

Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

Date: April 19th, 2024

Time: 1:00-2:00p

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Participants	
Name	Name
Kristen Mungcal	Steven Carrillo
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Carrie Manning	Kristen Gmerek
Gina Donlucas	Martha Contreras
Gayle Wiler	Adrian Bernard
Joseph Gray	Clarene White

Topic	Notes
Roll Call	We asked the Stakeholder Advisory Council members to type in their name and county in the Zoom chat to indicate their attendance.

Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This session is scheduled for 1 hour. The session is being recorded to facilitate notetaking. The recording will not be posted. We kindly request that no other recordings be made during the session. Meeting notes will be available on our website at www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification for your reference. For those on the telephone who would like to offer a verbal comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press “*9” – to raise your hand to be called on Once called on, press “*6” – to unmute and mute Dedicated Public Comment will be limited to 15 minutes. We kindly ask individuals who share input to be mindful of others and keep comments to a 1-minute maximum to permit others an opportunity to speak. Please save questions for Q&A. Q & A has been allotted 10 minutes following Public Comment. We kindly ask individuals to keep questions to a 1-minute maximum to permit others an opportunity to speak. We ask that all comments and questions be respectful and constructive and that we all respect comments made by others.
Meeting Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on other’s ideas. Create a safe space for everyone to engage and participate in as they feel comfortable. Assume each person has the best intent in mind. Model respect. When presenting a problem, include constructive suggestions and recommendations. Model cultural humility. Ask for permission to provide personal feedback to each other. Be considerate of time limits.

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<p>Stakeholder Meeting Recap: January 19th, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the continuing education (CE) training provider application cycle and submission process. • Notified stakeholders of recent updates to the FAQ page. • Notified stakeholders about the availability of the Spanish language certification exam. • Communicated scholarship opportunities exclusively for certification exam retakes (funded by DHCS).
<p>Program Updates</p>	<p>Continuing Education (CE) Provider Application: CLOSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our team is in the process of reviewing 19 CE applications • Approved CE training providers will be posted on the certification website. <p>Office Hours for Training Providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All CalMHSA-approved training providers are welcome to attend: Scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm • Opportunity for training providers to receive support through questions and discussion • Great opportunity for networking with other training providers <p>Peer Support Specialists Certification Application 12 Month Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A candidate application is valid for 12 months from the date of initial approval *The initial approval period begins upon receipt of formal notification of approval • Candidate must complete the certification process AND pass the exam before the application expires • Each application has its own date of expiration • To verify application’s expiration date, candidates can log into their own account and view their “valid through date” • For additional information: https://www.capeercertification.org/how-to-apply/ <p>Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist 80-hour Training Certificate Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates issued by a CalMHSA-approved training provider are valid for a period of two (2) years from the date the training is completed (certificate issue date) • Training certificates submitted within 14 days of application’s expiration date will NOT be accepted • Please note: Exam requests require at least 14 days for review. Exam requests made less than 14 days from application expiration date cannot be processed. Candidates are strongly advised to plan their exam requests accordingly to ensure sufficient processing time. • Automated email reminders generated by our online application process • Sent to applicants to remind them of expiration dates • Aimed at supporting applicants throughout the certification process

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	<p>Certification Renewal Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist must renew every two (2) years to maintain certification • Candidate may submit application for renewal 90 days prior to date of certificate expiration • Candidate will receive courtesy reminder via email 90 days prior to certificate expiration • Application for renewal submitted after the certification has expired are subject to additional fees and may include additional requirements for renewal • For additional information: https://www.capeercertification.org/certification-renewal-continued-education-requirements/ <p>Area of Specialization Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate Application for Recognition of Specialized Training • Candidate must complete an application through the online application portal • Candidate must submit their certificate of completion • Available CalMHSA training providers: https://www.capeercertification.org/specialization-training • Training Provider Application • Application cycle closed on May 2023 • No Current Scholarships Available <p>Stakeholder Advisory Council Members: Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our esteemed Stakeholders Advisory Council members are currently collaborating on a project with CalMHSA. • This initiative aims to provide a standardized job description to benefit all Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists. The provided job description will serve as a valuable resource for employers, aiding them in understanding the scope of practice and unique skill set of Peers and further professionalizing the Peer Support Specialist role in California. • A draft was presented to the Stakeholder Council and feedback was received. We are in the processing of incorporating their feedback and finalizing the document. It will be shared at our next Stakeholder Advisory Council meeting. • The project will serve as a point of advocacy which we will present to county behavioral health departments. It will be up to them individually whether or not to use it in their recruitment efforts.
<p>Program Data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalMHSA received 6800+ applications • DHCS Funded Scholarship Administration: 3042 Peers in Initial Certification Pathway 1595 Peers in Grandparenting Pathway • 3118 Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists Certified (CMPSS)

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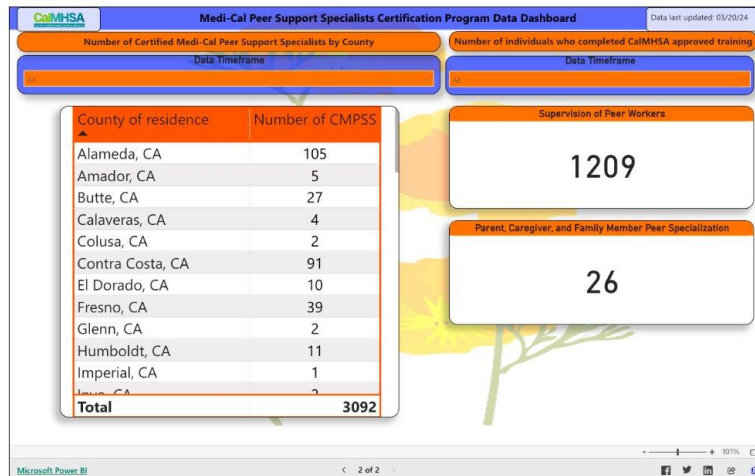
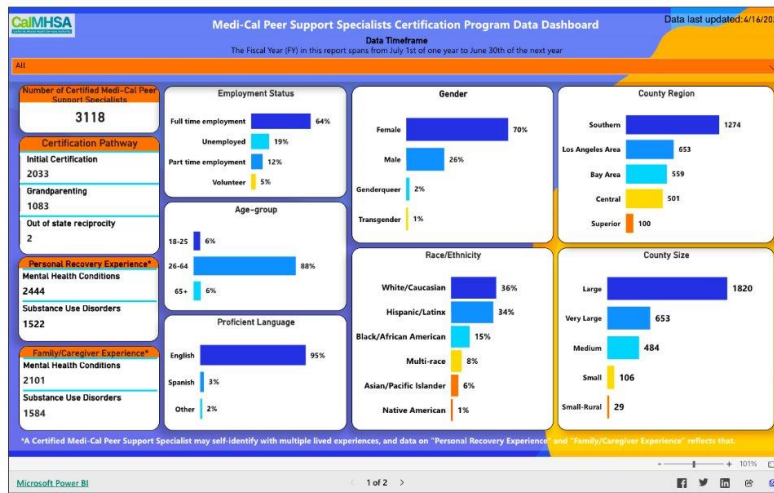
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- Overall Pass rate: 86%
- 1250 individuals completed the CalMHSA training: Supervision of Peer Workers
- 174 CMPSS received scholarship for Parent, Caregiver, and Family Member Peer Specialization

Data Dashboard

We have updated our Data Dashboard, the second tab has been added to include county specific Peer Certification details.



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Public Comment	<p>A member of the public asked if HCAI & CalMHSA can communicate about their deadlines to the peer community.</p> <p>Another member of the public asked if CalMHSA is tracking how counties are billing for Peer related services.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested that CalMHSA sends out a survey to the public to ask what topics to bring forth at our next advisory council meeting.</p>
Q&A	All questions were answered live during our Q/A portion of the meeting.
Upcoming General Meeting	<p>Next Open Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q3 Meeting: Friday July 19, 2024 • Q4 Meeting: October 18, 2024 <p>Zoom Dial-in Information: Dial-In: 1-699-900-9128 Meeting ID: 843 6141 4645 Weblink: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84361414645</p>
Adjourn	Thank you for your participation!