



Summary of Public Comments Received During Workgroup 5 Meeting #5- Friday, December 6, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

This summary reflects the themes and ideas received from public comments provided during the workgroup meeting's public comment period. Public participants were invited to speak and share their comments with the workgroup and to share their comments using the Zoom chat and Q&A. Themes from public comments included:

Budget and Entitlements

- Potential budget cuts to Medicaid may require a state response related to funding for I/DD services
- The state entitlement to I/DD services through the Lanterman Act should be maintained as new federal funding opportunities for the system are explored

Service Coordination and Access

- All regional centers should have unified service codes and service names
- Workgroup recommendations should not shift state entitlements to a managed care responsibility
- There needs to be better coordination between different systems and service providers for services that people with I/DD need
- Services should be more easily accessible with more efficient communication and coordination among safety net providers

Public Concerns and Professional Awareness

- A roadmap for parents seeking services and a plan for increasing awareness about I/DD services among service providers should be created

Technology and Resources

- Individuals with disabilities, especially in rural areas, should have access to affordable or free high-speed internet so they can better research and access services

Provider Standards and Training

- There should be a standardized process for provider certification and vendorization across safety net services
- Individuals and families that utilize I/DD services should be involved in developing a professional training curriculum on I/DD for providers