



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: May 29, 2024

TIME: 1:30PM – 3:30PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Susan Kim & Lizzie Shuster, 3rd Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

This meeting will be held in hybrid format which allows the public to participate virtually, or in-person, as permitted under the Board of Supervisors' March 19, 2024 order

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 140

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For Spanish Interpretation, the Public should send emails within 48 hours in advance of the meeting to: ClusterAccommodationRequest@bos.lacounty.gov

Members of the Public may address the Family & Social Services Cluster on any agenda item during General Public Comment.

The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.

THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Consent Item(s)** (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
 - None --
- III. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **Aging and Disabilities Department**
Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities: Housing and Homelessness.
 - b. **Department of Youth Development**
Department Updates and the Diversion Data Evaluation.
- IV. **Public Comment**

- V. Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.
- VI. Adjournment



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
**Aging & Disabilities
Department**

Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities: Housing and Homelessness

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Los Angeles County Demographics

Age	Population
60-64	592,587
65-69	481,475
70-74	374,234
75-79	261,772
80-84	176,714
85+	185,268
Total 60+	2,072,050

Gender	Percentage
Male	49%
Female	51%
Total 60+	100%



Los Angeles County 2023 Homeless Counts by Age

Data excludes Glendale, Pasadena and Long Beach

The Face of Homelessness is Changing... Into an Older One

- Older adults account for an estimated 25% of LA County's homeless population.
- Nearly half (44%) of older adults became homeless after the age of 50.
- Older adults are fastest growing demographics among those experiencing homelessness and are projected to triple by 2030
- There is a paucity of solutions/models/services responding to the homelessness crisis among older adults.

55-59	7,050	(40%)	
60-64	5,791	(33%)	
65-79	4,552	(26%)	16% Increase
80 and older	175	(1%)	
TOTAL	17,568	(24.6%)	

- **Glendale** - There was a **20%** increase in unsheltered homeless individuals aged 55 and over in 2023.
- **Pasadena** - From 14% in 2022 to **18%** increase in 2023.
- **Long Beach** - Those 55-64 saw increase of **19%** and those 65+ saw increase of **50%**.



Homelessness and Disabilities in LA County

In 2023, Los Angeles County has the greatest number of people with disabilities (1,004,632 people).

The prevalence of disability increases with age, from 10.3% among those 18-24 years of age to 41.9% among those 65 and older.



SERVICE PLANNING AREAS (SPA)	Number of Reported Disabilities by Homeless Individuals
SPA 1	1,882
SPA 2	8,152
SPA 3	3,498
SPA 4	16,957
SPA 5	5,159
SPA 6	10,381
SPA 7	4,529
SPA 8	9,481
Total:	60,039

* Health & disability indicators are not mutually exclusive; a single person may report more than one condition and thus be represented among more than one health & disability subpopulation. Disability data include Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Serious Mental Illness, Developmental Disability, and Physical Disability.

[Data: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority \(LAHSA\) 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Data \(Link\)](#)



Homelessness and Disabilities

- Homelessness and disability are interrelated issues that affect many people in the United States.
- Homeless individuals are more likely to have a disability than the general population, and disabled individuals are more likely to experience poverty and inadequate housing than non-disabled individuals.
- According to recent reports, about one quarter to one third of homeless people have a severe physical or mental disability.



Housing

- Los Angeles is one of the most expensive housing locations in the United States that makes finding and maintaining an adequate residence challenging.
- California has the highest percentage of cost burdened households in the US, nearly three-fifths spend more than one-third of their income on rent (Padilla-Frausto and Wallace, 2015).
- High housing costs imposed by insufficient housing supply requires trade-offs for many older adults in meeting their personal needs for food sufficiency, medical care, in-home assistance and recreational choices (Joint Center for Housing Studies, 2015).
- The problem is most acute for lower income older adults in Los Angeles, especially minorities, because housing is in short supply, and pressure for housing fosters gentrification and displaces lower income people. Heightening this dilemma, many older adults rely almost wholly on social security for income yet the amount received is not adjusted for cost of living, a big disadvantage for lower income people residing in a very high cost region such as Los Angeles (American Community Survey, 2013).

Source: Purposeful Aging LA Action Plan



APS Home Safe Program

APS HOME SAFE UNIT

- Responds to investigations for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and whose abuse is categorized as self-neglect.
 - 1st District: 489 referrals
 - 2nd District: 516 referrals
 - 3rd District: 470 referrals
 - 4th District: 408 referrals
 - 5th District: 385 referrals

APS HOME SAFE SERVICES PROVIDED BY LAHSA

- Case management, housing retention and/or housing search, landlord engagement.
- Financial Assistance: deposit, rental assistance, temporary storage, relocation, temporary shelter/motel placement, home modifications.
- Between August 2019 to April 2024, LAHSA served a total of 1,046 clients.
- LAHSA is at capacity with a wait list of 600 people.

APS HOME SAFE MOU - DHS ENRICHED RESIDENTIAL CARE

- The Department of Health Services (DHS) Housing for Health (HFH) Home Safe Enriched Residential Care (ERC) program provides placements in Adult Residential Facilities or Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly for at risk and unhoused individuals with complex health conditions who are unable to manage their health care needs or activities of daily living (ADLs) independently.
 - Between August 2023 thru April 2024, DHS served a total of 257 clients.
- This program is at capacity.



Client Challenges and Solutions

Older and dependent adults are often concerned about leaving their community.

AD has extended the length of time a client receives services to achieve housing stability or to be connected to long term housing services.

Older and dependent adults are unique populations that require a longer-term intervention and more one-on-one support to secure housing stability.

AD has worked with LAHSA to extend the number of service providers from eight to fourteen to serve more clients.

Homeless case managers have a ratio of 20 to 1.

Additional funding was allocated to service providers to increase the number of case managers. It is recommended that case management strategies be enhanced to assess more clients and reduce the wait list.

Client's lower income and resources makes it difficult for them to afford housing

Explore options to expand affordable housing options or increase rental subsidies.



State Proposed Budget Reductions

APS Home Safe

- The proposed reduction of funds could jeopardize the Department's ability to provide services to approximately 700 clients who are currently enrolled.
- The proposed redistribution of Home Safe funds is based on CWDA Projected expenditures of over \$31M. However, Aging and Disabilities has projected expenditures of over \$53M.
- The proposed redistribution of \$5.4 million and the deferral of \$14.3 million will impact Los Angeles County's ability to continue services without interruption for clients that are currently enrolled in Home Safe.

Developmental Disability Services

- Delay in rate increases for disability services cuts \$1 billion, nearly half of which are federal dollars that would be lost, since the federal government matches a percentage of state funds used for developmental disability services.

Older Californian's Act Nutrition

- Proposed reduction of \$100 million in senior nutrition. The LA County region currently represents nearly 1/3 of allocated funding. Impact will be significant as the largest number of seniors in the state reside in LA County.

Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative

- Statewide budget includes \$50 million over three years to fund the Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative (\$20 million in 2023-24, \$20 million in 2024-25, and \$10 million in 2025-26). The initiative is to focus on addressing behavioral health and/or substance use disorder needs of older adults. The initiative has four main components: Community Capacity Building, Campaign to Reduce Behavioral Health Stigma and Isolation, Continuation of Older Adult Warmline, and State Oversight and Support.



Recommendations and Action Steps

- Support legislation/funding that support older and disabled adults, especially initiatives to end homelessness among older and disabled adults.
- Enhance collaboration with County departments to offer services to specialized or underrepresented populations: Veterans, GR Participants, In-Home Supportive Services Consumers, LGBTQ+, African-Americans and Tribal communities.
 - Ex: Los Angeles County Prevention & Promotion Systems Governing Committee - focus on older adults for the Homelessness and Housing domain
- Establish agreements/MOUs with other agencies to assist with providing housing resources to unhoused older and dependent adults.
 - Ex: Department of Military & Veterans Affairs – Veterans Directed Care Program
 - Ex: Department of Consumer & Business Affairs - Report On Increasing Banking Access For People Experiencing Homelessness (September 26, 2023)
 - Ex: Development Authority and Public Defender’s Office - Pilot for Housing for Justice Involved Older Adults
- Support creating a unit within AD to address the unique needs of older and disabled adults at risk or that are homeless.
- **INCLUDE OLDER AND DISABLED ADULT AS TARGET GROUPS IN ALL HOMELESS FUNDING, POLICY AND PROGRAMMING**





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