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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.capecertification.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.

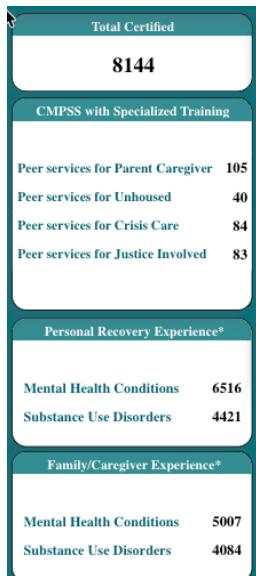
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Previous Stakeholder Meeting Recap: October 17th, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Peer Hero Campaign▪ Documentation Best Practices Guide▪ CalMHSA e-Learns – Ethics and Boundaries course▪ Update on the No Cost Fee Waivers▪ CalMHSA celebrated over 7500+ Peers certified as Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists!																										
2025 Year at a Glance	<p>Certifications and Renewals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certification Trend<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022/2023 = 2396• 2024 = 2138• 2025 = 3430• Grand total = 8144• Check out the updated Data dashboard  <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Total Certified</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td colspan="2">8144</td></tr></tbody></table> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">CMPSS with Specialized Training</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Peer services for Parent Caregiver</td><td>105</td></tr><tr><td>Peer services for Unhoused</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td>Peer services for Crisis Care</td><td>84</td></tr><tr><td>Peer services for Justice Involved</td><td>83</td></tr></tbody></table> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Personal Recovery Experience*</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Mental Health Conditions</td><td>6516</td></tr><tr><td>Substance Use Disorders</td><td>4421</td></tr></tbody></table> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Family/Caregiver Experience*</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Mental Health Conditions</td><td>5007</td></tr><tr><td>Substance Use Disorders</td><td>4084</td></tr></tbody></table>	Total Certified		8144		CMPSS with Specialized Training		Peer services for Parent Caregiver	105	Peer services for Unhoused	40	Peer services for Crisis Care	84	Peer services for Justice Involved	83	Personal Recovery Experience*		Mental Health Conditions	6516	Substance Use Disorders	4421	Family/Caregiver Experience*		Mental Health Conditions	5007	Substance Use Disorders	4084
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launched the Peer Hero Campaign statewide to increase awareness and promote the CMPSS workforce• Provided fee waivers for the 80Hr core competency training, certification application and exam fees, certification renewals, and specialization trainings• Hosted a peer conference focused on skill-building for CMPSS and county leadership, and a county leadership conference on building a peer continuum• Launched free Continuing Education (CE) trainings accessible through the Peer application dashboard. <p>Ethics and Boundaries CE Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand ethical expectations for Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists• Identify core ethical principles guiding peer support• Recognize boundaries and confidentiality requirements• Apply ethical decision-making to real-world scenarios• Documentation Best Practices Guidelines to support CMPSS in meeting legal, ethical, and professional documentation requirements across county behavioral health delivery systems. <p>Other accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PEERiodical – A Quarterly Newsletter for Peers<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two issues released in 2025• Subscribe here• Job Board for CMPSS workers<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 43 jobs submitted in 2025!• View and post jobs here
Program Updates	<p>80-Hour Training Provider Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed the curriculum reviews for over 28 applications!• 27 Renewals• 10 Modifications to Curriculum• 1 New Spanish Provider• Link to 80-hour Spanish courses• See Contract Date column for training provider in provider table <p>CE Training Provider Applications Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Applications to become a Continuing Education (CE) training provider are open▪ January 1 – January 31 cycle▪ For details on the application process, visit Become a Training Provider page▪ Review contract dates on CE Provider Table

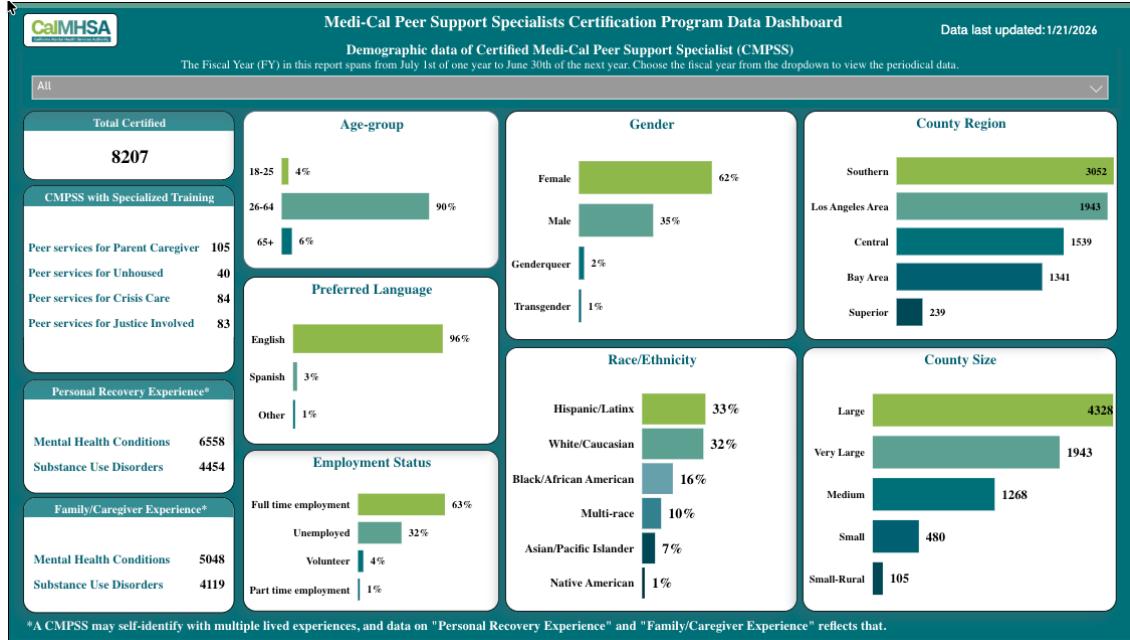
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	<p>Stakeholder Advisory Council Members</p> <p>Thank you to all Advisory Council members for 2025!!</p> <p>Members will be on ad hoc basis for 2026</p> <p>For feedback to Advisory Council member: https://www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification/</p>
Program Data	 <p>The Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists Certification Program Data Dashboard provides demographic data for Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists (CMPSS). The data is last updated on 1/21/2026. The report spans from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the next year. The fiscal year (FY) in this report spans from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the next year. Choose the fiscal year from the dropdown to view the periodical data.</p> <p>Total Certified: 8207</p> <p>CMPSS with Specialized Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer services for Parent Caregiver: 105 Peer services for Unhoused: 40 Peer services for Crisis Care: 84 Peer services for Justice Involved: 83 <p>Age-group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18-25: 4% 26-64: 90% 65+: 6% <p>Gender:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female: 62% Male: 35% Genderqueer: 2% Transgender: 1% <p>County Region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern: 3052 Los Angeles Area: 1943 Central: 1539 Bay Area: 1341 Superior: 239 <p>Preferred Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: 96% Spanish: 3% Other: 1% <p>Race/Ethnicity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hispanic/Latinx: 33% White/Caucasian: 32% Black/African American: 16% Multi-race: 10% Asian/Pacific Islander: 7% Native American: 1% <p>County Size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large: 4328 Very Large: 1943 Medium: 1268 Small: 480 Small-Rural: 105 <p><small>*A CMPSS may self-identify with multiple lived experiences, and data on "Personal Recovery Experience" and "Family/Caregiver Experience" reflects that.</small></p> <p>Data on total number of Certified Peers on page 1 and county data can be found on page 2.</p>
Public Comment	Kristen Mungcal shared that San Bernardino County is approved to start their own peer housing project. The project will require the housing manager is a certified peer specialist!
Q & A	All questions answered live.
Thank you	Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm