



## Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting

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# Welcome!

Mandated Reporting Advisory  
Committee Members  
and  
Public Participants

April 16, 2026

## OUR NORTH STAR

To keep children and  
families together, safe,  
well, and strengthened  
by the resources they  
need to thrive.

# Agenda

- Welcome and Connections
- Advancing Implementation: Process and Roles
- Workgroup Updates & Action Planning
- Semi-Annual Milestones
- Public Comment
- Next Steps & Closing Remarks

# Housekeeping

- MRAC Members: Name and MEMBER in zoom box, cameras on if possible
- Public Participants: Name in zoom box, cameras off, and mute on
- **Chat is open – We ask that Public Participants only use the chat during the Public Comment period at the end of the meeting**
- Host will put materials in the chat

## Invitation to Create Necessary Space

Micky ScottBey Jones

Adapted from her work titled "Invitation to Create Brave Space"

What part of this invitation is resonating with you right now?



Together we will bravely create “necessary” space,  
Because there is no such thing as a “safe space.”

We exist in the real world,  
We all carry scars, and we have all caused wounds.

We seek to turn down the volume of the outside  
world;  
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere.  
We call each other to more truth and love.  
We have the right to start somewhere and continue  
to grow;  
We have the responsibility to examine what we think  
we know.

We will not be perfect.  
This space will not be perfect.  
It will not always be what we wish it to be,  
But it will be our necessary space together.  
We will work on it side by side.

# The Art of Conversation Behaviors



- We acknowledge one another as equals
- We stay curious about each other
- We recognize that we need each other's help to become better listeners
- We slow down so we have time to think and reflect
- We remember that conversation is a natural way humans think together
- We expect it to be messy at times
- We use “I feel”, “I believe”, or “In my experience” statements



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# Land, Labor, and Trauma Acknowledgement





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# Advancing Implementation: Process and Roles



# Roles & Responsibilities: Questions We Are Trying To Answer



- What are the roles of the three “groups” of the MRAC: 1) Steering Committee, 2) Workgroups, and 3) the full MRAC?
- How do the roles apply when advancing the implementation plans?
- How do the roles of the three groups interact with: 1) the entities that are named as the “who” in the recommendations (CDSS, LAO, MRAC, etc.), and 2) the CWC?
- Are there other questions we are trying to answer?



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# R

## Responsible

- The person who actually carries out the process or task assignment
- Responsible to get the job done

# A

## Accountable

- The person who is ultimately accountable for process or task being completed appropriately
- Responsible person(s) are accountable to this person

# C

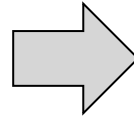
## Consulted

- People who are not directly involved with carrying out the task, but who are consulted
- May be stakeholder or subject matter expert

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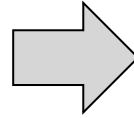
## Informed

Those who receive output from the process or task, or who have a need to say informed



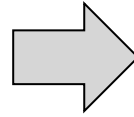
### The WORKGROUPS

The Workgroup is NOT responsible for doing all the work, but they own the strategy and action to support implementation of the recommendation to the highest fidelity possible. The Workgroups are the drivers, planners, and where the implementation action originates.



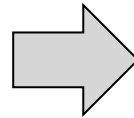
### The MRAC

The MRAC ultimately “approves” the implementation activities to move forward. The full group is a soundboard, supporter, and approver. Workgroups should lift up ideas and issues for discussion to the MRAC. Ask for advice and direction from expert group of reform leaders.



### STEERING COMMITTEE and Non-MRAC Entities

The Steering Committee provides strategic guidance and makes/maintains connections across the prevention ecosystem to advance current and future reform work. Workgroup Co-Chairs can bring strategic issues/opportunities to the SC for discussion and support. Non-MRAC entities should be consulted by Workgroups to inform and advance implementation activities.



### Health & Human Services (HHS) and CDSS Leadership

Individuals and groups who influence and have interest in the successful implementation of the recommendations. These groups are primarily informed via the Child Welfare Council quarterly updates and the MRAC Semi-Annual reports.

# EXAMPLE: DAAWG Development of MRAC Key Metrics



## The Workgroup did the following:

- Defined their implementation activities and timing, and gained review/approval from the MRAC in Dec 2025
- Met with each MRAC Workgroup to scope their data needs and understand what metrics might help monitor progress of their recommendations
- Did some “sensemaking” of the ideas and requests
- Brought the preliminary input to the MRAC to socialize the process and continue to workshop the ideas. Setting the groundwork for buy-in and “approval”

## Next Steps

- Continue to refine the input and ideas, and signal to the MRAC during monthly report out when and how they will review these metrics with the necessary outside experts and partners, e.g. CQI advisory, CDSS, others?
- Develop a recommended set of metrics for the MRAC to review and discuss
- Discuss the proposed draft metrics with outside experts/partners
- Iterate and bring back to the MRAC for approval
- Finalize and publicize in MRAC Semi-Annual Report and ongoing comms



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# Workgroup Updates and Action Planning



# Workgroup Updates: Why & How



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## WHY

- Leverage this amazing MRAC group of experts to truly transform mandated reporting in CA
- Hold each other accountable for that transformation—incremental change is not enough
- Identify gaps, opportunities, and new areas for reform and future recommendations
- Keep the work coordinated across Workgroups and effectively working across the prevention ecosystem

## HOW

- Update report outs at the MRAC meeting: 10 minutes is standard, ask for more when needed
- It's more than “what you are doing”—forecast, plan, tell the MRAC what you need
- Generally presented by the Co-Chairs, but not required
- Guest presenters also encouraged when it supports the Workgroup's work

# Prompts for Updates & Discussion



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- Overall deliverable status
- What is the role and influence of folx with lived experience in shaping your Workgroup's work
- New/key accomplishments to celebrate
- How is this achievement improving the lives of children and families in CA
- Current challenges and proposed solutions, or help/guidance needed from MRAC
- What's coming up that the MRAC should know about, e.g. Meetings with non-MRAC groups, requests for guidance or approval from the MRAC, etc.
- Integrated Focus Approach: Are there parts of your current work that you are advancing helping to support the implementation of AB 2085?

# Workgroup Updates



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Data & Accountability [10 min]

Community Pathways [10 min]

Policy [10 min]

Training [20 min]

Narrative Shift, with a guest from Rally Communications [20 min]

# Reactions, Intersections & Milestones



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- What stands out for you based on the updates?
- Where are the productive intersections or leverage points?
- Anything missing? Is there room for enhancements?
- What are the milestones to highlight in the MRAC 2026 Semi-Annual reports (June & December), and how do we ensure the milestones are advanced?

# Public Comment



- Raise your virtual hand
- Come off mute. Turn on your camera if you like
- Maximum of 2 minutes for comment which will go on public record
- You can put comments in the chat that will go on the record
- No response will be provided

# Updates & Next Steps



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- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!
  - **Recordings Available:**
    - April 1st, Recording for opening session is available
    - April 8th, Lived Experts Inform Community Pathway Development
    - April 15th, Reimagining Mandated Reporting and Building Prevention-Focused Pathways
  - **Coming Up**
    - April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Concrete Supports in Action
    - April 29<sup>th</sup>, Self-Care Tools for High-Impact Care Teams
  - See chat for registration links
- Meetings are set through December 2026—See chat for dates and registration links
- Workgroups meet between MRAC meetings – your PM will follow-up
- **May music selection... ???** 🎵🎵🎵



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# Thanks!