



Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

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Name	County	Name	County
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Roberto Roman	Contra Costa County		
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Welcome & Roll Call	We asked the Stakeholder Advisory Council members to type in their name and county in the Zoom chat to indicate their attendance.
Housekeeping & Meeting Agreements	<p>Housekeeping We reviewed the ways to raise your hand once called on, how to mute/un-mute yourself when dialed in by phone. We also provided information regarding Spanish interpretation and live transcripts. Also, we reminded everyone to use the Q&A feature so that their questions will be recording in the notes. We also gave everyone the reminder to speak for a maximum of one minute during public comment to ensure everyone has a chance to speak.</p> <p>Meeting Agreements As a group, we reviewed the meeting agreements that have been previously established – no changes were made.</p>
A Note on the Brown Act	CaIMHSA’s Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Stakeholder Advisory Council is not subject to the Brown Act requirements, in recognition of the value of community input, the meeting is open to the public.
Initial Peer Certification Policy	One of the council members stated that a peer should identify what specialization they have, such as, parent, consumer, etc. Another council member stated that the Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) serves as guidance for peer certification, CaIMHSA shouldn’t add additional steps or requirements ultimately serving as certification barriers. Several council members stated that there shouldn’t be barrier for peers to become certified.



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	<p>Another council member expressed his concern if CalMHSA is asking for G.E.D. transcripts or certificate of completion for training. One of the stakeholder advisory council members stated that the policy language needs to be formatted to add policy statement first and then add the procedure to educate peers and agreed that the CalMHSA's verification requirements are reasonable. A council member added that a self-attestation requirement should be added to the certification process. The council members asked about the implementation of a study guide to help peers prepare for the exam and stated the importance of setting peers up for success not failure.</p>
Grandparenting & Reciprocity Policy	<p>A council member asked for clarification surrounding the Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) 21-041's 12/31/2022 deadline, does the grandparenting process need to be completed by the deadline or started prior to the dead, but doesn't need to be completed. The council member also raised his concern for the trainings that have been completed, the concern lines in the amount of detail that is CalMHSA is asking for regarding grandparenting documentation and the information given on certificates of completion. Another member stated that importance of recovery language and how it should be modeled as part of the certification process. The council members questioned CalMHSA's 20-hour Continuing Education (CE), requirement and asked for additional clarification from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), since this requirement isn't outlined in the Behavioral</p>



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	<p>Health Information Notice (BHIN) 21-041. A council member asked if CaIMHSA will be tracking and overseeing all the CE trainings to ensure they are appropriate CE material. A council member addressed the importance of tracking and taking the correct peer support courses that are applicable to peer support, since not all courses can meet the same requirements.</p>
<p>Exam Policy</p>	<p>A council member stated that even if a peer has been working in the field for 10 or more years, additional training should be required if they don't pass the exam. One of the stakeholder advisory council members stated that we can't measure the quality of trainings a peer has taken, the exam will do that. The council members addressed the importance of a study guide to ensure that all peers, new or grandfathered, are set up for success. The stakeholder advisory council members asked what kind of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), accommodation will be available for the exam, specifically for a blind peer. A council member specifically asked if the exam will be offered in braille.</p>
<p>Biennial Certification & CE Policy</p>	<p>A council member asked if there will be a specific Code of Ethics course to meet this requirement. One of our council members stated that the Continuing Education (CE) requirements should reflect the updated changes in policy. Another council member stated that her county is putting together a guide of resources for the upcoming peers so they can hit the ground running once the program goes live.</p>
<p>Data Reporting Policy</p>	<p>A council member asked if the exam company will track the ethnicity of the individuals who DO NOT pass the exam.</p>



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	<p>Another council member asked if complaints, corrective actions, and grievances will be tracked and broken down by demographic and ethnicity. The stakeholder advisory council members also asked if the exam company will record the average score on the exam. Another council member asked who will access to the information that will be housed in the Certificant Registry. The council members are concerned about the protection of the information that will be housed in the Certificant Registry, only one body of governance should have access to the info. A council member asked if a unique ID can be assigned to the Peers to protect their identity and provide a level of security and protection. A council member stated that adding an age range opens the door for employers to discriminate against an older employee.</p>
Public Comment	<p>The public wants to see a list of the approved training vendors. The public stated that CaIMHSA needs to be consistent with Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) 21-041. The public is concerned that the exam is being rushed, exams take a long time to develop, and it takes a long time to target a group of people. The public also stated that the exam needs to be inclusive and reflect California's diverse population. The public also stated the importance of conducting background checks to ensure safety. The public asked where Peers can obtain their continuing education (CE). The public was thankful for the change in format of the Stakeholder Advisory Council meeting. A council member asked if more than one entity can represent a county. A stakeholder advisory council member asked if we are still</p>



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	going for the same “Go Live date” of May 2022. Another council member asked if there was an update on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) proposal that was submitted.
Upcoming General Council Meetings	Meeting Dates: Friday March 11, 2022, from 1:00p – 4:00p Friday March 25, 2022, from 1:00p – 4:00p Friday April 8, 2022, from 1:00p – 4:00p Friday April 22, 2022, from 1:00p – 4:00p
Adjourn	Thank you for your participation & advocacy