CALIFORNIA MASTER PLAN ON AGING UPDATE

As you may have heard, Governor Newsom created a Master Plan on Aging Stakeholder Group to help develop recommendations for the State to implement in order to build a blueprint to address the needs and concerns of our State’s rapidly growing aging and disabled population. CARA has a seat on this Stakeholder group, which has met twice and has a very ambitious timeline.

The Master Plan for Aging (MPA) is seeking recommendations from the public – individuals, organizations, academic institutions, policy makers to help inform the work of the MPA. Below is the list of upcoming meetings of the MPA Stakeholder Advisory Committee (which are open to the public – you can attend in person in Sacramento or call in – go to engage@aging.ca.gov to get the details). Also listed below is the current MPA Framework that has been discussed by the Advisory Group, and a template for providing recommendations. If you are interested in sending in your recommendations on any or all of the 4 Goal Areas, please use the format provided in the template and send it to the engage@aging.ca.gov no later than Dec. 13, 2019.

CARA will be submitting recommendations of our own. We will also keep you posted as there will be public forums/webinars to review ALL recommendations and offer opportunities for discussion before the MPA Advisory Committee acts.

This is an important opportunity to make our voices heard as California endeavors to develop a Master Plan for Aging that will be meaningful and implemented in the years to come.

1. Master Plan for Aging Meeting Calendar

SAC webinar-only meeting Wednesday, December 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with call-in information TBA.

Next in-person SAC meeting Tuesday, January 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at 1414 K Street, featuring Los Angeles County and Los Angeles City presenting the Los Angeles Purposeful Aging Initiative.

2. MPA Framework: Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, Recommendations

Here is the latest version of the MPA Framework document. This is a work in progress, so it may go through a few more revisions before finalized.
Here is a “Recommendation Template” to systemically capture recommendations from the subcommittees and focus forums. The template will help bring findings to the full Stakeholder Advisory Committee for discussion, as well as develop, revise and track recommendations for inclusion in the MPA and LTSS reports.

Reminder: The deadline for “initial” recommendations in writing is Friday, December 13, via engage@aging.ca.gov.

SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST PETITIONS ARE IN!!!!
Help CARA collect 10,000 signatures by March 20, 2020

You can pick up SCF petitions at your local CARA Action Team meeting starting in November 2019 or you can call the CARA office at 877-223-6107 to have some sent to you. You can also turn completed petitions in at the CAT meeting OR you can send them in to the CARA office at 600 Grand Ave. Suite 410, Oakland, CA.

The SCF Campaign needs to collect 1.2 million signatures by March 20, 2020 (CARA has committed to collecting at least 10,000!). Please send in your completed petitions as soon as you can. If you have not gathered enough signatures within a county to fill up a petition page (nine signatures) and you don’t intend to gather more, go ahead and send in the petition! The more signatures we collect with volunteers, the less we have to spend on paid signature-gatherers.

CARA also has fact sheets, frequently asked questions sheets, and translations in Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese of the title and summary. Let us know if you need materials and we will be sure to get them to you.

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