

Workforce and Employment Committee Agenda [Revised]

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Lake Arrowhead Resort

27984 CA-189, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

Pinecone and Acorn Room

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Meeting ID: 874 1115 1669 Passcode: WEC2024

Join by phone: 1-669-900-6833 Passcode: *4397507#

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

- 1:30 pm** **Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping**
Walter Shwe, Chairperson and All Members
- 1:35 pm** **Review and Accept April 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes** **Tab 1**
Walter Shwe, Chairperson and All Members
- 1:40 pm** **Overview of Peer Support Specialist, Community Health Worker (CHW), and Certified Wellness Coach (CWC) Providers** **Tab 2**
Christian Jones, State Policy Analyst, Office of Health Workforce Development (OHWD), California Department of Health Access and Information (HCAI)
Sharmil Shah, Assistant Deputy Director, OHWD, HCAI
Alexandria Simpson, Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Michael Freeman, Assistant Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility, Department of Health Care Services
- 2:10pm** **Public Comment**
- 2:15 pm** **Panel on Distinctions and Overlap Between Peer Support Specialist, CHW, and CWC Provider Types** **Tab 3**
Sharmil Shah, Assistant Deputy Director, OHWD, HCAI
Christian Jones, State Policy Analyst, Policy Section, HCAI
Anne Powell, Health Program Specialist II, OHWD, HCAI
Alexandria Simpson, Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division, DHCS
Michael Freeman, Assistant Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits And Eligibility, DHCS
Katie Andrew, Director of Government Affairs for Quality & Behavioral Health, Local Health Plans of California
Tonica Robinson, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Guyton Colantuono, Executive Director, Project Return Peer Support Network
Mary Mojica, Project Return Peer Support Network
- 3:00 pm** **Break**

- 3:10 pm** **Panel on Distinctions and Overlap Between Peer Support Specialist, CHW, and CWC Provider Types (Continued)**
Sharmil Shah, Assistant Deputy Director, OHWD, HCAI
Christian Jones, State Policy Analyst, Policy Section, HCAI
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- 3:30 pm** **Public Comment**
- 3:35 pm** **May Revision Health Workforce Budget Cut Updates**
Ashneek Nanua, Health Program Specialist II and All members
- 3:45 pm** **Public Comment**
- 3:50 pm** **Break**
- 4:00 pm** **California Department of Rehabilitation Presentation on Cooperative Programs Data** **Tab 4**
Gina Rambeau, Cooperative Programs Section, CA Department of Rehabilitation
- 4:50 pm** **Public Comment**
- 4:55 pm** **Wrap up/Next Steps**
Walter Shwe, Chairperson and All Members
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**

The scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.

Public Comment: Limited to a **2-minute maximum** to ensure all are heard.

Workforce and Employment Committee Members

Chairperson: Walter Shwe **Chair-elect:** TBD

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