

From Practice to Policy: Setting the Course for Elder Justice

California Elder Justice Policy Summit

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Sponsored by the California Elder Justice Coalition (CEJC) and the California Commission on Aging (CCoA) in partnership with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association.

A G E N D A

8:00 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast** – Ballroom Level

9:00 a.m. **Opening Session** – Gardenia Room - Ballroom Level

Welcome

California Commission on Aging Chair Bert Bettis

Setting the Stage

California Elder Justice Coalition Chair Lisa Nerenberg

Keynote Address: Raising the Bar in Elder Justice Policy

Dr. Dean Hawley, Professor of Pathology, Indiana University, is an expert in elder abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse in Indian country, family justice centers, and conducting abuse investigations in long-term care facilities. He will provide a national perspective on forensic achievements, the family justice center movement, promising elder justice policies enacted in other states, and new opportunities offered by the Elder Justice Act.

10:15 a.m. **Move to Working Sessions**

10:30 a.m.

Concurrent Working Sessions – Part 1

A. Modernizing Adult Protective Services to Strengthen the Safety Net - Room: Royal (second floor)

Adult Protective Services programs (APS) are pivotal to California's response to elder abuse and neglect. Today, APS faces such formidable challenges as the realigning of programs from state to local control and the revamping of the state's long-term services and support system. The programs also face unprecedented opportunities, including the 2010 passage of the Elder Justice Act. This session will explore how APS programs are faring and the challenges that lie ahead.

Facilitators:

Jill Nielsen, LCSW, Adult Protective Services Program Director, City and County of San Francisco, Department of Aging and Adult Services and Co-chair, Protective Services Operations Committee, CWDA

Mary Counihan, MSW, President, National Adult Protective Services Association

Lori Delagrammatikas, MSW, Program Manager for the Multidisciplinary Adult Services Training for Evaluation and Results Academy for Professional Excellence at San Diego State University and Vice President of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

B. Improving California's Response to Elder Abuse in Institutional Settings - Room: Clark (second floor)

Ensuring justice to residents of nursing homes and residential care facilities requires changes ranging from improved crime-scene investigations to creating institutional cultures of respect. After an update from Dr. Hawley on forensic markers, the group will explore what Ombudsmen, regulators, law enforcement and advocates are doing effectively and what reforms are needed.

Facilitators:

Molly Davies, MSW, Vice President, Elder Abuse Prevention and Ombudsman Services, WISE & Healthy Aging and President, California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association

Dean Hawley, M.D., Professor of Pathology, Indiana University

Dan Osterweil, M.D., Vice President and Medical Director, SCAN Health Plan

C. Mobilizing Caregivers to Prevent Abuse – Room: Williams (second floor next to the Business Center)

Although family caregivers are critical to ensuring the safety, security and well being of frail older adults, collaboration between the elder justice and family caregiver networks has been minimal. Three presenters will help set the stage: Kathleen Kelly, MPA, Executive Director, Family Caregiver Alliance; Mary Twomey, Co-Director, UC Irvine Center of Excellence; and Donna Schempp, LCSW, Contractor, Family Caregiver Alliance.

This session will explore how the two networks can work together to ensure that family caregivers and those they care for have the support, protection and resources they need. It will also focus on assessing caregivers' needs and "tipping points", cultural variations in caregiving and their impact on service utilization.

Facilitator:

Donna Benton, Ph.D., Director of Older Adults Services, Pacific Clinics, Research Professor, USC and Legislative Advocacy Chair, California Commission on Aging

D. Ensuring Justice: Examining The Legal System's Role – Room: McGinnes (second floor)

California is home to the nation's first elder courts and forensics centers and has led the nation in crafting innovative statutes. Still, much remains to be done to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice and victims are "made whole." This session will focus on ensuring access to the legal system, with a special emphasis on financial abuse, restitution, conservatorship, and the training needs of legal professionals.

Facilitator:

Honorable Judge Joyce Cram (retired)

E. Elder Justice for All: Access and Parity – Room: Falor (second floor)

Elder Justice requires access to protections and services that enhance independence and autonomy for all older adults and persons with disabilities. This session explores the barriers and how California is meeting the challenge of ensuring justice to an increasingly diverse

population. Discussion in this session will follow brief presentations by Slettie M. Jones, LCSW, CSW-G; Patrick Arbore, Ed.D., Founder and Director, Center for Elderly Suicide Prevention, Institute on Aging; and Heidi Li, Esq., Law Office of Heidi Li

Facilitators:

Adria Navarro, Ph.D., LCSW, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Azusa Pacific University

Ed Walsh, MSW, Director Riverside County Office on Aging (retired) and Commissioner, California Commission on Aging

12:30 p.m. **Lunch – Gardenia Room**

1:00 p.m. **The Intersection of Elder Justice and Long-Term Services and Supports**

California is embarking on a major transformation of its Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) system that will alter the way millions of California's oldest and most vulnerable citizens receive services at home and in long-term care facilities.

Amber Cutler, staff attorney for the National Senior Citizens Law Center, will describe the Community Care Initiative, Cal MediConnect and other programs emerging from the Affordable Care Act. A panel of responders will describe the implications for older adults in California and those who serve them.

Responders:

Ellen Schmeding, MS, MFT, Director, Aging & Independence Services/Public Administrator, Public Guardian, Public Conservator, Aging & Independence Services, Health & Human Services, San Diego County

Molly Davies, MSW, Vice President, Elder Abuse Prevention and Ombudsman Services, WISE & Healthy Aging and President, California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association

Jack D. Hailey, Senior Project Director, Government Action and Communication Institute (GACI), provides staff support to the California Collaborative for Long-Term Services and Supports.

Moderator:

Sandi Fitzpatrick, M.A. Executive Director, California Commission on Aging

- 2:00 p.m. **Move to Working Sessions**
- 2:15 p.m. **Concurrent Working Sessions – Part 2**
- A. Modernizing APS – Room: Royal**
 - B. Elder Abuse in Institutional Settings – Room: Clark**
 - C. Mobilizing Caregivers – Room: Williams**
 - D. Legal System’s Role – Room: McGinnis**
 - E. Parity & Access – Room: Falor**
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Report out from Work Sessions** - Gardenia Room
Betty Malks and Lori Delagrammatikas, members of the CEJC Steering Committee, will facilitate reports from the working sessions and a discussion of recommendations and commitments.
- 4:45 p.m. **Concluding Remarks**
Bert Bettis and Lisa Nerenberg
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**