

Community Health Commission
Eric Lee, Chair
Kellie Knox, Staff Secretary

Community Health Commission

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 6:30 – 9:00pm

Meeting Location:

Judge Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
Phone: 510-981-5170

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair
2. Roll Call by Secretary
3. Land Acknowledgement – Attachment 6
4. Announcements & Introductions
5. Confirm note taker – if needed
6. Public Comment

The public may comment virtually about any item **not** on the agenda. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

Discussion and Action Items

Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

1. Approval of Draft Minutes from 2/27/2025 Regular Meeting - Attachment 1
2. Commission Chair's Report
3. Election of Officers

Future Agenda items

Adjournment

Attachments

1. Draft minutes from 02/27/2025 CHC Regular meeting
2. CHC 2024-2025 Work Plan
3. CHC Meeting Calendar 2025
4. City Council and Community Health Commission Timeline 2025
5. Land Acknowledgement

The *next meeting* of the Community Health Commission is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 with a *deadline of Tuesday, April 15, 2025 for the public's submission of agenda items and materials for the agenda packet. Dates are subject to change.* Please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

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Secretary:

Kellie Knox

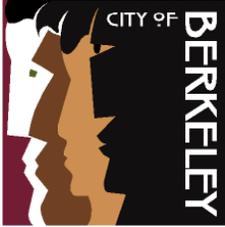
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Community Health Commission
DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 27, 2025

The meeting convened at 6:38 p.m. with Commission Chair Lee presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Smart, Katz, and Lee.

Absent: None.

Excused: Commissioners Porter and Spigner,

Staff present: Kellie Knox

Community Members: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

ACTION ITEM

1. M/S/C (Smart/Katz): Motion to adopt minutes from the November 21, 2024 meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Smart, Katz, and Lee.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent from vote: None.

Excused: Commissioners Porter and Spigner.

Motion Passed.

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ACTION ITEM

2. M/S/C (Katz/Smart): Motion to reschedule election of officers vote until March 27, 2025 meeting due to low attendance.

Ayes: Commissioners Smart, Katz, and Lee.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent from vote: None.

Excused: Commissioners Porter and Spigner.

Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. Berkeley Wellness Blueprint's Community Health Assessment – Discussion of final report.
3. Commission Chair's Report by Chair Lee – Discussion
4. Term Limits for Commissioners – Discussion.
5. Election of Officers – Discussion and Action to postpone.

Future Agenda Items

- Schedule Janice Chin to return to discuss CHA/CHIP
- Possible referral from Councilmember Lunaparra concerning Environmental Health's implementation of placards at food facilities.
- Election of Officers.
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This meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes will be reviewed for approval on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Knox, Commission Secretary _____

Community Health Commission 2024-25 Work Plan

Guiding Philosophy: To look at health through an equity lens in order to address, ameliorate, and abolish health inequities in Berkeley while addressing and supporting public health efforts in collaboration with the City of Berkeley City Council, City of Berkeley Public Health staff, and community members.

1. Mission/Purpose:

1. Collaborate with the community, the City of Berkeley Health Officer Unit, Public Health Division, and Berkeley City Council to eliminate health inequity by:
 - a. Advocating to the City Council for policies that have the potential to improve the health of Berkeley residents and that can be implemented, monitored and evaluated.
 - b. Representing the diversity of the community through the diversity of this commission's membership.
 - c. Increasing public education to develop greater understanding and awareness of public health issues.
 - d. Advocating with the residents of Berkeley most affected by institutional, social, and organizational inequities and disparities.
 - e. Providing a public forum for all community members to share their public- health-related concerns and ideas
2. Achieve progress in attaining general good health for all Berkeley residents by being responsive to community needs and facilitating general health and safety.

Overall issues to be addressed through a health equity lens.

- Be responsive to recommendations that will help Berkeley residents, care providers, and clinics cope with spending cuts to local, state, and federal funding.
- Continue to be a community advocate to City Council to address structural, institutional, and health inequities impacting all underserved populations, taking into account the social determinants of health.
- Work to have community health data measures documented in a timely manner and to promptly evaluate and act on novel data such as the Health Status Report.
- Increase healthy food security
- Advocate for the expansion of affordable housing
- Address the planned closure of Alta Bates Hospital
 - Promote the findings of the Health Impact Assessment regarding the closure of Alta Bates Hospital and efforts to maintain acute care services for Berkeley residents.
- Work to support policies and initiatives that advance UHC such as Medicare for All.

- Advise the City Council as HHCS and Public Health Division develop their strategic plans, Community Health Assessment, and Community Health Improvement Plan.

2. General steps and actions needed to meet priorities:

1. Conduct outreach to encourage Berkeley community members to engage with the CHC.
2. Collaborate with other commissions to share resources and support recommendations.
3. Form focused/specialized ad-hoc subcommittees, as needed.

Basic Needs Security

Focus on healthy food security and affordable/accessible housing.

- Advocate for policies to mitigate unhealthy food consumption.
- Advocate for affordability and accessibility of healthy foods by supporting programs in Berkeley that address these issues.
- Advocate for affordable housing and rent protections for Berkeley residents.
- Connect with community-based organizations and appropriate City of Berkeley departments to acquire information about available resources for Berkeley residents.

Chronic Disease Prevention

Recommend interventions to address diabetes, obesity, heart diseases, and other chronic conditions highlighted by the Berkeley health status report

Health Equity

Review the Health Status Report and engage with Public Health staff and community members to advocate for the implementation of strategies that will reduce health inequities:

- Work on cultural competency for health care providers
- Continue to support the development of the African American Holistic Resource Center
- Investigate and implement efforts to improve immigrant access to health care.

Ombudsperson Program for Long Term Care Facilities

Continue to engage with and monitor city council actions related to the city council's referral on long-term care facilities.

2025 Commission Meeting Schedule

Please complete this form and email it to the commission@berkeleyca.gov by: **Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

Name of Commission: Community Health

Commission Secretary: Kellie Knox

Example

Month	Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Time
January 2025	Wednesday	2/10/2024	7:00 pm

Month	Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Time
January 2025	Thursday	1/23/2025	6:30 pm
February 2025	Thursday	2/27/2025	6:30 pm
March 2025	Thursday	3/27/2025	6:30 pm
April 2025	Thursday	4/24/2025	6:30 pm
May 2025	Thursday	5/22/2025	6:30 pm
June 2025	Thursday	6/26/2025	6:30 pm
July 2025	Thursday	7/24/2025	6:30 pm
August 2025	No Meeting		
September 2025	Thursday	9/25/2025	6:30 pm
October 2025	Thursday	10/16/2025	6:30 pm
November 2025	Thursday	11/20/2025	6:30 pm
December 2025	No Meeting		

2024				Thursday 12:00 PM	Thursday 12:00 PM	Monday 2:30 PM	Wednesday 11:00 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM
COUNCIL MEETING DATE	Commission needs to take action by	Reports Due for 1st Review (OOD Staff)	Reports Due to Director	Dept. Reports Due to Clerk Day 33	Agenda Committee Packet to Print Day 19	Agenda Committee Meeting Day 15	Final Agenda Meeting - (Print Agenda on wed.) Day 13	Council Agenda Delivery Day 12
Winter Recess [December 13, 2023 through January 15, 2024]								
Jan 16	11/23	11/30	11/30	12/14	1/2 - Tue	1/4 - Thur	1/4 - Thur	1/5 - Fri
Jan 30	12/7	12/14	12/14	12/28	1/11	1/16 - Tue	1/17	1/18
Feb 13	12/21	12/28	12/28	1/11	1/25	1/29	1/31	2/1
Feb 27	1/4	1/11	1/11	1/25	2/8	2/13 - Tue	2/14	2/15
Mar 12	1/18	1/25	1/25	2/8	2/22	2/26	2/28	2/29
Mar 19	1/25	2/1	2/1	2/15	2/29	3/4	3/6	3/7
Spring Recess [March 27 through May 6, 2024]								
May 7	3/14	3/21	3/21	4/4	4/18	4/25 - Thr	4/25 - Thr	4/26 - Fri
May 14	3/21	3/28	3/28	4/11	4/25	5/1 - Wed	5/1	5/2
May 21	3/28	4/4	4/4	4/18	5/2	5/7 - Tue	5/8	5/9
Jun 4	4/11	4/18	4/18	5/2	5/16	5/21 - Tue	5/22	5/23
Jun 25	5/2	5/9	5/9	5/23	6/6	6/10	6/12	6/13
Jul 9	5/16	5/23	5/23	6/6	6/20	6/24	6/26	6/27
Jul 23	5/30	6/6	6/6	6/20	7/3 - Wed	7/8	7/10	7/11
Jul 30	6/6	6/13	6/13	6/27	7/11	7/15	7/17	7/18
Summer Recess [July 31 through September 9, 2024]								
Sep 10	7/18	7/25	7/25	8/8	8/22	8/26	8/28	8/29
Sep 24	8/1	8/8	8/8	8/22	9/5	9/9	9/11	9/12
Oct 1	8/8	8/15	8/15	8/29	9/12	9/16	9/18	9/19
Oct 15	8/22	8/29	8/29	9/12	9/26	9/30	10/2	10/3
Oct 29	9/5	9/12	9/12	9/26	10/10	10/15 - Tue	10/16	10/17
Nov 12	9/19	9/26	9/26	10/10	10/24	10/28	10/30	10/31
Nov 19	9/26	10/3	10/3	10/17	10/31	11/4	11/6	11/7
Dec 3	10/10	10/17	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/18	11/20	11/21
Dec 10	10/20	10/27	10/27	11/7	11/21	11/25	11/27	11/27 - Wed
Winter Recess [December 11, 2024 through January 14, 2025]								

VTO Affected Dates

Holiday Affected Dates

Religious Holiday Affected Date

Updated 02/26/2024

Reports not submitted by the deadlines listed will not be included on the agenda.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County.

This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band.

As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay.

We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878.

As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.