

February 17, 2021

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for membership on the Commission's Client and Family Leadership Committee. A link to the application is below. Applications are due on **February 26, 2021**.

The Client and Family Leadership Committee brings together individuals with mental health lived experience, family members and others to advise the Commission on priority challenges facing California's mental health system.

The Committee will focus on the implementation of California's work to establish a Peer Support Specialist certification, as required under Senate Bill 803 (Beall, Peer Support Specialist Certification Program Act of 2020). Under that statute, the California Department of Health Care Services is charged with establishing a process for certifying Peer Support Specialists in California. The committee may also focus on other related activities.

The Committee's work will focus on informing and monitoring the efforts of the Department to establish a Peer Support Specialist Certification process. Special focus may be given to the following topics:

- Feedback on best practices in the process of Certification and provision of Peer Support Specialist and peer support services.
- Recruitment of diverse peer support providers who are representative of people in California with lived experience of receiving mental health services and their family members.
- Supporting system and public understanding of the value of peer support services and Certification.
- Exploring strategies to support youth and young adults with mental health lived experience to receive peer services and/or become peer support providers.
- Opportunities to expand the role of peer support, including strategies to encourage commercial insurance coverage of peer support services.
- Development of resources to support county adoption of peer support providers as a workforce strategy.

Committee Members:

The Commission is seeking to appoint up to 15 Committee members with preference for persons with lived experience as a mental health consumer, family member/parent/caregiver, peer support provider and, or individuals with expertise and experience implementing Peer

Support Specialist certification practices. In addition, the Commission welcomes applications from individuals with experience in health care certification and Medi-Cal billing that can inform the development of California's mental health Peer Support Specialist Certification efforts.

In recognition of the challenges that COVID-19 and isolation practices created for the Commission's 2020 Client and Family Leadership Committee, committee members from the 2020 Committee are encouraged to apply and will be given preference for consideration based on qualifications for the Committee's focus on implementing Peer Support Specialist Certification.

Meeting Dates:

To improve scheduling of Committee meetings, the Committee Chair, Commissioner Khatera Tamplen, has identified the following dates and times for Committee meetings through the year.

- March 18th 1-3pm via Zoom
- April 15th 1-3pm via Zoom
- June 17th 1-3pm (location TBD)
- August 19th 1-3pm (location TBD)
- October 21st 1-3pm (location TBD)
- December 9th 1-3pm (location TBD)

CFLC Application link:

<https://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/sites/default/files/CFLC%20Application%20FINAL.pdf>

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Instructions to submit:

1. Save your completed form in PDF format with the filename (LastName)_(FirstName)_CFLC
2. Email the completed form as an attachment to mhsoac@mhsoac.ca.gov
3. In the subject line of your email include the text "CFLC Application" and your full name