



**Master Plan for Developmental Services
Committee Meeting #3 - Summary
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(Pre-meeting presentation 9:00-10:00am)**

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person Location: F.A.M.E. Renaissance Building
1968 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018

Attendance

Committee Members in Attendance.

Amy Westling, Barry Jardini, Beth Burt, Brett Eisenberg, Brian Zotti, Dora Contreras, Edith Arias, Elena Tiffany, Eric Ramirez, Fernando Gomez, Gloria Wong, Joe Perlaes, Joyce McNair, Judy Mark, Kavita Sreedhar, Kecia Weller, Kelly Heung, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Larry Yin, Lisa Cooley, Mark Klaus, Mark Melanson, Marie Poulsen, Marty Omoto, Norma Ramos, Sara Speck, Sascha Bittner, Season Goodpasture, Shella Comin-DuMong, Victor Lira, Will Leiner, Yvette Baptiste

Facilitators and Presenters in Attendance.

Amy Wall, Catherine Blakemore, Cynthia Solomon Ponce, Dan Torres, Debra Cooper, Karin Bloomer, Katie Hornberger, Jonah Frohlich, Marko Mijic, Maureen, Keffer, Mayra Ochoa, Nancy Bargmann, Norma Salazar-Ibarra, Olivia Raynor, Sonjhia Lowery, Victor Duron

Public in Attendance.

Over 450 public attendees attended the meeting via Zoom video conference, through call-in functionality, or in person.

Pre-Meeting Presentation and Public Comment

Victor Duron, Project Director, presented an overview of the master plan process and a recap of prior committee meetings. This was followed by a pre-meeting public comment period. The comments received in writing and verbally are summarized in the Public Comment summary document, which is available at: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>.

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Marko Mijic, Undersecretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, offered a welcome and expressed his appreciation for the attendees of the meeting. He spoke about CalHHS' equity framework and shared information about how that can be used in the master plan work. Marko acknowledged that there are many facets of equity. He encouraged the group to co-create a "brave space" on the journey towards producing the master plan and to treat one another with grace when things do not go perfectly.

Setting a Shared Understanding of Equity

Dan Torres, Chief Equity Officer for the California Health and Human Services Agency, and Sonjhia Lowery, CEO of Just Score Inc., presented on the principles of equity. The presentation provided common language and a shared understanding of equality, equity, and disparities that could be used to support discussion and inclusion of equity across all work supported by the master plan. This presentation was supported by slides 14-34 in the meeting presentation PowerPoint which is located with other meeting documents at: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>.

Break

Achieving Equity for People with Developmental Disabilities

Five committee breakout group discussion sessions and five public breakout group discussion sessions took place during the meeting to discuss achieving equity for people with developmental disabilities. Several of the public breakout groups took place in-person, several were virtual, and groups were facilitated in Spanish and English in both setting types. The committee breakout group discussions are summarized in the break-out discussion summary which is located with other meeting documents at: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>.

Lunch Break Public Comment

During the lunch break there was an additional opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and offer input. The comments received in writing and verbally are summarized in the Public Comment summary document.

Setting a Shared Understanding of Developmental Services System Data That Helps Inform Equity Discussions

Nancy Bargmann, Director of the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS), presented data from DDS that described how individuals access regional center services, as well as information about recent investments and initiatives to address service inequities. This presentation was supported by slides 40-76 in the meeting presentation PowerPoint which is located with other meeting documents at: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>.

Following the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. The comments received in writing and verbally are summarized in the Public Comment summary document.

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Establishing Priorities and Work Groups

Catherine Blakemore, Project Consultant, presented the framework for priorities and workgroups, which was driven by the vision and priority conversations in the

first two meetings. The proposed approach to forming workgroups was also explained. A survey will be circulated to committee members to determine interest in different workgroup topics. More information on the proposed framework for establishing workgroups can be found in slides 78-85 of the meeting presentation PowerPoint which is located with other meeting documents at: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>.

Public Comment

At the end of the meeting, there was an additional public comment opportunity for members of the public to provide feedback on the meeting or generally on their thoughts regarding the master plan. The comments received in writing and verbally are summarized in the Public Comment summary document which is available, along with other meeting documents, at: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>.