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**AGENDA ITEM: First Read: Triage Personnel Grant Criteria (Action)**

**ENCLOSURES:**

- Overview of Triage Grant Program
- Triage Grant Criteria

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** PowerPoint handouts will be available at the meeting.

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**Presentation:**

Sherri Gauger, Executive Director, and Kevin Hoffman, Deputy Executive Director, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) will present information relevant to the granting authority and selection criteria given to the MHSOAC through Senate Bill (SB) 82.

**Background:**

On May 16, 2013, Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg released his call for state action which resulted in the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 that became law through SB 82, Chaptered by Secretary of State Chapter 12, Statutes of 2011.

The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA), CHFFA will be responsible to add at least 25 mobile crisis support teams and at least 2,000 crisis stabilization and crisis residential treatment beds.

The MHSOAC will be responsible to add at least 600 triage personnel. The MHSOAC is mandated to report to the Legislature on the status of its grant awarding process by March 2014.

Through SB 82 the Commission was given a description of what services the triage personnel may provide and some criteria for selecting grant recipients. Since some questions remained relevant to apportionment and awarding cycles, Commission staff determined that it would assemble a pool of Subject Matter Experts (SME) to assist with the development of the criteria and award process. Commission staff recruited experts from various fields related to this project to advise and provide technical assistance to staff in development of the criteria, which included: California Endowment, Progress Foundation, California Mental Health Directors Association, homeless representative, hospital representative, provider representative, Peers Envisioning and Engaging in

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**Background Continued:**

Recovery Services, California Mental Health Services Act Multicultural Coalition/Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition, Governor's California Interagency Council on Veterans, California Department of Education, Consumers Self Help Center, California Probation Chiefs Association provider representative, and Youth Connection.

From information required in the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, staff created two documents: a premise paper which outlined assumptions made by the MHSOAC with regard to its role and authority, and an issue paper which outlined questions that the MHSOAC preferred to have stakeholder input on before coming to any final decisions. These documents were provided to the SME Work Group, and over the course of two-day long meetings (August 22, 2013 and September 5, 2013) the selection criteria related to developing the Request for Application (RFA) process was created.

Next Steps:

Commission staff will write the RFA upon approval of the criteria from the Commission with a proposed RFA release date of October 3, 2013. Proposers will have 65 days to complete and submit an application. The Commission is scheduled to meet and vote on the recommended awards at the January 2014 Commission Meeting.

**Action:**

**Proposed Motion:** The MHSOAC approves the proposed criteria to be used in the Triage Request for Application