

**CCoA Master Plan for Aging Special Committee
Master Plan for Aging Recommendation**

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Issue statement: No single state agency oversees long-term services and supports (LTSS) in California. Federal and state funded LTSS are administered by multiple state departments resulting in fragmentation, multiple assessment procedures, and a lack of coordination. Consumers cannot find the right services and information at the right time, or what benefits are even available to them, often leading to unnecessary and costly hospital and nursing facility care.

MPA Framework Goals

Goal 1: Services & Supports. We will live where we choose as we age and have the help we and our families need to do so.

Goal 3: Health & Well-being. We will live in communities and have access to services and care that optimize health and quality of life.

Recommendation: Establish a state-level infrastructure to support streamlined access to person-centered LTSS to support choice, advancing dignity for all Californians regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and physical ability.

Target Population: Older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers

Detailed Recommendation:

- Establish a cabinet level position to provide oversight of Master Plan for Aging implementation and coordination across state agencies (such as Health and Human Services, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, Housing, etc.), on broader issues that impact older adults and persons with disabilities.

- Establish a department that consolidates and oversees home and community based LTSS for older adults; upon implementation of the MPA, the State should move towards integration of services for adults with disabilities.

Evidence in Support:

The [California Department of Developmental Services](#) is the single state agency that oversees the coordination and delivery of services to more than 330,000 individuals who have cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, Down syndrome, autism, epilepsy and related conditions through a network of 21 regional centers and state-operated facilities.

[San Diego Aging and Independence Services](#) (AIS) and the San Francisco Department of Disability and Aging Services are integrated health and human service agencies, providing a full range of services to older adults, people with disabilities and their families, “to help keep clients

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safely in their homes, promote healthy and vital living, and publicize positive contributions made by older adults and persons with disabilities.”

Evidence in Support /Other States:

The federal [Administration for Community Living](#) was established in 2012, based on the principle that “that older adults and people of all ages with disabilities should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and with the ability to participate fully in their communities.” The reorganization brought together the Administration on Aging, Office on Disability and Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

[Washington State Aging and Long-Term Support Administration](#) provides long-term care services and supports to individuals through collaboration with the Area Agencies on Aging, Adult Protective Services. The agency provides information and assistance, respite care, licensing and oversight of all levels of residential and community-based care.

Prioritization: High

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