

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.51
(ID # 27924)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

FROM : RUHS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Approve Amendments to Agreements between Riverside University Health System–Behavioral Health and California Mental Health Services Authority for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Training, All Districts. [Total Cost \$150,000 100% State Funds].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Participation Agreement #12231-RC-PEERS-25_26 between Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to provide Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification training, including specialized trainings, effective March 31, 2025, through June 30, 2027;
2. Approve Amendment #2 to Agreement 3616-WORK-2023-RC between RUHS-BH and CalMHSA in the amount of \$150,000, effective March 31, 2025 through March 31, 2027;
3. Authorize RUHS-BH to apply for future funding agreements with CalMHSA to provide Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification training, including specialized trainings, through June 30, 2027; and
4. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health, or his designee, to: 1) sign and execute Agreements listed in Attachment A; and 2) sign and execute amendments and renewals, as approved by County Counsel, that exercise the options of the Agreement(s), including modifications of the statement of work, that stay within the intent of the Agreement(s) through June 30, 2027.

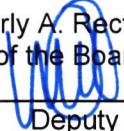
ACTION:Policy


Matthew Chang, Director 7/10/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Medina and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: July 29, 2025
xc: RUHS-BH

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25 – 26/27	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

RUHS-BH operates a continuum of care system that consists of County-operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of Riverside County.

In alignment with Senate Bill 803 (SB 803), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) established statewide requirements for the development of certification programs for Peer Support Specialists. CalMHSA was chosen as the certifying body and is implementing a certification program that is responsive to the needs of California’s population under the Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems. CalMHSA will administer the program, including required data collection and submission to DHCS, certification of Peer Support Specialists, exam administration, investigations, approval, auditing, and monitoring of training vendors.

On January 7, 2022, CalMHSA released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualified vendors to provide training for the certification of Peer Support Specialists. RUHS-BH submitted a proposal and was selected as a training vendor. On September 20, 2022, Item #3.33, the Board of Supervisors approved RUHS-BH to enter into Agreement No. 1253-PSSC-2022-RUHS with CalMHSA to provide Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification training, effective July 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. The Board also approved RUHS-BH to apply for and enter into future agreements with CalMHSA for specialized Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification training agreements, under the premise that each type of specialty program would require a unique agreement.

On October 25, 2022, based on Board Authority established on September 20, 2022, Item #3.33, RUHS-BH entered into Agreement No. 1417-PSSC-2022 to provide Parent, Caregiver, Family Member Peer Specialization training effective October 25, 2022, through March 31, 2023.

On November 7, 2023, Item #3.26, the Board of Supervisors approved RUHS-BH to enter into Agreement No. 3616-WORK-2023-RC with CalMHSA to purchase vouchers for application fees and exam fees as needed and not to exceed a total cost in the amount of \$75,000 from FY 2023/2024 through FY 2025/2026. The Board also approved RUHS-BH to apply for and enter into future agreements with CalMHSA for specialized Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification training agreements, under the premise that each type of specialty program would require a unique agreement, and sign and execute amendments and renewals.

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Therefore, RUHS-BH requests that the Board of Supervisors approve Agreement No. 12231-RC-PEERS-25_26 which outlines the roles and responsibilities between RUHS-BH and CalMHSA for participation in the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program. Additionally, approval of Amendment #2 to Agreement No. 3616-WORK-2023-RC, to extend the program term through March 31, 2027, and increase the total funding to \$150,000.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

These services are a component of Behavioral Health's system of care aimed at improving the health and safety of consumers and the community.

Additional Fiscal Information

These Agreements are funded with Federal and/or State funds. No additional County funds are required.

Attachments

- A. Participation Agreement #12231-RC-PEERS-25_26
- B. Amendment #2 to Agreement 3616-WORK-2023-RC

Jacqueline Ruiz

Jacqueline Ruiz, Principal Analyst

7/17/2025

Gregg Gu

Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel

7/10/2025

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Thank you.

3616-WORK-2023-RC-AM2
Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Program Offerings
April 2, 2025

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY
"CalMHSA"
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT 2nd AMENDMENT

This Agreement Amendment is a contract by and between the California Mental Health Services Authority ("CalMHSA") and Riverside County ("Participant").

This Agreement Amendment shall be effective as of the date of execution and modifies the terms of the initial Agreement 3616-WORK-2023-RC and Amendment No. 3616 WORK 2023 RIVERSIDE PA AM1 to extend the current program term from March 31, 2025, to March 31, 2027 at no additional cost. The Agreement also amends Section 3 of the Cover Sheet, and Exhibit B – General Terms and Conditions, Section V. A. Fiscal Provisions to increase the Total Funding Amount by up to \$75,000 not to exceed \$150,000 total.

All other terms or provisions in the initial Agreement No. 3616-WORK-2023-RC and Amendment No. 3616 WORK 2023 RIVERSIDE PA AM1 not cited in this Agreement Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereby confirm acceptance of the terms of this Amendment by causing their duly authorized officers or representatives to execute this Amendment as set out below.

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Signed: _____ Name (Printed): Dr. Amie Miller, Psy.D., MFT

Title: Executive Director Date: _____

Participant: RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Signed: _____ Name (Printed): Matthew Chang M.D

Title: Behavioral Health Director Date: _____

COUNTY COUNSEL
Approved as to Form

By Gregg Ju
Deputy County Counsel

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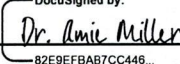
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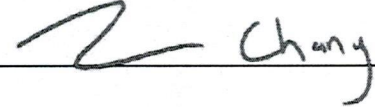
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Title: Executive Director Date: 9/5/2025

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CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
MEDI-CAL PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

COVER SHEET

Riverside County ("Participant") desires to participate in the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program ("Program") offered by the California Mental Health Services Authority ("CalMHSA") on the terms provided in this Participation Agreement ("Agreement"). Participant acknowledges that the Program also will be governed by CalMHSA's Joint Powers Agreement and its Bylaws. The Agreement is effective upon the date of final signature by both parties through one year from the effective date ("Term"). The following exhibits are attached and form part of this Agreement:

- Exhibit A Detailed Program Description, Requirements, Restrictions
- Exhibit B General Terms and Conditions
- Attachment A Executed JPA-BAA Agreement #1195-BAA-2022-RC

1. Summary of Program: CalMHSA is offering the following Program to Counties:

The Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program supports Counties in implementing the optional Medi-Cal Peer Support benefit in accordance with Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") Behavioral Health Information Notice 21-041. CalMHSA represents Counties in the development of a uniform peer certification program that meets state requirements. For the development of the peer certification program, CalMHSA has established a uniform process that supports county reciprocity for certification. This Agreement acknowledges the Participant's involvement in this program and defines CalMHSA's role in providing Program data to the Participant on an ongoing basis.

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Title: Executive Director Date: _____

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Signed: Gregg Gu Name (Printed): Gregg Gu

Title: County Counsel Date: 5.21.25

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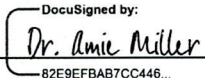
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Signed: Gregg Gu Name (Printed): Gregg Gu

Title: County Counsel Date: 5.21.25

Participation Agreement
EXHIBIT A – Detailed Program Description, Obligations, Restrictions

Detailed Program Description:

The Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program supports Counties in implementing the optional Medi-Cal Peer Support benefit in accordance with Department of Health Care Services (“DHCS”) Behavioral Health Information Notice 21-041 and updated BHIIN guidance. CalMHSA represents Counties in the development of a uniform peer certification program that meets state requirements. For the development of the peer certification program, CalMHSA has established a uniform process that supports county reciprocity for certification.

CalMHSA is the certifying entity (“Certifying Entity”) for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists. As the Certifying Entity, CalMHSA is responsible for the administrative functions of the Program. To this end, CalMHSA has established a dedicated certification website (“Website”) for information about certification in California (See capeercertification.org), the development of a Certification Portal (“Portal”) anchored to the Website that allows candidates to apply for certification through the Website. The Portal is instrumental in aiding CalMHSA in the collection of candidate information necessary for ensuring each candidate meets certification standards, issuing of certification, and the collection of candidate data used for program evaluation and annual reporting required set by the DHCS. Additionally, CalMHSA is responsible for the enforcement of professional standards for certification, maintaining the public-facing certification registry (“Certification Registry”), the approval of training providers, and administration of the examination for certification. Lastly, CalMHSA is responsible for conducting investigations for allegations made against a certified professional for legal and ethical violations (based on the established Code of Ethics).

Obligations:

CalMHSA shall:

- Perform administrative activities as the Certifying Entity, including, but not limited to:
 - Maintenance of the certification website (capeercertification.org);
 - Maintenance of the Portal, and an on-line application for certification;
 - Process applications to ensure candidates meet certification standard and issue certification;
 - Collect candidate information for Program evaluation and annual data reporting as required by the DHCS.
 - Enforce professional standards for certification, including conducting investigations for allegations made against a certified professional for legal and ethical violations (See Code of Ethics).
 - Maintenance of the Certification Registry;
 - Administration and scoring of the certification examination; and
 - Approve training providers.
- Maintain current Guidelines, Standards, and Procedure Manual for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification program.

- Apply continuous quality improvement principles to evaluate Program performance.
- Conduct quality assurance reviews of CalMHSA-approved training providers to ensure quality training.
- Maintain centralized, searchable, and publicly accessible Certification Registry.
- Compile and submit data to meet state reporting requirements, in accordance with DHCS BHINs.
- Compile and submit the following state reporting data regarding active and pending applications and certifications and send to Participants upon request via a secure DropBox link. The data request may be subject to change based on the requirements set forth by DHCS in subsequent BHINs.
 - First Name
 - Middle Name
 - Last Name
 - Application Status
 - Scholarship Status
 - Email
 - Number Of Peer Support Specialists Certified
 - Number Of Applicants That Did Not Receive Certification
 - Number Of Applicants Employed in Peer Services Prior To Certification
 - Number Of Applicants Certified in an Area of Specialization
 - Number of Certified Peers That Renewed Certification
 - Number Of Peer Supervisor Trainings Provided
 - Number of Applicants that received Certification through Grandparenting Process
 - Number Of Applicants that received Certification through State Reciprocity
 - Peer Support Specialist Demographics-Age, Gender identity, Race/ethnicity, Proficient Language
 - Number of applicants that applied for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification through Grandparenting process
 - Data visualization of certification history over time for previous FYs
 - Status/Health of the Program: Complaints and/or corrective actions against certified individuals

Participant shall:

- Accept files from CalMHSA using designated secure file transfer.
- Communicate all questions and concerns to CalMHSA via workforce@calmhsa.org.

Program Restrictions:

- Timelines and technical requirements may need adjusting due to unique circumstances.

Participation Agreement
EXHIBIT B - General Terms and Conditions

I. Definitions

The following words, as used throughout this Agreement, shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used:

- A. CalMHSA – California Mental Health Services Authority, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) created by counties in 2009 at the instigation of the California Mental Health Directors Association to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs.
- B. Member – A County (or JPA of two or more Counties) that has joined CalMHSA and executed the CalMHSA Joint Powers Agreement.
- C. Participant – Any County participating in the Program either as Member of CalMHSA or under a Memorandum of Understanding with CalMHSA.
- D. Program – The program identified in the Cover Sheet offered by CalMHSA under the Agreement.

II. Responsibilities

A. Responsibilities of CalMHSA:

- 1. Provide the Program as described in the Agreement.
- 2. Act as the Fiscal and Administrative agent for the Program.
- 3. Comply with CalMHSA's Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws.

B. Responsibilities of Participant:

- 1. Provide CalMHSA and any other parties deemed necessary with requested information and assistance to fulfill the purpose of the Program.
- 2. Cooperate by providing CalMHSA with requested information and assistance to fulfill the purpose of the Program.
- 3. Provide feedback on Program performance.
- 4. Comply with applicable laws, regulations, guidelines, contractual agreements, JPA requirements, and bylaws.

III. Amendment. This Agreement may be supplemented, amended, or modified only by the mutual agreement of CalMHSA and the Participant, expressed in writing and signed by an authorized representative of both parties.

IV. Withdrawal, Cancellation, and Termination

- A. Participant may withdraw from the Program and terminate the Agreement upon six (6) months' written notice to CalMHSA. Notice shall be deemed served on the date of mailing.

- B.** CalMHSA may terminate, cancel, change, or limit the Program due to circumstances, including but not limited to, lack of County participation, government restrictions, issues with vendors or their services/platforms/products, lack of funding, governmental funding changes, inability to provide the Program due to vendor(s), regulatory changes, force majeure, or other issues.

V. Indemnification

- A. Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each party shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the other party, including its governing board, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, disallowances, recoupments, and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the indemnifying party's negligence or willful conduct in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including the performance of the other's subcontractors, except that each party shall have no obligation to indemnify the other for damages to the extent resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of any indemnitee. Each party may participate in the defense of any such claim without relieving the other of any obligation hereunder.
- B. No Responsibility for Mental Health Services.** CalMHSA is not undertaking responsibility for assessments, creation of case or treatment plans, providing or arranging services, and/or selecting, contracting with, or supervising providers (collectively, "mental health services"). Participant will defend and indemnify CalMHSA for any claim, demand, disallowance, suit, or damages arising from Participant's acts or omissions in connection with the provision of mental health services.