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DIVISION 8.5. MELLO-GRANLUND OLDER CALIFORNIANS ACT [9000 - 9850] (*Division 8.5 repealed and added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 1097, Sec. 13.*)

CHAPTER 14. Master Plan for Aging in California [9850- 9850.] (*Chapter 14 added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 742, Sec. 2.*)

9850. (a) The Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, in coordination with the Director of the California Department of Aging, shall lead the development and implementation of the master plan for aging established pursuant to Executive Order N-14-19.

(b) The Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Committee established pursuant to Executive Order N-14-19 shall include representation from older Californians, adults with disabilities, local government, health care providers, health plans, employers, community-based organizations, foundations, academic researchers, and organized labor.

(c) The secretary and the director shall, with the assistance of the Cabinet-level Workgroup for Aging established pursuant to Executive Order N-14-19, work with the following state agencies, as needed, to identify policies, efficiencies, and strategies necessary to implement the master plan:

(1) Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

(2) Government Operations Agency.

(3) California Health and Human Services Agency.

(4) Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

(5) Transportation Agency.

(d) The workgroup shall solicit input from stakeholders and gather information on the impact of California's aging population to assist with the implementation process of the master plan.

(e) The workgroup shall ensure the master plan is centered on all of the following core values:

(1) Equity. The master plan shall seek to enable older adults and people with disabilities to access long-term services and supports (LTSS) in accordance with individual needs and preferences, to the extent feasible, regardless of individual health or functional status, income, race, religion, or other socioeconomic factors.

(2) Person-centered. The master plan shall seek to enable older adults and people with disabilities to remain in their own homes and communities as long as possible or desired while receiving services and supports that are in line with their individual needs and preferences.

(3) Efficiency. The master plan for aging shall seek to reduce unnecessary costs and reduce duplication through streamlined service delivery.

(4) System rebalancing. The master plan shall prioritize the delivery of home- and community-based services in a home setting as alternatives to institutionalization, in accordance with individual needs, desires, and preferences.

(5) Coordination and integration. The master plan shall seek to streamline service delivery through coordinated and integrated systems of care.

(6) Access. The master plan shall ensure access to health care and LTSS in all communities across the state, including rural, suburban, and urban settings.

(f) (1) (A) The California Department of Aging shall submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by October 1, 2020, identifying ways to improve the organization and structure of the California Department of Aging in order to effectively implement and administer the master plan. The report shall include, but not be limited to, identification of statutory and regulatory changes that are needed to implement the master plan.

(B) The California Department of Aging shall submit updates to the Governor and the Legislature annually beginning October 1, 2021, through October 1, 2030, inclusive. The updates shall include, but are not limited to, the status of the processes described in paragraph (1) and updates on data metrics, best practices, and model policies.

(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 742, Sec. 2. (SB 228) Effective January 1, 2020.)