

**California Elder Abuse Statewide Summit
April 29 & 30, 2010**

**Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf
555 North Point Street
San Francisco, California 94133**

Program

Thursday, April 29

8:30-9:30 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30-10:15

Welcome & Introductions – Presidio Ballroom

Laura Mosqueda, MD, Director, Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect

Mary Twomey, MSW, Co-Director, Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect

Joseph Prevratil, JD, President and CEO, Archstone Foundation

Lisa Nerenberg, MSW, MPH, Chair, California Elder Justice Workgroup

10:15-11:15

Elder Abuse Policy Comes of Age – Presidio Ballroom

Bill Benson is National Policy Advisor to the National Association of Adult Protective Services, former Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging, former staff member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and former State Long-Term Care Ombudsman of California. Over the course of his distinguished career he has been a trusted advisor to policy makers, advocates, researchers, and program developers at the local, state, and national levels, fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders. Drawing from his involvement with elder abuse policy in California and nationally, he will share his perspective on how California can seize the challenges presented by the Elder Justice Act.

11:15-11:30

Break

11:30-12:30 pm

Assessing Decision-Making Capacity: Clinical and Legal Perspectives - Presidio Ballroom

Daniel Marson, JD, PhD, is a professor of Neurology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he serves as director of the Alzheimer's Disease Center. Dr. Marson has conducted groundbreaking research in the effects of cognitive impairment on everyday abilities and legal decision-making capacity. He was part of a collaborative effort of the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Law and Aging, the American Psychological Association (APA), and the National College of Probate Judges (NCPJ) to develop guidelines to help lawyers, judges, physicians, and others assess capacity.

12:30

Lunch – North Point Lounge

1:00-1:15

Luncheon Speaker: Helen Karr, JD

Determined to prevent older women from becoming victims of financial exploitation, Helen Karr opted for law school instead of retiring from the business world and was sworn in to practice California law on her 64th birthday. She has received numerous awards and honors, including Woman of the Year 2007 for the 19th Assembly District and an “Outstanding Service” award from the State Bar of California. Ms. Karr served as a volunteer for the San Francisco District Attorney’s Elder Abuse Unit, developing outreach materials and presenting to hundreds of seniors and professionals, and will be assuming a position with the unit beginning in May, 2010.

1:15-1:30

Introductions to Concurrent Small Group Sessions – North Point Lounge

Lisa Nerenberg, MSW, MPH, Chair, California Elder Justice Workgroup

1:30-1:40

Move to Group Session Rooms

1:40-5:00

Small Group Sessions

Summit delegates will meet in small groups to explore four areas of need. After describing their current activities related to elder abuse prevention, delegates will discuss areas of need for policy, research, and practice and develop action plans. Brief “Promising Practice” presentations will serve to inform and stimulate discussions. (15 minute break between 3:00-3:30pm)

Group 1- Reporting & Response – Amador Room

Presentation: A Research-based Approach to Assessment in APS

Kathy Park, Assistant Director of the Children's Research Center, will describe how collaborations with adult protective service agencies resulted in the development of a structured assessment model designed to improve consistency and validity in APS decision making. She will provide an overview of the assessment model and teach how data-driven decision making models can support and inform practice and policy.

Mark Sellers, APS Program Manager, Riverside County and Chair of the Protective Services Operations Committee of the California County Welfare Directors Association (PSOC) will describe Riverside County's experiences in implementing structured decision-making, and discussions within PSOC about extending its use within the state.

Group 2 – Safeguarding the Long-Term Care Safety Net – Jeremiah O’Brien Room

Presentation: Keeping Dangerous People Out of the Long-Term Care Workforce.

John Hill, Senate Investigator with the California Senate Office of Oversight and Outcomes, will describe Dangerous Caregivers: State Failed to Cross-Check Backgrounds, an investigation that discovered cases in which individuals who had lost their nurse assistant certifications because of misconduct in nursing homes had been cleared to work in other licensed facilities. The report and subsequent hearings reveal gaps in how those who work with vulnerable elders are screened and monitored.

Presentation: Integrating Long-Term Care and Aging Services.

Geriatric Mental Health Specialist Lin Benjamin, California Department of Aging, will describe how service providers in the aging and elder abuse prevention networks can seize the opportunity presented by the Mental Health Services Act to pursue innovative approaches to meeting the mental health service needs of vulnerable elders.

Group 3 – Financial Abuse and Exploitation – Solano Room

Presentation: Assessing Financial Decision Making Capacity. *Using video vignettes, Dr. Daniel Marson will demonstrate tools that he has developed to measure financial capacity for various financial activities, including cash transactions and estate planning. The tools were designed to provide guidance to families and courts.*

Group 4 – Justice System’s Response – Marin Room

Presentation: Panel on Elder Courts

Honorable Julie Conger (ret.)

Laurinda Ochoa, Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney's Office

Marina Jimenez, Elder Abuse Victim Consultant, Consumer & Environmental Protection Office

Following the lead of the Alameda County Elder Court, other courts in the state are exploring ways to improve access to the justice system by older adults. The panelists will describe such innovations as separate calendars for elders, telephone hearings for housebound or hospitalized elders, specially trained advocates and case managers who make referrals to community agencies, closer coordination with behavioral health courts, a public health nurse consultant, and an emphasis on restitution recovery. They will further discuss emerging models and challenges to sustainability.

5:00 **Adjourn**

5:30-7:00 **Networking Reception – North Point Lounge**

Friday, April 30

8:00-8:30 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:45

Welcome & Framing the Day – Presidio Ballroom

Laura Mosqueda, MD, Director, Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect

Mary Twomey, MSW, Co-Director of the Center of Excellence

Lisa Nerenberg, MSW, MPH, Chair, California Elder Justice Workgroup

8:45-9:45

Forensic Centers - Presidio Ballroom

Elder forensic centers bring together experts and use state-of-the-art science and analytic tools to identify abuse, support law enforcement, and conduct research and training. Representatives from California's three centers will describe what forensics centers do, how the model has been replicated, and their accomplishments and challenges.

Moderator: Tristan Svare, Deputy District Attorney, San Bernardino County

Laura Mosqueda, MD, Orange County Elder Abuse Forensic Center

Diana Schneider-Homeier, MD, Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center

Erika Falk, PsyD, San Francisco County Elder Abuse Forensic Center

9:45-12:00 pm

Small Group Sessions – Issues & Action Planning

(15 minute break between 10-10:30)

Group 1- Reporting & Response – Amador Room

Group 2 – Safeguarding the Long-Term Care Safety Net – Jeremiah O'Brien Room

Group 3 – Financial Abuse and Exploitation – Solano Room

Group 4 – Justice System's Response – Marin Room

12:00

Lunch – North Point Lounge

12:30-1:00

Luncheon Presentations

California Assembly Member Mariko Yamada

Assembly member Yamada is Chair of the Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee. As a social worker and longtime advocate for seniors and persons with disabilities, Assembly member Yamada brings to the Committee a deep commitment and understanding of the needs of seniors as well as experience in direct practice, strategic planning, and service delivery systems. She will describe current initiatives and offer tips for navigating the political process.

Iris Freeman, Adjunct Faculty, Center for Elder Justice and Policy, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ms. Freeman, who has over 30 years experience advocating for elders, coordinates the Vulnerable Adult Justice Project (VAJP), a collaboration of elder and disability organizations, health care providers, governmental agencies, attorneys and academic members. She will describe VAJP's approach, which uses law school interns to help research and draft policy and statewide subcommittees to explore areas of need. Her presentation, which will also cover a successful 2009 initiative to revise state civil and criminal laws, will be a jumping off point for small group discussions on how California advocates can craft a sustained, proactive approach to improving its response to elder abuse.

1:00-1:10

Move to Presidio Ballroom

1:10-2:30

Small Group Session Reporting & Commitments – Presidio Ballroom

Mary Counihan, MSW, CEJW Community Liaison; Betty Malks, LMSW, Project Director, and Margriet DeLange, MA, Community Organizer, Protecting Our Elders, An Interfaith Response to Elder Abuse, will lead the group in recapping discussions, developing recommendations, and securing commitments for follow up.

2:30-2:40

Recap of Next Steps & Evaluations – Presidio Ballroom

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2:40-3:15

Closing Session – The Older Americans Act Reauthorization and Addressing Elder Abuse – Presidio Ballroom

Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms. Greenlee previous served as Secretary of Aging and Long Term Ombudsman of Kansas. She has said that helping older Americans live independently at home for as long as possible will be among her top priorities as the new head of the Administration on Aging. Since assuming office, she has been working closely with leaders in the elder abuse and protective service networks. She will describe plans for implementing the Elder Justice Act.

3:15-3:25

Thank You & Closing Remarks – Presidio Ballroom

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3:30

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