



## Working Group Overview

### Purpose

The Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act creates a new pathway to deliver mental health and substance use disorder services to the most severely impaired Californians who too often suffer in homelessness or incarceration without treatment. The purpose of the CARE Act Working Group is to provide coordination and on-going engagement with, and support collaboration among, relevant state and local partners and other stakeholders throughout the phases of county implementation to support the successful implementation of the CARE Act.

### Operations

- The Working Group shall meet quarterly during the implementation of the CARE Act through December 31, 2026.
- Working Group meetings will be a mix of in person and virtual, with in person meeting held primarily in Sacramento, but at times in other locations throughout California.
- Working group members are expected to attend 75% of meetings each year, with the option of sending a delegate for the remainder.
- All meetings of the Working Group shall be open to the public and subject to Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements.
- Meeting agendas will be prepared and posted online in advance of a meeting. Working Group members are encouraged to suggest agenda items.
- This is not an oversight or voting group. Goal is to generate ideas and solutions.
- Members are encouraged to be brief and brilliant. Keep the discussion moving to allow for new ideas from all group members.
- Members understand and acknowledge that CalHHS has a responsibility to implement the CARE Act as enacted in statute.
- Members will be respectful of each other's expertise and any differences of opinion.