

Addendum to CalSWEC Aging Initiative Charter

Constituent Group List

*denotes CalSWEC Board member

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<i>*University, Schools of Social Welfare, Deans/Directors</i>	The California Association of Dean and Directors of Schools of Social Work (CADD) or some facsimile of it has been in existence for almost 50 years. California has had an exceptional history of leadership from deans and directors of social work, beginning in the latter half of the 20 th century. CADD has been one important expression of an organized desire for mutual problem-solving, support, and heightened visibility in education and government. http://calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/CalSWEC_CADD.html
<i>*County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA)</i>	The County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) is a non-profit association representing the human service directors from each of California's 58 counties. The Association's mission is to promote a human services system that encourages self-sufficiency of families and communities, and protects vulnerable children and adults from abuse and neglect. http://www.cwda.org/
<i>*California Department of Social Services (CDSS)</i>	"The mission of the California Department of Social Services is to serve, aid, and protect needy and vulnerable children and adults in ways that strengthen and preserve families, encourage personal responsibility, and foster independence." CDSS is comprised of more than 4,200 employees who are responsible for the oversight and administration of programs serving California's most vulnerable residents. http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/Default.htm
<i>California Association of public Authorities/ In Home Supportive Services</i>	In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) is a program directed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that provides aid to blind, aged, and disabled individuals who are unable to remain safely in their own home without the aid of a care provider. The California Association of Public Authorities, or CAPA, was created to provide proactive leadership to improve the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program; promote the general interests of the active members; promote higher professional standards, and through the exchange of information and ideas, stimulate a collegial and cooperative spirit among the membership. California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS
<i>California Department of Aging</i>	The California Department of Aging (CDA) administers programs that serve older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers, and residents in long-term care facilities throughout the State. The Department administers funds allocated under the federal Older Americans Act , the Older Californians Act , and through the Medi-Cal program. http://www.aging.ca.gov/

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<i>California Commission on Aging</i>	The Commission serves as “the principal advocate in the state on behalf of older individuals, including, but not limited to, advisory participation in the consideration of all legislation and regulations made by state and federal departments and agencies relating to programs and services that affect older individuals.” As such it is the principal advisory body to the Governor, State Legislature, and State, Federal and local departments and agencies on issues affecting older individuals in order to ensure a quality of life for older Californians so they may live with dignity in their chosen environment. http://www.ccoa.ca.gov/
<i>MHSA Older Adults System of Care</i>	The MHSA stipulates that the California State Department of Mental Health (DMH) will contract with county mental health departments to develop and manage the implementation of its provisions. The MHSA specifies requirements for service delivery and supports for children, youths, adults and older adults with serious emotional disturbances and/or severe mental illnesses . MHSA funding will be made annually to counties to: 1.) Define serious mental illness among children, adults and seniors as a condition deserving priority attention, including prevention and early intervention services and medical and supportive care; 2.) Reduce the long-term adverse impact on individuals, families and State and local budgets resulting from untreated serious mental illness; 3.) Expand the kinds of successful, innovative service programs for children, adults and seniors already established in California, including culturally and linguistically competent approaches for underserved population; 4.) Provide State and local funds to adequately meet the needs of all children and adults who can be identified and enrolled in programs under this measure; 5.) Ensure all funds are expended in the most cost-effective manner and services are provided in accordance with recommended best practices , subject to local and State oversight to ensure accountability to taxpayers and to the public
<i>California Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians and Public Conservators (CAPAGPC)-</i>	The California Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians, and Public Conservators is a non-profit association representing the Public Administrators, Guardians and Conservators from each of California's 58 counties. The Association's mission is to foster communication between counties, provide education and certification to its members, and provide legislative advocacy on behalf of individuals served by these programs. California Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians and Public Conservators
<i>County Health Executives Association of CA (CHEAC)</i>	The County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) is a statewide organization of county and city Health Department and Agency Directors, who are responsible for the administration, oversight, and delivery of a broad range of local public health and indigent health care services. Members represent a variety of administrative and health professional disciplines. CHEAC is dedicated to the promotion, protection, and improvement of the health of California's population. The organization's objective is to maximize local health departments' financial, organizational, and programmatic capacity to deliver local health services. http://www.cheac.org/index.aspx

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<i>California Council on Gerontology & Geriatrics</i>	The California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics (CCGG) is a statewide nonprofit leadership organization that promotes the quality of life of California's diverse aging population by informing and integrating educational programs, work force development and public policy. California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics
<i>Geriatric Education Centers</i>	The California Geriatric Education Center (CGEC) based at the UCLA Multicampus Program in Gerontology and Geriatrics, is funded by the Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Under the direction of Janet C. Frank, DrPH, the CGEC has had continuous federal funding since 1987 until the one year federal hiatus in 2006. Currently funded since 2007, the CGEC offers both short and extended education and training opportunities for health professions faculty, practitioners, students and others to enhance the quality and availability of health care for older adults statewide. CGEC Overview
<i>Aging Services of California</i>	is the leading advocate for quality nonprofit senior living and care in the state. The public-interest association represents more than 400 nonprofit providers of aging services – including affordable housing, continuing care retirement communities, assisted living, skilled nursing, and home and community-based care – that collectively serve more than 100,000 seniors. Aging Services of California
<i>California Association of Adult Day Services (CAADS)-</i>	The California Association for Adult Day Services (CAADS) is a 501 (c) 6 non-profit statewide association to support the development of adult day services as an alternative to institutional care. Governed by an 18-member Board of Directors, CAADS is a membership-based association supported by dues, grants, and educational activities. CAADS' purpose is to inspire, provide leadership and facilitate the success of its members who support and assist people with long-term challenges in realizing their individual potential. http://www.caads.org/about_us/about.html
<i>California Elder Justice Workgroup</i>	Started in 2008 when a small group of service providers participating in the Archstone Foundation's Elder Abuse and Neglect Initiative began meeting to explore how common challenges and needs could be addressed through information sharing, problem solving, and collective advocacy. Group members also identified and responded to opportunities for affecting change. Supported by a 15-month grant from the Archstone Foundation, the group's objectives are to: •Document what has been done to date to prevent and address elder abuse in California, identify unmet needs for services and policy, and recommend promising solutions. •Create dynamic partnerships among service providers, researchers, advocacy groups, commissions, educators, responders, and policy makers to improve services to vulnerable and abused elders, share practices, and coordinate response systems. •Create mechanisms and opportunities for information sharing, discussion, problem solving, consensus building, collaboration, and collective advocacy. •Disseminate information and offer recommendations to service providers, policy makers, program developers, academic institutions, advocacy groups, and foundations to ensure that abuse prevention services and policy meet critical needs and are informed by

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	<p>research and practice experience. •Provide support and leadership to program and policy development at the state, national, and international levels.</p> <p> California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS </p>
<i>California APS Training Partnership (RTAs)</i>	<p>Beginning July 1, 2011, the APS Training Project and Project Coordinator, Krista Brown, will be part of Project MASTER/Academy for Professional Excellence, San Diego State University School of Social Work. The APS Training Project will continue to work to identify training needs, priorities and emerging issues among Adult Services staff - with an emphasis on APS, In-Home Support Services (IHSS), and Public Guardian training priorities. In partnership with PSOC, National APS Training Partnership and CalSWEC Aging Initiative, the Project will develop APS training curriculum and deliver core and specialized training to enhance the skills and knowledge of county social workers who serve vulnerable seniors and adults with disabilities within the State of California.</p> <p>http://theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/Project_Master/projectmaster-1.htm</p>
<i>National APS Training Partnership</i>	<p>The mission of NAPSA is to improve the quality and availability of protective services for disabled adults and elderly persons who are abused, neglected, or exploited and are unable to protect their own interests. NAPSA conducts annual national training events, research and innovation in the field of Adult Protective Services. http://www.apsnetwork.org/</p>
<i>Academic Geriatric Resources Program</i>	<p>AGRP's mission is to address the unique health care needs of the rapidly growing population of older persons in California by developing, implementing and evaluating programs to educate and train health care providers in the multiple disciplines that care for older persons, and by advancing public service and research in this area. Innovative programs are implemented through each of the UC's six Academic Geriatric Resource Centers (AGRCs) at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco, and through special system wide initiatives. http://www.ucop.edu/agrp/</p>
<i>Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Centers</i>	<p>Each GRECC contains a research component, an education component, and a clinical component. Currently there are 20 GRECCs which compete for research grants to conduct basic laboratory research on the origins of aging and the diseases commonly associated with it as well as research how care is delivered to elders and the effects of rehabilitation. GRECCs help disseminate existing knowledge of geriatrics and new discoveries gained through research by offering regular educational events and products such as national conferences, regional conferences, telephone and video conferences, special fellowship programs to train physicians in geriatric medicine, conducting grand rounds and journal clubs, and producing peer reviewed papers and other materials such as newsletters, CD-ROMs, and web based presentations. The GRECCs also work with clinical staff in VA medical centers to provide care to elderly Veterans and demonstrate new and improved ways for that care to be delivered. http://www.va.gov/GRECC/index.asp</p>

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<i>Hartford Geriatric Social Work Initiative</i>	focuses on the critical role social workers play in helping older adults maintain healthy, vigorous, and independent lives. http://www.jhartfound.org/program/social_workers.htm
<i>*National Association of Social Workers</i>	The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 145,000 members . NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies. http://www.socialworkers.org/
<i>Representative from older adult community</i>	Through CICA, the California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance, an organized group of consumers and provider contacts has been formed as an advisory committee. http://www.cicaihss.org/
<i>Representative from families and/or caregivers of older adults</i>	CICA, The Commission on Aging & CA Association of Public Authorities & the CA Association of Area Agencies on Aging are potential resources for representatives from families and/or caregivers of older adults. http://www.c4a.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11&Itemid=13