

CalSAWS | Notes from WTW Committee

Date: January 16, 2025

Notes Location: Web Portal > Meetings > Committees > Welfare to Work > 2025

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Meeting Materials: CER CA-284726.pdf, CER CA-285588 Activity Detail functionality.docx, WTW Committee Meeting Agenda 1.16.25.docx

Meeting Called by: Gingko Luna

Attendees:

1	Napa Sonoma	Shanna Gardner Latrice Babers

2	Placer Sacramento Sacramento	Jamie Pellow Jasmin Perrigo Kim Casalta

3	Humboldt	Colleen Ridlon

4	Fresno Kern Stanislaus	Roselinda Rolph Torres Connie Shinn Sajida Alkhateeb

5	Riverside San Bernardino San Diego Santa Barbara Orange	Rene Lara Barbara Cole Linda Sevilla Esther Herrera Adrian Barrera

6	Los Angeles	Mareta Melkonyan Lorraine Sinelkoff Patricia Gonzalez

	State Partners	Shawn Mainville, Jaspreet Kaur, Cristina Libre, Elizabeth Cao, Kim Murdock,
	Consortium	Lien Phan, , Carlos Albances, Eric Fortenberry,

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Cal-OAR Housing Measure

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Important Points

- Counties requested that meeting with HSP Program Specialists to discuss this topic which were part of the CW committee for some counties.
- CDSS provided definition of HSP Services: "Services that assist homeless CalWORKs families or those threatened with eviction to obtain and retain housing, provided through the HSP including, but not limited to, case management, housing navigation, and rental assistance services." They will confirm if only approved Service Arrangements are to be used in this measure or if any case management should be used.

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Important Points

- It was confirmed that the new HHDRS system doesn't currently have the ability to enter a Service Arrangement Entry since it an "aggregate" form of data.
- CDSS confirmed per their survey 47% of counties are currently using CalSAWS for Cal-OAR HSP data entry, 9% are in the processing of training staff to do so, 11% have disaggregated HSP data that could be added to CalSAWS, 33% did not respond or did not fall into the other 3 categories.
- It was confirmed that housing as part of the Family Stabilization Program is not currently being measured.
- To be reviewed: Whether the date that the information is entered into CalSAWS or the date of the actual service is completed should be used to determine timeframe.
- To be reviewed: Whether an end date should be required for an HSP entry.
- SCR CA-2521 17 Allow HSP for Closed CW Program Allows to edit the Housing status regardless of how long the entry has been there, and also allows HSP payments when Cal works is inactive. Need to manually complete HSP 14.
- Any input for the Performance Measures Subcommittee can be emailed to: jaspreet.kaur@dss.ca.gov

INC0164018 OCAT Participants by Barrier(Abuse)" report

- It was decided that since counties may need information that is more than 3 years old that the proposed 3 year time limitation for the "OCAT Participants by Barrier(Abuse)" report would not be implemented as a fix.
- Review of how the database can be improved

CER CA-284723 Activity Method Drop List

- Information will appear on report for LA only but drop list will be for all counties.
- Needs support from WTW and GR committees
- SCR can be opened for WTW Report to also display this information with enough county interest

CER CA-285588 Activity Detail functionality

- Needs support from WTW and GR committees
- Functionality to not allow activity slots to go negative if user reopens activities after max capacity is reached.
- User will be able to expand Max capacity when they re-open, if needed.

How to manage exempt cases?

- Most counties reported having Exempt specific caseloads. Some with distinctions for Active vs Inactive CW or 1Parent vs 2 parent.

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Important Points

CA-225430 ACL 21-04 Update generation of GN 6070

- Two counties reported that they deregister the customer. One based on voluntary status and the other if the exemption is longer than 30-60 days.
- Originally rejected 10/10/24
- Changes to the SCR were done to mitigate these areas of concern.
- Counties found that the drop list title of 'Education Funded Type' would be confusing to staff since they may not be aware if all the funding source for the school were one of the three provided options of: Non-Profit, Private, or Public.
 - CalSAWS has changed the title from 'Education Funded Type' to "School Type" and the corresponding drop down options to: Private For Profit or Public/Private Non-Profit
- Added drop-lists for 'Education Type' and 'School Type' would be displayed for every activity. This was thought to add confusion for the user.
 - This has now been changed to just appear for 4 Activity Types (Education – Empl, Job Skills Training – Empl, Satisfactory School Attendance (REM), Voc/Ed Training). The Work Study activity was removed at county request.
- To track the information properly, the added drop-lists for 'Education Type' and 'School Type' would need to be completed by the user every time an Education activity would be assigned

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