

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS (OAH) ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

October 16, 2023

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION

This meeting will be held virtually. 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 may do so by following this link:

<https://cal-dds.zoom.us/j/85454615332>

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 using the “Q & A” Zoom function.

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 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. Introduction of Committee members/roll call

6. Expectations of members
7. Open Meeting Act
8. OAH Announcement
9. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that it be provided with more information on the changes that were made to the Lanterman Act mediation and hearing process, through presentations or otherwise.
10. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that community members have a way to provide information to the Committee about their experiences in mediations and hearings based on the changes to the Lanterman Act, including suggestions for improvement.
11. 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.

12. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that the Administrative Law Judges provide the Committee with feedback about their experiences in mediations and hearings.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend

ways to make interpretations and translations more accessible, more culturally sensitive, and more accurate.

16. 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).
17. Whether the Advisory Committee should recommend that it should meet more than twice a year.
18. 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.
19. 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.