

# Mental Health Crisis Triage Request for Applications (RFA)



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# Goal for Today

Input from the CLCC on what we should consider with regard to ensuring cultural competence when reading the Applications for crisis triage grants.



# Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013

- Also known as Senate Bill (SB) 82, or triage grants
- Signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2013
- Charged the MHSOAC to administer competitive grants for counties to hire crisis intervention triage personnel statewide
- Total of \$96 million (\$32 million per year)



# Intent

- Increase capacity
- Reduce incarceration rates
- Reduce fiscal strain on hospital ED
- Mitigate unnecessary expenditure of law enforcement
- Fill gaps



# Objectives

- Improve client experience
- Place triage personnel at various points of access
- Reduce recidivism and unnecessary expenditures of law enforcement
- Reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and inpatient days



# Triage Grants

- 24 counties were funded in early 2014
- Outcomes included:
  - Increase in the utilization of peers in crisis intervention
  - Reduction in psychiatric hospitalizations
  - Improved consumer well-being
  - Increased access and linkages to services and resources
  - Improved timeliness and coordination of services
  - Reduction in stigma



# Lessons Learned

- Quarterly meetings with Triage Coordinators
- Triage Meeting with Law Enforcement: January 4, 2017
- Forum on Triage: February 13, 2017



# Cultural Competence

What are some general guidelines we should consider when reading the grants?

