# Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC)

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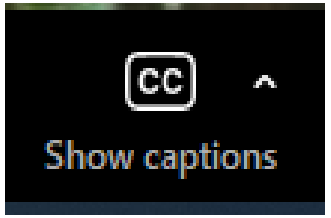
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# Committee Purpose

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

DACLAC 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 Agency (CalHHS), 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

Claire Ramsey, *California Department of Aging*

Kim Rutledge, *California Department of Rehabilitation*

## Stakeholder Committee Membership

Diane Alford, *Rolling Start, Inc.*

Jennifer Alley, *MSSP Site Association*

# DACLAC Members (cont.)

Joe Arsenith, *Placer County Public Health Division*

Luke Barnesmoore, *Marin Senior Life Foundation*

Tanya Bautista, *California Association for Health Services at Home*

Lewis Brown, Jr, *Corporation for Supportive Housing*

Mareva Brown, *Office of the Senate Pro Tempore*

Contessa Bunn, *Sacramento County Senior and Adult Services*

Olivia Burns, *The SCAN Foundation*

Raymon Cancino, *Community Bridges*

Lauren Carden, *Justice in Aging*

# DACLAC Members (cont.)

Min Chang, *Homebridge*

Le Ondra Clark Harvey, *California Behavioral Health Association*

Warren Cushman, *Community Resources for Independent Living*

Rosalind de Lisser, *University of California San Francisco, Institute for Health and Aging& the Center to Advance Trauma Informed Care*

Sabrina Epstein, *Disability Rights California*

Selina Escobar-Ortega, *Zócalo Health*

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

# DACLAC Members (cont.)

Joanna Glum, *Consumer Advocate*

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

Kate Hoepke, *Village Movement California*

Corrine Jones, *Director of Programs, Senior Network Services*

Kathy Kelly, *Family Caregiver Alliance*

Kawon (Kay) Lee, *Commonwealth Adult Day Health Care Center*

Jeannee Parker Martin, *LeadingAge California*

Michelle Matter, *SDSU Center for Excellence in Aging & Longevity*

Michael McFadden, *Los Angeles LGBT Center*

# DACLAC Members (cont.)

Kim Mills, *A Better Life Together, Inc., San Diego Regional Center Provider*

Tracy Murray, *County of Contra Costa Aging & Adult Services*

Carolyn Nava, *Disability Action Center*

Gretchen Nye, *Chapman Consulting*

John Casimiro Perales, Pilipino Workers Center

Joe Perales, *Consumer Advocate*

Andrea Robert, *Consumer Advocate*

Gabriel Rogin, *Association of Regional Center Agencies*

Meghan Rose, *LeadingAge California*

Michelle Rousey, *Consumer Advocate*

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Jeff Thom, *California Council of the Blind*

Debbie Toth, *Choice in Aging*

Nina Weiler-Harwell, *AARP California*

Janie Whiteford, *California In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Consumer Alliance*

Silvia Yee, *Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)*

Sylvia Yeh, *Friends of Children with Special Needs; San Andreas Regional Center & Regional Center of the East Bay Provider*

Leticia Zuno, *Access to Independence of San Diego, Inc.*

# Meeting Agenda

**10:00 a.m.** Welcome & Meeting Operations

**10:05 a.m.** Opening Remarks

**10:15 a.m.** Committee Perspectives on Olmstead and Pressing Issues

**10:45 a.m.** Public Comment

**10:55 a.m.** Break

**11:10 a.m.** Master Plan for Aging: Learnings, Progress, and Opportunities

# Meeting Agenda

**11:50 a.m.** DACLAC Subcommittee Priorities

**11:55 a.m.** Transportation Subcommittee

**12:10 p.m.** Housing Subcommittee

**12:25 p.m.** Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Subcommittee

**12:40 p.m.** Public Comment

**12:50 p.m.** Closing Comments

**1:00 p.m.** Adjourn

# Opening Remarks



**Claire Ramsey**
*DACLAC State Co-Chair*
*Acting Director, California Department of Aging (CDA)*



**Kim Rutledge**
*DACLAC State Co-Chair*
*Director, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)*

# Committee Perspectives on Olmstead and Pressing Issues


## Hagar Dickman

*DACLAC Stakeholder Co-Chair*
*Justice in Aging*

## Sheri Burns

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

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# Break: 15 minutes

# Master Plan for Aging
# Midpoint Evaluation

Presented by, Miranda Kunkel
Collaborative Consulting
MPA Stakeholder Advisory Committee

# Acknowledgements

This evaluation was made possible through the support of the philanthropic partners that have supported the implementation and advancement of California's Master Plan for Aging (MPA).

The findings, conclusions, and recommendations presented reflect the analysis conducted as part of the MPA Mid-Point Evaluation and do not necessarily represent the views or positions of the California Department of Aging, the California Health and Human Services Agency, or the State of California.

# Evaluation Overview and Goals

In 2026, the MPA reached the halfway mark of its 10-year implementation period. This milestone provided an opportunity to evaluate the strengths and challenges encountered during the first five years of implementation.

Evaluation Goals:

- **Understand what is working well** and identify the strengths and accomplishments that can be built upon.
- **Identify challenges and areas for improvement** that may be limiting MPA implementation.
- **Gather stakeholder perspectives** on their experiences with the MPA and opportunities for change.
- **Identify strategies to strengthen implementation** and maximize impact during the MPA's next phase.

# Evaluation Framework

1. **State-Led:** State leadership demonstrates commitment to, sponsorship of, and investment in the MPA.
2. **Cross-Agency and Department Development and Accountability:** State partners have clear roles, ownership, and accountability for MPA implementation.
3. **Stakeholder and Consumer Engagement:** Engagement is inclusive, responsive, and demonstrates how input is used.
4. **Aging Across the Lifespan:** The MPA reflects a lifespan approach to aging through strategies and messaging that extend beyond today's older adults.
5. **Data-Driven:** Data inform decisions, track progress, identify gaps, and support stakeholder understanding and action.
6. **Living Document:** The MPA is dynamic and adaptive, with regular updates that reflect changing resources and external trends.

# Evaluation Approach

Collaborative Consulting conducted four research activities from January to June 2026:

Individual and group **interviews with 83 stakeholders** involved in MPA implementation

A **survey with 118 respondents** familiar with and/or involved in MPA implementation

A **review of documents and data** that highlight MPA implementation progress

A **review of recommendations** from previous reports and evaluations of the MPA

# The MPA Implementation Infrastructure Created the Conditions for Change

Some of the MPA's most significant accomplishments are the creation of the implementation infrastructure to advance aging priorities across California.

- An Executive Order and Senate Bill provided legitimacy and visibility for the MPA.
- CDA established a new division to serve as the backbone facilitator of the MPA.
- The MPA leveraged state, federal, philanthropic, and public-private funding.
- The MPA formalized coordination across state government.
- The MPA has used data to support learning and accountability and identify unmet data needs.

# The MPA Implementation Infrastructure Helped Produce Early Wins

At midpoint, several effects are associated with the development of the MPA's implementation infrastructure.

- The MPA has raised awareness of issues impacting older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers.
- Cross-sector connections have been made and reinforced among California's state agencies and departments.
- The MPA has mobilized a statewide coalition of dedicated stakeholders.
- The MPA infrastructure and its effects have established California as a national leader in multisector aging policy.

# Challenges Facing MPA Implementation

While the initial MPA infrastructure was successful in generating momentum, addressing challenges will be essential to maintain progress and achieve lasting change.

- The MPA's breadth has created challenges.
- Governance and accountability remain unclear.
- The role of stakeholder engagement structures have not fully evolved as the MPA has matured.
- The relationship between MPA initiatives and their overall impact needs to be clarified.
- Leadership transitions, evolving policy landscape, and resource constraints create ongoing uncertainty for MPA implementation.

# Recommendation Areas at a Glance

**Recommendation 1.** Reduce the number of initiatives to maximize the MPA's impact.

**Recommendation 2.** Strengthen the MPA's governance and accountability.

**Recommendation 3.** Realign stakeholder advisory committees to support MPA implementation needs.

**Recommendation 4.** Expand performance measurement to demonstrate the MPA's progress and impact.

**Recommendation 5.** Cultivate long-term support for the MPA.

# Recommendation 1. Reduce the number of initiatives to maximize the MPA's impact.

While the number of initiatives has been reduced during each two-year update, the scale of implementation continues to exceed the available capacity and resources needed to sustain progress.

Focusing on initiatives that are feasible, measurable, and capable of improving outcomes for Californians will help direct attention, enhance implementation capacity, and concentrate resources to achieve the greatest impact.

*"We should reduce the number of initiatives to what is realistic and achievable within the next 5 years."*

**Stakeholder Advisory Committee Member**

# Recommendation 2. Strengthen the MPA's governance and accountability.

Ownership of the MPA remains unclear, and many stakeholders view the plan as solely CDA's responsibility.

Collaboration on MPA initiatives also relies heavily on individual relationships rather than established governance structures.

Without well-defined governance, the MPA remains vulnerable to leadership changes and ongoing confusion about authority and accountability in MPA decision-making.

*"[The MPA needs] true cross-departmental, cross-agency visible public leadership and ownership of goals and actions."*

**Philanthropic Funder**

# Recommendation 3. Realign stakeholder advisory committees to support MPA implementation needs.

The MPA's stakeholder advisory committees create valuable opportunities for cross-sector collaboration; however, the breadth of the current committee structure may not be sustainable or aligned with the MPA's future direction.

The midpoint of the MPA is an opportunity to assess the purpose, composition, and effectiveness of these structures in relation to future priorities and implementation needs.

*"I think it's worth our time to figure out better ways to engage with stakeholders. It's moving in the right direction."*

**State Department Partner**

# Recommendation 4. Expand performance measurement to demonstrate the MPA's progress and impact.

Demonstrating measurable outcomes is critical for sustaining stakeholder support, policy interest, and long-term investment.

The foundation for performance measurement has been laid through the Data Dashboard, Implementation Tracker, and research partnerships. The MPA's next phase can build on this foundation to expand how progress is measured, communicated, and used to guide implementation.

*"One thing that's going to be critical with the new administration is to really demonstrate the impact that the MPAs had."*

**State Department Partner**

# Recommendation 5. Cultivate long-term support for the MPA.

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# MPA Midpoint Evaluation
## *Committee Questions & Discussion*

# Master Plan for Aging: Committee Discussion


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*Office of Policy and Planning, CDA*

# Master Plan for Aging: Committee Discussion

- What resonated with your experience of the MPA?
- What should the stakeholder advisory committees look like going forward?
- What should your committee's role be in the MPA's next phase?
- Looking ahead, what would success for the MPA look like from your perspective?



# DACLAC Subcommittee Priorities

## Sheri Burns

*DACLAC Stakeholder Co-Chair*

*Silicon Valley Independent Living Center*

# DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee

## Michelle Rousey

*DACLAC Member & Transportation Subcommittee Co-Chair*

## Warren Cushman

*DACLAC Member & Transportation Subcommittee Co-Chair*

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# Transportation Subcommittee Priorities

1. Transportation needs to continue to be a priority and is critical for home and community-based services (HCBS) and housing
2. Investment, data, and policy needed to address gaps
3. Improve accessibility of public streets and roads
4. Continued support and on-going progress of Cal ITP initiatives

# DACLAC Housing Subcommittee

## Corinne Jones

*DACLAC Member & Housing Subcommittee Co-Chair,*
*Senior Network Services*

**Housing Subcommittee Members**

*Luke Barnesmoore, Marin Senior Life Foundation, DACLAC Member*
*Bob Erio, High Impact Living*

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# Housing Subcommittee Priorities

1. Invest in housing stability, affordable housing programs and production, and homelessness prevention programs
2. Support housing programs focused on older adults and people with disabilities, such as HomeSafe and the Housing Disability Advocacy Program
3. Support for long-term state funding for housing programs, like a low barrier rental assistance program
4. Aging-in-Place Access and Retrofit Framework

# DACLAC Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Subcommittee

## Hagar Dickman

*DACLAC Member & HCBS Subcommittee Chair*

*Justice in Aging*

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# HCBS Subcommittee Priorities

1. Remove economic barriers to home and community-based services (HCBS) access for near eligible older adults and people with disabilities by implementing share of cost reform.

2. Remove barriers to HCBS access by streamlining home and community-based services into a single mandatory, state-wide state plan benefit program.

3. Prioritize HCBS access in the California budget: maintain the "Health for All" vision and recommit to the progress made in Medi-Cal expansion by ensuring full access to all Medi-Cal benefits regardless of immigration status and returning the elimination of the Medi-Cal asset limit.

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# Closing Comments

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# Meeting Resources

- Master Plan for Aging webpage
- CalHHS DACLAC Meeting Materials
- DACLAC Membership List
- DACLAC Member Biographies
- California Attorney General Rob Bonta – The Olmstead Decision Commitment Press Release

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