

Mental Health Crisis Triage Request for Applications (RFA)



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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)



Objectives of the Act

- Improve the client experience;
- Reduce costs;
- Expand the continuum of services to address crisis intervention;
- Expand crisis stabilization and crisis residential treatment needs;
- Add personnel to provide crisis intervention services for individuals with mental health disorders;
- Reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and inpatient days;
- Reduce recidivism and mitigate unnecessary expenditures of local law enforcement; and
- Provide local communities with increased financial resources to leverage additional public and private funding sources to achieve improved networks of care for individuals in with mental health disorders.



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
- SB 82 Information Gathering Meeting: June 29, 2017



Cultural Competence

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

