



California Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council

March 13, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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Council Purpose

The goal of the Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council is to increase coordination and develop recommendations to prevent and address the abuse, neglect, exploitation, and fraud perpetrated against older adults and adults with disabilities.

Equity Guiding Principles



We recognize that past, current interventions, and services to prevent mistreatment have had negative consequences for some victims, families, and communities as the result of systemic discrimination and biases. To counter these negative impacts and to ensure equity and inclusion moving forward, we are committed to letting the following principles guide all aspects of our work in planning, coordination, and program development.

Guiding Principles and Strategic Priorities

Equity Guiding Principles (cont.)



1. We recognize that all adults deserve to live free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
2. We acknowledge the existence of systemic racism, discrimination and negative impacts. In order to combat its impacts, we must center equity at all stages of our council's work.
3. Centering around equity does not just mean creating equitable solutions for all older adults and adults living with disabilities but also recognizing that implicit bias exists within all of us. We are committed as a group to acknowledge and explore biases while doing the work of this council.

Equity Guiding Principles (cont.)



4. We acknowledge that while older adults and adults living with disabilities have many overlapping interests, they are distinct communities, and any policies that are observed or recommended by this council should examine impacts to each community.
5. We recognize the importance of hearing directly from older adults and adults living with disabilities, their lived experiences should always be centered as we move forward with the work of this council.

Council Members (2024-2025)



EDJCC Co-Chairs:

Susan DeMarois, Director, CA Department of Aging

Bertha S. Hayden, Directing Attorney, Bet Tzedek, EDJCC
Stakeholder Co-Chair

Council Members:

Eden Rosales, Interim State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Renita Polk, County Welfare Directors Association of California

Akiles Ceron, San Francisco Human Services Agency

Leza Coleman, California Commission on Aging

Sherry Johnson – Alvarez, Advocate

Daniel Kroos, San Francisco Police Department

Jaime Levine, Elder Law and Advocacy

**Council
Members
(2024-2025)
(cont.)**



Council Members:

Sandra Longnecker, Riverside County District Attorney's
Office

Liz Logsdon, Disability Rights California

Vivianne Mbaku, Justice in Aging

Jennifer Moore Ballentine, Coalition for Compassionate Care
of California

Alicia Morales, Adult and Long-Term Care Division of Santa
Cruz

Lisa Nerenberg, California Elder Justice Coalition

Marty Omoto, CA Disability Action Network

Carla Perissinotto M.D., University of California San Francisco

**Council
Members
(2024-2025)
(cont.)**



Council Members:

Scott Pirrello, San Diego District Attorney's Office

Jamie Jenson, California Commission on Aging

Tom Scott, CA State Association of Public Administrators,
Public Guardians, and Public Conservators

Valerie Smith, Santa Clara County Social Services Agency

Jason Sullivan – Halpern, J.D., CA Long-Term Care
Ombudsman Association

Janie Whiteford, California In Home Support Services
Consumer Alliance

Tony Anderson, Association of Regional Care Centers

Meeting Agenda



10:00 a.m. | Welcome & Meeting Logistics

10:05 a.m. | Opening Remarks

10:10 a.m. | Master Plan for Aging: Annual Report and 2025-26 Initiatives

10:20 a.m. | EDJCC Committee Discussion

10:45 a.m. | EDJCC Structure Overview

11:00 a.m. | Legislative Updates

11:20 a.m. | Break (15 minutes)

11:35 p.m. | EDJCC Conservatorship Subcommittee

11:55 a.m. | EDJCC Legal Services Subcommittee

12:15 p.m. | EDJCC Adult Protective Services (APS) Subcommittee

12:30 p.m. | Public Comment (15 minutes)

12:50 p.m. | Closing Remarks & Next Steps

1:00 p.m. | Adjourn



Susan DeMarois

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Master Plan for Aging: Annual Report and 2025-26 Initiatives



Jackie Tompkins

Project Director, Master Plan for Aging

California Department of Aging



California's Master Plan for Aging (MPA)

**California's Commitment to an Age and Ability-forward State
Master Plan for Aging: Annual Report & 2025 – 26 Initiatives**

Master Plan for Aging Annual Report

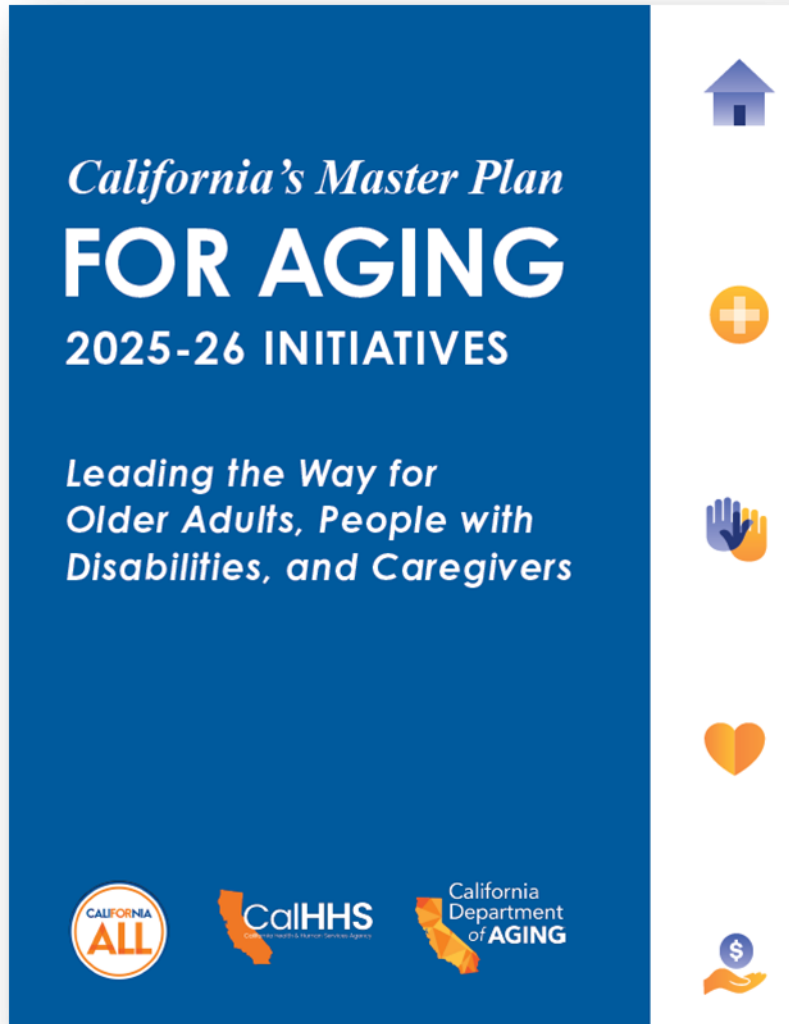


Driving Progress and Accountability across the MPA's Five Bold Goals





Planning Principles



- Deliver and communicate outcomes that advance the Master Plan for Aging.
- Protect federal support for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers.
- Elevate underserved and underrepresented populations and communities, so all Californians can age well.
- Leverage public and private partnerships.
- Utilize data to inform policy, programs, and services.
- Drive innovation for systems change.

Continued Leadership & Partnership with EDJCC



- Committed to preventing and addressing isolation, discrimination, abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- **Examples of EDJCC Opportunities Across the MPA's Five Bold Goals**
 - Housing Protections and Supports
 - Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery
 - Home and Community Based Services – Navigation and Access
 - Legal Services
 - Adult Protective Services
 - Supported Decision-Making
 - Supporting Family Caregivers
- MPA serves as a blueprint, a living and flexible document that is open to additional areas of focus and priorities.



Committee Questions and Discussion



Adam Willoughby

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2025 Legislation: Elder Justice



- [AB-83](#) Pacheco -- Dept of Financial Protection and Innovation: elder abuse prevention plan.
- [AB-92](#) Gallagher -- Patient visitation
- [AB-246](#) Bryan. State of emergency: residential rent increases: County of Los Angeles
- [AB-251](#) Kalra - Elders and dependent adults: abuse or neglect.
- [AB-315](#) (Bonta) Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives Waiver
- [AB-474](#) Ward- Tenancy: caregivers and lodgers: nonprofit home-sharing program: tax credit: eligibility for public social services
- [AB-508](#) Aguiar-Curry -- Residential care facilities for the elderly: direct care ratios
- [AB-517](#) Krell. Medi-Cal: complex rehabilitation technology: wheelchairs.
- [AB-561](#) Asm. Quirk Silva- Restraining Orders
- [AB-617](#) McKinnor Aging and Disability Resource Connection program: No Wrong Door System

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2025 Legislation: Elder Justice *



- [AB-863](#) Kalra. Residential rental properties: language requirements
- [AB-871](#) Stefani. Mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult
- [AB-960](#) Garcia. Patient visitation
- [AB-1069](#) Bains. Older adults: emergency shelters
- [AB-1105](#) Quirk-Silva. Conservatorships
- [AB-1144](#) McKinnor - Prisons: elderly employment
- [AB-1476](#) Wallis. Meal program: senior citizens
- [SB-434](#) Wahab - RCFEs -- Housing Protections
- [SB-522](#) Wahab. Housing: tenant protections: rent control

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Committee Questions and Discussion



Break: 15 minutes



Updates from EDJCC Subcommittee Chairs



Conservatorship

**Bertha Hayden,
Conservatorship
Chair**

Adult Protective Services

**Akiles Ceron,
Adult Protective
Services Chair**

Legal Services

**Vivianne Mbaku,
Legal Services
Chair**



Elder Disability Coordinating Council Engagement Opportunities



EDJCC Full Council Meetings

Next Meeting:
June 18, 2025

EngAGE@CDA
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Other: EDJCC
Members Planning
Listening Sessions

Subcommittee Meetings:
Legal Services
APS
Conservatorship

Connect with Co-Chairs:
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Conservatorship Subcommittee



- **Assembly Bill (AB) 1194 Study:**
Protecting the Rights of Adults Under Conservatorship in California

Tracking

1

- **New Probate Conservatorship Forms**
Including :
Judicial Council (GC) 335- Confidential Capacity Assessment
GC-355 & GC-356- Confidential Care Plan

Learning

2

- **Connecting with Community Partners**

Connecting

3



- Building relationships with the California Attorney General's office
 - Increasing collaboration between state and local elder justice advocates
- Monitoring federal funding changes that may impact legal services organizations in California
- Governor Newsom signs SBX 1-2 providing \$25 million in general funds for free legal services.
 - Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) press release: ([LAAC Press Release](#))
 - \$10 million in additional funding for civil legal aid through the Equal Access fund
 - \$10 million in additional funding for immigrant services through CA Department of Social Services
 - \$5 million in additional funding to the California Access to Justice Commission for capacity building grants to legal services providers

Adult Protective Services Subcommittee



CDSS Implementation of APS Federal Rule:

- Updates to APS Regulations in California
- Elder Justice Act funding to states

Tracking

1

Other State Integrated Intakes

- Receiving and responding to reports of Abuse, Neglect, Self Neglect, and Exploitation (ANSE)
- Cross reporting to other agencies

Learning

2

Bringing new partners

- CA Division of Medical Fraud & Elder Abuse (DMFEA) & Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Renaming the APS Subcommittee to reflect California's Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act (EADACPA) safety net

Connecting

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Closing Remarks



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Meeting Materials & Future Dates

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Next Committee Meeting :

- Wednesday, June 18, 2025
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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