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**Mental Health Ombudsman Proposal For SB 499**  
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**(1) Mental health crisis response planning process**

- (a) Every county shall complete a mental health crisis response planning process using input from local planning groups. *that include consumers and their families*
- (b) The plan shall assess the need and the available resources; describe how current resources will be used; and identify priorities for additional resources needed.
- (c) The plan shall be reviewed by the service area authority and the department, and submitted to county government for approval.

**(2) Local mental health crisis planning groups may represent local communities, entire counties, coalitions of counties or any combination of these, and may also be a local advisory council for public mental health care.**

- (a) The department shall assist with mental health crisis response planning,
- (b) The department shall provide information and technical assistance, including identifying or requesting funding for crisis services.