



Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC)

October 9, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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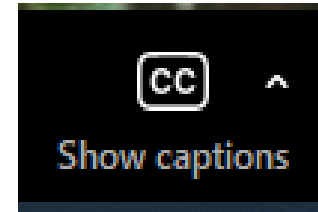
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Committee Purpose



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

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

DACLAC will advise 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*

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DACLAC Members (cont.)



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

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Corinne Jones, *Senior Network Services*

Kathy Kelly, *Family Caregiver Alliance*

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Peter Mendoza, *Consumer Advocate*

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DACLAC Members (cont.)

Joe Perales, *The Arc of California*

Andrea Robert, *Consumer Advocate*

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Michelle Rousey, *Consumer Advocate*

Rosanna “Rosie” Ryan, *Consumer Advocate*

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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

**10:15 a.m. Aging and Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board
(AD-LEAB): MPA Initiative 49**

10:25 a.m. DACLAC Co-Chairs Opening Remarks

10:35 a.m. DACLAC Introduction to Subcommittee Discussion

10:40 a.m. DACLAC Housing Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion

11:10 a.m. Public Comment

Meeting Agenda



11:20 a.m. BREAK

11:35 a.m. DACLAC HCBS Subcommittee: Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Presentation

12:15 p.m. DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion

12:45 p.m. Public Comment

12:55 p.m. Closing Comments

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Opening Remarks



Susan DeMarois

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



Culminating Three Years of Stakeholder Engagement



- CA2030 Steering Committee met 10 times (C4A, CCOA, CSAC, CWDA, CFILC)
- 80 stakeholder interviews
- In person/virtual interviews with all 33 AAAs
- First statewide survey of 17,700 older Californians
- Four public webinars with 736 participants
- Public legislative process to enact SB 1249 (Roth)
- Half-day workshop with CDA and C4A membership
- Nine webinars for AAAs-only
- Four surveys of all 33 AAAs

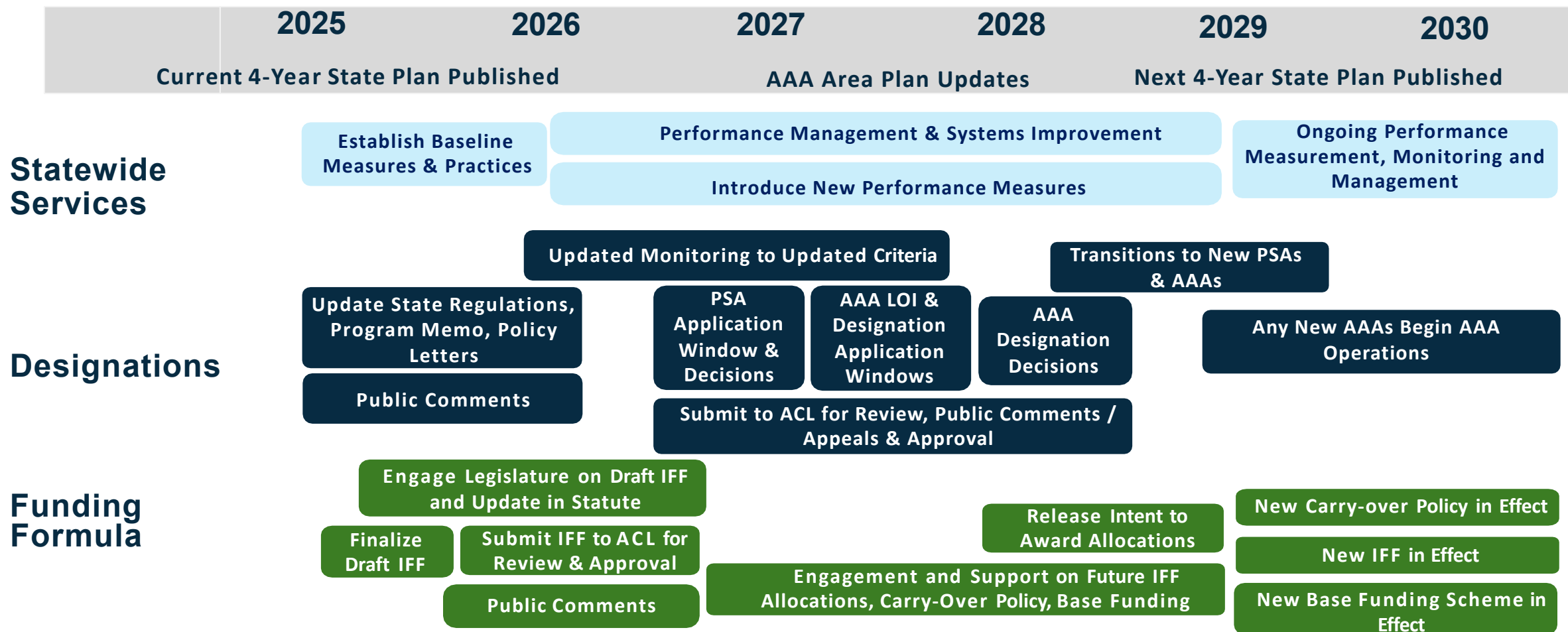
*All materials are public and available on CDA's website (CA2030)

Recommendations



1. **Adopt consistent data reporting standards and timelines for existing statewide programs** – Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals, Caregiver Supports, and Information & Assistance with a public facing data dashboard.
2. **Update Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF)** – for first time since 1995 to account equally for age, disability, income, geographic isolation, and equity.
3. **Designations/De-Designations** – Establish a transparent process that allows for public and community input to comply with federal final rule regarding "right of first refusal" for local government jurisdictions.

CA2030 Outlook



Aging and Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board (AD-LEAB): MPA Initiative #49



Sarah Steenhausen

*Deputy Director, Division of Policy,
Research, and Engagement
California Department of Aging*



- Background and Purpose
- Intersection with Equity Advisory Committee on Aging & Disability
- Process
- Membership Criteria
- Recruitment and Scoring Process
- Timeline

Geography of Board Members



Alameda County
San Francisco County
Sonoma County

Fresno County
San Luis Obispo County

Los Angeles County
Orange County



Shasta County

Sacramento County

Riverside County
San Bernardino County

Meet the Board Members



Cynde S.



Mina N.



Teresa L.



Sery T.

Meet the Board Members



Dr. William D.



Beejinmaa T.



Lilith D.



Kevin B.

Meet the Board Members



Debbie F.



Carolyn K.



Carlos B.



Jennifer C.

DACLAC Co-Chairs Opening Remarks



Sheri Burns

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

Hagar Dickman

*DACLAC Stakeholder Co-Chair
Justice in Aging*

DACLAC Introduction to Subcommittee Discussion



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Housing Subcommittee

Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee

DACLAC Housing Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion



Lauren Carden, *Justice in Aging*
Corinne Jones, *Senior Network Services*
Housing Subcommittee Co-Chairs

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Break: 15 minutes



Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Subcommittee

Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee

DACLAC - HCBS Subcommittee Presentation and Department of Health Care Services



Hagar Dickman

*Justice in Aging
HCBS Subcommittee Chair*

Joseph Billingsley

*Assistant Deputy Director for Integrated Systems
Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)*

Medi-Cal HCBS Managed Care Integration Planning

October Update

Goals for Integrating HCBS Programs into Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs)

- » Strengthen California's success in rebalancing its long-term services and supports (LTSS) system toward HCBS by giving MCPs the ability and incentive to offer members home and community-based alternatives to institutional long-term care
- » Integrate and coordinate members' LTSS with health care services covered by MCPs
- » Place accountability with one entity (the MCP) for LTSS member outcomes (access, quality, costs)
- » Create greater financial predictability of Medi-Cal HCBS costs by including them in managed care capitation rates

Medi-Cal HCBS Program Integration into Managed Care: Current Plans

- » DHCS is developing a multi-year roadmap outlining specific steps to integrate four HCBS programs into managed care integration **no sooner than** January 1, 2028
 - Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)
 - Home and Community Based Alternatives (HCBA)
 - Assisted Living Waiver (ALW)
 - Medi-Cal Waiver Program (MCWP)

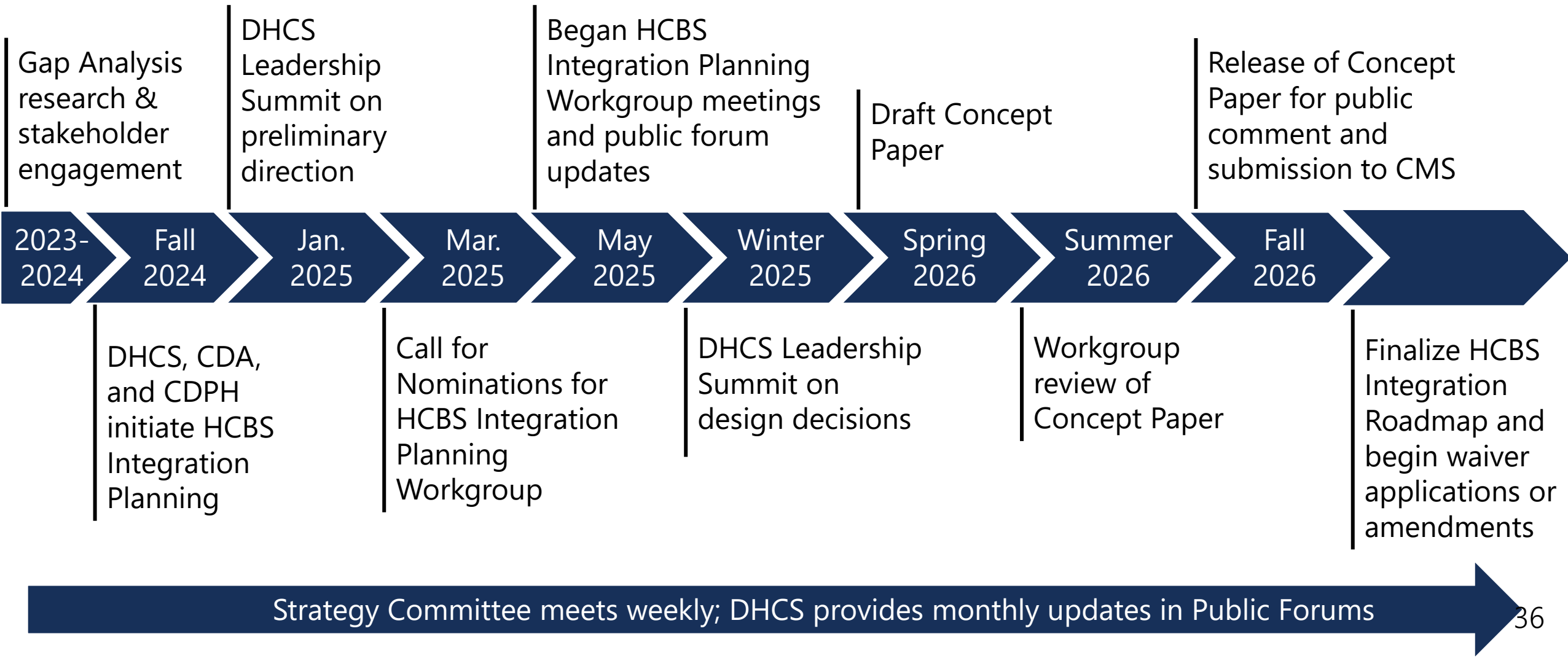
Medi-Cal HCBS Program Integration into Managed Care: Current Plans (cont.)

- » HCBS programs not currently planned for managed care integration, but will require coordination with managed care:
 - In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
 - California Community Transitions (CCT)
 - Programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, including the HCBS-DD waiver and the Self-Determination Program

Approach to Designing HCBS Integration

- » Strategy Committee made up of representatives from across DHCS, CDA, and CDPH launched in Fall 2024 that meets regularly on program design and implementation
- » DHCS launched the HCBS Integration Workgroup in April 2025, including 23 representatives from the following groups:
 - Managed care plans and their associations
 - HCBS case management entities
 - HCBS providers and their associations
 - Medi-Cal members receiving HCBS and their caregivers
 - Policy experts and consumer advocacy organizations
- » DHCS also provides regular updates on HCBS managed care integration during established meetings with managed care plans, providers, members, and advocates

HCBS Integration Planning: Key Milestones



Key Decision: Maintain or Blend HCBS Waiver Programs Selected for Managed Care Integration?

The state could take two approaches to transition HCBS programs to managed care:

Option 1

"Lift and shift" approach

- Amend the four existing HCBS waivers to require individuals in the HCBS programs to receive services through managed care plans under the state's existing 1915(b) managed care waiver.

Option 2

"De novo" waivers

- Consolidate the current waivers into new 1915(c) waivers, with some combination of the existing services available under the current waivers.
- Considering two waivers to target different populations: children and adults.
- DHCS, CDA, and CDPH could choose for the waiver to share some/many of the characteristics of the existing waivers, as appropriate.
- New 1915(c) waivers would be designed to operate concurrently with existing 1915(b) managed care waiver.

Preferred approach

HCBS Integration Planning Updates

- » DHCS is considering two approaches to integration:
 - Maintain the four existing HCBS waivers
 - Consolidate the four existing HCBS waivers into two "de novo" 1915(c) waivers, for youth and adults
- » To determine which approach to use, DHCS has been working with key partners and the Workgroup to:
 - Develop an initial design for the de novo waivers
 - Develop assumptions about waiver services, providers, and populations
- » Results of financial analysis will help DHCS evaluate two approaches and refine waiver design

HCBS Integration Planning Updates (cont.)

- » DHCS plans to use Section 1915(c) HCBS waiver authority concurrent with the state's existing 1915(b) managed care authority to integrate HCBS
 - Other authorities were considered but determined not to be feasible in the current budget environment
- » DHCS will implement Enhanced Continuity of Care (CoC) requirements for current waiver enrollees to maintain their current waiver services during the transition period to managed care
 - Requiring MCPs to contact non-contracted providers prior to the transition to achieve a timebound CoC agreement (Enhanced CoC for providers)
 - Requiring MCPs to automatically continue authorized services (Enhanced CoC for services) for a set period of time (for example, 12 months)

Discussion Topics from Recent HCBS Integration Planning Workgroup Meetings

- » The Workgroup has convened for eight sessions from Apr–Aug 2025
- » The Workgroup has discussed the following topics to date:
 - Federal authorities for implementation
 - Maintaining or blending current waivers
 - Considerations for statewide integration
 - Populations that would be served by the de novo waivers
 - Member supports to ensure continuity of care
 - Service packages and service definitions for the de novo waivers
 - Anticipated changes in service use and provider availability under the de novo waivers

Discussion Topics from Recent HCBS Integration Planning Workgroup Meetings (cont.)

- » Workgroup meeting materials and updates will be shared on DHCS's new [HCBS Integration webpage](#)

Note: These materials are pre-decisional and subject to change pending State budget and policy considerations

Key Takeaways from Recent HCBS Integration Planning Workgroup Meetings

- » Workgroup members emphasized that HCBS integration should prioritize:
 - Expanding availability of waiver services statewide
 - Increasing waiver slots to expand access
 - Reducing system complexity, including eligibility and enrollment processes
 - Balancing standardization with specialized needs of specific populations

Key Takeaways from Recent HCBS Integration Planning Workgroup Meetings (cont.)

- » Workgroup members raised considerations for integration planning:
 - Importance of managed care plans partnering with community-based providers with local knowledge and relationships
 - Ensuring appropriate oversight of managed care plans and assessing system readiness for the transition
 - Setting timelines that enable relationship building, contracting, and data sharing between providers and managed care plans

Discussion Topics for Future HCBS Integration Planning Workgroup Meetings

» In upcoming meetings, DHCS anticipates that the Workgroup will discuss the following topics:*

- Data systems and data sharing
- Enrollment caps and waitlist policies
- Provider enrollment and supports
- Payment models to incentivize quality care
- Managed care plan quality and oversight
- HCBS network adequacy standards
- Case management roles and responsibilities
- Assessing overall system readiness for integration

*These topics are informed by Workgroup feedback and subject to change based on stakeholder and DHCS leadership priorities.

Next Steps

- » The HCBS Integration Planning Workgroup will reconvene in October 2025 and continue meeting monthly
- » DHCS anticipates the results of the financial analysis in late Fall 2025
- » DHCS is determining how to structure roles, responsibilities, and oversight mechanisms for different entities under managed care
 - Learning from experiences of other states that deliver HCBS in managed care

Thank you!

Please contact HCBSIntegration@dhcs.ca.gov with any questions or comments.

DACLAC HCBS Reactor Panel



- **Michelle Rousey**
Consumer/ Advocate
- **Kimberly Mills**
A Better Life Together, Inc.
- **Silvia Yee**, *Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)*
- **Joanna Glum**
Family Caregiver/ Advocate
- **Nina Weiler-Harwell**, *AARP*



Transportation Subcommittee

Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee

DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion



Michelle Rousey

Transportation Subcommittee Chair

Adina Levin

Seamless Bay Area

State Transit Transformation Task Force - Accessibility

- State Transit Transformation Task Force was created by the 2023 budget providing funding for public transportation (SB125)
- Task force to make recommendations to the Legislature and Administration to fund and improve transit, due in October 2025
- Members from business, labor, academics, advocacy groups, agencies
- Initially unclear if it would cover accessible transportation
- Thanks to vocal support and advocacy there are good recommendations! Laurel Paget-Seekins of Public Advocates on Task Force, David Azevedo of AARP on Technical Advisory Committee, many community member comments

What are the
recommendations?

What next steps to make
change happen?

Funding - Overall

Recommendations:

- 2023 Wicks accessible transportation bill stalled because cost was unknown
- SB 1121: State and local transportation system needs assessment
- SB 125: Transit Transformation Taskforce (TTTF)

Funding - Specific

Recommendations:

- Medical transportation: Cost sharing agreements
- Local/regional priorities: Greater flexibility to determine priorities for Federal Section 5310 funds
- TNC Access for All
- Free and discounted trips

Coordination

Recommendations:

- Coordination
 - Link, expand, and unified services
 - 'One-seat ride' services
 - Health care, social service, and transit provider strategic planning
- Tools and Systems
 - Paratransit eligibility model language and guidelines
 - ADA accessible statewide eligibility verification
 - Booking software
 - Trip planning data and tools
 - Technical assistance to operators for eligibility verification

Accessible Stops and Stations

Recommendations:

- ADA Transition Plans
- Inventory of transit stop accessibility
- Standards for Accessible Wayfinding

Continue discussion about next
steps at Transportation
Subcommittee
2nd Tuesday 4pm by Zoom

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Closing Remarks



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- [Master Plan for Aging webpage](#)
- [DACLAC Stakeholder Committee Member Biographies](#)
- [CalHHS MPA - DACLAC Meeting webpage](#)
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- [Aging and Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board](#)
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