



Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting

*Communities Keeping Children Safe
and Families Together*

Welcome!

Mandated Reporting Advisory
Committee Members
and
Public Participants

May 21, 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
- Workgroup Updates & Action Planning
- Semi-Annual Milestones
- Public Comment
- Announcements & 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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Workgroup Updates and Action Planning



Workgroup Updates: Why & How



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WHY

- Leverage the diverse and expert group of MRAC members 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

Prompts for Updates & Discussion



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- Overall deliverable status
- New/key accomplishments to celebrate
- 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.

Highlight How the Work Links to:

- The role and influence of folx with lived experience in shaping your Workgroup's work
- How is this achievement improving the lives of children and families in CA
- The 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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Narrative Shift, guest from Rally Communications [35 min]

- **Call for Approval to Advance:** Story Bank form and process, and the Elevator Speech

Data & Accountability [15 min]

- **Call for Approval to Advance:** Metrics to Monitor MR Reform Efforts with a Focus on Disproportionality

Training [10 min]

Community Pathways [10 min]

Policy [10 min]



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Prompts for Discussion

- 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?

Workgroup Updates to Advance Implementation Activities

Note: For Narrative Shift and DAAWG, the Gradients of Agreement will be used for the Call for Approval

1. **Workgroup Presentation**
2. **Clarifying Questions & Discussion**
3. **Question:** Do you agree with moving this activity forward to advance the recommendation?
4. **Feedback** using the **POLL** with **THE NUMBER** that corresponds to your answer

1 = I strongly disagree
2 = I disagree
3 = I somewhat agree
4 = I agree
5 = I absolutely agree



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Semi-Annual Report to the Child Welfare Council



Milestones for the Report & Presentation



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Implemented

- MRAC created

Approved by the MRAC to Advance

- Narrative Shift: Key messaging & FAQs (Advanced); Elevator Speech and Story Bank process (TBD)
- Data & Accountability: Metrics to monitor MR reform efforts with a focus on disproportionality (TBD)

Significantly Advanced

- Training: AB 2085 Training, multiple pilots

Upcoming

- Community Pathways: Mandate reporting information for inclusion in Comprehensive Prevention Plans (CPPs) when the CDSS requires updates to the Plans

Delayed

- NA

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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- **June 10th** Join the Child Welfare Council meeting for the MRAC Semi-Annual update presentation
- **June 18th** MRAC meeting is dedicated to a **PRIVATE** training on **AB 2085**—please **be sure to attend**. **NOTE: There is limited time for Workgroup updates and requests to advance activities.**
- **July 23rd** meeting is a presentation and discussion with the Legislative Analysts Office (LAO) to inform our work
- Meetings are set through December 2026—See chat for dates and registration links
- **July music selection... ???** 🎵 🎵 🎵



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Thank You!

