

Law and Ethics Training for Peer Professionals and Community Health Workers

DATE & TIME:

April 15, 2027

9:00AM – 3:00PM

Sign-in begins 15 minutes prior to the training time. All participants must arrive during the sign-in period. Late arrivals will not be admitted. (The meeting link will be sent a week prior to the training date).

PLACE: Web Broadcast – Zoom

REGISTRATION: <https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov>

DESCRIPTION: This training will strengthen participants' knowledge and application of legal and ethical principles, including confidentiality, professional boundaries, ethical decision-making, and applicable laws and regulations. Through interactive learning using case studies and experiential activities, participants will enhance their ability to address ethical challenges and deliver recovery-oriented, person-centered, and culturally responsive behavioral health services.

TARGET AUDIENCE: DMH and contracted provider staff providing Peer Support and Community Health Worker services in outpatient and community-based behavioral health programs.

OBJECTIVES: As a result of attending this training, participants should be able to:

1. Describe legal and ethical principles, professional standards, and the roles and responsibilities of Peer Support Specialists and Community Health Workers in behavioral health settings.
2. Explain professional boundaries, confidentiality requirements, and the application of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in the delivery of peer support and community health worker services.
3. Identify common legal and ethical dilemmas encountered in peer support and community health worker practice and select appropriate responses based on ethical decision-making principles.
4. Apply ethical decision-making strategies to analyze case scenarios involving documentation, informed consent, mandated reporting, scope of practice, and professional conduct.
5. Demonstrate effective use of self-awareness, ethical communication, and appropriate use of lived experience while maintaining professional boundaries.
6. Analyze case examples and utilize ethical decision-making frameworks to support recovery-oriented, person-centered, and culturally responsive service delivery.

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DEADLINE:	When capacity is reached.
CONTINUING EDUCATION:	None
COST:	None