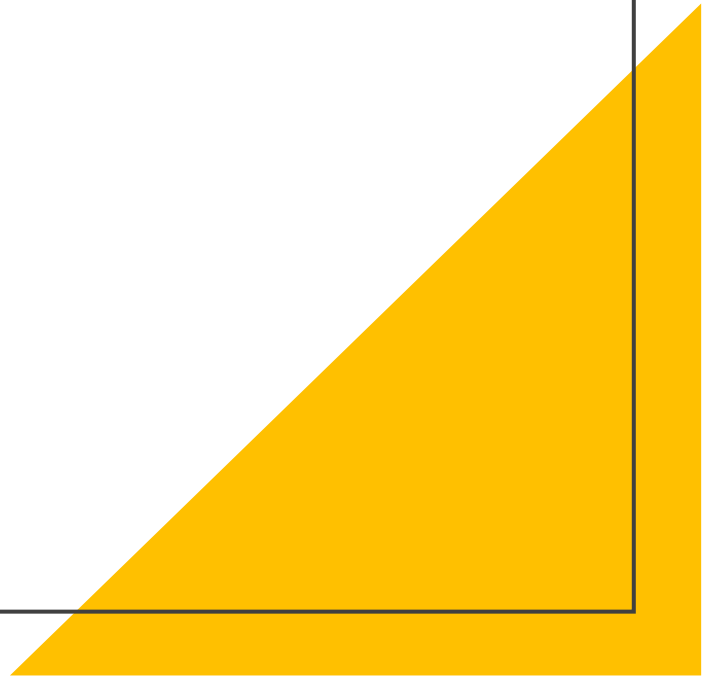


# AB 118

MHAB Directors Report

October 21, 2021



# Legislation

- AB 118 passed into law on October 8, 2021
- Establishes the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program
  - Through the Department of Social Services (not DHCS)
  - “Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act”
  - Subject to future funding from the Legislature for implementation

# Potential Grantees

- City, Counties, Tribal Departments, Disability Services, Health Services, Public Health, Behavioral Health
- Based on Grants based on criteria developed “in partnership with a stakeholder workgroup”
- Each grantee eligible for a minimum of \$250K per year under the program
- 90% of the funds would need to go to one or more qualifying community-based organization

# Goal of the Legislation

**“Create and strengthen community-based alternatives to law enforcement to lessen the reliance on law enforcement agencies as first responders to crisis situations unrelated to a fire department or emergency medical service response.”**



# Stakeholder Process

- The Department of Social Services responsible for convening a stakeholder group
- Purpose:
  - To make recommendations to the department regarding the implementation of the program as specified in legislation
- Look at the following:
  - Develop criteria for qualified grantees
  - Best practices and program recommendations
  - Consultation on implementation and priorities for technical assistance
  - Identify barriers to implementation and potential solutions
  - Recommendations on data to be collected
  - Review of data and outcomes
  - Advise on the design of the evaluation

# Stakeholder Group Membership

- Emergency medical system practitioners
- Members of the public who have survived an emergency or crisis and have used community-based services
- Survivors of police brutality
- Surviving family members of someone who has been subject to use of force resulting in death or serious bodily injury by a law enforcement officer
- Cannot Include: current or former law enforcement officers or immediate family members of law enforcement

# Legislation End Date

- All provisions of the bill are repealed as of **June 30, 2026**