



Connect & Network, Build Capacity,
Reach & Reflect Diversity, Together Take Action & Be Change Agents

Announcing the

PEER ACTION LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA (PAL)



The California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations (CAMHPRO) is proud to create the Peer Action League of California (PAL). PAL will be advisory to and the action arm of CAMHPRO. PAL is supported by the Statewide Consumer Network Grant under the U. S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that spans April 1, 2019 to March 30, 2022.

Connect & Network

PAL will network consumer-run programs (CRP) and individuals with lived experience together to pursue common self-defined goals, and to build the capacity of each partner and of CAMHPRO.

Build Capacity

PAL will nurture a symbiotic relationship between CAMHPRO and peer run organizations and individuals with lived experience. CAMHPRO will provide PAL with staffing and administration, technical assistance on organizational infrastructure issues, educational policy forums, advocacy trainings, and webinars focused on peer support and state peer PAL members will actively participate in PALs action groups, meetings, trainings, and statewide peer representation. CAMHPRO and its peer partners will each grow from each other, building a more robust consumer infrastructure around the State.

Reach & Reflect Diversity

PAL will reach and reflect the diversity of CA, the most diverse state in the union, as well as focus on California's small counties, that face unique challenges for people with disabilities, children, and the elderly around transportation and access, extreme isolation and lack of services. One of three PAL Action Committees is the Cultural Racial & Ethnic Equity Committee.

Together Take Action & Be Change Agents

CAMHPRO's purpose is to transform the behavioral health system through peer leadership in policy and services. Consumers taking leadership roles in policy and services, as well as immersed in traditional behavioral health services, are change agents for California's behavioral health system. Through PAL and related activities, CAMHPRO will:

1. Increase and strengthen peer-run organizations across California (CA), including assisting new peer run organizations to form, and assisting existing peer-run organizations to grow.
2. Enhance peer leadership in the State by providing advocacy training and policy education and support peer representation at state-level policy bodies and venues.
3. Guide the implementation of peer certification in California and increase peer providers throughout the State.

Peer Action League Events for PAL Members (PALMs)

- Quarterly Webinars to Optimize Peer Run Agency/Program Infrastructure & Sustainability
- 4 Policy Forums in different parts of the State in the next two years, culminating with a statewide Conference in Year 3.
- Advocacy webinar series assisting peers to have an effective stakeholder voice in community planning and decision-making meetings.
- Monthly peer support webinars training peers on Peer Best Practices, and in pursuing and implementing peer certification in CA. Most importantly.
- Enhance peer representation on State-level policy bodies by assisting and empowering peers throughout the State to serve on these bodies.
- 3 PAL Action Committees Meet Online: Peer Workforce, Cultural Racial & Ethnic Equity, and Public Policy.
- Quarterly PAL Members (PALMs). Meet Online to share progress and outcomes from Action Committees, and to plan collective next steps.

Want to learn more?

Register for an 'Intro to PAL' Webinar

by clicking on the date below:

- [Tuesday May 14, 2019, 12-1pm](#)
- [Thursday June 6, 2019, 12-1pm](#)



Join PAL. Become a PAL Member (PALM)

Do you want to be part of something that is greater than yourself? Join PAL! PAL is open to all persons with lived experience and consumer run programs and organizations. Become part of an action league whose goal is no short than to transform the behavioral health system. See PALM Applications links below.

INDIVIDUAL Peer Action League Member (PALM) Application

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/INDIVIDUAL-PAL-APP> or use QR code



PEER RUN PROGRAM/ORGANIZATIONAL Peer Action League Member (PALM) Application

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PEER-RUN-PAL-APP> or use QR code

