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Building a System of Care

- Commit to ensuring that individuals and families can afford care at home by expanding Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) access
- Direct specific investments and improvements to existing Home and Community Based (HCBS) programs
- Require investments in the workforce that provide home-based care (paid and unpaid)
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Ending Homelessness for Older Adults and Those with Disabilities

• Target funding and specific policies that address the interrelated housing and health care needs of this population
• Create a rental assistance program directed to severely rent-burdened and other precariously housed older adults and persons with disabilities
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Elevate and Integrate Equity

• Focus on a bold, overarching commitment to advancing equity across multiple underserved populations
• Ensure that those with lived experience in impacted communities guide MPA implementation
• Use data to advance equity
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Recommendation #1: Training & Career Pathway

- **Expand training for all direct care staff and providers** in healthcare settings serving older adults, including those with Alzheimer’s.

- **Build upon current initiatives to expand career pathways** for all direct care staff, explore the feasibility of tying training to wage increases and expanding community college certification programs so direct care staff can advance in their careers.

- **Provide a career path for caregivers** who are from the low-income marginalized communities and expands capacity of caregivers better able to better serve diverse older adult Californians.
Recommendation #2: Culturally & Linguistically Competent Communication

- **Continue to expand culturally and linguistically competent communications** to older adults, people with disabilities, and families.
- **Reduce barriers that cause social isolation**, especially for those who are non-English speaking or limited English speaking who are new immigrants to the United States.
ADRD
Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Disorders Advisory Committee

Recommendation #3: Caregiver Support

Support the needs of unpaid/family caregivers through a multi-prong approach of:

- Providing financial support
- Offering evidence-informed, community-based and state-supported training in multiple languages
- Increasing investments in, and access to, respite services
Research Partnership (CADRP)

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CADRP
Recommendations #1 & #2

#1 Identify beacons and associated drivers that offer optimal opportunities for achieving the goals of the MPA and monitoring progress toward those goals.

#2 Establish a research consortium and provide seed funding to catalyze collaborative research efforts (qualitative and quantitative) to improve the evidence base for achieving the goals of the MPA.
Recommendation #3

a) **Identify data priorities** and reduce barriers to appropriate access to data to inform and enable monitoring of progress on the beacons and to enhance research opportunities.

b) Continue to support development of **state research and data functions** and ensure that emerging **state data assets** are designed to enable whole-person data capture and exchange.
Next Steps for 2022-23

- **Continue to build on recommendations** presented at Sep 20th Day of Action in Sacramento by building consensus on beacons and associated drivers, metrics, and data.
- In partnership with stakeholders, **identify data sources** and gain access to data sources for evaluating progress toward 2-3 beacons.
- In partnership with stakeholders, **identify and launch 2-3 research projects** (with associated beacons) to lay a foundation for a research consortium.
- **Host an initial working meeting** to convene experts and leaders in aging & disability research to establish a research consortium work plan.
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Improve behavioral health services for older adults

• **Ensure older adult representation** on State and local advisory bodies.

• **Establish leadership positions with older adult behavioral health expertise** at both the State and local government levels.

• **Leverage Geriatric Emergency Departments** to collect data on older adult behavioral health needs and access to services.

• **Assure standardized data collection** to include older adult behavioral health, inclusive of racial, ethnic and SOGI data.
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Expand the workforce that serves older adults and increase workforce opportunities for older adults

• Leverage current workforce initiatives to encourage specialization in geriatrics and gerontology (medical, behavioral health and social services, etc.)

• Recruit and support individuals from underrepresented regions and backgrounds to create a more diverse, representative workforce.

• Streamline access to employment programs that support older adults.

• Incentivize businesses to provide accommodations for older adults.
Address older adult homelessness and increase housing options for older adults

- Expand capacity of residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs).
- Provide State funding to support expansion of local home sharing programs and advocate to remove barriers that impede opportunities for low-income older adults.
- Expand the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program.
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DACLAC
Prevent & End Older Adult Homelessness

- Create a Rental Assistance Program targeted to older adults and persons with disabilities at high risk of homelessness
DAACLAC
Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee

Enact policy and budget legislation that improves accessible transportation systems to allow all people throughout their lifespan, to get where they need to go when they need to get there.

Modernize the 1979 Social Services Transportation Improvement Act such that accessible transportation options and support function like the ADRC model where there is no wrong door.

Fund accessible transportation programs to end the decades long stagnation of senior and disabled transportation services and ensure that accessible transportation improves just as our roads, streets, bike paths and trails are evolving.
Create a CalAIM Advocate team within DHCS to collect and identify implementation issues related to CalAIM, as reported by providers or MCPs:

- **Early warning system** for CalAIM related system issues identified at local or state level
- **Proactive, centralized timely feedback** to reduce areas of risk related to access to care more quickly than current systems allow
- **Important in the early roll-out phases**, but ongoing throughout the 5-yr. demo
- **Does not replace Ombudsman** at DHCS, DMHC, Managed Care or Medicare
- **Focus is on CalAIM specific challenges** to help CalAIM be successful in achieving its goals
EDJCC

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Recommendation #1

Fully fund Adult Protective Services (APS) to improve the delivery and coordination of services, training opportunities and incentives to work in the APS field.
Recommendation #2

Fully fund the public guardian and public conservator programs, create a state unit responsible for oversight as well as fund allocation and data collection.
EDJCC

Elder & Disability Justice Coordinating Council

Recommendation #3

Publicize and fund legal aid services to increase the understanding and availability of the programs. Adopt restorative justice models where appropriate and improve data collection.
Committee (EAAC)

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Recommendation #1

Embed equity throughout the implementation process

- For all future initiatives, identify inequities being addressed and how initiative will improve those inequities and for which older adults
- Include specific metrics
EAAC

Equity in Aging Advisory Committee

Recommendation #2

Ensure Access to Culturally Appropriate In-Home Care

• Expand services and ensure equitable LTSS access for the communities facing historical and present-day discrimination
• Increase and diversify healthcare workforce
• Collect and utilize data with metrics along race, ethnicity, gender, SOGI, and disability
Recommendation #3

Caregiving for People At-Home

- Support family caregivers, predominantly women who are working and spend out-of-pocket on care
- Ensure family caregiving assessments and track specific equity needs
- Expand respite care and track access and utilization among various communities
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