



California Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC)

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Welcome & Meeting Logistics Review



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Meeting Logistics

Webinar or Telephone only

- Live captioning and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting streamed through webinar (Zoom)
- Meeting slides, transcript, and recording will be posted to [California Health and Human Services \(CalHHS\) Master Plan for Aging](#) webpage.
- Committee members - please update your name display in Zoom by right clicking the upper right corner of your video and selecting “rename.”

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- The chat function is only enabled for Committee Members, California Department of Aging (CDA) and state staff, and invited guests to share meeting-related resources and information. The public will be able to view content shared in the chat during the meeting.
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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

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.*
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 (CDA)*
- *Bertha S. Hayden, Directing Attorney, Bet Tzedek, EDJCC Stakeholder Co-Chair*

Council Members:

- *Diana Boyer, 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*
- *Tim Perry, 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., California Long-Term Care Ombudsman*

Today's Agenda

10:00 Welcome, Opening Remarks

10:10 Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee 2024 Initiatives

11:40 Break

11:50 PREPARE for your Care

12:15 Division of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse

12:40 Public Comment

12:55 Closing & Next steps



Welcome

Susan DeMarois

Director, California Department of Aging
EDJCC State Co-Chair

Bertha S. Hayden

Bet Tzedek
EDJCC Stakeholder Co-Chair



Welcome New Members
Remembering Howard McBroom
CA for ALL Ages & Abilities: MPA Day of Action

Remembering EDJCC
Member
Howard McBroom



CA for ALL Ages & Abilities: MPA Day of Action



Key Aims

- Information and Education
 - Gather priority recommendations from the Master Plan on Aging (MPA) Stakeholder Committees to inform the development of the MPA Initiatives for the next two years (2025 & 2026).
- Renew Commitments and Accelerate Progress
 - Sustain and re-invigorate diverse partners and stakeholders on California's commitment to achieve the MPA's Five Bold Goals.
- Engage Partners in the "Whole of Government Approach"
 - Be a model by convening state and national leaders to advance equity, collaboration, and integration among sectors in charting a path forward to prepare for the nation's aging population.

CA for ALL Ages & Abilities: MPA Day of Action

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Location: Sacramento Convention Center

Time: To Be Determined





EDJCC 2024 Priorities

Legal Services

Adult Protective
Services

Conservatorship

Legal Services Subcommittee

Vivianne Mbaku

Equity Director, Justice in Aging

Legal Services (Chair)



Legal Services Subcommittee Mission

The Legal Services Subcommittee, within the Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC) as part of the Master Plan for Aging (MPA), aims to center equity and formulate strategies to:

- To ensure that every older adult in California has access to comprehensive and reliable legal services.
- Empowering older adults and adults with disabilities to protect their rights, maintain independence, and lead fulfilling lives with dignity.
- Creating a centralized information hub for Legal Services resources.
- Identify gaps, create best practices, and recommendations.
- Identifying resources, including funding opportunities to enhance Legal Services.
- Emphasizing Elder Justice and the Master Plan for Aging.
- Provide recommendations to the legislature that creates an ongoing funding opportunity that does not limit resources for services.

Legal Services Workgroup Priorities

- ▶ Increased Funding for Legal Services
 - ▶ Promoting existing funding resources
 - ▶ Finding new funding
 - ▶ Promoting Loan Repayment Assistance Program
- ▶ Estate Planning
 - ▶ In contrast to the Conservatorship workgroup, focus on expanding legal services program's ability to provide full representation estate planning services
 - ▶ Addressing barriers to providing full representation in estate planning cases, i.e., ethical obligations, funding
- ▶ Civil-Criminal Law Collaboration
 - ▶ Restorative Justice and other alternatives to prosecution
 - ▶ Stronger referral links between prosecutors and legal services organizations

Adult
Protective
Services
(APS)
Subcommittee

Akiles Ceron

Director, San Francisco Human
Services Agency

Adult Protective Services (Chair)

Adult Protective Services (APS) Subcommittee Mission

- The APS Subcommittee, within the Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC) as part of the Master Plan for Aging (MPA), aims to center equity and formulate strategies to:
- To ensure that every older adult and adult with disabilities in California receives a timely response to reports of abuse, neglect self-neglect and exploitation (ANSE) by APS, and the agencies designated by the State to receive and respond to cross-reports.
- To ensure effective coordination of interagency interventions, remedies and treatment strategies to ANSE, and to support the wellbeing, liberty, and independence of older adults and adults with disabilities, and the protection of their real and personal property.

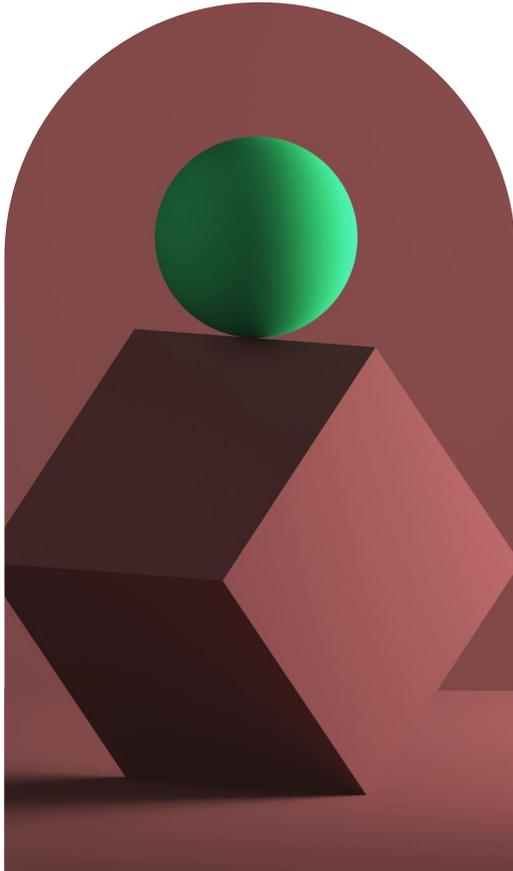
APS Subcommittee 2024 Priorities

1. To ensure that every older adult and adult with disabilities in California receives a timely response to reports of abuse, neglect self-neglect and exploitation (ANSE) by APS, and the agencies designated by the State to receive and respond to cross-reports.
2. To capacitate local law enforcement with education and training on responding to reports of older adults and persons with disabilities, by facilitating subject matter experts in their jurisdiction.
3. To ensure effective coordination of interagency interventions, remedies and treatment strategies to ANSE, and to support the wellbeing, liberty, and independence of older adults and adults with disabilities, and the protection of their real and personal property.

CONSERVATORSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

Bertha S. Hayden
Directing Attorney, Bet
Tzedek
Conservatorship (Chair)



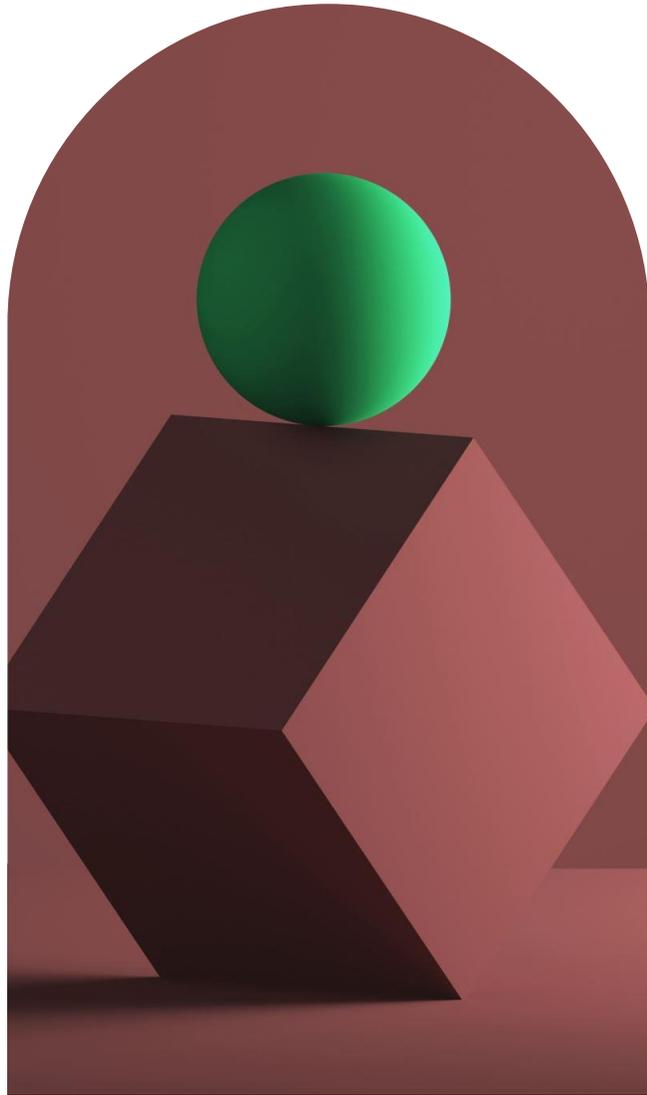


M i s s i o n S t a t e m e n t

The Conservatorship Workgroup, operating within the Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council as part of the Master Plan for Aging, aims to center equity and formulate strategies to:

Educate the general public, professionals who work with older adults and adults with disabilities about probate conservatorship and other decision-making tools (supported decision-making, advance health care directives);

- Identify current data sources and make recommendations how to streamline and centralize data collection for probate conservatorships;
- Identify gaps in the conservatorship system and make recommendations to improve/augment services for conservatees; and
- Identify gaps, best practices, and make recommendations to streamline referrals between Adult Protective Services and Public Guardian programs.



2024 P r i o r i t i e s

Education on (Probate) Conservatorship & Decision- making Tools

*Focus on Continued Roll out of
Supported Decision Making*

Adult Protective Services & Public Guardian

Committee Questions and Discussion



BREAK
(10 minutes)



PREPARE for your Care

Dr. Rebecca Sudore

Geriatrician, University of California San Francisco



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Division of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse

Thomas Brennan

Supervising Deputy Attorney, Department of Justice
(DOJ)

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Closing Remarks and Next Steps

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Next EDJCC Meeting: May 16, 2024

CA for ALL Ages & Abilities - MPA Day of Action: October 8, 2024

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