



**Master Plan for Developmental Services  
Committee Meeting #2 - Summary  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Online-only Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Committee Members in attendance.**

Amy Westling, Areva Martin, Barry Jardini, Brett Eisenberg, Cheryl Brown, Claudia Center, Dora Contreras, Elena Tiffany, Eric Rameriz, Fernando Gomez, Gloria Wong, Joyce McNair, Judy Mark, Kavita Sreedhar, Kecia Weller, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Larry Yin, Lisa Cooley, Mark Klaus, Mark Melanson, Marie Pouslen, Marty Omoto, Sascha Bitner, Sara Speck, Season Goodpasture, Shella Comin-DuMong, Sylvia Yeh, Tiffany Whiten, Tim Jin, Will Leiner, Yvette Baptiste.

**Facilitators and Presenters in attendance.**

Amy Wall, Catherine Blakemore, Karin Bloomer, Katie Hornberger, Jonah Frohlich, Nancy Bargmann, Olivia Raynor, Victor Duron

**Public in attendance.**

Approximately 440 public attendees attended the meeting via Zoom video conference or through call-in functionality.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks.**

Victor Duron, Master Plan Project Director, opened the Committee meeting, thanked attendees for being present, and referred to instructions on how to connect to Spanish and Korean interpretations. He reviewed the seven-point agenda and spoke to our intentions to plan for the future of developmental services to be equitable, accessible, and high-quality informed by the present committee of diverse experts from across the state. Victor highlighted the planned outputs of priorities, bold goals, and milestones for the master plan, which different working groups created to focus on different topics. He noted DDS' plan to engage the community in the design of this master plan with the committee between now and the Spring of 2025 leveraging resources such as public meetings, round tables, focus groups and other conversations. He reminded the audience that there is opportunity for public input through the dedicated email address of [DSMasterPlan@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:DSMasterPlan@chhs.ca.gov). Victor concluded by thanking members of the community for their continued engagement.

**Structure for Supporting an Inclusive Planning Process.**

Following the opening remarks, Victor reminded the audience that the Master Plan development process will include many opportunities for the Committee

and community members to provide input on priorities and share their lived experiences. CalHHS requested further feedback from the Committee on maintaining an inclusive planning process guided by specific questions.

The first question was how could we create more opportunities for open dialogue. There was robust conversation about opening the chat feature for attendees participating through zoom. Several committee members and attendees felt strongly that this would create more opportunities for public input through the ability to provide reactions in real time. CalHHS staff and some committee members flagged that this could create an accessibility barriers for some committee members and members of the public. CalHHS staff committed to exploring how the chat could be opened during the meetings while fully addressing any accessibility barriers that could create. There was also a suggestion and support for providing more information to the public on the committee members. CalHHS will work with committee members to develop bios and create a committee member introduction web page.

The second question was to reconsider whether the name “Master Plan for Developmental Services” resonates well across our diverse communities. Committee members expressed and members of the public expressed dissatisfaction with the term “master”, citing that it could be confusing and have different meanings in different cultures. They also stated that there was a negative connotation with an implied power structure that they felt was not aligned with their vision of the plan. Possible alternatives were suggested by committee members and the public. CalHHS committed to reviewing the recommendations and developing a new name for this effort.

### **Affirming Community Agreements from Meeting #1.**

Victor reviewed the summarized Community Agreements from Meeting #1 and Committee members had no further input. The Community Agreements are summarized in the Community Agreements document, which is located at located with other meeting documents at:

<https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>.

### **Vision Ideas and Narrative from Meeting #1.**

Committee Members reviewed the themes from the Master Plan vision discussion during Meeting #1 and offered additional feedback. The themes are summarized in the [Vision for Success](#) document. The initial feedback to the overview included:

- Overall there should be more focus on the experiences of self-advocate and families in attempting to obtain services.
- Recognition that a successful workforce should include opportunity for young people to be educated as thought leaders and disruptors.
- Rethinking the “One Door/Wrong Door” way of framing access as this did not resonate with some Committee members.
- Self-Determination to be emphasized and considered more of a norm rather than the exception in the service delivery system.
- Committee members noted that a successful system involves a lifespan approach, so that individuals of all ages can enter and engage with service coordinators who are responsive to their tailored requests.

## **Break**

### **Affirming Vision Ideas and Narrative.**

Committee Members broke out into small group discussions to further discuss the themes of the Vision for Success. During this time, the members of the public were also invited to join a focus group to provide their input on the Vision Ideas and Narrative. The ideas from the focus group are summarized in the Vision Narrative Focus Group document and the report out from committee members is summarized in the Vision Narrative Readout document, which is located with other meeting documents at: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>.

### **Report Out of Priorities from Meeting #1.**

Committee Members reviewed the major priorities from the discussion in Meeting #1 in preparation for follow up conversation on how priorities and goals will inform Master Plan goals and working groups.

### **Public Comment.**

The meeting opened for public comment. The themes and ideas received from over 90 different individuals in writing and verbally are summarized in the Public Comment summary document and are available, along with other meeting documents, at: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>