

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS (OAH) ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

April 3, 2024

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION

This meeting will be held by teleconference. There will also be a primary physical meeting location available for those who wish to attend the teleconference meeting, observe and hear the meeting, and participate from the primary physical location, as set forth under Government Code section 11123.5. Notice will be provided at least 24 hours before the meeting of all OAH Advisory Committee members who have notified OAH they will be participating in the meeting from a remote location. All OAH Advisory Committee members will be sent an email

with a link to attend the meeting.

All members of the public wishing to attend the meeting remotely may do so by following this link:

<https://oah-dgs-ca-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1607637014>

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Public comment can be provided verbally or in writing during the Advisory Committee Meeting. Please review the information below on how to participate in a Zoom Webinar, including how to provide verbal comment. To provide public comment in writing, please type your comments or questions during the meeting by sending an email to OAHACcomments@dgs.ca.gov. This email box will not be monitored before the Advisory Committee meeting begins.

The upcoming Advisory Committee meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar. If you would like more information on attending Zoom Webinars, please visit the [Zoom Attending Webinars Support](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/sections/4415032875789-Attending-Webinars) page at this URL: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/sections/4415032875789-Attending-Webinars>.

The meeting will be recorded. Spanish language and ASL interpreters will be provided.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION
FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A
DISABILITY

Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting may request assistance by contacting DDS at OAHAC@dds.ca.gov.

ABOUT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The OAH Advisory Committee was created by Welfare and Institutions Code section 4717. The mission of the OAH Advisory Committee is to assist the hearing office by providing nonbinding recommendations for improvements to fair hearing and mediation operations. The Committee is required to meet at least two times a year.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Explanation of Meeting format
 - a. Interpretation feature
 - b. ASL interpretation
 - c. Introduction of interpreters
 - d. Recording of meeting
 - e. Availability of materials
 - f. Zoom webinar
 - g. Public comment
3. Overview of Advisory Committee meeting process
4. Introduction of OAH and Department of Developmental Services (DDS) staff in attendance
5. Roll call of Committee members

6. Expectations of members
7. Open Meeting Act
8. OAH Announcement

The Office of Administrative Hearings' response to the Advisory Committee's recommendations from the October 16, 2023 meeting can be found here: [Office of Administrative Hearings Advisory Committee Meeting Information \(ca.gov\)](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/General-Jurisdiction/Services/Page-Content/General-Jurisdiction-Services-List-Folder/Access-DDS-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Information) at this URL:

[https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/General-Jurisdiction/Services/Page-Content/General-Jurisdiction-Services-List-Folder/Access-DDS-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Information.](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/General-Jurisdiction/Services/Page-Content/General-Jurisdiction-Services-List-Folder/Access-DDS-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Information)

9. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that there be a way for community members to provide feedback to the Office of Administrative Hearings about their experiences in the mediation and hearing process.

10. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that the Administrative Law Judges provide the Committee with feedback about their experiences in mediations and hearings.

11. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend additional changes to the Lanterman Act mediation and hearing process to make the appeal process more accessible and understandable to consumers and advocates, through plain language or otherwise.

12. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that information about the hearing process should be made more accessible to consumers, such as through plain language materials, video information about the hearing process, or other ways.

13. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend ways to make interpretations and translations more accessible, more culturally sensitive, and more accurate.

14. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that it should be provided a summary of what has been done to implement the changes to the Lanterman Act, as well as a summary of the training received by the ALJs on those changes (including any training on engaged neutrality).

15. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that, for remote mediations, mediation agreements be circulated for signature in a different way than by OAH serving them on the regional center through OAH's Secure e-File Transfer (SFT) System for the regional center to obtain signatures, so that mediation resolutions can be reached more quickly.

16. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that parties be notified when proposed decisions are submitted to DDS.

17. Public Comment: Time is set aside for individuals

desiring to speak on any topic not otherwise on the agenda. In all cases, the presiding officer reserves the right to impose time limits.

18. Adjournment

NOTE: The order of business is approximate and subject to change. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact OAHACops@dgs.ca.gov. You may also call Tzer Lor-Snyder at (916) 263-0550 or Maryjosephine Norrington at (213) 576-7200.