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# AGENDA ITEM 7

## Information

February 26, 2016 Commission Meeting

### Presentation on the History of Peer Certification

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**Summary:** Karin Lettau, MS, is the Director of Training at the California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations (CAMHPRO). She will briefly explain the history and nature of state peer certification (consumer, transition-age, parent, and family member support providers) throughout the nation and California. Her presentation will highlight benefits of certifying peer support and address the value of developing separate billing codes, including for Medi-Cal, for distinct peer services and providers.

Ms. Lettau is a consumer and family member and has worked as a training, advocacy, and psychiatric rehabilitation professional in community mental health for over ten years. Ms. Lettau is committed to a recovery-, resiliency-, and wellness-focused service system. She built stakeholder collaboration throughout California to advance consumer and family member workforce development in public mental health under the former Working Well Together (WWT) Collaborative and has championed efforts towards State Certification of Peer/Family Support Specialists for over four years. Ms. Lettau has experience in curriculum development, training, and facilitation at an agency, county, regional, and state level. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, San Diego, in Chinese Studies, and a Master of Science from San Diego State University in Psychiatric Rehabilitation Counseling.

**Presenter:** Karin Lettau, MS, Director of Training and Employment, CAMHPRO

**Enclosures:** None

**Handout:** PowerPoint slides will be presented at the meeting.

**Recommended Action:** Information for discussion only.

**Motion:** None