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## Aging Caucus Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

1:00pm-2:30pm (PST)

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**Special Guest: Dr. Laura Trejo, Director, Los Angeles County Aging and Disabilities  
State of Older Adult Services in Los Angeles County and Key Policy Issues**

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**AGING CAUCUS**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025**  
**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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1	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	1:00pm-1:10pm
2	<b>Co-Chairs' Report</b> a. May 13, 2025 Meeting Debrief	1:10pm-1:15pm
4	<b>State of Older Adults Services and Key Policy Issues   Dr. Laura Trejo,</b> Director, Los Angeles County Aging and Disabilities Department	1:15pm-1:45pm
5	<b>Discussion and Updates: Continue Planning Cross-Caucus Collaborative</b> <b>Event Planning</b>	1:45pm-2:00pm
6	<b>Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) Report</b>	2:00pm-2:10pm
7	<b>Executive Director/Staff Report</b>	2:10pm-2:15pm
8	<b>Next Steps and Agenda Development for Next Meeting</b>	2:15pm-2:20pm
9	<b>Public Comments &amp; Announcements</b>	2:20-2:25pm
10	<b>Adjournment</b>	2:30pm

**Resources and Reports:**

[January 2025 California Master Plan for Aging Fourth Annual Report](#)



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## AGING CAUCUS MEETING RECAP TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 MEETING PACKET

### Co-Chairs' Report:

Co-Chairs, Kevin Donnelly and Dr. Paul Nash welcomed attendees and briefly went over the key takeaways from the March 11, 2025 meeting.

### Discussion: Continue Planning Cross-Caucus Collaborative Event

The Aging Caucus continued planning an event to commemorate National HIV and Aging Awareness Day on Friday, Sept. 19.

The Aging Caucus Co-Chairs held consultation meetings with the Co-Chairs of the Commission's various Caucuses on April 18 and 29; see meeting packet for notes. As a result of the feedback from the various Caucus leadership, P. Nash and K. Donnelly suggested pivoting to strength and power of aging as the theme of the event.

Brian Risley from APLA Health agreed to serve as the fiscal sponsor for soliciting funding from Gilead or ViiV. APLA's aging program is still active and not affected by funding cuts.

The event's tentative program outline is as follows:

Registration and refreshments	9am to 9:30am
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	9:30am – 9:35am
Opening remarks from special guests ( <i>Dr. Laura Trejo, Los Angeles County Department of Aging and Disabilities, to be invited or she can set the stage for the provider panel</i> )	9:35am – 9:45am
Consumer panel on challenges and successes in navigating and accessing services	9:45am -10:45am
Provider panel on providing tips and skills on accessing existing local resources for older adults living with HIV. The provider panel will also address issues raised during the consume panel discussion. Discuss what	10:45am – 11:45am



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services have been lost in light of funding cuts and threats. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• staff from DHSP to talk about HIV-specific services for PLWH 50+ (prevention and care)</li><li>• Kaiser</li><li>• Medicare</li><li>• Housing, HUD, rental assistance programs</li></ul>	
Lunch and networking **Could include a few resource tables like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• long-term care options and payment options for older PLWH</li><li>• Senior facilities</li><li>• Aging and Disabilities Department</li><li>• Independence at Home (SCAN Health)</li><li>• Gilead and/or ViiV</li></ul>	12pm to 1pm
Self and community empowerment interactive session	1pm – 2pm
Closing remarks, Call to Action and Evaluation	2pm-2:30pm

### Action Items:

- Invite Dr. Laura Trejo to the July meeting to get a big picture update on status on services for older adults. (Cheryl)
- Vilma Mendoza volunteered to be on the consumer panel. Continue to recruit from other Commission caucuses. (Cheryl, Kevin and Paul)

**Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) Report** – P. Ogata noted that DHSP has not received their second partial notice of award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). No news from the Centers from the Disease and Prevention regarding funding status.

### Executive Director/Staff Report

Cheryl Barrit informed the group that the June, August and September meetings of the Commission have been cancelled. The Planning, Priorities and Allocations Committee will meet on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm to discuss collaborative efforts to preserve HIV prevention services in Los Angeles County. The Executive Committee will meet on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm to 3pm.



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### **Next Steps and Agenda Development for Next Meeting**

- Continue planning the September event commemorating National HIV and Aging Awareness Day.
- Next meeting: July 8 from 1pm to 2pm via Webex.

### **Public Comments & Announcements**

- Justice in Aging and Protect Medicaid Coalition are good resources for policy updates and advocacy efforts.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.

## DATA SPECIFICITY

Advocate for specific age breakdowns for older adults to better understand the needs older adults. Secure HIV continuum of care data broken by specific age groups for older adults.

## ENHANCE AND EXPAND SOCIAL SUPPORTS

Leverage all funding sources to expand the network of social support services for older adults living with HIV.

## CA STATE PLAN ON AGING

Participate in the State of CA townhalls and provide feedback on the CA State Plan on Aging (Due July 2025). Highlight the needs of older PLWH.

## CROSS-CAUCUS COLLABORATIONS

Partner with all Commission on HIV Caucuses to address ageism and HIV.

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV 2025 AGING CAUCUS KEY STRATEGIES

Goal: Raise awareness of ageism and its impact on older adults living with HIV.

## EXPAND HIV TESTING TO OLDER ADULTS

Provide public comments to the CDC to remove upper age limits for HIV/STI testing. Promote multi-agency, regional and statewide approach to remove upper age limits to HIV/STI testing.

## WHITE PAPER ON AGEISM AND HIV

Develop a white paper on ageism and HIV and its impact on older adults.

Integrate needs assessments and service landscape environmental scan in white paper.

## ONGOING EDUCATION & PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Provide educational information on ageism and HIV at COH meetings via the Aging Caucus Co-Chairs' Reports. Assist DHSP in establishing a relationship with the LAC DOA and create a process for referring eligible clients to DOA-funded services.

Priorities:  
Complete by Nov.  
2025



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**National HIV and Aging Awareness Commemorative Event**

**Friday, September 19, 2025**

**Vermont Corridor | 510 S. Vermont Ave, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor (Terrace Level), Los Angeles, CA 90020**

**Updated 06.10.25; 6.23.25**

***The Power of Aging | Navigating Services in Time of Uncertainties***

Registration and refreshments	9am to 9:30am
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	9:30am – 9:35am
Opening remarks from special guests ( <i>Ted Smith Chair, Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults, confirmed</i> )	9:35am – 9:45am
Consumer panel on challenges and successes in navigating and accessing services <i>Confirmed Panelists:</i> <i>Vilma Mendoza, Consumer Caucus Chair</i>	9:45am -11:15am
Provider panel on providing tips and skills on accessing existing local resources for older adults living with HIV. The provider panel will also address issues raised during the consume panel discussion. Discuss what services have been lost in light of funding cuts and threats. Agencies to invite: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (<i>Paulina Zamudio, confirmed</i>)</li><li>2. Los Angeles County Aging and Disabilities Department, Dr. Laura Trejo (<i>confirmed</i>)</li><li>3. Foothill AIDS Project (<i>invited, waiting for a response</i>)</li><li>4. Salvation Army (<i>invited, waiting for a response</i>)</li><li>5. APLA Health (<i>Jeff Bailey, confirmed</i>)</li><li>6. Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center (<i>Michael McFadden, confirmed.</i>)</li><li>7. SCAN Independence at Home (<i>invited, waiting for a response</i>)</li></ol>	11:15am-12:45pm
Lunch and networking **Could include a few resource tables like (limit to 7): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• long-term care options and payment options for older PLWH</li><li>• Senior facilities</li></ul>	12:45pm-1:45pm





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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aging and Disabilities Department</li><li>• Independence at Home (SCAN Health)</li><li>• Gilead and/or ViiV</li></ul>	
Self and community empowerment interactive session Patti LaPlace, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), CSULB (confirmed)	1:45pm-2:45pm
Closing Remarks, Call to Action and Evaluation Dr. Nash & Kevin Donnelly	2:45pm-3:00pm