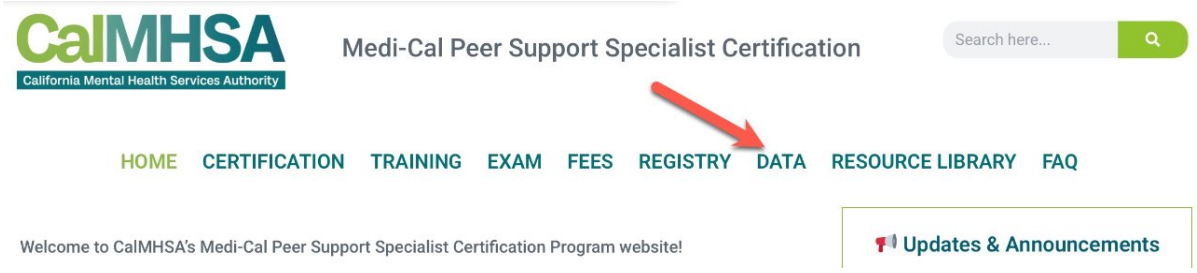
# Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

**Date:** October 23, 2026 **Time:** 1:00-2:00pm
Zoom link: https://calmhsa-org.zoom.us/j/89566173539
or **Dial In**: 1-669-444-9171 **Meeting ID:** 895 6617 3539

| Advisory Council Participants | |
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| **Name** | **Name** |
| Joseph Gray | Shannon McCleerey-Hooper |
| Kristen Mungcal | |
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| **Program Staff Introductions** | CalMHSA introduced their new Peer Program Specialists – Eduardo Coria. |
| **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.)<br>• The session is being recorded to facilitate notetaking. The recording and slides will not be posted.<br>• Meeting notes will be available on our website at www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification for your reference.<br>• For the latest information about the Peer Certification program please visit our website: https://www.capeercertification.org/<br>• No recording or AI transcription services (e.g., Otterbox) are allowed.<br>• For those on the telephone who would like to offer a verbal comment:<br>Press "*9" – to raise your hand to be called on<br>Once called on, press "*6" – to unmute and mute<br>• 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.<br>• 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.<br>• **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, feel free to email us)<br>• We ask that all comments and questions be respectful and constructive and that we all respect comments made by others. |
| **Meeting Agreements** | • Be kind.<br>• Create a safe space for everyone to engage and participate in as they feel comfortable.<br>• Assume the best intent; we all make mistakes, so be understanding.<br>• Model respect and professionalism.<br>• When presenting a problem, include constructive suggestions and recommendations.<br>• Model cultural humility.<br>• Ask for permission to provide personal feedback to each other.<br>• Be considerate of time limits.<br>• Transparency is important: We share all available information. Details in development will be shared once finalized. |
| **Previous Stakeholder Meeting Recap** | **Topics From July 24, 2026:**<br>• 2026 Fee Waiver Update<br>• CE & Specialization Training Provider Application Updates<br>• Training Provider (80-hr) Application Cycle Update<br>• Peer Hero Spotlight |

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| **Program Updates** | **Four types of fee waivers were available:**<br>• Application fee – exhausted<br>• Exam fee – exhausted<br>• CMPSS Renewal fee – exhausted<br>• CMPSS Training fee (80-hour core training) – exhausted<br>→ No further fee waivers are available at this time.<br><br>**CE Training Provider Application Cycle:**<br>• Jan 1 – 30, 2027<br>• Visit Become a Training Provider webpage<br>• Download Training Provider Application Guide<br>• Review CMPSS CE Requirements webpage<br>• CE courses must support professional growth and improve the quality of peer support services.<br><br>**Education Requirement:**<br>• CA AB96 has passed<br>• Removes the minimum education requirement for certification<br>• DHCS will provide updates to CalMHSA regarding any program changes<br>• Until then, education requirement still stands<br>• Updates will be released once new standards are finalized by DHCS<br><br>**Simple Guide to Certification:**<br>• A one-page guide to certification can be found here: https://www.capeercertification.org/simple-guide-to-certification/<br>• Available to download, share, print, etc.<br><br>CalMHSA<br>Become a Certified Peer Support Specialist<br>Turn your own experience with recovery into a career helping others. This is your simple guide to getting certified in California — what it is, who can apply, and the four steps to get there.<br>WHAT IS CERTIFICATION?<br>A Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist uses their own lived experience to support others on their recovery journey. Peers help people feel heard, stay engaged, and connect to care.<br>The certification is run by CalMHSA and recognized by California counties that offer the Medi-Cal Peer Support benefit.<br>WHO CAN APPLY?<br>• Are 18 or older<br>• Have a high school diploma or equivalent<br>• Have personal experience with recovery from mental illness or substance use — your own, or as a family member or caregiver<br>• Are willing to share your experience and follow the Code of Ethics<br>FOUR STEPS TO GET CERTIFIED<br>1 Check if you qualify<br>Confirm you meet the eligibility requirements above.<br>2 Finish training<br>Complete the 80-hour course through a CalMHSA-approved provider.<br>3 Apply online<br>Register, then upload your ID, diploma, and training certificate. Plan for about 45 minutes.<br>4 Pass the exam<br>Take the certification exam online or at a testing center.<br>80 Hours of required training<br>120 Exam questions, over 2.5 hours<br>10 Languages the exam is offered in<br>$250 Application + exam (training paid separately and paid directly to training agency)<br>Ready to start?<br>Create your account and find approved training providers at www.capeercertification.org. Questions? Call (279) 234-0699 or email PeerCertification@calmhsa.org.<br>California Mental Health Services Authority / capeercertification.org |

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| | **Reasonable Accommodation Updates:**<br>• A new accommodations request form is now available; old form accepted until 10/31/26<br>• Some available accommodations have changed<br>• Forms are no longer accepted by email, to better protect your personal information.<br>• Upload directly to your certification application, we will be notified automatically.<br>• We'll review your request and approved or deny on the application<br>• You will be notified of changes, log in to review<br><br>**Specialization Training Recognition:**<br>• Completed an approved specialization training? Upload your certificate of completion.<br>• Your training is recognized by CalMHSA once the certificate is reviewed.<br>• Step-by-step instructions on the Resource Library<br><br>**Social Media:**<br>Are you following us on social media?<br>• Posts<br>• Announcements<br>• Job Opportunities<br>• Peer Hero Spotlight<br><br>**Peer Hero Spotlight:**<br>• Spotlight a Peer Hero through The PEERiodical!<br>• Spotlights featured in future newsletters and social media.<br>• Shout out to the 2 Peer Heroes who will be highlighted in next edition!<br>• Subscribe here: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/YLLkvtH<br>• Want to spotlight a peer in your community who has positively impacted others?<br>• Submission form can be found here: https://forms.gle/i57nHPQXHf8RN19H7 |
| **Program Data** | **Data Dashboard Updated:**<br>• New Data Dashboard available!<br>• Comprehensive, streamlined, and user friendly<br> |

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| | **CMPSS Data Review:**<br> |
| **CMPSS Fall Survey** | • Online survey for Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists (CMPSS)<br>• Feedback helps improve the certification process and better support peers statewide<br>• Survey closes Nov. 30, 2026 |
| **Public Comment** | There were no comments during the allotted time. |
| **Q&A** | All questions answered live. |
| **Upcoming General Meetings** | **Next Open Meeting Dates:**<br>2027 Meeting Dates are TBD<br><br>Zoom Dial-in Information:<br>**Dial-In:** 1-699-900-9128<br>**Meeting ID:** 843 6141 4645<br>**Weblink:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84361414645 |
| **Thank you** | Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm |