

Public comment from K. Dredge

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Hello,

I recently completed the Clients & Consumers Listening Session survey and wanted to thank you for creating opportunities for community members and individuals with lived experience to share feedback regarding California's behavioral health system.

My work through peer-support advocacy, community outreach, and Lions service initiatives has shown me how important early connection, visible outreach, and community-based support systems can be for individuals and families navigating mental health and substance use challenges.

I appreciate the Commission's efforts to gather input directly from communities and would welcome opportunities to stay connected regarding future listening sessions, advocacy efforts, or community engagement opportunities.

Thank you again for your time and leadership.

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