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Dear Colleagues:

The Advisory Committee for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Program is seeking to fill nine (of the 19 total) seats on the ADRC Advisory Committee with a broad and diverse representation of long-term services and supports (LTSS) experts and people with lived experience receiving LTSS or caring for someone receiving LTSS. Membership categories include two seats for Area Agency on Aging (AAA) representatives, two for Independent Living Center (ILC) representatives, two for consumers of LTSS or caregivers of those who use LTSS, and three for other LTSS representatives. We are seeking your interest and enthusiasm to serve on the ADRC Advisory Committee.

ADRC is an essential program in California's No Wrong Door system and a key component of the Governor's Master Plan for Aging. The program is envisioned to reduce health disparities and promote equity in obtaining services and supports by providing a centralized, coordinated system for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers and families seeking reliable information and access to LTSS. California's ADRC network is a trusted source for helping people navigate the oftentimes complicated LTSS system and access services that meet their goals and preferences.

Your support is needed for strategically expanding the ADRC network statewide. We are seeking leadership candidates to serve on the Advisory Committee and support our ADRC initiatives by:

- A. Providing recommendations and resources to support training, technical assistance, policy development, monitoring, and evaluation for maintaining consistency and quality of services statewide.
- B. Promoting seamless access to public benefits and programs through capacity building and coordination among local ADRC partnerships, community-based organizations, and health care entities.
- C. Serving as ambassadors to promote expansion and increased visibility of California's ADRC network.

Attached is additional information about the ADRC Advisory Committee, its responsibilities, and member expectations. Please send your questions and applications to ADRC@aging.ca.gov if you are interested in joining this advisory committee and offering your knowledge, expertise, and leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan DeMarois".

Susan DeMarois
Director