

Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

Date: July 19th, 2024

Time: 1:00-2:00p

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Participants	
Name	Name
Kristen Mungcal	
Adrian Bernard	
Martha Contreras	
Adrian Bernard	

Topic	Notes
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This session is scheduled for 1 hour. The session is being recorded to facilitate notetaking. The recording will not be posted. We kindly request that no other recordings be made during the session. Meeting notes will be available on our website at www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification for your reference. For those on the telephone who would like to offer a verbal comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press “*9” – to raise your hand to be called on Once called on, press “*6” – to unmute and mute Dedicated Public Comment will be limited to 15 minutes. We kindly ask individuals who share input to be mindful of others and keep comments to a 1-minute maximum to permit others an opportunity to speak. Please save questions for Q&A. Q & A has been allotted 10 minutes following Public Comment. We kindly ask individuals to keep questions to a 1-minute maximum to permit others an opportunity to speak. We ask that all comments and questions be respectful and constructive and that we all respect comments made by others.
Meeting Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on other’s ideas. Create a safe space for everyone to engage and participate in as they feel comfortable. Assume each person has the best intent in mind. Model respect. When presenting a problem, include constructive suggestions and recommendations. Model cultural humility. Ask for permission to provide personal feedback to each other. Be considerate of time limits.

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<p>Stakeholder Meeting Recap: April 19th, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on continuing education (CE) training provider application cycle. • Notified stakeholders of Office Hours for all CalMHSA-approved training providers. Scheduled first Tuesday of every month at 1:00PM. • Updated program timelines: Paid applications have up to 12 months to complete 80-hour training. 80-hour training certificates are valid for 2-year after completion. • Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist must renew every two (2) years to maintain certification. • Area of specialization update: Training provider application cycle closed. No scholarships available.
<p>Program Updates</p>	<p>Continuing Education (CE) 2024 Cycle Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourteen (14) approved CE providers • In process of finalizing website • CE provider page on our website • Training -> Training for Continued Education https://www.capeercertification.org/ce-training-providers/ • CE Application Cycle set to reopen Jan 1, 2025 <p>New Streamlined Training Provider Application!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New, updated application process • Visit our website's "Becoming A Training Provider" page • Review our updated Training Provider Application Guide • Review complete guide before applying <p>Announcing: Peer Support Certification for Justice-Involved Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) is a CalMHSA approved Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification training provider. • New training for more than 200 justice-involved individuals at five correctional facilities! • Offering hope for employment upon reentry and further building the mental health workforce. <p>New Feature in Certification Application for Change Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change requests to update account info: • Legal name change (not required for typos) • One of the following additional legal documents as proof of name change: • Certified court order, marriage certificate, or divorce certificate. • Current government-issued photographic identification (e.g., driver's license, passport) with the new legal name. • Address change

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- Instructions for Change Request process
- Website's "Certification" tab -> Change Requests

<https://www.capeercertification.org/change-request-update-information/>

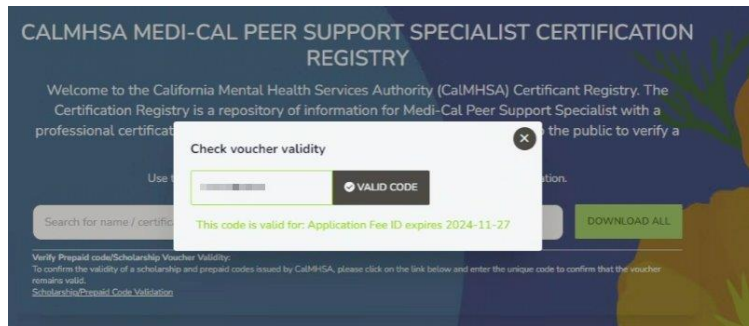
“Prepaid Codes” versus “Scholarships” Explained

DHCS-Funded Scholarships:

- Scholarships covering the cost of the certification application, exam, and for some, the 80-hour training course. These were time limited.
- All scholarships have been distributed. Scholarship applications are closed.
- CalMHSA sent an email to candidate with a unique scholarship number.

CalMHSA Prepaid Codes:

- Counties, community organizations, and individuals can purchase these unique codes directly from CalMHSA. "Prepaid Codes" cover the cost for either the application, exam, or training.
- Prepaid Codes are administered by the purchasing agency. The agency uses their prepaid codes exclusively for their use.
- CalMHSA does NOT assign nor distribute Prepaid Codes directly to individuals seeking certification.



Please note: Individuals with questions regarding prepaid codes should contact the agency who issues the prepaid code.

****To check whether a scholarship or prepaid code is valid and not expired or used, agencies may visit CalMHSA Scholarship/Prepaid Code Validation Checker on the Registry page of the peer certification website. Validation Checker has been updated!**

Certified Med-Cal Peer Support Specialist Job Description

- The job description for Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists has been completed.

Exam Re-take Fee Waivers Update

- Retake Fee Waivers are no longer available.
- Applicants will be asked to pay the associated fees or enter pre-paid voucher code, if they wish to retake the exam.

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Certification Renewal for CMPSS

- Certification renewal required every 2 years
- Email reminder 90 days prior to expiration
- Log into portal and click Apply for Renewal
- Continued Education of 20 hours (including 6 of law & ethics) required
- Attest and maintain CE records for 2 years from Renewal
- CalMHSA conducts random audits
- Review Certification Renewal page on our website for detailed information

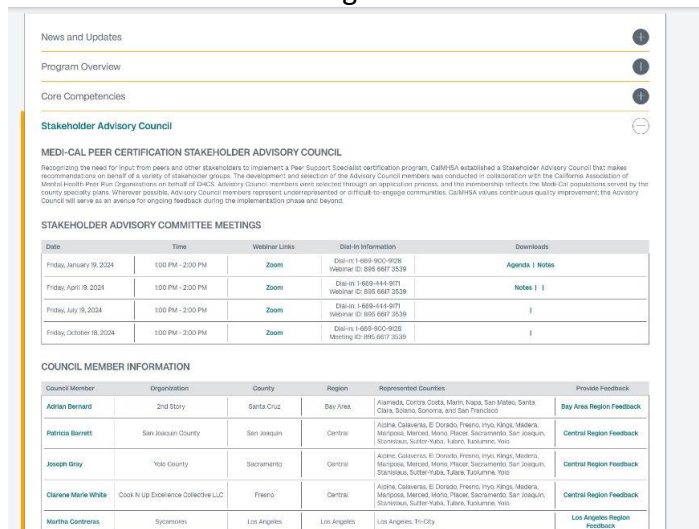
Continued Education Sources

- CalMHSA approved Training Providers for Continued Education
- The following pre-approved courses taught by CalMHSA-approved training providers:
 - Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Core Competency Training
 - Peer Services Specialized Training
- Training that is offered by the County Behavioral Health Departments, and its contracted network providers.
- Training courses completed through accredited schools, including vocational education.
- Training courses by professional certification and licensing boards (i.e., CAADE, CADTP, CAMFT, BBS, APA).

Review website for acceptable training, education, coursework and topic areas related to Law and Ethics: <https://www.capeercertification.org/certification-renewal-continued-education-requirements/>

Community Feedback

- Updated Council members
- Link found on CalMHSA.org



News and Updates

Program Overview

Core Competencies

Stakeholder Advisory Council

MEDI-CAL PEER CERTIFICATION STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Recognizing the need for input from peers and other stakeholders to implement a Peer Support Specialist certification program, CalMHSA established a Stakeholder Advisory Council that makes recommendations on behalf of a variety of stakeholder groups. The development and selection of the Advisory Council members was conducted in collaboration with the California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations on behalf of CMHS. Advisory Council members were selected through an application process, and the membership reflects the Medi-Cal populations served by the county specialty plans. Wherever possible, Advisory Council members represent underserved or at-risk to engage communities. CalMHSA values continuous quality improvement; the Advisory Council will serve as an avenue for ongoing feedback during the implementation phase and beyond.

STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Date	Time	Webinar Links	Dial-In Information	Downloads
Friday, January 19, 2024	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Zoom	Dial-in 1-669-900-9028 Meeting ID: 895 667 3539	Agenda Notes
Friday, April 19, 2024	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Zoom	Dial-in 1-669-444-9171 Webinar ID: 895 667 3539	Notes
Friday, July 19, 2024	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Zoom	Dial-in 1-669-444-9171 Webinar ID: 895 667 3539	
Friday, October 18, 2024	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Zoom	Dial-in 1-669-900-9028 Meeting ID: 985 907 3028	

COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION

Council Member	Organization	County	Region	Represented Counties	Provide Feedback
Adrian Bernard	2nd Story	Santa Cruz	Bay Area	Fernando, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Pablo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, and San Francisco	Bay Area Region Feedback
Patricia Barnett	San Joaquin County	San Joaquin	Central	Alameda, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Modoc, Montgomery, Merced, Mono, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter-Yuba, Tuolumne, Yuba	Central Region Feedback
Joseph Gray	Napa County	Sacramento	Central	Alameda, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Modoc, Montgomery, Merced, Mono, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter-Yuba, Tuolumne, Yuba	Central Region Feedback
Clarissa Marie White	Coal N Up Excellence Collective LLC	Fresno	Central	Alameda, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Modoc, Montgomery, Merced, Mono, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter-Yuba, Tuolumne, Yuba	Central Region Feedback
Marta Contreras	Sycamore	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles, Tri-City	Los Angeles Region Feedback

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Program Data	<p>Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists Certification Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalMHSA received 7800+ applications • 3599 Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists Certified (CMPSS) • 1381 individuals completed the CalMHSA training: Supervision of Peer Workers <p>*For demographic information on Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists: https://www.capeercertification.org/certification-program-data-dashboard/</p>
Public Comment	The public comments received pertained to the schedule of the Medi-Cal Stakeholder Advisory Council meeting agenda.
Q&A	All questions were answered live during our Q/A portion of the meeting.
Upcoming General Meeting	<p>Next Open Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4 Meeting: October 18, 2024 <p>Zoom Dial-in Information: Dial-In: 1-699-900-9128 Meeting ID: 843 6141 4645 Weblink: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84361414645</p>
Adjourn	Thank you for your participation!