### Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

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#### Participants

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<td>Maria Arteaga</td>
<td>Santa Barbara County</td>
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<td>Kristen Mungcal</td>
<td>San Bernardino County</td>
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<td>Martha Contreras</td>
<td>LA county</td>
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<td>Carrie Manning</td>
<td>Lake County</td>
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<td>Roll Call</td>
<td>We asked the Stakeholder Advisory Council members to type in their name and county in the Zoom chat to indicate their attendance.</td>
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<td>Housekeeping</td>
<td>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&amp;A feature so that their questions will be recorded 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.</td>
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<td>Meeting Agreements</td>
<td>As a group, we reviewed the meeting agreements that have been previously established – no changes were made.</td>
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<td>Program Updates</td>
<td>CalMHSA introduced their new Peer Support Specialist, Ofelia Ferreira-Ruiz.</td>
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<td>CalMHSA’s request for proposals (RFP) for the following specializations: Unhoused, Crisis Care, Justice Involved, closed on May 12, 2023.</td>
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<td>The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has made funds available in the form of scholarships for the areas of specialization for Certified Peer Support Specialist. This covers the one-time training in the area of specialization, there are 275 scholarships for each area of specialization and will be distributed by regions.</td>
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<td>Currently, CalMHSA is only accepting applications for the Parent, Caregiver, Family member peer training, training for the other areas of specialization will open after July 1st, 2023.</td>
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<th>Data Snapshots</th>
<th>CalMHSA’s is now a CEU provided for Supervision of Peer Workers:</th>
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<td>• CAADE, California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators</td>
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<td>• CADTP, California Association of DUI Treatment Programs</td>
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<td>CalMHSA is going to open the application process for those interested in joining the Medi-Cal Stakeholder Advisory Council to acquire new members to represent all of California’s regions.</td>
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<th>CalMHSA has received 3,850 applications as of May 15th, 2023 and has awarded the following amount of scholarships for each pathway:</th>
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<td>• 2,269 awarded for Initial Certification pathway</td>
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<td>• 1,318 awarded for grandparenting pathway</td>
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<td>Currently, <strong>1031 applicants</strong> have received certification for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists!</td>
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<td>Application status details as follows:</td>
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<td>• Waiting for revision from applicant: 298</td>
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<td>• Training in progress: 1226</td>
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<td>• Approved for exam: 942</td>
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<td>• Exam not passed: 91</td>
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<td>• Certified: 1031</td>
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**Demographic Data of applicants:**

Applicant Certification Pathway:
- Grandparenting: 37%
- Initial Certification: 63%

Applicant Employment Status:
- Unemployed: 10%
- Volunteer:3%
- Part-time employee:15%
- Full-time employee:72%
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### Applicant Age:
- 60+: 10%
- 18-25: 9%
- 26-59: 81%

### Applicant language:
- Spanish: 5%
- English: 92%
- Other: 3%

### Applicant gender:
- Female: 70%
- Male: 26%
- Genderqueer: 2%
- Transgender: 1%
- Decline to answer: 1%

### Applicant Race/Ethnicity:
- White or Caucasian: 31%
- Hispanic or Latin X: 35%
- Black or African American: 16%
- Native American or Alaskan Native: 1%
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 5%
- Multi-racial: 7%
- Decline to answer: 4%

### Demographic Data of applicants:
- Superior: 117
- Bay Area: 643
- Central: 538
- Los Angeles: 825
- Southern: 1452

### Applicant’s Lived Experience Data:
Parent, Caregiver, Family member:
- Mental Health: 68%
- Substance Use Disorder: 54%
Personal Recovery:
- Mental Health: 75%
- Substance use disorder: 48%

Demographic Data of Certified Medi-Cal PSS
Certification Pathway:
- Grandparenting: 63%
- Initial Certification: 37%

Certified PSS employment:
- Unemployed: 3%
- Volunteer: 2%
- Part-time employee: 11%
- Full-time employee: 84%

Certified PSS language:
- Spanish: 4%
- English: 94%
- Other: 2%

Certified PSS Age:
- 60+: 13%
- 18-25: 6%
- 26-59: 81%

Certified PSS gender:
- Female: 72%
- Male: 25%
- Genderqueer: 1%
- Transgender: 1%
- Decline to answer: 1%

Certified PSS Race/Ethnicity:
- White or Caucasian: 39%
- Hispanic or Latin X: 32%
- Black or African American: 12%
- Native American or Alaskan Native: 2%
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Demographic Data of Certified PSS:
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 4%
- Multi-racial: 8%
- Decline to answer: 4%

Demographic Data of Certified PSS:
- Superior: 42
- Bay Area: 190
- Central: 178
- Los Angeles: 183
- Southern: 434

Public Comment
A member of the public asked what the exam’s pass rate is. Another member of the public asked if there are any Peer trainings in Spanish.

A member of the public requested to see demographic information for the certified Peers.

Members of the public also asked questions regarding the scholarships for specializations of a paid Peer vs a volunteer peer.

A council member asked if CalMHSA can help build a directory or community forum so that the Peer community can meet and discuss different implementation plans in their respective counties.

A council member also asked if the Certificant Registry can be filtered by county of employment, instead of county of residence.

Upcoming General Meetings
Our next meeting is:

**Friday June 16**
Zoom Dial-in Information:
Dial-In: 1-669-444-9171
Webinar ID: 895 6617 3539
Weblink: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89566173539

Adjourn
Thank you for your participation