

Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

Date: October 17th, 2025

Time: 1:00-2:00p

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Roll Call	For Stakeholder members only: Please type your name and county in the chat to indicate your attendance
Housekeeping	• 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	• 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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Previous Stakeholder Meeting Recap: July 25th, 2025	- Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 25-010 update - CMPSS Certificate Renewal Statuses update - California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) update - DHCS No Cost Fee Waiver announcement - CalMHSA celebrated 6,000+ Peers certified
Program Updates	Peer Hero Campaign: - CalMHSA in conjunction with DHCS sponsored the Peer Hero Campaign - Statewide Digital Advertising - Raise Awareness about impact & role of Peers in Behavioral Health - Aims to inspire more people to pursue certification - Uplifts voices of real CMPSS - You can amplify the message (post graphics & link on your social media) - Toolkit available at https://www.calmhsa.org/peer-hero/ Documentation Best Practices Guide: - New! Documentation Best Practices for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists - Supports Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists in documenting services within county behavioral health delivery systems, including mental health and substance use disorder services. - Available in the Resource Library - Funded by DHCS New! Ethics and Boundaries Course - Training designed to support CMPSS navigating professional ethics - Maintaining boundaries while providing services in county behavioral health - Developed by CalMHSA, funded by DHCS and at no cost! - Course supports: - Professional development - Accountable practice - Ethical peer support Training highlights principles of peer work, focus on: - Integrity - Professional ethics - Maintaining the values of the peer role. Access training here: https://www.capeercertification.org/ethics-boundaries-training/

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No Cost Fee Waivers Update

CalMHSA, in partnership with DHCS, offered time-limited fee waivers to support the behavioral health workforce. **All fee waivers have been issued in the following areas:**

- **Core Training (80-Hour Course) and Initial Certification**
- **Training in Areas of Specialization:** fee waivers for training in one or more areas of specialization.
- **Certification Renewals:** Fee waivers were made available

Student Next Steps Reminder:

80-Hour Core Training - Next Steps

- Register: Students need to register on the CalMHSA Peer Certification Website
- Application & Exam Fees: No direct payment required from students. A prepaid code will automatically appear when prompted for payment of application and exam.
- Schedule exam: Our research shows that the sooner students take their exam after completing the course, the more likely they will pass the exam. We encourage students to schedule the exam right away.

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Specialization Training - Next Steps

- Certificate of Completion: Get certification of completion from training agency.
- Register Certification: Students should log into their application at www.capeercertification.org and upload a copy of their specialization certificate to be recognized on the registry.

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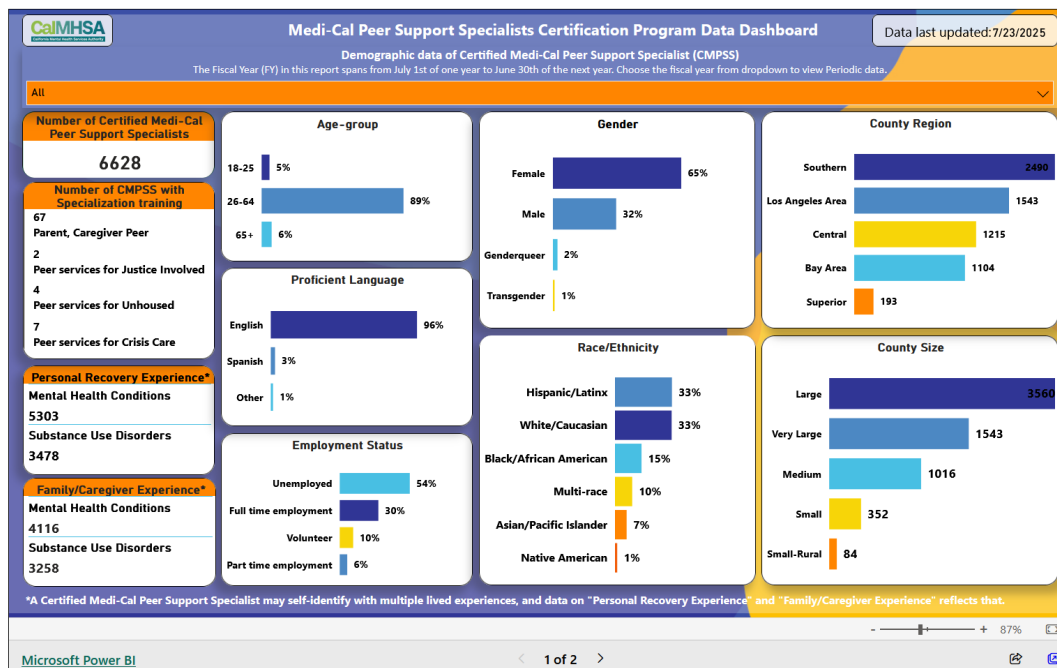
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Peer Certification Program Data

Certification Update

- CalMHSA has 7500+ Peers certified as of Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists in October 2025!

CMPSS Data Review:



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- End of Term – October 20, 2025**
A heartfelt *thank you* to our Advisory Council members who have served and contributed to the success of the Peer Support Certification Program.
- Information on stakeholders for the upcoming **2026 term** will be shared soon.

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Public Comment	A member of the public expresses concern about the cost of the 80 HR Peer Certification training and how this can be a barrier or a Peer that is looking to obtain certification but doesn't have the money to pay for training. Another member of community addressed concern for the upcoming influx of Peer support services that are needed in the community.
Q&A	All questions were answered during the Q&A portion of our session
Upcoming General Meetings	2026 meeting dates will be posted on the CalMHSA website
Thank you	Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm