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**Promoting Health, Wellness and Recovery Through Senate Bill 82 (Steinberg)**

Senate Bill 82 (Steinberg) establishes the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (“Act”) and appropriates funds to selected counties to “increase capacity for client assistance and services in crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, crisis residential treatment, rehabilitative mental health services, and mobile crisis support teams.” These critical funds promote recovery and wellness and can prevent serious mental illnesses from becoming yet more serious. The Act’s key objectives are to expand crisis treatment services and capacity, add mobile crisis support teams, add triage personnel, reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and inpatient days, reduce recidivism and unnecessary expenditures of local law enforcement, expand the continuum of services with early intervention and treatment options and leverage public and private funding.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Direct the Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Department of Mental Health to:

1. Continue developing proposals to apply for funds available through the

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Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (SB 82) in order to support Los Angeles County's efforts to provide quality mental health services for the following populations:

- a. Homeless individuals;
  - b. Adolescents and transitioned aged youth in crisis, especially to aid placement stabilization;
  - c. AB109 probationers;
  - d. Veterans; and
  - e. Persons requiring linkage to health and substance abuse.
2. Report back in two weeks in writing and include in the report a description of efforts to ensure the State adopts a funding formula that fairly distributes SB 82 monies.

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