



Health, Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

To: Mental Health Commissioners
From: Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary
Date: July 11, 2019

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Health, Housing &
Community Services Department
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission

Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

1947 Center Street
Basement, Multi-Purpose Room

AGENDA

All Agenda Items are for Discussion and Possible Action

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- 7:00 pm**
- 1. Roll Call**
 - 2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - A. Action Item: Agenda Approval**
 - B. Public Comment**
 - C. Action Item: Approval of the June 27, 2019 Minutes**
 - 3. Mental Health Commission Appreciations**
 - 4. Discussion and Possible Action on video of Berkeley Police Department's presentation to the Police Review Commission**
 - 5. Discussion and Possible Action on Mental Health Commission 2019/2020 Work Plan**
 - 6. Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittee Reports**
 - Site Visit Subcommittee
 - Accountability Subcommittee
 - Mental Health Crisis Response
 - Membership Subcommittee
 - 7. Review sources of data collection by Berkeley Mental Health for diverse groups of people and take possible action**

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8. Discussion and Possible Action on an audit to examine every taxpayer dollar spent related to mental health/substance use and equality, diversity and inclusion among groups and individuals in the Cities of Berkeley & Albany

9. Berkeley Mental Health Staff Announcements

10. Prioritize Agenda Items for September Meeting

11. Announcements

9:00pm 12. Adjournment

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Contact person: Karen Klatt, Mental Health Commission Secretary at 981-7644 or kklatt@ci.berkeley.ca.us.



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Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Unadopted Minutes

Regular Meeting
June 27, 2019

1947 Center Street
7:00pm
Basement, Multi-Purpose Room

Members of the Public Present: Andrew Phelps, Andrea Prichett.
Staff Present: Andrea Bates, Steve Grolnic-McClurg, Karen Klatt, Jamie Works-Wright.

1. Call to Order at 6:59pm

Commissioners Present: Erlinda Castro, boona cheema, Margaret Fine,
Shelby Heda, Paul Kealoha-Blake; Commissioners Absent: Cheryl Davila

2. Preliminary Matters

A. Approval of the June 27, 2019 Agenda

**M/S/C (Castro, Fine) Motion to approve the June 27, 2019 Mental Health
Commission Meeting Agenda – PASSED**

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Davila.

B. Public Comment – There were no Public Comments.

C. Approval of the May 23, 2019 Meeting minutes

**M/S/C (Fine, Kealoha-Blake) Motion to pass the May 23, 2019 Meeting minutes –
PASSED**

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Davila.

3. MHSA FY20 Annual Update Public Hearing

*There were two Public Comments during this agenda item.

M/S/C (Fine, Castro) Motion to close the Public Hearing – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Heda;
Absent: Davila.

M/S/W (Fine) Motion to recommend that the plan move to City Council.

M/S/C (Castro, Fine) Motion to approve the MHSA FY20 Annual Update and move it to City Council - PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** Heda; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

4. Interview and vote on nomination of Andrea Pritchett to the Mental Health Commission

*There was one Public Comment during this agenda item.

Motion: (Kealoha-Blake) Move that we accept Andrea Prichett's nomination.

Friendly Amendment: (Fine) Move that the Berkeley City Council appoint Andrea Prichett to the Mental Health Commission.

M/S/C (Kealoha-Blake, Heda) Move that the Berkeley City Council appoint Andrea Prichett to the Mental Health Commission in a General Public Interest seat – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

5. Interview and vote on nomination of Gabriela Castello-Kramer to the Mental Health Commission

M/S/F (Castro, Heda) Move that we send the nomination of Gabriela Castello-Kramer to City Council for appointment to the Mental Health Commission in a General Public Interest seat – FAILED

Ayes: Castro, Heda; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** cheema, Fine, Kealoha-Blake; **Absent:** Davila.

6. Vote on extending the Site Visit Subcommittee and the Diversity Subcommittee

M/S/C (Fine, Heda) Motion to terminate the Diversity Subcommittee – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

M/S/C (Fine, Heda) Motion to continue the Site Visit Subcommittee – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittee Reports

- Site Visit Subcommittee
- Diversity Subcommittee
- Accountability Subcommittee
- Mobile Crisis Response
- Membership Subcommittee

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*There was one Public Comment during this agenda item.

*At this point it was 9:00pm and a motion was made to extend the meeting.

M/S/C (Kealoha-Blake, Heda) Motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes to 9:10pm – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Status of Council Item on Law Enforcement Use of Restraint Devices

*There was one Public Comment during this agenda item.

9. Mental Health Manager Updates for June

Mental Health Manager, Steve Grolnic-McClurg reminded Commissioners that every month included in the meeting packet is full data on who the Division serves and the programs BMH provides. He shared that in the month of May there were 72 5150's with only 27 individuals resulting in involuntary transportation. He also reminded Commissioners about the Transitional Outreach Team that follows up with individuals after a Mobile Crisis incident, and he provided information on a few efforts the Division is doing to outreach to women who are an underserved population at BMH and shared that there have been increases in the number of women who have recently been served at BMH.

10. Berkeley Mental Health Staff Announcements

Commission Secretary, Karen Klatt introduced BMH Consumer Liaison, Jamie Works-Wright, who will assume the Mental Health Commission Secretary duties beginning on August 1st. Ms. Klatt also distributed copies of two emails she previously sent to the Commission, one regarding the change of Commission Secretary staff and the second regarding Commission due dates for Secretary needs in the month of July.

11. Prioritize Agenda Items for July Meeting – Invite Berkeley Police Department staff to do a presentation.

12. Announcements – None.

13. Adjournment – 9:10pm

M/S/C (Fine, Heda) Motion to adjourn the meeting – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary

Klatt, Karen

From: Gabriela Kramer <gabrielakramer888@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 10:19 PM
To: Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Subject: From Dr. Kramer

Dear Karen

I am registering a complaint with the mayor's office and city council member Rashi.

The young woman who sullied my name by stating that she has evidence(due to her researching me on the web) which led her to " have concerns about me" -are not substantiated anywhere on the,web. Both my Secretary and myself tonite searched her allegations that had no basis.

I am troubled by her defamation remarks , which I am sure had weight in the commission's decision to turn down my nomination.

Please advise as to next step in correcting this issue. Much appreciation for your time. Gabi Kramer at Gabriela [kramer888@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielakramer888@gmail.com)

Klatt, Karen

From: Gabriela Kramer <gabrielakramer888@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 1:29 AM
To: Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Subject: from Dr. Gabriella Kramer
Attachments: formal complaint to Berkeley city Council July 9, 2019.odt

enclosed is a formal complaint to Berkeley city Council

1559 Arch Street
Berkeley, CA 94708
July 9, 2019

Formal Complaint

Re: June 20, 2019 application and interview at Berkeley Mental Health Commission .

Dear Honorable Commission Members:

I am a Berkeley resident for the past 60 years, contributing to my community on several commissions, and providing mental health services to the community since 1985.

On June 20, 2019 I attended the Mental Health Commissions meeting as a potential member. After my brief presentation, a commission member, Margaret Fine, raised the issue that she "was concerned" about my qualifications for joining the commission.

She did not share the source of information but in a provocative voice said to me "you look on the Internet and find out for yourself". I discovered later that she picked her remarks from an online application called Yelp. Yelp is known as feckless, irresponsible outlet for all kinds of unhappy people but can also be a good thing.

Upon reading the yelp reviews, at the time, I attempted to respond to each of the five negative reviews with professionalism and respect to all of the unhappy consumers. What was noticeable about the five or so negative reviews(approximately five out of 17 or so positive reviews.) was their penchant for creating problems with my other coworkers.

I would guess the result of her defamation remarks and "concerns" resulted in the majority of the commission's failing to approve my application. Of this I can't be sure.

I would hope some modicum of balanced behavior in terms of dignity and respect to potential members in the future would be honored. I would remind the Berkeley Mental Health Commission that proper and respectful behavior is essential to maintaining humane standards. It is not easy to put oneself on the line and subsequently get diminished by a careless member.

It is indeed unfortunate I must take time away from providing psychological services to the homeless population to do this. However, I felt compelled to do it in order to set the record straight.

I appreciate your taking the time to read my concerns.

Sincerely Dr Gabriela Kramer.

Klatt, Karen

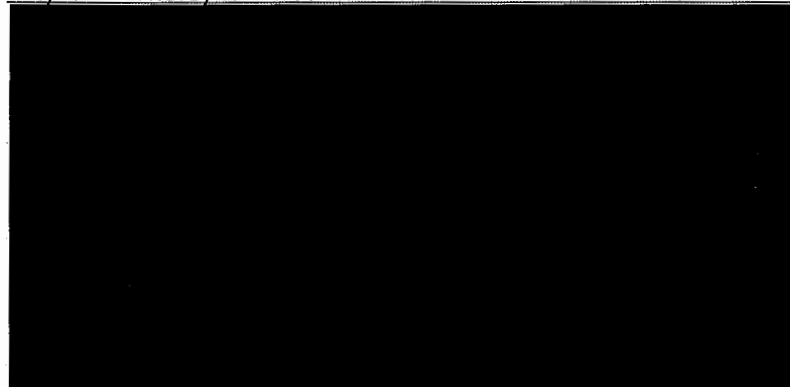
From: C schwartz <cschwartz29@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 8:40 AM
To: Christine Schwartz
Subject: City of Berkeley City Council Items 18a&18b, July 9, 2019 mtg re Law Enforcement Restraint Devices Use (Spit hoods)

Hello,

If interested, please see the above, below.

Best,
Christine Schwartz
Community Volunteer Videographer

City of Berkeley CC 18a&b Law Enforcement Restraint Devices Use (Spit hoods)



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18a. Law Enforcement Use of Restraint Devices in the City of Berkeley From: Mental Health Commission
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