

Addendum #1

Request for Proposal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program -*Training for Crisis Specialization Training Curriculum*

Applications due by 5:00 PM PST on May 12th, 2023, via the [Bonfire Submission Portal](#)

Change 1:

A change has been made to the following item on page 3, under RFP Summary to update the landscape analysis link to remove the DRAFT Watermark from the document and update the language to correct an error referencing the justice-involved specialization.

Additionally, the landscape analysis link to remove the DRAFT Watermark from the document has also been updated in the Crisis Curriculum Template Document.

Previous Language:

CalMHSA conducted a landscape analysis of existing peer certification programs in the United States to compare curriculums, training standards, required skills, and best practices of peer support for persons in crisis. The landscape analysis report makes use of various sources, including the work of Eugene Oregon’s White Bird Clinic mobile crisis team CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets), “The National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care Best Practice Toolkit” from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration), C4Innovations, Palliance - The Institute for Peer Support & Lived Expertise program of Humannovations, the City of New York, the Cellar Trust, and Mental Health America. Additionally, CalMHSA held focus groups with subject matter experts to examine the domains and core competencies for the Crisis Care Peer specialization, and recorded feedback from the community members through virtual live focus group sessions and posting the report on the website for comments. Next, CalMHSA compared the knowledge, skills, and abilities identified in the seventeen core competencies for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist training to avoid redundancy in and build on the knowledge, skills, and abilities for certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists seeking training for the justice involved specialization. Additionally, CalMHSA held focus groups with subject matter experts to examine the domains and core competencies for the crisis care involved specialization, and recorded input from subject matter experts in crisis care, community members, and stakeholder for its final analysis the core competencies. Input on the core competencies for justice involved specialization was collected, in writing, through virtual live focus group sessions, and certification website.

In conclusion, CalMHSA used the information from the landscape analysis as well as input from community and stakeholder feedback for its final analysis for the identification of the core competencies. Subsequently, an additional 40 hours of experiential learning specific to the justice-involved peer will be implemented to construct the Crisis Care Peer Specialization Training Program.

Updated Language:

CalMHSA conducted a [landscape analysis](#) of existing peer certification programs in the United States to compare curriculums, training standards, required skills, and best practices of peer support for persons in crisis. The landscape analysis report makes use of various sources,

including the work of Eugene Oregon’s White Bird Clinic mobile crisis team CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets), “The National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care Best Practice Toolkit” from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration), C4Innovations, Palliance - The Institute for Peer Support & Lived Expertise program of Humannovations, the City of New York, the Cellar Trust, and Mental Health America. Additionally, CalMHSA held focus groups with subject matter experts to examine the domains and core competencies for the Crisis Care Peer specialization, and recorded feedback from the community members through virtual live focus group sessions and posting the report on the website for comments. Next, CalMHSA compared the knowledge, skills, and abilities identified in the seventeen core competencies for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist training to avoid redundancy in and build on the knowledge, skills, and abilities for certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists seeking training for the crisis care specialization. Additionally, CalMHSA held focus groups with subject matter experts to examine the domains and core competencies for the crisis care involved specialization, and recorded input from subject matter experts in crisis care, community members, and stakeholder for its final analysis the core competencies. Input on the core competencies for **crisis care** specialization was collected, in writing, through virtual live focus group sessions, and certification website.

In conclusion, CalMHSA used the information from the landscape analysis as well as input from community and stakeholder feedback for its final analysis for the identification of the core competencies. Subsequently, an additional 40 hours of experiential learning specific to the **crisis care** peer will be implemented to construct the Crisis Care Peer Specialization Training Program.

Change 2:

A change has been made to the following item on page 18, Item 2, Project Scope of Work to update the language to correct an error referencing the justice-involved specialization.

Previous Language:

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is seeking qualified vendors with the expertise and capacity to provide training for the Justice-Involved Peer specialization for certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist.

Updated Language:

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is seeking qualified vendors with the expertise and capacity to provide training for the **Crisis Care** Peer specialization for certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist.