

Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council Member

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Angela Brand is a project manager with the Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS). She has extensive experience in mental health programming focused on community engagement, advocacy, training, and workforce development, having worked in both the public and private sector. Prior to joining CARS, she was with NAMI California, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and United Advocates for Children and Families. She is passionate about family and consumer-led system transformation and the inclusion of consumers and family members in all aspects and levels of decision making. Her areas of special interest include peer support, trauma informed care, prevention, early intervention, and youth/student mental health. Her work is driven by a passion to support systems that improve access to care through community based and recovery focused programs that are reflective of and responsive to the needs of diverse un/underserved populations. Ms. Brand holds a degree in Sociology from Arizona State University, with emphasis on how the intersection of race, class, and gender impact social justice issues.