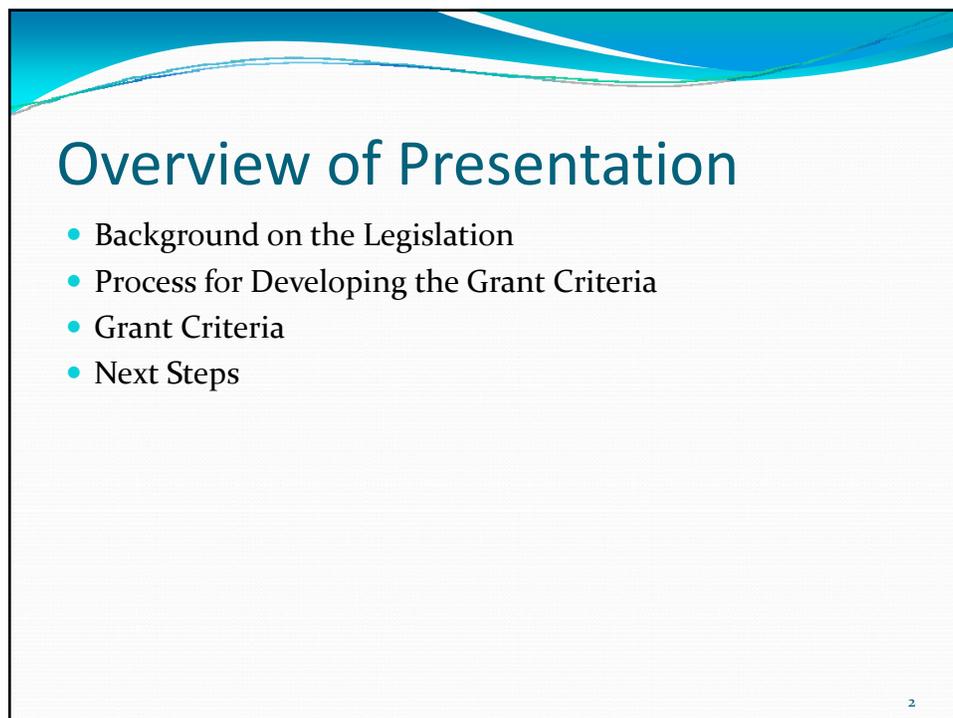


Senate Bill 82
Effective June 27th, 2013
Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013

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Overview of Presentation

- Background on the Legislation
- Process for Developing the Grant Criteria
- Grant Criteria
- Next Steps

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Background

- On May 16th 2013 Pres Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg released his call for state action which resulted in the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 that became law through Senate Bill 82
- Senate Bill 82 authorized the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA), and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), to administer competitive selection processes for capital capacity and program expansion to increase capacity for mobile crisis support, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization services, crisis residential treatment, and specified personnel resources

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Background

- 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 through a competitive grant process

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Process

- Through SB 82 the Commission was given a description of what services the triage personnel may provide and some criteria for selecting grant recipients

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Process

- Commission Staff recruited experts from various fields related to this project to create a Subject Matter Expert (SME) Work Group. The work group advised and provided technical assistance to staff in development of the criteria. The work group included:
 - California Endowment
 - Progress Foundation
 - California Mental Health Directors Association
 - Homeless representative
 - Hospital representative
 - Provider representative

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Process

The work group included (Cont.):

- 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
- Youth Connection.

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Process

- From information in the law, staff created two documents; a premise paper and an issue paper and provided these documents to the Subject Matter Expert (SME) Work Group
- There were 2 meetings held with the SME Work Group August 22, 2013 and September 5, 2013

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Grant Criteria

- **Eligibility:**
 - Applicants are limited to counties, counties acting jointly, or city mental health departments
 - If counties are acting jointly, the applicant county must identify in its application all counties included in the collaborative proposal and show evidence that a collaborative agreement with those counties is in place for the grant request

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Grant Criteria

- **Funding:**
 - Total Funding: \$32 million in MHSA funds will be made available annually to fund triage personnel grants statewide.
 - It is anticipated that the overall funding for triage personnel will include federal Medicaid reimbursement for services when applicable.
 - No matching funds are required from counties.

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Grant Criteria

- **Funding (Cont):**

- Grant Cycle: Grants will be approved for a three-year grant cycle, with funds allocated annually for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
- Grant Apportionment: The Triage Grants will be apportioned based on the California Mental Health Directors Association regional designation, which breaks the state up into 5 regions.
- The apportionment process will also utilize the Department of Health Care Services 2013/2014 Mental Health Services Act Formula Distribution
- Counties will compete within their own regions for grant funds

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Department of Finance (DOF), January 2013

TRIAGE PERSONNEL APPORTIONMENT SUMMARY

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC TABLE WITH POPULATION AND DHCS DISTRIBUTION BY DHCS MHSA FORMULA

CMHDA REGION/CITY	POP	DHCS 13/14 MHSA DISTRIBUTION FORMULA	TARGET GOAL OF 600 STAFF BASED ON DISTRIBUTION FORMULA	TARGET AMOUNT OF MHSA FUNDS AVAILABLE BASED ON DISTRIBUTION FORMULA
BAY AREA				
	8,072,451	19.4%	116	\$6,208,000
CENTRAL				
	5,692,195	14.3%	86	\$4,576,000
SOUTHERN				
	13,356,803	33.9%	203	\$10,848,000
LA				
	9,739,359	28.6%	172	\$9,152,000
SUPERIOR				
	1,105,663	3.8%	23	\$1,216,000
TOTAL	37,966,471	100.0%	600	\$32,000,000

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Grant Criteria

- **Program Narrative:**
 - Description of Current Crisis Response System and Needs
 - A description of need for crisis triage staff in the applicant county and other counties acting jointly.
 - This description must include where triage staff are needed to fill gaps and link to appropriate services
 - The numbers of triage personnel required by type of position (i.e., clinical, peer, supervisory),
 - Identifying racial, ethnic and cultural groups targeted for services
 - An estimate of how many persons in crisis will be served in each year of the grant.

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Grant Criteria

- **Collaboration:** A description of local efforts to coordinate and collaborate with partners including counties and law enforcement, local social networks, hospitals, mental health and substance use non-profits, foundations and providers of services to racial, ethnic and cultural groups including low-to-moderate income people, in both developing the grant response and in service activity.

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Grant Criteria

- Program Operation: A description of the program operations and activities to be performed by triage case management staff.
 - Triage case management activities, which may include but are not limited to:
 - Communication, coordination, and referral
 - Monitoring service delivery to ensure the individual accesses and receives services
 - Monitoring an individual's progress
 - Providing placement services assistance and service plan development
 - Other activities to be performed

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Grant Criteria

- Program Operation (Cont)
 - How will triage staff be deployed? Please indicate what hours triage staff will be available
 - Will triage personnel be field-based or will some staff be mobile and able to travel? Please describe.
 - How will triage case management staff, include persons with lived experience (Peer Providers), be used? Please describe activities by type of position i.e., clinical, peer, supervisory.
 - Does the county intend to use contract providers, county staff, or both? Please describe.

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Grant Criteria

- Local Evaluation
 - Description of how the applicants will evaluate the effectiveness of increased triage personnel and/or the effectiveness of their improved crisis response system. Include the following:
 - Describe the goals and objectives for increased triage personnel and/or crisis response system
 - How will the applicant know if goals are met?
 - Description of system indicators, measures and outcomes to be tracked to provide overall evaluation of program effectiveness

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Grant Criteria

- **Reporting and Evaluation**
 - Grantees will be expected to report on the following process and encounter based information. Provide a description of how the county would report the following:
 1. **Process Information (Required of all grantees 6 months and 12 months following grant award)**
 - Number of triage personnel hired or contracted
 - Number for each type of triage personnel hired or contracted (e.g., peers, social workers, nurses, clinicians, mental health workers, etc.)
 - Service locations / points of access (hospital emergency rooms, hospitals, crisis stabilization programs, shelters, jails, and other community-based service points)

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Grant Criteria

- **Reporting and Evaluation (contd.)**
 2. **Encounter Based Information** (Required of all grantees 12 months after initial grant award and every 6 months through grant cycle.)
 - Total unduplicated persons served
 - Total number of service contacts
 - Basic demographic information for each individual served (e.g., age, race, ethnicity, gender language spoken, cultural heritage, LGBTQ, military status)
 - Services that individual was referred to by triage personnel
 - At the time triage was provided was individual currently enrolled in any mental health service? If yes, what service?

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Next Steps

- Commission Staff will write the Request for Applications upon approval of the criteria from the Commission.
- Proposed date for release of RFA is October 3rd, 2013
- The MHSOAC has provided 65 days for the proposers (counties) to complete their applications
- The Commission is scheduled to meet and approve the recommended awards January 2014 Commission meeting.

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Motion

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