GOVERNOR’S MAY REVISED BUDGET A DISASTER FOR SENIORS and PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH IS BIG DAY FOR ADVOCACY.

MASTER PLAN ON AGING MEETING: May 28th, 9am-10:30am

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee to the Master Plan on Aging has been on hiatus during the COVID 19 pandemic. Their last meeting held in March, voted on recommendations to improve our Long Term Supports and Services infrastructure, with the ultimate goal of developing a universal long-term care benefit. The Governor’s proposed budget cuts the many programs necessary to develop this LTSS plan and puts people at huge risk.

Now that the MPA is reconvening virtually, on May 28th for the first time in two months, we have an opportunity to raise our concerns about the proposed budget cuts, and the future work of this Committee. It is a great time to have folks listen, participate, and share your concerns about the impact of the budget on seniors and people with disabilities – right now – as well as the future of this Master Plan on Aging. Here is how to join by phone or computer:

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 10:30am

Call in: (888) 788-0099
Meeting ID: 176-453-330
Password: 0528
Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/176453330

Online Teach-In: COVID Crisis in California Nursing Homes
Thursday, May 28th, 2-3:30 pm

Did you know that the vast majority of California nursing homes are for-profit and that investors actually make money off them?

Did you know that the nursing facilities with the highest number of COVID cases and deaths have had the highest number of infection control violations over the past several years?

Sign up for the teach-in to learn about the problems in big for-profit nursing home chains and find out how you can take action! Now is NOT the time for the state to cut community-based programs while giving nursing homes immunity for dangerous practices.
More information about the issue: The huge concentrations of COVID cases and deaths in care facilities has been a national disgrace. This crisis comes from years of ignoring problems with nursing home staffing and regulation. Nursing facilities are nearly all for-profit, and money must not be a motivating factor in whether or not to provide the best care possible. The state must be aggressive in protecting people. The low priority placed on the lives of older people and disabled people living in facilities is a sign of ageism and ableism, oppression based on age and disability. And now the Governor wants to provide immunity for nursing homes from criminal or civil penalties for COVID deaths during the pandemic? Nursing homes with better practices oppose immunity! Let's not give in to the big for-profit chains.

Please attend to learn about these problems, declare that ageism and ableism are unacceptable in our community, and join the dialogue to prevent future tragedies.

Call Governor Newsom at 916-445-2841

The Governor released his revised budget for 2020-2021 and it is devastating. We knew cuts would be massive, but the focus of many of the cuts are to programs that serve seniors and people with disabilities. In this time of COVID, these programs, though small in the scheme of things, are truly lifesaving. Programs like the MSSP and Community Based Adult Services, In Home Supportive services, Independent Living Resource Centers, and more. – all keep people out of institutions WHERE PEOPLE ARE DYING! Adding insult to injury, the Administration issued Crisis Care Guidelines which put seniors and people with disabilities at the bottom of the list when limited resources are available. The proposals in the Governor’s budget, if passed, will hurt and possible kill people. We must fight back.

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TALKING POINTS: THE GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS THAT KEEP SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SAFE AND SUPPORTED – AND OUT OF INSTITUTIONS. IT IS HEARTLESS, AGEIST, AND ABLEIST. RESCIND CUTS TO SENIOR AND DISABLED PROGRAMS. LET’S BUILD A BUDGET THAT SUPPORTS OUR MOST FRAIL AND VULNERABLE – NOT ONE THAT KILLS US.

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