



Award Early Psychosis Intervention Plus (EPI Plus) Phase II Grants

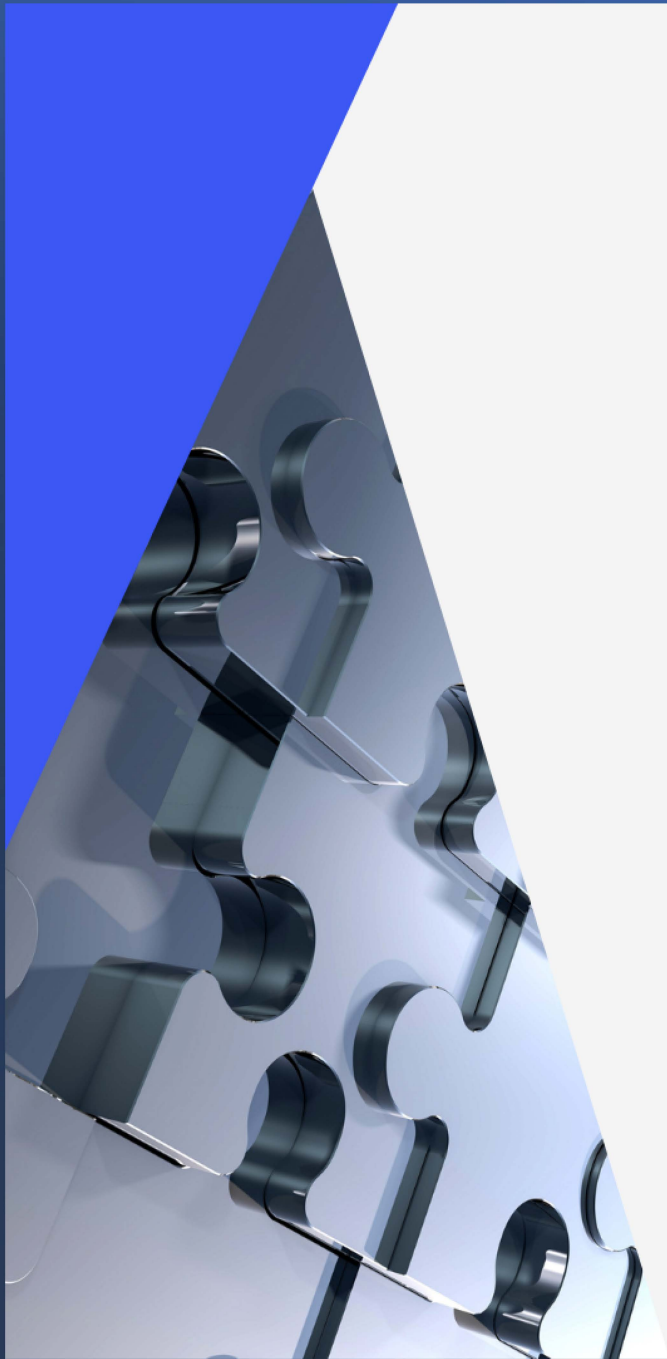
Agenda Item 2

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The Challenge

- Duration of Untreated Psychosis
 - 18.5 months between symptom onset and treatment
- Numbers
 - 8,600 California youth and young adults develop psychosis each year
- Other challenges
 - Various insurance billing approaches
 - Workforce shortage for early psychosis
 - Limited public awareness of the disorder and it's early symptoms



Assembly Bill

On October 2, 2017, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 1315 (Mullin, Chapter 414, 2017), establishing the Early Psychosis Intervention Plus (EPI Plus) Program

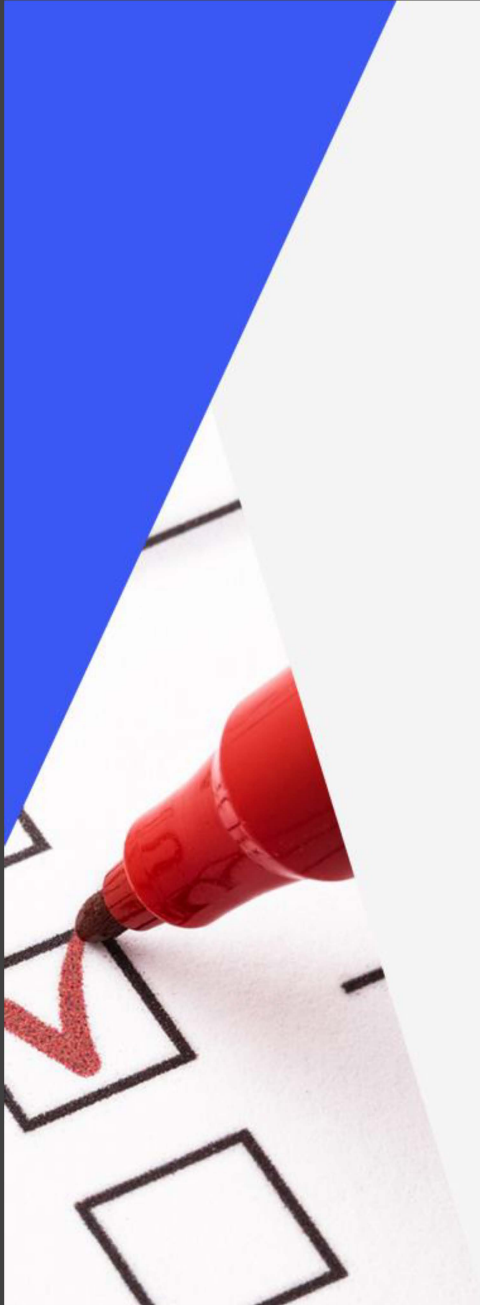
- Commission appointed the Advisory Committee and will implement the program
- \$19,452,000 to catalyze expansion

Timeline of Activities

- January 2020- Advisory Committee recommended outline for RFA
- February 2020- Commission approved the outline for RFA-001
- August 2020- Commission awarded five grants
- October/November 2020- Committee identified funding priorities for 5.5 million
- November 2020 Commission approved the RFA outline
- February 2021 RFA released

The RFA Goals

- New or existing and Hub and Spoke
- Partnership with Community-based organizations serving diverse populations
- Coordinated Specialty Care model
 - Primary Care/Medication
 - Case Management
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapies
 - Family Education and Support
 - Supported Employment and Education
 - Peer Support





Grant Apportionment

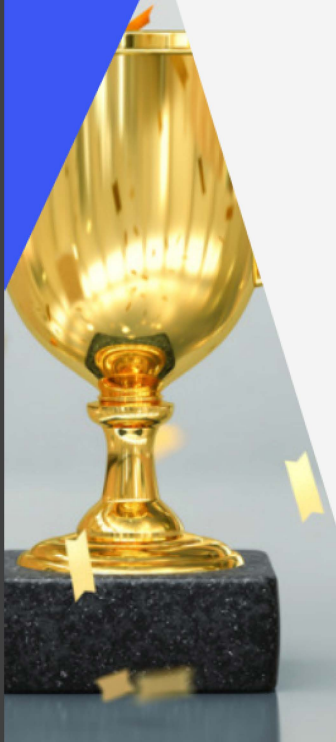
- Programs to receive \$2 million each for a four-year term
- Allowable costs include:
 - Personnel and/or peer support
 - Program costs including services, technology, data collection, and facilities improvements as they relate to expanding services to reach full fidelity to the CSC model
 - Administration
 - All costs must be directly related to expanding the current early psychosis intervention program as outlined in the application

Evaluation

- The RFA contained scoring tool and rubric for scoring
- Stage 1: Administrative Submission Review
 - Contribution of local funds
 - County, city, multicounty mental health/behavioral health department, or counties acting jointly
- Stage 2: Application Scoring Mandatory requirements
 - Scored requirements
 - Budget Worksheet
 - The applications with the highest overall scores are recommended for an award

Recommended Awards

- Santa Clara County (New or Existing Program)
 - The Raising Early Awareness and Creating Hope (REACH) program, community-based organizations and Behavioral Health Services Department work together to raise awareness of early warning signs of psychosis, and quickly triage at-risk youth and young adults to a continuum of coordinated, stepped-care services
 - Coordinating MHSSA -> *allcove* -> EPI Program



Recommended Awards

- **Nevada County (Hub and Spoke Program)**
 - This program includes three Spoke counties Nevada County, Alpine County, & Mono County, which are supported by the Hub, Sacramento Early Detection and Preventive Treatment (SacEDAPT), UC Davis
 - This project will be called REACH, which stands for Rural EPI Access through Cultural Humility
 - The goal is to expand the Collaborative to include additional small/rural counties over time



Proposed Motion

- For each of the grants, the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to:
 - Issue a Notice of Intent to Award EPI Plus Grants to the two highest scoring applicants in each category:
Santa Clara County- New or Existing and
Nevada County- Hub and Spoke
 - Notify the Commission Chair and Vice Chair of any protests within two working days of the filing and adjudicate protests consistent with the procedure provided in the Request for Applications
 - Execute the contracts upon expiration of the protest period or consideration of protests, whichever comes first

Questions

