

Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

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Roll Call	For Stakeholder members only: Please type your name and county in the chat to indicate your attendance
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session is scheduled for 1 hour. (Done early, adjourn early.) • The session is being recorded to facilitate notetaking. The recording and slides will not be posted. • Meeting notes will be available on our website at www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification for your reference. • For the latest information about the Peer Certification program please visit our website: https://www.capeercertification.org/ • No recording or AI transcription services (e.g., Otterbox) allowed. • For those on the telephone who would like to offer a verbal comment: 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. • Note: Q&A changes – please add questions to Q&A box. Those questions will be answered live to avoid confusion (if we don't get to your question, please feel free to email us) • 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"> • Be kind. • Create a safe space for everyone to engage and participate in as they feel comfortable. • Assume best intent, we all make mistakes, so be understanding. • Model respect and professionalism. • 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. • Transparency is important: We share all available information. Details in development will be shared once finalized.

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<p>Previous Stakeholder Meeting Recap: January 24th, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announced CE Training Provider Application Cycle Open • DHCS Training Initiative • CalMHSA Peer Support Conference • New website feature: Job Board
<p>Program Updates</p>	<p>CalMHSA Virtual Job Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Job Board has officially launched! • The Job Board & Job Description template was created based on your feedback • Agencies can post their jobs and make the board their own: https://www.capeercertification.org/peer-support-specialist-job-board/ • Employer process to post available jobs: • Employers fill out a web-based job posting form <p>CE provider updates for 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 New CE Providers on Peer Program CE Provider webpage! <p>80 Hour Training Provider Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalMHSA is opening our 80 Hour Training Provider Application Cycle from July 1- 31, 2025 • New applications will be for trainings in Spanish only • Decision based on review of training capacity and access to culturally appropriate certification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English-language training is sufficient statewide. 2. There's a continued need for more Spanish-language providers. 3. Expanding Spanish-language options is a strategic priority. • All submission materials will be required to be in Spanish (policies/curriculum) <p>80 Hour Training Provider Renewals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 Hour Training Provider Application Cycle from July 1- 31, 2025 • Provider renewal applications will be accepted only during open cycle • Must be submitted before contract expiration • Follows the same requirements and process as initial application • Exception: Curriculum changes require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the Training Curriculum Modification Request Template • Notification to CalMHSA of any changes to previously approved curriculum

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DHCS Peer Certification Training Initiative

- 1,100+ individuals assigned to a training opportunity
- 30 distinct trainings offered in January - March
- 7 training agencies collaborated in initiative
- 500+ individuals completed training

CalMHSA Peer Support Conference: Empowering Growth through Cultivating Connections

- 1-day Peer Conference on March 19, 2025
- Over 100 peers attended
- Thank you to Kristen, Shannon, and Rex for your presentations.
- Positive survey feedback with a great response rate! (78 responses)

Summary of Peer Support Conference: Empowering Growth through Cultivating Connections

- Appreciation for learning about the history of peer support & its growing role within behavioral health systems.
- Expressed increased confidence and pride in the profession after learning how widespread and impactful peer work has become.
- Interest in statewide standards, policy advocacy, and upcoming legislation, recognizing how these shape peer roles at the system level.

Peer Support Conference Survey Responses: Empowering Growth through Cultivating Connections

- Atmosphere was described as positive and affirming, with recognition for inspiring speakers!
- Participants reported feeling appreciative, informative, engaging, and impactful.
- For many, a valuable refresher – for others, they expressed surprise at how much they learned.
- Described as a great experience that sparked ideas, confirmed professional identity, and deepened understanding for Peer Support Specialists.
- Participants left feeling more empowered, more connected, and more confident in the value of Peer Support.

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Peer Certification Program Data

Certification Update

- CalMHSA celebrated 5,000+ Peers certified as Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists in March 2025!

CMPSS Data Review:

Summary: 5351 Number of Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists

Age-group: 18-25 (5%), 26-64 (88%), 65+ (6%)

Gender: Female (67%), Male (29%), Genderqueer (3%), Transgender (1%)

County Region: Southern (2102), Los Angeles Area (1265), Bay Area (903), Central (847), Superior (171)

Proficient Language: English (95%), Spanish (3%), Other (2%)

Race/Ethnicity: White/Caucasian (34%), Hispanic/Latinx (33%), Black/African American (15%), Multi-race (10%), Asian/Pacific Islander (7%), Native American (1%)

Employment Status: Unemployed (46%), Full time employment (38%), Volunteer (8%), Part time employment (8%)

County Size: Large (2989), Very Large (1265), Medium (806), Small (191), Small-Rural (43)

Additional Metrics: 67 Number of CMPSS with Socialization training, 2 Parent, Caregiver Peer, 4 Peer services for Justice Involved, 7 Peer services for Unhoused, 7 Peer services for Crisis Care, 4243 Personal Recovery Experience* Mental Health Conditions, 2698 Substance Use Disorders, 3451 Family/Caregiver Experience* Mental Health Conditions, 2714 Substance Use Disorders.

Community Feedback

Feedback Link for Advisory Council Members

- Updated Council members
- Link found on www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification/
- Stakeholder Advisory Council -> Council Member Information -> Provide Feedback column

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Public Comment	Members of the public advocated for lower cost of the Peer Certification training courses. Member of the public also expressed excitement and gratitude for the Peer conference that took place in March. Member of the public also commented on how easy it is for Peers to recertify.
Q&A	CalMHSA was asked if DHCS will provide any additional specialization scholarships.
Upcoming General Meetings	<p>Q3 Meeting: July 25, 2025 Q4 Meeting: October 17, 2025</p> <p>Zoom Dial-in Information: Updated Zoom information to come. Dial-In: Meeting ID: Weblink:</p>
Thank you	Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm