

# ***From Floundering to Flourishing***

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## Alameda County Quick Facts:

- Estimated Population 1.6 million
- 7<sup>th</sup> Largest county in CA
- 4<sup>th</sup> Most diverse county in US
- About 13% of older adults (65+) account for population
- 32% Foreign Born, 1 in 10 not being a citizen
- 39 different languages are spoken

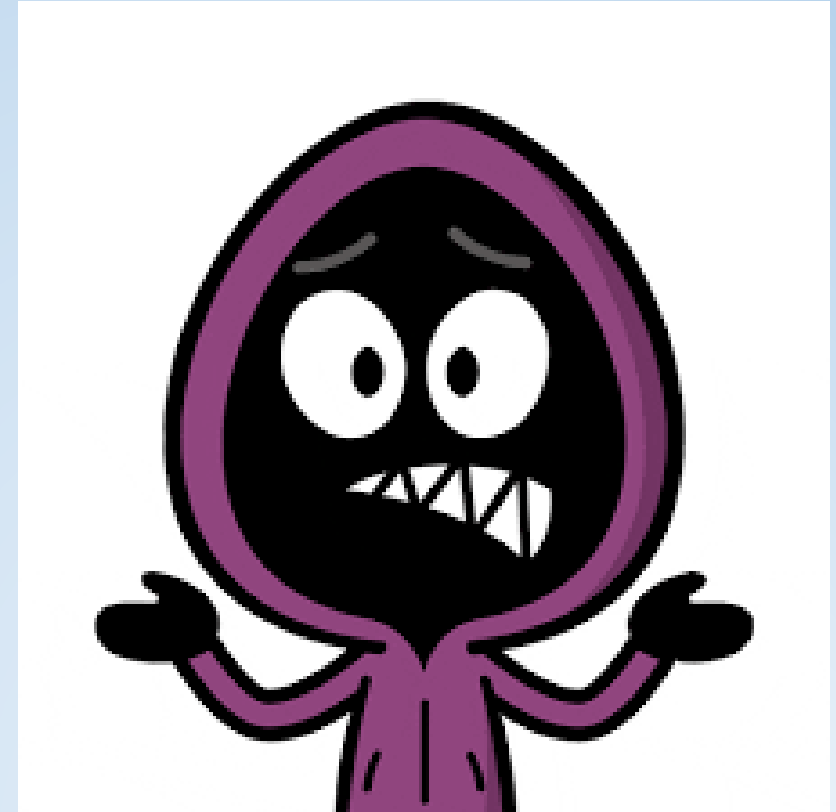
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## ***Mental Health Technology Project – 2018***

- 2017 MHSA Community Planning Process (CPP) identified mental health technology as a high priority in the community
- Project began with much enthusiasm from grantees
- Inadequate approvals led the county to cancel the project, although it had already begun

## *Aftermath and Floundering*

- Now what?
- Should we reprise the project?
- Is the project strong enough to be reprised?
- If not, how can we make the project stronger?
- What do I do if my project is being done already?



## *Still Floundering?*



- Send up the bat signal and talk to the TAs from the OAC staff on all possibilities
- Research all aspects of what you want to do with the project, and then go further
- Don't be afraid to use a substantially similar project as your guide
- Most important reason to reprise: the community voices

# *Reprisal of a Cancelled Project*

## *Going to the Commission*

- Be prepared for commissioners to ask questions when you know answers are in your proposal
- OAC TAs will prep you very well
- Research each commissioner in regards to your project: are they for/against it?
- Put something in your proposal that appeals to that commissioner
- Listen the OAC TAs comments and suggestions



# ***Mental Health Technology 2.0***

## **Approved and Flourishing**

- Project began April 1, 2020
- During the first Quarterly meeting in June, several of the grantees were projecting to have some Beta testing completed by end of second Quarter
- Current pandemic has brought new opportunities for testing the capacity of the app which remain in discussion among the grantees

## Comments and Questions



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