

# Office of Administrative Hearings Advisory Committee (OAHAC)

## Public Mtg. 10/16/2023 12:59

The comments made during the OAH AC meeting are listed below by the order it was received, the time the comment was made, the comment made, the translation of the comment (if applicable), the name of the person making the comment, the time the comment was answered, the answer to the comment, the translated answer (if applicable), and the email address who answered the comment.

1. 10/16/2023 13:39 Just a shout to everyone but especially my good friend and fellow parent of a person with down syndrome the famous Mr Fernando Gomez!  
"Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 13:42 Thanks Marty so glad both you & Fernando could make it to today's meeting! [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

2. 10/16/2023 13:51 I strongly support what Fernando said about chat. QA doesn't work as effectively as chat. QA tends to make people feel they are outside the meeting room rather in it. Chat helps foster inclusion and better comments. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 13:52 Thank you for the comment. We encourage the Q&A to be used for these purposes. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

3. 10/16/2023 13:52 Other advisory groups open chat - Managed Care Advisory Group for instance and it is useful and productive "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 13:54 Thank you for the comment. We encourage the Q&A to be used for these purposes. Bagley-Keene and an accommodation for a member are complicating the use of channels for this group. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

4. 10/16/2023 13:52 chat is disabled. We all need access with chat being on at all times Felicia Ford

10/16/2023 13:52 Thank you for the comment. We encourage the Q&A to be used for these purposes. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

5. 10/16/2023 13:53 Have to agree. I am a multi-modal communicator as well. William Del Rosario

10/16/2023 13:55 Please use the Q&A function just as you would use the chat function. We appreciate your input today. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

6. 10/16/2023 13:55 Oh yeah - forgot about that. Thanks Pete "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

7. 10/16/2023 13:56 I agree that the chat should be disabled. Having the community weigh in through the Q&A obfuscates the questions. This committee should have self-determination and be able to determine that the chat is open. "Judy Mark, Disability Voices United (she/her)"

10/16/2023 14:00 Thank you for the comment. We encourage the Q&A to be used for these purposes. Bagley-Keene and an accommodation for a member are complicating the use of channels for this group. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

8. 10/16/2023 13:56 El volumen de la traducción es español casi no se oye se oía bien hace unos minutos atrás pero ahora está bajo The volume of the interpretation in Spanish is hard to hear. It sounded good a few minutes ago but now it is low Shirlys gruber

10/16/2023 14:05 live answered N/A [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

9. 10/16/2023 14:02 porque estos no los hacen foros publicos? porque no podemos mirar las preguntas de los demás o comentarios? Why aren't these public forums? Why can't we look at other people's questions or comments? Maribel Oliver

10/16/2023 14:34 Gracias por el comentario. Si tiene comentarios o preguntas, puede incluirlos en la sección de preguntas y respuestas. Thank you for the comment. If you have comments or questions, you can include them in the question and answer section. [sandra.sanchez@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sandra.sanchez@dds.ca.gov)

10. 10/16/2023 14:02 I agree that in the future the chat option should not be disabled. This allows clearer communication among members of the community, networking with and supporting on another, and makes the q and a section easier to find and reference throughout the meeting without being overrun with comments. Rowan Smith CHLA

10/16/2023 14:03 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

11. 10/16/2023 14:03 Nosotros definitivamente necesitamos que el chat esté abilitado para que los constituyentes puedan participar. Al tener el chat desavilatado

nosotros no podemos participar u opinar. We need the chat to be enabled so that constituents can participate. By having the chat disabled we cannot participate or give our opinion. Valerio B Gracias

10/16/2023 14:32 por el comentario. Si tiene comentarios o preguntas, puede incluirlos en la sección de preguntas y respuestas. Thank you for the comment. If you have comments or questions, you can include them in the question and answer section. [sandra.sanchez@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sandra.sanchez@dds.ca.gov)

12. 10/16/2023 14:03 Por favor abran el chat Porque no podemos ver los comentarios del público? Please open the chat why can't we see the public comments?  
Carmen Baca

10/16/2023 14:33 Gracias por el comentario. Si tiene comentarios o preguntas, puede incluirlos en la sección de preguntas y respuestas. Thank you for the comment. If you have comments or questions, you can include them in the question and answer section. [sandra.sanchez@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sandra.sanchez@dds.ca.gov)

13. 10/16/2023 14:04 The advisory committee member bios and comments are really good to hear and see. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 14:07 Thank you for the comment. We apologize that the first meeting did not include these introductions. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

14. 10/16/2023 14:07 I agree, it is helpful to hear the Advisory Committee members' self-introductions. "Andrea Davis, Ph.D."

10/16/2023 14:08 Thank you for the comment. We apologize that the first meeting did not include these introductions. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

15. 10/16/2023 14:07 You look great Tony!!! Appreciated your comments and advocacy. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

16. 10/16/2023 14:19 For people who are not always familiar with abbreviations, it would really help toward access/inclusion to explain what the abbreviations used stands for or mean. Thanks appreciate all the work the committee here is trying to do. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 14:25 Thank you for the reminder. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

17. 10/16/2023 14:27 I think the points and suggestions made on agenda #9 raised by advisory committee members are good - and helps us all work together as partners in solving problems for people. Also...maybe the committee should meet more frequently at least to help provide oversight and advice on implementation of many of these new steps. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 14:37 Thank you for the comment. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

18. 10/16/2023 14:34 I think relative to agenda item #9 its also about the advisory committee getting information about how the changes are working - are being implemented what is working and not. If problems can be addressed and even solved in real time - that increases everyone's respect for each other and the value of working together. For many these are urgent issues "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 14:38 Thank you for the comment. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

19. 10/16/2023 14:35 This is an extremely well advised group/committee and meeting more frequently, much of what is being requested and spoken of would be reasonably addressed and resolved. Felicia Ford

10/16/2023 14:39 Thank you for the comment. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

20. 10/16/2023 14:37 Ya no se escucha! You can no longer hear! Carolina

10/16/2023 14:43 y Juandedios Si alguien necesita interpretación en español, haga clic en el globo blanco en la parte inferior de la pantalla con la etiqueta "Interpretation." Luego haga clic en "Spanish" y seleccione "Mute original audio." If anyone needs interpretation in Spanish, click on the white globe at the bottom of the screen labeled "Interpretation." Then click "Spanish" and select "Mute original audio." [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

21. 10/16/2023 14:41 How do we find out about these same changes? Does Regional Center inform us before our hearing? William Del Rosario

10/16/2023 14:42 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

22. 10/16/2023 14:41 Will there be responses to our questions? Felicia Ford

10/16/2023 14:42 live answered [tzer.lorsnyder@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:tzer.lorsnyder@dgs.ca.gov)

23. 10/16/2023 14:49 I understand I might have been out of sincrony with the item been revized. But if I didn't bring it up I may not ahve an opportunity later. We are getting rinde on and may loos conection. Thank you for the opportunity. Valerio B

10/16/2023 14:55 Thank you for your input today. We appreciate your participation, and heard you clearly. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

24. 10/16/2023 14:49 Does the authority of the Advisory Committee only revolve around the Agenda Items? Or are All Questions and Issues able to be addressed? Donna

10/16/2023 15:02 The Bagley Keene Open Meetings Act dictates what can be discussed in a meeting (it has to be on the agenda and shared with the public at least 10 days in advance); however, there is an open public comment section at the end of this meeting where you can raise additional items (not on today's agenda) you'd like the committee to consider in the future. The committee's authority is defined in statute. [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

25. 10/16/2023 14:49 Its like all stakeholder advisory groups and task forces hosted by the state in every department - its suggestions and comments and advice on what is happening, what should happen, etc. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 15:02 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

26. 10/16/2023 14:49 Siento que en la mayoría de los casos debería de imponerse la empatía compasión y sensibilidad a nuestro comunidad hispana, entendemos desde que se recibe un diagnóstico de discapacidad se requiere y es necesario abogar pero la mayoría no lo son abogados pero ellos esperan y cómo en algunos casos es lo que requieren muchas gracias por esta oportunidad I feel that in most cases empathy, compassion, and sensitivity should be imposed on our Hispanic community. We understand that it is necessary to advocate from the moment a disability diagnosis is received, but most people are not lawyers, but they wait, and how in some cases that is what they require. Thank you very much for this opportunity. Shirlys gruber

10/16/2023 14:56 Gracias por el comentario. Thank you for the comment.

[pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

27. 10/16/2023 14:55 Probably this needs to be checked on how email info to committee and any comments from committee member to each other works under Bagley Keene. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 15:06 Bagley-Keene information from the State's Attorney General Office has been updated to reflect the enactment of recent laws. This guidance can be found here, and includes information about communication:

<https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/bk-open-meeting-act-guide-2023.pdf>

[pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

28. 10/16/2023 14:57 I think Fernando's suggestion on implementation info is crucial. As I mentioned in my public comments how the changes are being implemented - what is working, what is not is critical for the committee to hear - and then respond with ideas and suggestions to make fixes if needed. Thanks "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 14:58 Thank you for the input. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

29. 10/16/2023 15:24 Would strongly urge the committee to meet more frequently - perhaps temporarily for the coming year or two as part of the need to oversee and provide recommendations on how changes to the appeals process are being implemented - what recommendations can be made for fixes, etc. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 15:28 Thank you for the input on this item.

[pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)



30. 10/16/2023 15:31 Good point Benita raised. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

31. 10/16/2023 15:34 This meeting is recorded correct? Where can I see the recording of this meeting because I missed the first hour of this meeting. Nestor Nieves

10/16/2023 15:43 This meeting is being recorded. It will be available a day or two after the meeting, on this OAH website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/General-Jurisdiction/Services/Page-Content/General-Jurisdiction-Services-List-Folder/Access-DDS-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Information>  
[pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

32. 10/16/2023 15:40 I support mr. Gomez motion on having this meetings quarterly and possible adding another meeting on 2023. Valerio B

10/16/2023 15:41 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

33. 10/16/2023 15:40 Motion. Valerio B

10/16/2023 15:41 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

34. 10/16/2023 15:41 Strongly support motion made by Fernando. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 15:41 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

35. 10/16/2023 15:41 Thank you. Valerio B

10/16/2023 15:41 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

36. 10/16/2023 15:44 dorothy diamondSupport motion 17 [D-  
DIAMOND1@MSN.COM](#)

37. 10/16/2023 15:46 "Thank you all for your help in creating more equitable and transparent processes for DDS/RC & OAH. Your work is so very important to our community. "Felicia Ford

10/16/2023 15:46 Thank you for the comment, and input today.  
[pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

38. 10/16/2023 15:50 From my experience as a past owner of a Small Family Home and current owner and Administrator of an Adult Residential Facility, I have experienced many issues with the regional center ignoring the best interests of their clients. HCBS has provided a way for their voices to be heard and for clients and their families as well as their advocates to have power to make decisions in their lives. Regional centers have used negative behaviors to try and make clients do what they want as opposed to do what the client wants or needs by directly confronting and targeting clients and/or their families or providers. I hope the Advisory Committee will recognize these issues. Donna

10/16/2023 15:54 Thank you for the comment. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

39. 10/16/2023 15:50 I would suggest that the committee consider in a future meeting in ways while still being compliant under Bagley-Keene for the meetings to look at ways to make certain processes (like roll call votes) move as efficiently as possible. There has to be ways, for instance, to do votes differently that doesn't take up so much time. Also find ways to make Bagley-Keene work for all of us OAH, committee members, the public, so it doesn't inadvertently become a barrier to act and to discuss and to be credible. Nothing against Susan or anyone facilitating the

meeting but we all need to work together to make Bagley-Keene work for us rather us working for Mr Bagley and Mr Keene. "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 15:54 Thank you for the suggestion. Specific ideas are welcome, as well. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

40. 10/16/2023 15:55 No se escucha la intérprete donde esta You can't hear the interpreter where she is Juanita

10/16/2023 15:58 live answered N/A [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

41. 10/16/2023 15:56 no se escuchaba la interpretación en español the interpretation in Spanish could not be heard Maribel Oliver

10/16/2023 15:58 live answered N/A [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

42. 10/16/2023 16:00 Thank you for including public participants and comments in the meeting today. "Andrea Davis, Ph.D."

10/16/2023 16:05 Thank you for the comment. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

43. 10/16/2023 16:01Me gustaría saber cuantos son los miembros de este comite I would like to know how many members of this committee there are Silvia

10/16/2023 16:04 <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Template-1-Spanish.pdf>  
[info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

44. 10/16/2023 16:04 I would like to understand why there needs to be this new legislation. Why did we need this new appeals process to begin with? I think once we understand the why, we can solve the issues. Donna

10/16/2023 16:10 "The changes that already were made are summarized here: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Summary-of-Changes-to-the-Appeals-Process.pdf> As one example of why the community wanted changes, please see this report: <https://disabilityvoicesunited.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Unfair-Hearing-Report.pdf>" [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

45. 10/16/2023 16:05 apoyo el comentario del Sr Fernando I support Mr, Fernando's comment Maribel Oliver

10/16/2023 16:05 Gracias por el comentario. Thank you for the comment. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

46. 10/16/2023 16:09 Apoyo el comentario del señor Fernando Gomes como nos tratan cuando vamos a mediacion nos tratan a los padres como si nosotros los padres fuéramos abogados I support Mr. Fernando Gomes' comment about how they treat us when we go to mediation, they treat us parents as if we the parents were lawyers Juanita

10/16/2023 16:11 Gracias por el comentario. Thank you for the comment. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

47. 10/16/2023 16:09 Me gustaría saber cuantos son los miembros de este comité y los nombres y cargos que ocupan yo soy madre de un niño con autismo y me gustaría aprender más acerca todo esto que están hablando Gracias" I would like to know how many members of this committee there are and the names and positions

they hold. I am the mother of a child with autism and I would like to learn more about all that they are talking about. Thank you. Silvia Más

10/16/2023 16:13 información sobre el comité es aquí, incluida una lista de miembros cerca de la parte inferior de la página.<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/General-Jurisdiction/Services/Page-Content/General-Jurisdiction-Services-List-Folder/Access-DDS-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Information> "More information about the committee is here, including a list of members near the bottom of the page.  
<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/General-Jurisdiction/Services/Page-Content/General-Jurisdiction-Services-List-Folder/Access-DDS-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Information>" [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

48. 10/16/2023 16:18 Just a suggestion, I feel like there are many people who may not be aware of these twice a year Advisory Committee meeting. Reason being, there is very little Q&A comments. Please find a way to reach out to the public and to help them be aware of how important these meetings are for fair hearings and appeals. Donna

10/16/2023 16:22 Thank you for the comment. [pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

49. 10/16/2023 16:19 Todo esto es muy importante y deberían de traer mas claridad enpatia ala comunidad ya que nomás avía 2 guntas al año y aora lo ban a cambiar a 4 veses por año cuántos miembros de la mesa ay deveria aserlo público a la comunidad All of this is very important and should bring more clarity, empathy to the community since there were only 2 meetings a year and now they are changing it to 4 times a year. How many members of the board are there? should be made public to the community Juanita

10/16/2023 16:21 live answered N/A [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

50. 10/16/2023 16:23 Yo apoyo la moción del Sr. Fernando sobre el punto 10 de la agenda, porque eso permitiría ver, sentir y medir de todas las desavenencias dentro del proceso de las Audiencias con estos nuevos cambios. I support Mr. Fernando's motion on item 10 of the agenda, because that would allow us to see, feel and measure all the disagreements within the Hearing process with these new changes. Gricelda Estrada

10/16/2023 16:26 Gracias por el comentario. Thank you for the comment.  
[pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dds.ca.gov)

51. 10/16/2023 16:23 I totally agree with Marty, very well said. As a parent and advocate for my daughter this meeting has been a bit confusing and frustrating. Candi Cissel

10/16/2023 16:26 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

52. 10/16/2023 16:24 FYI - Regarding the recommendation to meet more frequently than two times a year, I understand the statute doesn't prohibit that currently - it says "at least" two times a year. Again to everyone - thanks for your work on this committee. You all are at least taking more actions and doing more work that the US House. LOL "Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 16:26 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

53. 10/16/2023 16:27 One hour once a week meeting... lol Donna

10/16/2023 16:27 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

54. 10/16/2023 16:27 Thanks everyone and thanks to the interpreters too  
"Marty Omoto, Parent CDCAN (CA Disability-Aging Com Action Networ"

10/16/2023 16:27 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)

55. 10/16/2023 16:27 Thank you all for your help! Donna

10/16/2023 16:28 live answered [info@dds.ca.gov](mailto:info@dds.ca.gov)