data to determine whether departments are in compliance with providing foster youth with an initial medical exam (IME) or forensic exam within specified policy timelines, along with other important metrics, to determine service and policy gaps. This data will be shared with Health Agency leadership at its next meeting, as well as DCFS leadership, for review and to determine how to increase capacity and support for delivering the Hubs' core services in a timely manner.
 - Partnering with DCFS to survey caregivers of DCFS-involved youth on access, service, and communication issues related to the Medical Hubs
 - Advocating for the inclusion of a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) screening in the IME for all newly detained children
 - ✧ Convened a meeting with DCFS, DHS, DPH, and the University of California, Los Angeles to identify gaps, learn about existing resources, and determine next steps to improve access, service integration, and education around oral health care for foster youth. OCP and its department partners will be working to move these efforts forward over the next several months

Mental Health Assessment Coordination

- Partnering with DMH, DCFS, and advocates on the coordination and delivery of front-end mental health screenings and assessments for DCFS-involved youth to streamline the overall process for children and families
 - ✧ Convened several meetings with departments and stakeholders to map out mental health processes and identify potential duplication and opportunities to streamline assessments across DCFS and DMH
 - ✧ Participating in department and stakeholder Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) workgroups to facilitate discussions around how CCR implementation will affect

the front-end mental health assessment process, and how mental health assessments are utilized in placement decisions and case planning

- ✧ Facilitating a workgroup with DCFS, DMH, and advocates to process-map current mental health assessments and timelines, discuss how new CCR requirements such as the Level of Care (LOC) tool and Child Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment will be incorporated, and streamline the front-end assessment process as necessary

Addressing Psychotropic Medication Use in Child Welfare

- Worked with the Juvenile Court, DMH, DCFS, Probation, and multiple stakeholders to revise and develop new protocols that went into effect in April 2017 for approving and monitoring the use of psychotropic medication for youth in out-of-home care; these protocols support revised Judicial Council forms that include more comprehensive information about youths' histories, behavior, and alternative treatments and/or other services received
 - ✧ Continuing to meet monthly with stakeholders to oversee the implementation of the revised psychotropic medication protocols
 - ✧ Conducting random reviews of files for dependent or delinquent children/youth taking psychotropic medications to evaluate the effectiveness of the newly revised approval and monitoring processes
 - ✧ Working with stakeholders to determine how best to prepare TAY to make medical decisions for themselves once they reach the age of majority. The workgroup has developed a multi-agency proposal for ensuring that these youth are properly and consistently prepared to make these decisions. Key elements of this proposal include:
 - Implementing the DCFS Health and Medication Guide, which delineates milestones to be achieved in engaging youth
 - Implementing the Children's Law Center of California's "Recommendations to Promote Medical Decision Making Readiness"
 - Distributing to youth a brochure created by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Children's Bureau entitled, *Making Healthy Choices: A Guide on Psychotropic Medications for Youth in Foster Care*
 - Developing trainings for youth in foster care on psychotropic medications
 - Using a worksheet to include information in court reports on the engagement of youth in discussions about psychotropic medications
 - Assigning specially designated public health nurses whom TAY can consult about psychotropic medications and their health

- ✧ Recent data reported on psychotropic-medication use by foster youth in Los Angeles County from the University of California, Berkeley's California Child Welfare Indicators Project found that:
 - Between October 1, 2016, and September 30, 2017, the percentage of foster youth in Los Angeles County who were taking psychotropic medication was 10.8% (2,913 youth), compared to 12.0% (3,262 youth) from one year earlier (October 2015 through September 2016).
 - Between October 1, 2016, and September 30, 2017, the percentage of foster youth in Los Angeles County who were taking antipsychotic medication was 3.1% (842 youth), compared to 3.6% (986 youth) from one year earlier (October 2015 through September 2016).

GOAL 5: CROSS-CUTTING STRATEGIES *Rethink structures, programs, and processes, on an ongoing basis, that impact multiple entities, to take advantage of new thinking and learning that meaningfully improves our child protection system.*

Dual-Status Youth Motion

- On March 20, 2018, the Board directed the OCP, in collaboration with multiple county stakeholders and others, to report back on a countywide plan for dual-status youth.
- Meetings with DCFS Director Cagle and Juvenile Court Presiding Judge Levanas have begun to discuss the history of this work and efforts moving forward; a meeting with Chief Probation Officer McDonald is scheduled for next week.
- Data has been requested from DCFS and Probation on the numbers of crossover and dual-status youth from 2016 to the present.
- Workgroup meetings to address the Board's directive with all relevant stakeholders are being planned to start in May or early June.
- Presenting at a convening in Washington, D.C., on the crossover and dual-status work that has previously occurred in Los Angeles and on the efforts that will be developing as a result of this Board motion; this convening, being held on April 30, 2018, is entitled, "Developing a Trauma-Informed Roadmap to Prevent Juvenile Justice Involvement of Child Welfare Youth: A Moral and Fiscal Imperative," and is sponsored by The Children's Partnership and the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Partnership Conference

- Initiated discussions with the Juvenile Court and California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA), to reinstate the longtime County Partnership Conference at CSULA. This conference, which first occurred in 1995, annually brought together

about 1,000 child welfare and juvenile justice stakeholders to participate in workshops and hear keynote speakers on relevant subject-matter topics.

- ✧ The conference is scheduled for June 7, 2018, at CSULA; over 30 informative workshops and two plenary sessions will be held, including a plenary session with DCFS Director Bobby Cagle and Chief Probation Officer Terri McDonald.
- ✧ Worked with CSPPP to raise over \$20,000 from the philanthropic community to help fund the conference.

Additional OCP Activities

- Served as the judicial subcommittee co-chair for the Foster Youth Bill of Rights and Services Committee work, led by the County's Commission for Children and Families, that was submitted to the Board on March 20, 2018
- Worked with staff from the County's Auditor-Controller's Office on proposed legislation, Assembly Bill 3005, to amend Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 to grant County Auditor-Controller investigators access to juvenile court records when relevant to investigations of waste, fraud, or abuse
- Hosted Greg Rose, Deputy Director, California Department of Social Services, for a day-long briefing on the OCP's activities and learning session for the TSC work on February 1, 2018
- Presented on the OCP's prevention plan to Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Acting Commissioner Jerry Milner and Children's Bureau Special Assistant David Kelly at a meeting hosted by DCFS on February 2, 2018
- Recorded a TED talk on kincare at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia, on February 28, 2018
- Testified in a legislative hearing in Sacramento on kincare and Los Angeles' upfront family finding project and its relation to RFA on March 13, 2018
- Presented on the OCP's prevention plan and its alignment with the work of First 5 LA to its Board on March 8, 2018
- Panelist at the Empowerment Congress' Café on Child Welfare on March 14, 2018, that was sponsored by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas
- Presented at the Child Welfare Collaborative Funders meeting on the OCP's prevention plan on March 19, 2018
- Co-hosted with Dr. Astrid Heger at VIP a dinner for several key stakeholders on the future of the County's Medical Hubs

- Presented to the Commission for Children and Families on the OCP's prevention plan, its efforts to strengthen permanency, and its proposal to prepare transitioning TAY who are taking psychotropic medications on April 16, 2018
- Presented at the Education Coordinating Council on the OCP's prevention plan and efforts in early care and education on April 25, 2018

In summary, the OCP is working hard to accomplish its goals, as are the relevant County departments and a host of key community partners. We look forward to reporting further progress in our next quarterly update. The Center for Strategic Public-Private Partnerships will submit a separate update to the Board in May 2018.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (213) 893-1152 or via email at mnash@ocp.lacounty.gov, or your staff may contact Carrie Miller at (213) 893-0862 or via email at cmiller@ocp.lacounty.gov.

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