



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD VIRTUALLY IN
ROOM 381B OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

9:30 AM

17. Serving Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Revised recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Solis and Mitchell: Proclaim September as “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Month” throughout Los Angeles County; instruct the Director of Mental Health, in partnership with the Directors of Health Services and Children and Family Services, the Director of Public Health through the Department’s Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Division, and the Executive Director of the Office of Child Protection, to strengthen services and detection efforts for children who may have fetal alcohol and other in-utero substance exposures; and take the following actions:

Instruct the Directors of Mental Health, Health Services and Children and Family Services, the Director of Public Health through the Department’s Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Division, and the Executive Director of the Office of Child Protection, to provide training to their respective pediatric providers including both medical providers and social workers within pediatrics, psychiatry and family medicine, to improve their understanding and awareness of the medical, social and mental health impact of fetal alcohol and other in-utero substance exposures, with each Department to provide trainings appropriate to each provider’s position and job responsibilities;

Direct clinical experts in the Department of Health Services to design and implement standardized pediatric assessments for in-utero exposures to alcohol and other toxic substances in pediatric clinics, including for youth entering foster care or those entering probation;

Instruct the Director of Mental Health to explore the feasibility to design and implement standard assessment and practices to support the mental health needs of children affected by exposure to alcohol or other toxic substances

in-utero, including exploring the responsibility for providing and funding FASD services according to relevant State Departments;

Instruct the Directors of Mental Health, Health Services and Children and Family Services, the Director of Public Health through the Department's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Division, and the Executive Director of the Office of Child Protection, to assess current fetal alcohol and toxic substance exposure assessment and practices in the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and detail a plan outlining future training (all Departments), assessment (DHS, DMH), and treatment (DMH) activities; and

Instruct the relevant Department Heads, including the Directors of Mental Health, Health Services and Public Health's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, to assess vacant existing budgeted substance abuse counselors and other positions related to combatting FASDs and report back to the Board with efforts to fill these positions; and

Instruct the Directors of Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, Office of Child Protection and Children and Family Services to report back to the Board in 120 days with a plan to implement the above directives. (21-3516)

Interested person(s) submitted written testimony.

On motion of Supervisor Hahn, seconded by Supervisor Barger, this item was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Mitchell, Supervisor Kuehl, Supervisor Hahn, Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Solis

Attachments: [Revised motion by Supervisors Solis and Mitchell Report](#)
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The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held September 15, 2021, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Celia Zavala, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By 

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