



**California Health & Human Services (CalHHS) Agency  
Alzheimer's Disease & Related Conditions Advisory Committee  
(ADRCAC)**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, May 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

This meeting is being held in person with a remote participation option.

The in-person location is:  
California Department of Aging  
2880 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833

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To call in (listen only): (888) 788-0099

Webinar ID: 870 7120 8675

The following members will be attending remotely: Sally Bergman, Wynnelena Canlas Canio, Claire Day, Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, Tony Gonzales, Jerry Jew, Barbra McLendon, William Mobley, Munir Moon, Stephanie Navarette, Faisal Qazi, Celine Regalia, Julie Souliere, Sarah Tomaszewski Farias, Carmen Ayon on behalf of Honorable Senator Jesse Arreguin, Rhiannon Mulligan on behalf of Honorable Assemblymember Pellerin

The following members will be attending in-person:  
Carlos Olivas III, Kate Schulenberg, and Jeanine Walter-Misirli

Not attending: N/A

**10:00 a.m. | Welcome & Meeting Operations**

- *Carroll De Andreis, Master Plan for Aging (MPA) Stakeholder Engagement Manager, California Department of Aging (CDA)*

**10:05 a.m. | Call to Order: Welcome and February 2026 Minutes**

- *Wynnelena Canlas Canio, Committee Chair*
- *Committee Members*

**10:15 a.m. | Opening Remarks**

- *Susan DeMarois, Director, CDA*

## **10:20 a.m. | Older Adult Behavioral Health**

### **Part I: Elevating the Voices of Individuals with Dementia and Caregivers and Behavioral Health**

- *Wynnelena Canlas Canio, Committee Chair*
- *Carlos Olivas, Committee Vice Chair*
- *Committee Question and Answer (Q&A) and Discussion*

### **Part II: Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults**

- *Carla Perissinotto, MD, MHS, University of California San Francisco*
- *Committee Q&A and Discussion*

### **Part III: Living Alone with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia**

- *Elena Portacolone, PhD, MBA, MPH, Professor, Institute for Health & Aging, University of California San Francisco*
- *Committee Q&A and Discussion*

### **Part IV: Understanding the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)**

- *Ana Acton, Assistant Deputy Director, CDA Division of Policy, Research, and Engagement*
- *Barbra McLendon, Public Policy Director, Alzheimer's Los Angeles*
- *Committee Q&A and Discussion*

## **12:00 p.m. | 15 Minute Break**

### **12:15 p.m. | Legislative Updates**

- *Barbra McLendon, Public Policy Director, Alzheimer's Los Angeles*
- *Andrew Mendoza, Director of State Affairs, Alzheimer's Association*

### **12:30 p.m. | Public Comment**

### **12:40 p.m. | Finalize Recommendations for CalHHS Agency Secretary**

- *Wynnelena Canlas Canio, Committee Chair*
- *Committee Members*

### **12:55 p.m. | Closing Comments, Upcoming Meeting Dates, and Next Steps**

- *Wynnelena Canlas Canio, Committee Chair*
- *Carlos Olivas, Committee Vice Chair*

## **1:00 p.m. | Adjourn**

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