



Peer Workforce Initiative (PWI) & Expanding Peer Organization Capacity (EPOC)

Round 2 Welcome & Orientation Webinar

Thursday, June 1, 2023

12 p.m. – 1 p.m. PT





Round 2 Orientation & Welcome Webinar

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DHCS Welcome

The Peer Workforce Investment (PWI), Round 2 and Expanding Peer Organization Capacity (EPOC), Round 2 grant programs are components of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health Workforce Development (BHWD) initiative and is funded with American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 granted to California from SAMHSA.

PWI and EPOC are part of DHCS' broader efforts to expand California's behavioral health workforce through the BHWD initiative, which seeks to improve access to, and productive participation in, behavioral health services across the state.

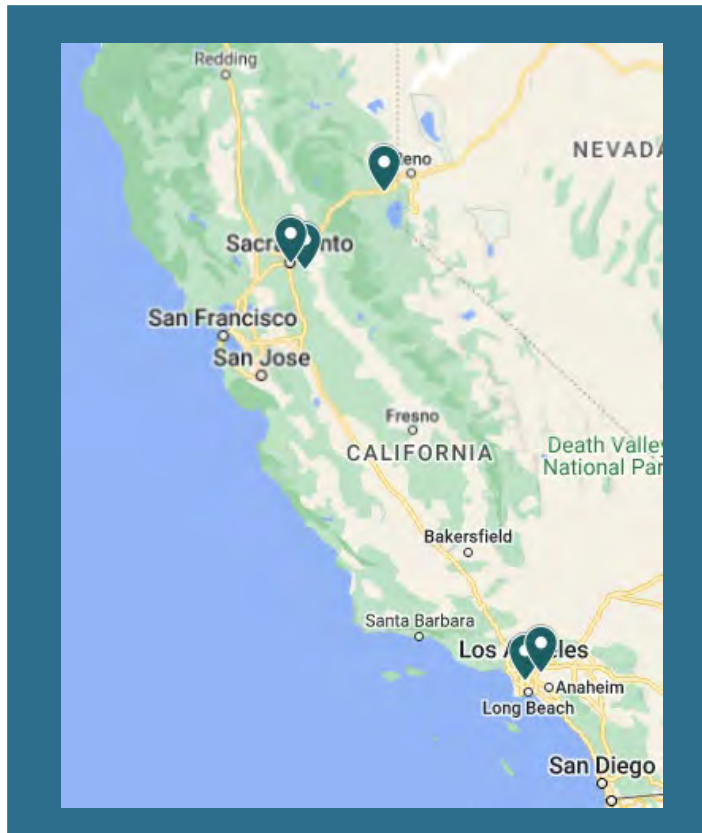
PWI and EPOC are part of DHCS' charge to implement SB 803 to help ensure that BH peer providers are prepared to become state-certified Peer Support Specialists [MediCal Peer Support Services Specialist Program: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Priority has been given to PWI and EPOC Round 2 applicants who are working with underserved communities and proposing to expand referral networks with high need individuals and marginalized groups.

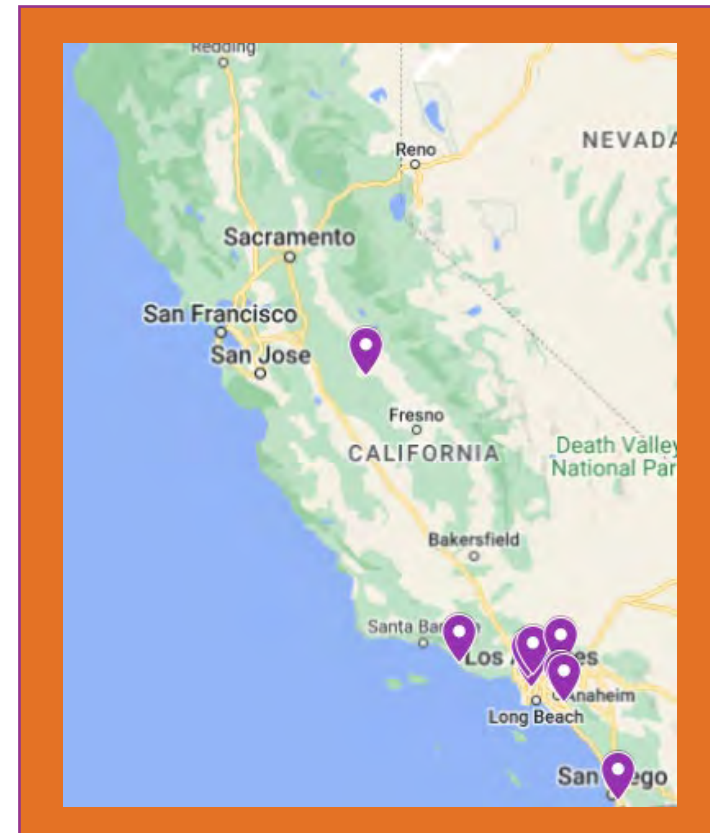


CONGRATULATIONS!

5 new sites were awarded PWI funds



9 new sites were awarded EPOC funds





NEW GRANTEE ROSTERS



PWI (5)

Gateway Mountain Center

Healthy Hearts Medical Association dba Health Care Integrated Services

The Race and Gender Equity (RAGE) Project

The Young Peoples Foundation Inc.

Wind Youth Services, Inc.

EPOC (9)

Los Angeles Recovery Connect

Dual Diagnosis dba Health Care Integrated Services, Inc.

Maternal Mental Health NOW

Nate's Place, A Wellness and Recovery Center

Peer Voices of Los Angeles

Peer Voices of San Diego

Peer and Clinicians Cooperative

Somos Familia Valle Central

The Net Family Support



Round 1 GRANTEE ROSTERS



PWI (38)

Peer Wellness Collective	Kings View, Tulare	NAMI San Francisco	Recovery Café San Jose, Inc.
American Addiction Institute of Mind and Medicine	MHA in Santa Barbara County dba the Mental Wellness Center	NAMI Santa Cruz	Safe Refuge
Cal Voices	MHA of San Francisco	NAMI SMC	Transitions- MHA Santa Maria
California Clubhouse	Mental Health Client Action Network	NAMI Solano County	Transitions- MHA SLO
Clubhouse Visalia	Mission Merced, Pinnacle Drive	Norooz Clinic Foundation	Turning Point
Comptior, Inc.	Mission Merced, N. Street	One New Heartbeat	Unity Hall dba Solano Recovery Project
Consumers Self Help Center	MFI Recovery Center	Painted Brain	Valley Health Associates
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance California	NAMI California	Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS)	Voices of Recovery San Mateo County
Heart and Soul, Inc.	NAMI Contra Costa	Progress House Inc.	
Kings View, Porterville	NAMI Sacramento	Project Return Peer Support Network	

EPOC (12)

BPSR Escondido Clubhouse	Peer Voices of Orange County
California Peer Parent Network	Purpose of Recovery
Central California LGBTQ+ Collaborative	Sacramento Youth Center
Community Veteran Justice Project, CVJP	Teens 4 Teens Help
Community Whole Health Alliance	The Happier Life Project
Friend in Deed (FIND)	Yuba Harm Reduction Coalition



Peer Workforce Investment (PWI)



Expanding Peer Organization Capacity (EPOC)

Behavioral Health Workforce Development



The PWI and EPOC, Round 2 grant projects are part of the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) overarching Behavioral Health Workforce Development (BHWD) initiative.

The BHWD is administered by Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP) and funded by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Community Services Division.



California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)



Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP)

Administrative Entity Role

The Administrative Entity (AE) has a contract with DHCS and will establish a subcontract with each of the PWI & EPOC sites.

- The AE will oversee funding on behalf of DHCS, *subject to DHCS approval.*
 - Invoice submission and payment will be quarterly. Payments are contingent upon each grantee's successful completion of:
 - 1) your project's deliverables as written in your Scope of Work (SOW) and
 - 2) all the requirements stated in your SOW for quarterly data reporting.
- The AE will provide administrative technical assistance and coordinate other technical assistance as needed.
- The AE will conduct training for data entry and monitoring data submission.



Administrative Entity Background

Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) – LEAD (*Selected by DHCS*)

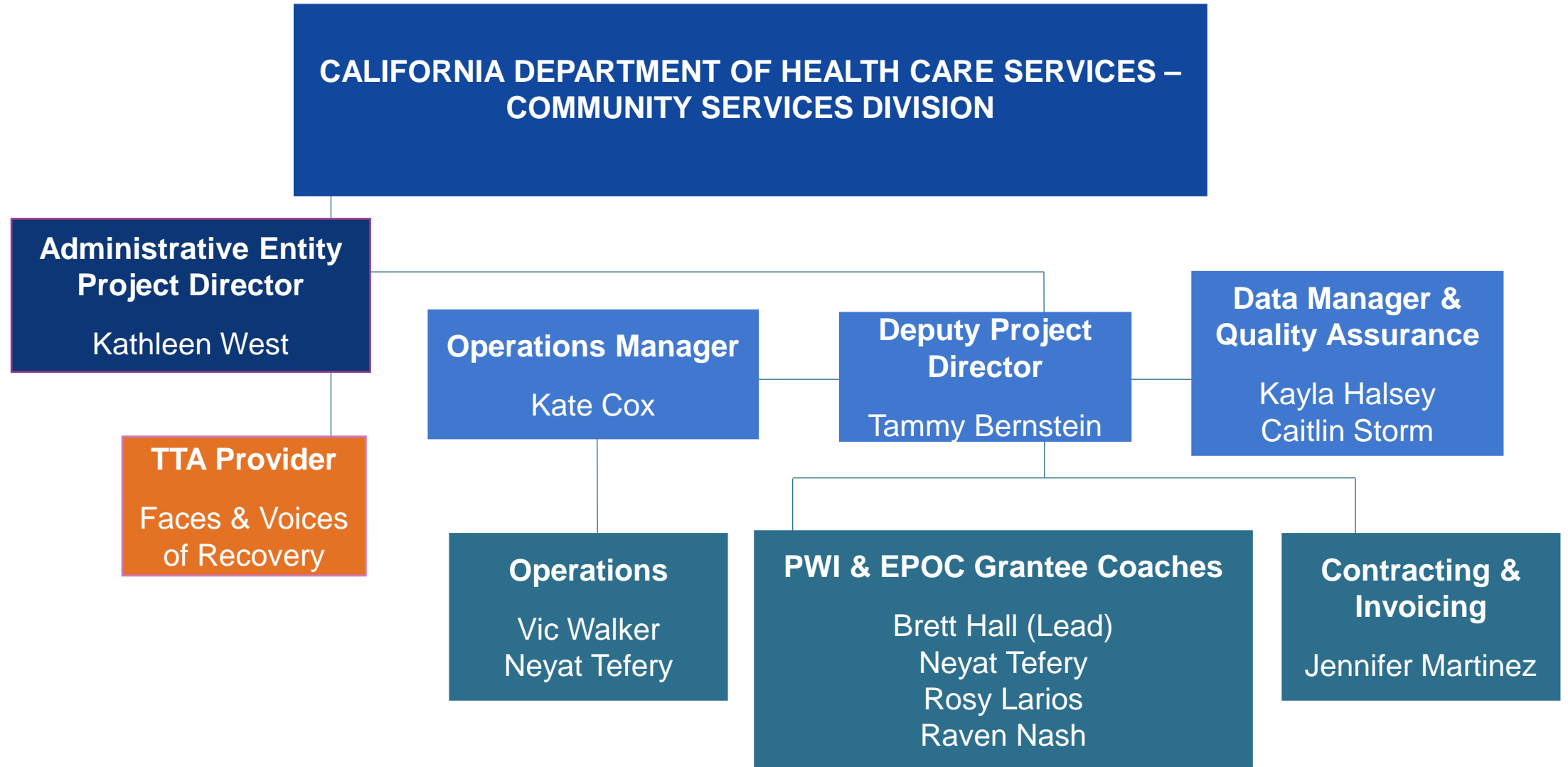
AHP has worked in the health and human services field for more than 30 years, with expertise in recovery support, addiction, peer run services, substance abuse treatment, mental health, behavioral health organization support, and homelessness interventions.

AHP has served as the AE for hundreds of projects in dozens of states, including implementing the NTP REACH project with UCLA-ISAP, California's Hub and Spoke System, as well as the California Youth Opioid Response (YOR California) project with CIBHS.

AHP's California office is in Pasadena.



Behavioral Health Workforce Development PWI & EPOC Structure



PWI & EPOC Team at Advocates for Human Potential (AHP)



Kathleen West
Project Director



Tammy Bernstein
Deputy Project Director



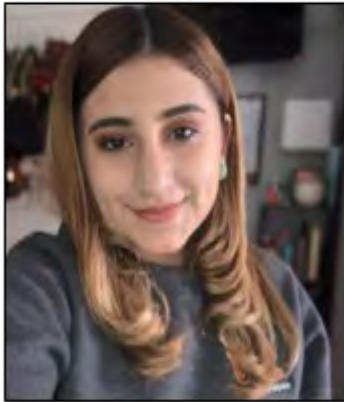
Kate Cox
Operations Manager



Kayla Halsey
Data Manager



Caitlin Storm
Quality Assurance



Rosy Larios
Grantee Coach



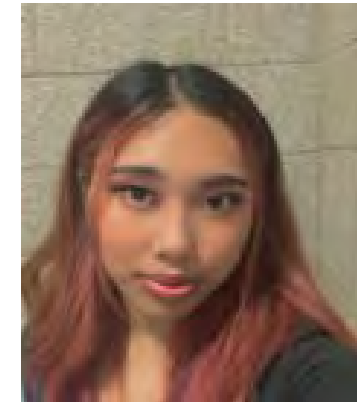
Neyat Tefery
Grantee Coach
& Ops Specialist



Raven Nash
Grantee Coach



Brett Hall
Grantee Coach Lead



Vic Walker
Operations Specialist

PWI Round 2 & EPOC Round 2 Funding & Project Timeline

The Peer Workforce Investment (PWI), Round 2 and Expanding Peer Organization Capacity (EPOC), Round 2 grants provide funding to behavioral health peer-run programs to increase capacity and infrastructure, support peers to become State-certified Peer Support Specialists via the new certification through CalMHSA, and sets the table for peers and peer-run programs to be able to bill for services through the new Medi-Cal peer support services benefit.

- Contracts will cover activities for the following period: **June 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024**. Due to federal restrictions, carry-over of funds is not allowable. Any funds not used by December 31, 2024, will be forfeited.
- Funding may be used for staff working directly on the project, supplies, limited capital improvements, workforce development, and other start-up and specified costs.

PWI & EPOC Round 2 Funding Purpose

Grants will be awarded for the purpose of:

01

Expanding peer-run organizational capacity to provide peer services for mental health and substance use disorder recovery supports and behavioral health (BH) services.

02

Building the preparedness of established and emerging peer service providers so they are ready to deliver services under the Medi-Cal Peer Services benefit in every California community.

03

Empowering peer-run programs to realize their full potential, including through strategic planning, and management support.

04

Elevating the recognition of BH peer-run organizations as critical extenders of care and essential components of California's BH workforce to extend peer services and impact throughout the State.

PWI & EPOC Round 2 will also have additional training and technical assistance provided by AHP that will focus on enhancing BH peer-run organizations' knowledge of substance misuse and capacity to support substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery services.



PWI Round 2 & EPOC Round 2 Grant Requirements



Submit SOW using AHP template in order to develop grantee's subcontract with AHP upon Notice of Award.

Submit an Implementation Plan using SMART goal format by the end of the first quarter.

Implement projects as specified in subcontract, referencing original application, and submit quarterly reports on deliverables progress and final report.

Participate in mandatory administrative calls, 1:1 coaching calls, training events, completion of the PSAT, and financial management worksheets.

Participate in quarterly data collection, grantee process and outcome monitoring, and evaluation activities related to objectives of PWI Round 2 & EPOC Round 2.

Meet state and federal program financial and reporting requirements, including 42 CFR Part 2.

PWI & EPOC Program Coordinator Requirement

All PWI & EPOC Round 2 Grantees are required to have a Program Coordinator to support the execution of PWI & EPOC grant requirements.

(1.0 FTE for PWI and at least 0.5 FTE for EPOC)

Responsibilities include:

Serve as the main point of contact for all grant contract requirements and ensure timely communication with the GC.

Coordinate and ensure peer-run program staff are in live attendance at mandatory AHP administrative TTA).

Coordinate data tracking and collection of mandatory data metrics and timely submission of Quarterly Data Reports.

Ensure on-time submission of quarterly invoices to AHP accounting.

Participate in monthly Grantee Coach Check-in Calls.

Ensure continual progress on Implementation Plan and submission of monthly updates to goals and objectives.

Ensure use of the Grantee Request Form for TTA and other requests.

Manage all grantee website login and project updates.

DHCS Funding Restrictions

DHCS will not fund the following:

- Debt retirement
- Operational deficits
- Partisan activities
- Religious organizations for explicit religious activities
- Activities that exclusively benefit the members of sectarian or religious organizations
- Purchase or lease of vehicles
- Purchase or improvement of land
- Purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than minor remodeling) of any building or other facility or purchase of major medical equipment
- Out of state travel



First Tasks- PWI & EPOC Grantees



- Identify a PWI or EPOC **Program Coordinator** for your project (PWI 1.0 FTE, EPOC 0.5 FTE).
- Complete the required **surveys** (if you have not done so yet)
 - 1) PWI or EPOC NOA Acceptance and Baseline Expenditures Survey (*Round 1 and new grantees*)
 - 2) PWI or EPOC Round 2 Implementation Survey (*Round 1 grantees*)
- Attend the PWI & EPOC Round 2 **Launch Webinar** on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.
- Reply quickly to AHP's request for an individual **1:1 check in meeting** with your assigned Grantee Coach (GC).
- Please send back the SOW template to get your subcontract started asap!

PWI & EPOC Attendance Guidance

Attendance requirement:

- In order to meet your contractual attendance requirement, you must have at least **two staff members** attend each **LIVE** mandatory event.

Proof of attendance:

- To ensure your attendance is tracked, **both staff members** must fill out the **attendance form**, which is dropped as a link in the Zoom chat at the end of each event.

Accessing events:

- All **upcoming event dates and Zoom registration links** can be found on the website via [This link](#). You must be signed in to view events.

Missing an event:

- If you are unable to attend a mandatory event, you must notify your GC **2 weeks before**, unless due to unforeseen extenuating circumstances (health issue, personal emergency, etc.).
- **Approval is required** and will only be given if 1) there is an event that prevents all grantee staff from attending, or 2) the grantee expresses that the event content is remedial for staff.

Post-event materials:

- All post-event materials (**recordings, slide decks, resources**) will be added to the website via the following link- [This link](#). You must be signed in to view materials.

Training & Technical Assistance (TTA)

Overview



TTA Provider Introduction



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OF RECOVERY**

Next Steps



- Save the dates for the upcoming June **PWI/EPOC Events**:
 - 6/12/23 Webinar- Organizational Development & Management Systems (*Mandatory*)
 - 6/13/23 Webinar- PWI & EPOC Launch (*Mandatory*)
 - 6/22/23 Administrative Coaching Call- Office Hours (*Optional*)
- After meeting with your assigned GC in June:
 - Set up a recurring **monthly 1:1 check in meeting** schedule, starting for the month of July 2023.
 - Review and revise your **SOW & Budget** to execute your subcontract by June 30, 2023.
 - Begin to complete your **Implementation Plan** with SMART goals and objectives to be discussed with your GC asap!

Q&A





Please fill out the attendance form and feedback survey in the chat to meet your requirements for today's event!



Thank You