California Health and Human Services Agency
Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act
Working Group Meeting - Notice and Agenda

Wednesday November 4, 2026 – 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Physical Meeting Information:
California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
830 Stillwater Rd, West Sacramento, CA 95605, USA
Virtual Meeting Information: Zoom Webinar
Dial In: +1 669 254-5252 (Meeting ID: 165 155 4481)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

CARE Act Implementation Updates
California Health and Human Services Agency
Judicial Council of California
Department of Health Care Services

Focus Group Updates: Public Defenders

Working Group History and Member Reflections

Lunch

Update from Data Collection, Reporting & Evaluation Ad Hoc Group

CARE Act Data: Reporting and Evaluation Updates
Representatives from the RAND Corporation

What's on the Horizon for CARE in 2027

Closing Thoughts

Public Comment

Adjourn

The timing and order in which agenda items occur may be subject to change. Public comment will be taken as part of the meeting. Prior to making your comments, please state your name for the record and identify any group or organization you represent. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the Working Group, the facilitators may establish specific time limits on comments.

The meeting will include live captioning and ASL interpretation. Any person who wishes to request this notice or other meeting materials in an alternative format, requires translation services, or needs any disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, which would enable that person to participate at the meeting must make that request at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date to the CalHHS CARE Act Team (CAREAct@chhs.ca.gov), California Health and Human Services Agency 1215 O Street, 11th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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If joining by call-in, press *9 on the phone. Pressing *9 will notify the meeting host that you wish to comment. You will be placed in line to comment in the order in which requests are received by the host. **When it is your turn to comment, the meeting host will unmute your line and announce the last three digits of your telephone number.** The facilitator reserves the right to limit the time for comment. Members of the public should be prepared to complete their comments within 3 minutes or less time if a different time allotment is needed and announced by the facilitator.

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