



Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in CA Together

# IMPACT

*Stakeholder Advisory Committee*

**Thursday, January 30, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

# Welcome & Meeting Logistics



**Carroll De Andreis**

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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 & Human Services (CalHHS) Agency Master Plan for Aging webpage.
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# Welcome



## Susan DeMarois

*Director*

*California Department of Aging*

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# Committee Purpose



The purpose of the Implementing the MPA  
in California Together (**IMPACT**)  
Stakeholder Committee is to advise the  
California Health and Human Services  
Agency on the implementation of the  
Master Plan for Aging, focusing on  
accountability, outcomes, and continuous  
improvement towards the Plan's five bold  
goals for 2030.

# **IMPACT Stakeholder Committee Members (2025-2026)**



- **Eric Dowdy, MPPA, Vice President of Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association, Northern California & Northern Nevada Chapter**
- **Melinda Forstey, MBA, Chief Operating Officer & President/CEO Designate, Serving Seniors**
- **Christina Mills, Executive Director, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A)**
- **Sarita Mohanty, MD, MPH, MBA, President & CEO, The SCAN Foundation**
- **Carolyn J. Nava, Community Relations Director, Disability Action Center**
- **Rafi Nazarians, Advocacy Director, AARP California**



# **IMPACT Stakeholder Committee Members (2025-2026) *cont.***

- **Linda Nguy, MPP, MBA, Associate Director of Policy Advocacy**, Western Center on Law and Poverty
- **Yasmin Peled, Director, California Government Affairs**, Justice in Aging
- **Rigo J. Saborio, MSG, President & CEO**, Archstone Foundation
- **Tiffany Whiten, Senior Government Relations Advocate**, California State Council of SEIU
- **Heather M. Young PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor**, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, University of California Davis



**IMPACT Stakeholder Committee Member Biographies**

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# Remarks from the Secretary



**Kim Johnson**

*Secretary*

*California Health & Human Services Agency*

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# Governor's Office Updates



## **Kim McCoy Wade**

*Senior Advisor on Aging, Disability, and Alzheimer's  
Office of Governor Gavin Newsom*

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# CA Master Plan for Aging



**Sarah Steenhausen**

*Deputy Director Policy, Research, & Equity*

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# Master Plan for Aging Annual Report



## Driving Progress and Accountability



# MPA Annual Report: Highlights



## Goal 1

### Housing for All Ages and Stages

- Expanded affordable housing
- Strengthened housing supports
- Advanced new transitional rent support
- Developed emergency preparedness resources and partnerships



# MPA Annual Report: Highlights



## Goal 2 Health Reimagined

- Expanded health care access and coverage
- Transformed behavioral health
- Prioritized home & community living



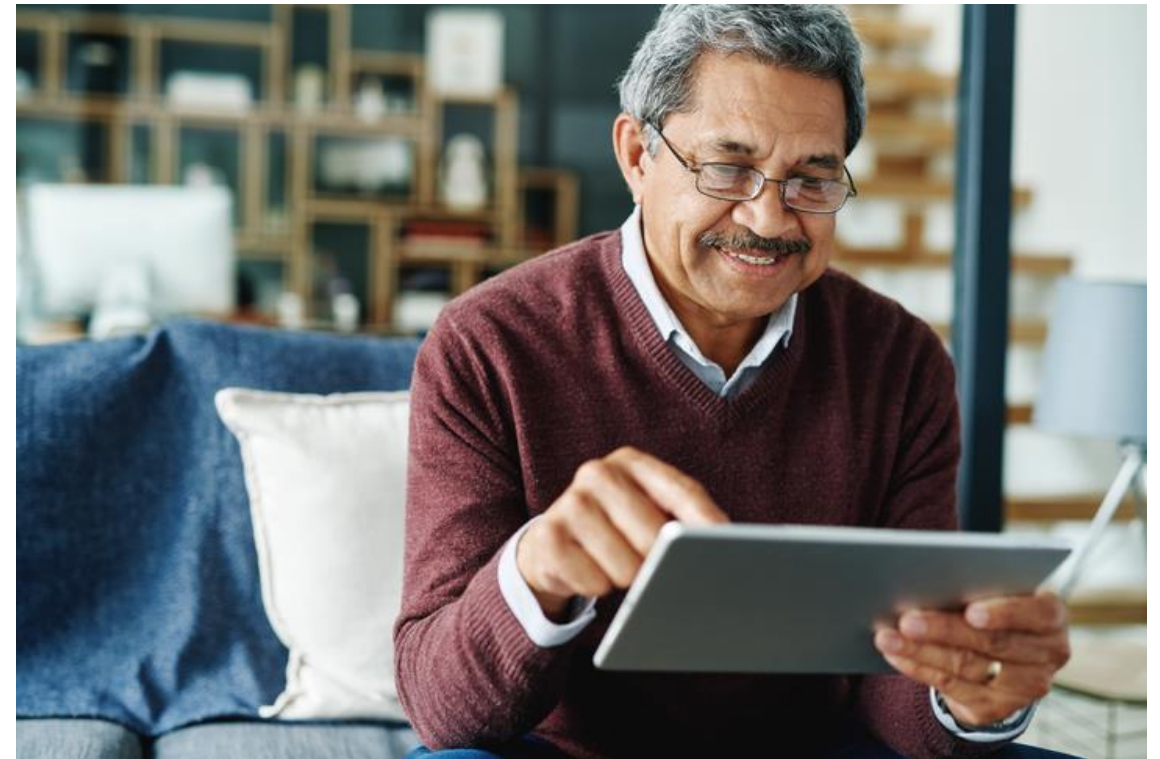
# MPA Annual Report: Highlights



## Goal 3

### Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation

- Released California's First LGBTQIA+ older adult statewide survey
- Advanced older adult behavioral health
- Progressed in closing the digital divide



# MPA Annual Report: Highlights



## Goal 4 Caregiving that Works

- Strengthened the direct care workforce
- Provided support for family caregivers
- Completed California's Caregiver Equity Roadmap

*Access Free  
Caregiver Trainings & Resources*





# MPA Annual Report: Highlights

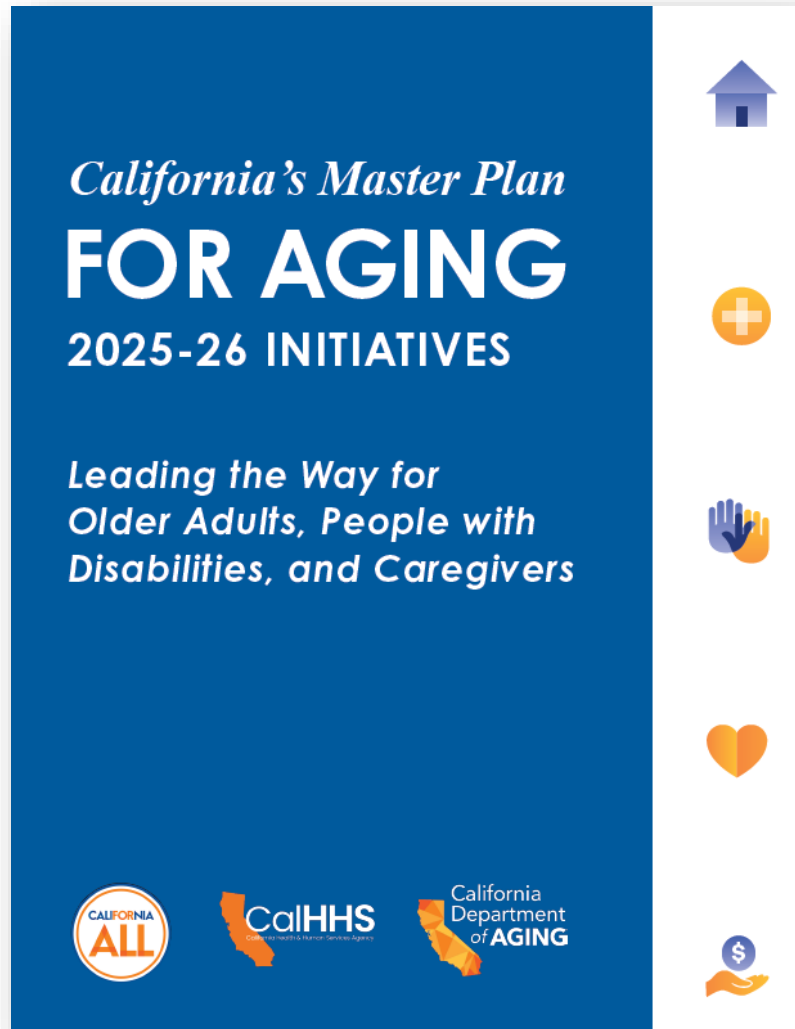


## Goal 5 Affording Aging

- Increased Income Security
- Expanded Access to Retirement Savings
- Provided Nutritious Groceries, Meals and Health Education



# MPA: 2025-26 Initiatives



- Over the next two years, California will advance 81 new MPA initiatives, building on work that started in 2019 and continues today.
- Organized by MPA Goal and theme.
- Informed by MPA stakeholder committee recommendations.



## 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.

# Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) System Change Framework





# IMPACT's Recommendations Shared at the MPA Day of Action



- LTSS Financing
- Home Care System for All
- Prevent and End Older Adult Homelessness



# Goal 1: Housing for All Ages and Stages



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Create and preserve housing options
- Coordinate with local housing Continuums of Care
- Adopt Transitional Rent (BH-CONNECT)
- Expand affordable, accessible transportation options
- Strengthen emergency preparedness and climate change resiliency



# Goal 2: Health Reimagined



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Expand access to Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS)
  - HCBS statewide gap analysis and roadmap
- Advance older adult behavioral health (Prop 1)
- Adopt dementia-capable systems of care





# Goal 3: Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Further develop Aging and disability No Wrong Door (NWD) system
- Future-Ready CA's aging network (CA 2030)
- Elevate older adult employment and training
- Align aging and disability
- Launch Aging and Disability Lived Experience Advisory Board



# Goal 4: Caregiving that Works



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Implement California's first Caregiver Equity Roadmap
- Launch CalCARES grant – Caregiver outreach, training, and education
- Explore development of core competencies for direct care workers
- Leverage community health workers for the aging & disability network



# Goal 5: Affording Aging



## HIGHLIGHTS

- LTSS Financing Initiative
  - Medicare HCBS Demonstration
  - Statewide survey & focus groups
  - Policy and landscape analysis report
- Launch the Guaranteed Income Pilot for older adults



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# Resource: Los Angeles Fires



Visit: [ca.gov/LAFires](https://ca.gov/LAFires)

## 2025 Los Angeles Fires

Help and info for people affected by  
the wildfires

Get help in person



# Emergency Preparedness & Response




## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



*A Guide for Older Adults, Individuals with Disabilities,  
and People with Access and Functional Needs*



Available in Spanish, Chinese, Korean,  
Vietnamese, and Tagalog

**LOS ANGELES WILDFIRE**  
*Crisis Recovery Resources*  
FOR OLDER ADULTS

If you or someone you know needs support to recover from the Los Angeles wildfires, visit the [Governor's official wildfire recovery page](#). Additional services specifically for older adults include caregiving support, meals, emotional assistance, and emergency preparedness information. Explore the list below for local and state programs to aid in recovery and resilience.

### Local Resources

**Area Agencies on Aging** can connect you with a wide range of free services, including meals and information referrals.

- LA County: Los Angeles County [Aging & Disabilities Department](#)  
800-510-2020, 510 S. Vermont Avenue 11th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020
- LA County also offers a [food pantry](#)
- LA City: City of Los Angeles [Department of Aging](#) 213-482-7252,  
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90012-4390

**Los Angeles County** offers [Wildfire and Windstorm Resources](#), including information on drinking water, transportation services, and more

The **Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center** empowers caregivers to connect with free support groups, counseling, referrals, and more so they can continue to care for their loved ones. 800-540-4442, 3715 McClintock Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90090

The **Los Angeles County Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program** (HICAP) offers free help with Medicare, answering questions and helping with paperwork.

- Center for Health Care Rights 213-383-4519, 4601 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 160, Los Angeles, CA 90010

The **Los Angeles Long-Term Care Ombudsman** (LTCO) supports and advocates for residents in long-term care facilities when a resident or loved one reports a problem or concern.

- WISE & Healthy Aging 800-334-9473, 1527 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

**Friendship Line California** is a free, 24/7 crisis and support line offering emotional support, connection, and assistance to older adults. Call toll-free in California at 888-670-1360.

Information on CalFresh food benefits specific to LA fires is available at 866-613-3777.

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# Meeting Materials & Future Dates



**Meeting materials, transcript, and recording are posted on:**

- [CalHHS IMPACT Meeting webpage](#)

## **Next Committee Meeting:**

- Thursday, May 22, 2025
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.





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