



Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

Date: December 03, 2021

Time: 1:00p – 4:00p

Participants			
Name	County	Name	County
Carrie Manning	Lake County	Clarene White	Fresno County
David Bain	Sacramento County	Iris Allen-Willis	Marin County
Jason Robison	LA County	Patricia Barrett	San Joaquin County
Adelaida Moore	Modoc County	Min Suh	Orange County
Karin Lettau	San Diego County	Rayshell Chambers	LA County
Kevin Freitas	Butte County	Ashley O’Bryan	Imperial County
Martha Contreras	LA County	Camille Dennis	LA County
Roberto Roman	Contra Costa County	Kristen Mungcal	San Bernadino
Maria Arteaga	Santa Barbara County	Angela Brand	Placer County
Susan Long	Kings County		

Topic	Notes
Welcome & Check-Ins	Please share: Name, County, & Organization Ice Breaker: What would the title of your autobiography be?
Meeting Agreements	No changes
Becoming Site Certified to Bill Medi-Cal	Discussed how a peer-run organization needs to have a contract with the county to be able to bill Medi-Cal. We discussed the need to educate the community on the roles of DHCS (state), counties and CaIMHSA. We discussed how Peer-Run Organizations can advocate at the local county level. We discussed the need to provide better support to Peer-Run Organizations to be ready to provide billable services.
Overview of Grandparenting Requirements & Policy for Feedback	We went over the Behavioral Health Information Notice 21-041 and the requirements it establishes for Grandparenting of Peer Specialist. We discussed the timeline and deadline for Grandparenting, which is December 31, 2022. Reviewed the two options established by BHIN 21-041 to satisfy the grandparenting requirements. Our council members brought up the need to have preparation courses in place so that the peers will be successful at the time of examination. There is also concern about the examination being able to properly test peers’ best practices and excellence. We will also need to establish a definition for recovery and have all peers commit to recovery. There is also a concern as to what type of trainings peers have received in the past and how things have changed since their initial training.



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<p>Overview of Grandparenting Requirements & Suggested Policy for Feedback continued</p>	<p>Discussed the additional requirements to complete the grandparenting process, which are as follows: completion of Peer Training, three letters of recommendation, pass the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Exam. We reviewed the areas of flexibility, what qualifies as satisfactory Peer Trainings. Discussed what could qualify as CE and how many hours of CE should be required and what is satisfactory evidence of meeting the CE requirements. Our council brought up the concern of training required for a county paid position and a volunteer; the concern is that paid positions require specific training to be taken. We need to be able to have the peer training address the needs of a paid position and a volunteer position. Also, if everyone will take a certification exam, the previously acquired training shouldn't matter as much as the material that will be presented as part of the certification exam. The certification exam should be based on best practices in the field, counties shouldn't have to tailor their training for an exam. We agreed that four to six hours of Law & Ethics CEs would be appropriate for the Peer Certification program. CE should provide training that will strengthen peers work and address different areas of inclusion, equality, and racial equality. CE should also address the training needs of volunteers and county employees. We established that a certificate of completion will be enough evidence to show that CE has been completed by a peer. The exam result needs to show people's competency as a peer.</p>
<p>User Guide for Community Feedback and Survey Access.</p>	<p>Reviewed the Survey Monkey user guide: see what the community sees, how to share your survey with others, and how to review your results. We identified the need for a PDF or paper version of the survey monkey survey to be created for people without internet to be able to access the survey and provide us with input.</p>
<p>Wrap-Up & Appreciations</p>	<p>We appreciated your lived experiences, your commitment to recovery, and your willingness to fight for change. We also appreciate Nicole's patience and leadership with the Stakeholder Advisory Council, all topics being discussed are important and there is a lot of passion in our group.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>During our Public Comments section, the public raised concern about CalMHSA's implementation plan, and expressed concern about not enough documentation provided for all the information that has been given to the public. Other concerns that were raised have to do with re-certification and CE requirements, in addition to, when will the trainers be chosen and when will the training be made available to the counties. There is an overall concern that CalMHSA is carrying a big load without enough support, there needs to be a delegation of assignments to the local boards to help address the publics concerns on various topics. Some counties are</p>



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	also concern about the business develop aspect of this program, not all counties have the necessary personnel to address all the needs that will arise out of the implementation of this program.
Thanks	Next Meeting: December 10, 2021, 1-4PM on Zoom – link and Agenda is posted on our website