

MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE PERSONNEL GRANT
PROCESS INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Total Number of Triage Personnel Hired to Date
(Identify in Full-Time Equivalent FTEs)

a. Total County Staff	56	FTEs
b. Total Contract Staff	41	FTEs

2. Total Number for Each Type of Personnel Hired
(Identify in Full-Time Equivalent FTEs. If the staff hired do not fit the categories below, please specify in the “other” category)

a. County Staff		
i. Case Managers		FTEs
ii. Social Workers	15	FTEs
iii. Nurses		FTEs
iv. Clinicians		FTEs
v. Mental Health Workers		FTEs
vi. Peer Providers	23	FTEs
vii. Outreach Workers		FTEs
viii. Psychiatrists		FTEs
ix. Other		
Intermediate Typist Clerks	8	FTEs
Health Care Financial Analysts	2	FTEs
Psychologist	1	FTEs
Clinical Supervisors	7	FTEs

b. Contract Staff		
i. Case Managers	6	FTEs
ii. Social Workers	1	FTEs
iii. Nurses	0	FTEs
iv. Clinicians	17	FTEs
v. Mental Health Workers	0	FTEs
vi. Peer Providers	12	FTEs
vii. Outreach Workers	0	FTEs
viii. Psychiatrists	0	FTEs
ix. Other		
Supervisors	2	FTEs
Psychologist	1	FTEs
Client Care Coordinators	2	FTEs
		FTEs

3. Identify Triage Locations for Service and Points of Access Currently Available with Staff Already Hired
(e.g., hospital emergency rooms, homeless shelters, mobile teams, etc.)

DCFS Child Welcome Center	
DCFS Youth Welcome Center	
Street-based Outreach	
Shelter-based Outreach	
County Jails	
Urgent Care Centers	

4. Comments

LA County has 4 different SB 82 Components

1) DMH Mobile Triage Teams (MTT): County Staff

In addition to the Social Workers listed above, DMH has 7 in-kind Social Workers and is currently interviewing for 1 more, for a projected total of 8 in-kind Social Workers.

In addition to the FTEs listed above, DMH has also hired 12 part-time stipend SB 82 volunteers as Peer Providers. The teams are currently interviewing for the remaining 36 SB 82 Volunteers, for a projected total of 48 volunteers.

The Mobile Triage Teams have an additional 6 FTEs who have been selected and are finishing the human resources process who are projected to start within the next month, including 1 Social Worker, 3 Peer Providers, 1 Clinical Supervisor, and 1 Intermediate Typist Clerk. There are 8 more positions that are in the interview process. Once these positions are filled Los Angeles will have a total of 69 FTEs hired.

2) Youth Crisis Placement Stabilization Team: Contract Staff

VIP, the contracted provider, is currently working to re-fill 3 vacancies due to turnover, including 1 clinician and 2 peer workers.

3) Forensic Outreach Teams: Contract Staff

The contract amendments with 12 agencies were finalized last November. Interviews are being conducted to hire an additional 5 clinicians and 8 peer workers. Each agency receives funding to hire 2 staff for a total of 14 teams.

4) Crisis Transition Specialist Teams—

The contract amendment with 1 agency was finalized last November. Two teams, consisting of two staff per team, for three existing Urgent Care Center sites, are fully staffed. The additional teams will be hired upon development of the new Urgent Care Center funded through the capital funding made available from SB 82.

One challenge that the county has encountered in hiring staff is related to the fact that the items are grant-funded positions that are considered monthly-permanent grant-funded positions rather than permanent positions. There were several potential candidates that were offered Mobile Triage Team positions who eventually declined the employment offer due to their concerns about these being non-permanent items.

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