



Summary of Public Comments Received During Workgroup 5 Meeting #6

Friday, January 17, 2025, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 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:

Housing and Support Services

- Emphasis on the importance of culturally appropriate support services that allow clients to remain with their families and receive adequate support.
- Concerns about the lack of housing options for the Latino community and individuals with disabilities living in poverty. Suggestions for projects to provide housing and support services.
- Calls for exploring new housing options such as farmsteads and village-type concepts for individuals with high support needs.
- Advocacy for enabling clients to buy their own homes and receive support with property taxes.

Communication and Information Dissemination

- Requests for regular email updates and better communication to keep participants informed about upcoming meetings and materials related to the Master Plan.
- Importance of informing parents about available resources and ensuring they are aware about potential eligibility for services, even if they lack legal status.

Service Coordination and Access

- Need for a clear policy for the purchase of services across all regional centers so people are able to easily understand and access it.
- Emphasis on creating personalized solutions and plans for individuals with disabilities while aiming to address disparities in service access.

Emergency Response and Safety

- Importance of having an emergency response system in place for families supporting individuals with disabilities.

Accountability and Transparency

- Calls for greater transparency and accountability in the services provided by regional centers, with more consequences for underperforming regional centers.

Education and Advocacy

- Need for external monitoring to ensure Individual Program Plans (IPPs) are being completed and conducted the right way and in a timely fashion.

Economic and Social Disparities

- Recognition of economic, racial, and cultural disparities across the safety net and the need for culturally competent solutions for all.