

Community Services Policy Committee | January 23, 2020

The key outcomes of this first policy meeting of the year included:

- A brief orientation on how policy committees function,
- Understanding the current state of the Master Plan for Aging, and
- Establishing the committee work plan for the year.

Level-setting how a League committee functions created a shared mindset for the upcoming year.

Derek Dolfie, the Community Services' Legislative Representative, provided an overview of the committee's purpose, the basic expectations, and what this year will entail. He emphasized that the League is a statewide organization and as such this committee's focus needs to have statewide impact. While each member will bring an individual perspective, Derek set the stage for broader issues. This proved helpful in the discussion on the committee's work plan.

An update on the Master Plan for Aging reinforced the aging population as a statewide priority.

Next the Assistant Director of Legislation and Public Affairs for the California Department of Aging provided a status report on the Master Plan for Aging. The request for a master plan was issued through executive order in June 2019. The target date to issue the master plan is October 2020. The effort focuses on creating a statewide plan with local application, a centralized dashboard, and a best practice toolkit all meant to enable healthy aging and to prepare for changing demographics. Key values of the plan include:

- Equity,
- Dignity, and
- Choice, among others.

Through idea sharing and debate, the committee established its 2020 work plan.

Finally, the committee collaborated to build the 2020 work plan. This work plan will help Derek advocate in the legislature on the committee's behalf. Key items on the work plan include:

- Disaster preparation,
- Aging population,
- Child care, children, and youth, which encompasses education, school lunches, vaping, and mental health, and

Library services.