



Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC)

March 6, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) is to advance community living, inclusion, and integration across California.



DACLAC ensures the involvement of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities, older adults, and/or other partners who provide services or represent consumers.

DACLAC advises the California Health & Human Services (CalHHS) Agency, in addition to other state entities, on community living policies and programs, including but not limited to long-term services and supports, transportation and housing, and employment opportunities.

DACLAC Members

Stakeholder Co-Chairs

Sheri Burns, *Silicon Valley Independent Living Center*

Hagar Dickman, *Justice in Aging*



State Co-Chairs

Susan DeMarois, *California Department of Aging*

Kim Rutledge, *California Department of Rehabilitation*

Stakeholder Committee Membership

Patricia Blaisdell, *California Hospital Association*

Mareva Brown, *Office of the Senate Pro Tempore*

Megan Burke, *The SCAN Foundation*

Sabrina Epstein, *Disability Rights California*

Elizabeth Fuller, *Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care*

DACLAC Members (cont.)



Stakeholder Committee Membership (cont.)

Barbara Hanna, *CA Association for Health Services at Home*

Corinne Jones, *Senior Network Services*

Kathy Kelly, *Family Caregiver Alliance*

Kawon (Kay) Lee, *California Association for Adult Day Services*

Peter Mendoza, *Consumer Advocate*

Kim Mills, *A Better Life Together, Inc.*

Marty Omoto, *California Disability Community Action Network*

Jeannee Parker Martin, *LeadingAge of California*

Joe Perales, *The Arc of California*

Andrea Robert, *Consumer Advocate*

DACLAC Members (cont.)

Stakeholder Committee Membership (cont.)

Gabriel Rogin, *North Bay Regional Center*

Michelle Rousey, *Consumer Advocate*

Rosanna “Rosie” Ryan, *Consumer Advocate*

Robert Taylor, *Konocti Senior Support*

Jeff Thom, *California Council of the Blind*

Debbie Toth, *Choice in Aging*

Nina Weiler-Harwell, *AARP California*

Janie Whiteford, *CA In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance*

Sylvia Yeh, *Friends of Children with Special Needs*



Meeting Agenda



- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Meeting Operations**
- 10:05 a.m. Opening Remarks and Introductions**
- 10:20 a.m. Pressing Issues: Perspectives from DACLAC**
- 10:50 a.m. Public Comment**
- 11:00 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:15 a.m. Reflections 2025-26 Master Plan for Aging (MPA) Initiatives**

Meeting Agenda



- 11:20 a.m. DACLAC Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion**
- 11:50 a.m. DACLAC Housing Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion**
- 12:20 p.m. DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion**
- 12:50 p.m. Public Comment**
- 12:58 p.m. Closing Comments**
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn**

Welcome & Introductions



Susan DeMarois

*Director & DACLAC State Co-Chair
California Department of Aging*





Kim Johnson

Secretary

California Health & Human Services Agency



Kim Rutledge

*Director & DACLAC State Co-Chair
Department of Rehabilitation*



Pressing Issues: Perspectives from DACLAC



Hagar Dickman

*DACLAC Stakeholder Co-Chair
Justice in Aging*

Committee Dialogue

DACLAC Perspectives: Pressing Issues

Medi-Cal's Crucial Role in Home and Community Based Services

- **2.3 million older adults and people with disabilities are enrolled in Medi-Cal.**
- **1.5 million+ dually-eligible individuals rely on Medi-Cal to pay Medicare premiums and/or out-of-pocket costs**
 - Duals are very low-income individuals with high needs
 - The Medicare Savings Programs make Medicare affordable
- **Medi-Cal is often older adults' only option for long-term care**
 - Two-thirds of California's nursing facility residents are on Medi-Cal
 - HCBS, often provided through waivers, help older adults to age in place



Committee Member Discussion and Comments

Public Comment



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Break: 15 minutes

Reflections 2025-26 Master Plan for Aging (MPA) Initiatives



Sheri Burns

*DACLAC Stakeholder Co-Chair
Silicon Valley Independent Living Center*



Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Subcommittee

**California Health & Human Services Agency
Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee**

DACLAC Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion



Hagar Dickman, *Justice in Aging*

Corinne Jones, *Senior Network Services*

Andrea Roberts, *Consumer Advocate*

Janie Whiteford, *CA In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance*

Kimberly Mills, *A Better Life Together, Inc.*

Stakeholder Recommendations and 2025-26 MPA Initiatives Tracking

HCBS Subcommittee Recommendations	MPA Initiatives
Stakeholder Engagement for MLTSS Transition	Initiative #27
No Wrong Door	Initiative #54

Looking Ahead: Subcommittee Priorities:

- Share of Cost
- Reducing Administrative Barriers

How is Share of Cost calculated?

1. All gross income (GI)
2. Minus appropriate disregards
 - a) Earned income $((GEI - \$65) / 2) +$
 - b) Unearned income $(GUI - \$20) =$
Countable income
3. Deduct all medical premiums =
4. Net Countable Income

How is Share of Cost calculated? (Cont'd)

5. Evaluate Net Countable Income
 - a) Below \$1,801 (individual)/\$2,433 (couple)
= FREE A&D FPL Medi-Cal
 - b) Above \$1,801/\$2,433 = Medically Needy
SOC Medi-Cal
6. Net Countable Income MINUS \$600/\$934 =
SHARE OF COST

Reducing Administrative Barriers

- **Projected Costs:** For people with a Share of Cost. deduct “reasonably constant and predictable” medical expenses so individuals can meet their share of cost on the first of the month. Medi-Cal pays its share right away instead of waiting for individuals to incur costs.
- **Presumptive Eligibility:** Medi-Cal applicants who need HCBS can receive Medi-Cal services while application is finalized.
- **Prompt Coverage:** Implement provisional plans of care giving access to a basic set of services while HCBS applications and plans of care are approved.

2025-26 MPA HCBS Initiatives

Initiative	Description/Status
#23 Publish DHCS HCBS Gap Analysis	Complete
#23 Publish CDA Gap Analysis	Non-Medi-Cal HCBS/June 2025
#24 HCBS Roadmap	Roadmap to increase statewide HCBS/TBD
#25 Implement the Access Rule	Waitlist tracking, grievance procedures for waivers
#26 Duals utilization data	Track utilization data of ECM & CS for dual eligible individuals

2025-26 MPA HCBS Initiatives

Initiative	Description/Status
#27 Stakeholder process for waiver transition to MLTSS	Q2 2025
#28 Expand MSSP statewide, to 60+	In process
#29 Strengthen infrastructure and capacity of CBAS	Implementation of Bridge to Recovery grant
#30 Promote CBAS and MSSP access statewide.	In process
#54 No Wrong Door Public Info Hub	Statutory Framework for gov. structure & Pilot



Housing Subcommittee

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DACLAC Housing Subcommittee Key Priorities Discussion



Marty Omoto, *California Disability Action Network*

Corinne Jones, *Senior Network Services*

Kimberly Mills, *A Better Life Together, Inc.*

Carolyn Nava, *Co-Chair Disability Action Center*

Initiative

2025-26 MPA Housing Initiatives

1

Protect housing supply, housing assistance, and housing supports through coordination at all levels of government.

2

Protect promising practices and encourage replication of innovative public-private housing solutions, including rental subsidies and shared housing models, in partnership with local leaders and subject matter experts.

3

Report annually on the most recent publicly available data to track housing-related efforts and outcomes serving older adults and people with disabilities.

Initiative

2025-26 MPA Housing Initiatives

4

Launch the California behavioral health community-based organized networks of equitable care and treatment (BH-Connect) demonstration Medi-Cal transitional rent program and report annually on the number of older adults and people with disabilities served.

5

Continue to create and preserve housing options for people applying for or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) through the Community Care Expansion program (CCE).

6

Continue to help older adults and people with disabilities obtain housing stability through the home safe program and the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP).

Initiative**2025-26 MPA Housing Initiatives**

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| 7 | Identify affordable housing opportunities for veterans made possible through proposition 1 (2024), inclusive of older adults and people with disabilities with behavioral health challenges. |
| 8 | Present analysis of California's affordable housing supply for older adults and people with disabilities through the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) gap analysis. |
| 9 | Analyze spending from California's housing finance programs to determine the impact and benefits to older adults and people with disabilities. |

Initiative**2025-26 MPA Housing Initiatives**

10

Develop tools and training to educate housing Continuums of Care (COC), aging and disability networks including Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Independent Living Centers (ILC), health plans, hospitals, county welfare departments, and community-based organizations on how to coordinate benefits and support services for older adults and people with disabilities who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Initiative

2025-26 MPA Housing Initiatives

11

Expand emergency shelter/emergency housing assistance and provide supportive services for victims/survivors of crime with specialized needs, including older adults, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, non-English speaking or culturally or religiously marginalized populations through the specialized emergency housing (Key Elements [KE]) program.

12

Implement the Veterans Support to Self-Reliance (VSSR) pilot program to identify and evaluate models that help aging, highly vulnerable veterans with homelessness experience, who are residing in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), with on-site enhanced supportive services to keep them stably housed.



Transportation Subcommittee

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DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion



Michelle Rousey

Transportation Subcommittee Chair

DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee



Master Plan for Aging Transportation Initiatives 2025-26

2025-26 MPA Transportation Initiatives	Lead Department(s)
13) Elevate the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Needs Assessment to expand and improve accessible transportation.	CTC
14) Include recommendations in the final Transit Transformation Task Force report to improve the provision and governance of accessible transportation services.	CalSTA
15) Improve transportation navigation for older adults and people with disabilities by streamlining the eligibility process for benefits, standardizing definitions, and facilitating easier access to discounts through the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP).	CalSTA
16) Present analysis of transportation data and access to affordable, accessible transportation for older adults and people with disabilities through the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis.	CalHHS: CDA and CalSTA

SB 1121 CTC Transportation Needs Assessment

Elevate the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Needs Assessment to expand and improve accessible transportation.

- Ensure there is a section in the SB1121 Needs Assessment DRAFT Report mentioning accessible transportation (DONE)
- Encourage cost assessment for accessible transportation prior to next report in 2030 via CTC and State Transit Transformation Task Force

SB 125 Transit Transformation Task Force

Include recommendations in the final Transit Transformation Task Force report to improve the provision and governance of accessible transportation services.

- Ensure Transit Transformation Task Force agenda item covering accessible transportation (DONE)
- Propose recommendations including funding needs, removing fixed route limitation, recommendations for rural areas, enforcement of SB1376, Wheelchair Accessibility for TNCs, streamline benefits qualification, ensure mobility manager per county; more based on further discussion
- Bring recommendations to Interagency Equity Advisory Committee
- Encourage spoken and written public comment

Improve Transportation Navigation through Cal-ITP

- Improve transportation navigation for older adults and people with disabilities by streamlining the eligibility process for benefits, standardizing definitions, and facilitating easier access to discounts through the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP).
- Include as recommendation through SB125 State Transit Transformation Task Force.
- Create recommendations for local/regional agencies

Present Home and Community Based Services Gap Analysis

- Present analysis of transportation data and access to affordable, accessible transportation for older adults and people with disabilities through the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis.
- Hear presentation and provide feedback about opportunities to utilize data to advance system improvements

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Meeting Materials & Future Dates

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Future Meeting Dates

June 12, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm
October 9, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm

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