

Resolution for AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan) Mental health: mobile crisis support teams: 988 crisis hotline.

Whereas,

AB 988 represents a legislative solution to a compelling societal need to transition to a single suicide prevention and mental health hotline as required by federal law, and to ensure people that are experiencing behavioral health crises are linked to local services quickly and appropriately;

Whereas,

AB 988 unwisely proposes to create a new structure that would impose upon new responsibilities over Counties without regard to appropriateness of structure, roles, expertise, and, above all, sustained funding for crisis intervention services and coordination;

Whereas,

Existing county-operated local structures have limited capacity, incomplete crisis services and infrastructure, and a lack of permanent and sufficient funding for such services;

Whereas,

The Community Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, the association that represents the behavioral health departments of the fifty-eight California Counties has, after careful analysis, taken a Support if Amended position on AB 988 in recognition of its extraordinary potential but serious flaws;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1) SCPS takes a Support if Amended position on AB 988
- 2) SCPS shall advise PPAC to change its position to Support if Amended position on AB 988
- 3) SCPS shall publish its Support if Amended position on AB 988 in its newsletter, along with the current PPAC position.