California Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC)

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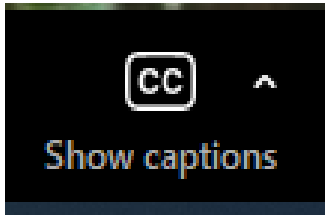
Welcome

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Council Purpose, Equity Guiding Principles, and Agenda

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Legal Assistance Developer, CDA

Council Purpose

The goal of the Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC) 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 and current interventions, and services intended 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.

CalHHS 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.

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CA Department of Aging
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Vivianne Mbaku, *Justice in Aging*

Agenda

10:00 a.m. | Welcome and Meeting Logistics
10:05 a.m. | Agenda and Guiding Principles
10:10 a.m. | Opening Remarks
10:20 a.m. | Little Hoover Commission's May 2026 Report
10:40 a.m. | Elder Abuse Prosecution
10:55 a.m. | Restorative Justice
11:30 a.m. | Break
11:45 a.m. | Master Plan for Aging: Learnings, Progress, and Opportunities Midpoint Evaluation
12:15 p.m. | EDJCC Subcommittee Emerging Priorities: Council Discussion
12:45 p.m. | Public Comment
12:55 p.m. | Closing Comments
1:00 p.m. | Adjourn

Welcome

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Acting Director, California Department of Aging

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Tamar Foster

Deputy Executive Director, Little Hoover Commission

Little Hoover Commission



Pedro Nava, Chair

(D) Santa Barbara

Reelected to eleventh consecutive term as chair in March 2024. Government relations advisor. Former State Assemblymember from 2004 to 2010. Former civil litigator, deputy district attorney and member of the California Coastal Commission. Appointed by Assembly Speaker Emeritus John Pérez in 2013, reappointed by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon in 2017 and 2021, and reappointed by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas in 2025.

Council Questions and Discussion

Elder Abuse Prosecution

Scott Pirello

San Diego District Attorney's Office

EDJCC Member

Elder Fraud Prevention:
Spot the Red Flags Before It's Too Late



Council Questions and Discussion

Restorative Justice

Lisa Nerenberg

Elder Justice Advocate

Restorative Justice

Patricia Kimball

Executive Director, Elder Institute of Maine

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE APPROACHES INSIDE RISE

A person-led integrated response to elder abuse

Patricia Kimball, MS, MS
RISE Collaborative • Elder Abuse Institute of Maine

October 8, 2026

Why this matters: Alice should not have to choose

Alice, 78, wants her son to stop using her debit card. She does not want him arrested or made to leave her home.

Alice does not have to deny the harm to preserve the relationship—or give up the relationship to receive help.

She can consider change without first surrendering what matters to her.

RISE: person-led support that works alongside APS

In RISE, restorative justice is an approach woven through everyday advocacy—not necessarily a separate circle or conference.

- **R** Repair Harm
- **I** Inspire Change
- **S** Support Connection
- **E** Empower Choice

Engagement and collaborative goal setting are overarching approaches throughout the RISE process.

55% **fewer repeat APS investigations**

Maine two-county pilot evaluation (2019), Maine funds RISE (2023), 11 sites nationally and Canada

One goal: help the older person live the life they choose

A restorative lens keeps the whole picture visible

WHAT WE KNOW

The money-taking is happening and needs to stop.

WHAT ALICE TELLS US

The relationship matters. Arrest and removal are not acceptable to her.

WHAT WE MAY ASSUME

That ending the relationship is the only meaningful response.

The harm matters. The relationship matters. We do not have to erase either truth.

Doing with Alice: neither control nor withdrawal

TAKING OVER

“He needs to leave.”

Professional concern becomes Alice’s plan.

BACKING AWAY

“It is up to you.”

Alice’s choice becomes a reason to disengage.

DOING WITH

“What do you want to change—and preserve?”

Concern stays visible, and Alice remains the author of her life.

What restorative practice makes possible

More honesty. A fuller picture.
Help Alice can accept.
A greater possibility of change.

Address the harm without requiring the person to surrender what matters.

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Council Questions and Discussion

Break: 15 minutes

Master Plan for Aging Midpoint Evaluation

Presented by, Lori Peterson & 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.

The MPA's long-term success depends on its ability to remain a state priority across administrations, budget cycles, and changing policy environments.

To sustain the MPA, continued legislative, stakeholder, public, and financial support will be needed to maintain attention and investment.

"Encourage stakeholders to use all appropriate avenues. To advocate to legislators, to coordinate themselves outside of the MPA."

State Agency Partner

MPA: Council Questions & Discussion

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EDJCC Subcommittee: Emerging Priorities

1. Strengthen the Adult Abuse Reporting and Response system

2. Strategies to improve regional and county-level coordination

3. Prevent unnecessary conservatorships and promote less restrictive alternatives

4. Strengthen the response to victimization of people with disabilities

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Closing Comments

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Meeting Resources

- EDJCC Webpage
- Little Hoover Commission
- A California Strategy to Stop Financial Scams
- Fact Sheet: A California Strategy to Stop Financial Scams
- Elder Fraud Prevention: Spot the Red Flags Before It's Too Late
- San Diego Elder County Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Blueprint
- Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)
- Elder Abuse Institute of Maine RISE Model

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