



Health, Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

To: Mental Health Commissioners
From: Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary
Date: May 16, 2024

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2024

All Agenda Items are for Discussion and Possible Action

Public Comment Policy: *Members of the public may speak on any items on the Agenda and items not on the Agenda during the initial Public Comment period. Members of the public may also comment on any item listed on the agenda as the item is taken up. Members of the public may not speak more than once on any given item. The Chair may limit public comment to 3 minutes or less.*

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave. Berkeley, Poppy Room

- 1. Roll Call (1 min)**
- 2. Preliminary Matters**
 - a. Action Item: Approval of the May 23, 2024 meeting agenda
 - b. Public Comment (non-agenda items)
 - c. Action Item: Approval of the April 25, 2024 minutes
- 3. SCU update – Submitted by Katie Hawn**
- 4. Review and vote for approval of the letters written to the City Auditor and HHCS Director.**
- 5. Community Needs Assessment Follow-Up – Andrea Prichett**
- 6. Discussion and possible motion of the forthcoming reorganization - Edward Opton**
- 7. Motion to establish a subcommittee to study Berkeley’s participation in the reorganization and, potentially, to make recommendations concerning Berkeley’s implementation of the reorganization. – Edward Opton**
- 8. Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell**
 - a. MHC Manager Report May
 - b. Caseload Statistic May 2024



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9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Youth Subcommittee
- b. Membership Subcommittee
- c. Evaluation Subcommittee

11. Adjournment

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Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Draft Minutes – Regular Meeting

7:00 pm
North Berkeley SC 1901 Hearst

Regular Meeting
April 25, 2024

Members of the Public Present: Ann Hawkins, Paul Kealoha Blake, Ajay Krishnan, Willie Phillips, Shirley Posey, Shale Well, Margaret Fine (zoom)

Staff Present: Katie Hawn, Jeff Buell, Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:07 pm

Commissioners Present: Monica Jones, Edward Opton, Andrea Prichett, Glenn Turner
Absent: Mary Lee Kimber-Smith,

2) Preliminary Matters

a. Approval of the April 25, 2024 agenda

M/S/C (Prichett, Jones) So Moved to approve the agenda
PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Kimber-Smith

b. Public Comment- 2 public comments

c. Approval of the March 28, 2024 Minutes

M/S/C (Prichett, Turner) Moved to approve the minutes.
PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Kimber-Smith

3) SCU updates – Katie Hawn

a. Report was read by Katie Hawn – No Motion Made

4) Establishing a process for evaluating complaints by the public and create a subcommittee to work with Bonita House and make recommendations to the Mayor regarding changes that need to be made in police policy to make the SCU successful.

M/S/C (Prichett, Jones) Motion that the chair will write a letter to the city manager's office as well as HHCS director and cc the city council, requesting that a process be created to limit liability for civil suite and the chair will bring back to the Mental Health Commission May meeting.

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Kimber-Smith

5) Discussion of the Mental Health Commission's role with respect to the SCU

No motion Made

6) Discussion and vote for May's MHC SCU panel

No motion Made

7) Mental Health Manager's Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell

- a. MHC Manager Report April
- b. Caseload Statistic April 2024

No Motion Made

8) Discuss and Ask the Chair to write a letter requesting Jenny Wong and her office to audit the MHD

M/S/C (Prichett, Turner) Motion that we request that the city auditor Jenny Wong conduct an audit of the Mental Health Division to remind the Chair based on the not being able to access the budget and specific information about programs.

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Kimber-Smith

*** M/S/C (Prichett, Jones) *Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes**

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Kimber-Smith

9) Discussion and vote re: May is Mental Health Month reading of the Proclamation and tabling opportunities

No motion made

10) Update on posting the application to be on the City of Berkeley's, MHC website

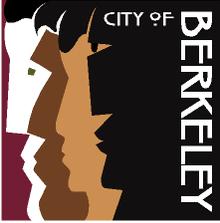
11) Adjournment

- a. **Youth Subcommittee** – No Motion Made
- b. **Membership Subcommittee** - No Motion Made
- c. **Evaluation Subcommittee** – No Motion Made

12) Adjournment – 9:05 PM

Minutes submitted by: *Jamie Works-Wright*
Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary

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Health Housing and
Community Services Department
Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Mental Health Commission
From: Katherine “Katie” Hawn, Special Projects Coordinator
Date: 5/14/2024
Subject: Specialized Care Unit Update Report

Specialized Care Unit Update Report (April 25 to May 13, 2024)

Please find the attached report on Specialized Care Unit services and other program related updates from April 26 to May 13, 2024. Responses to questions from the Mental Health Commission are below.

Information Requested by Mental Health Commission

Responses to questions 1-5 include input from the Berkeley Police Department.

- 1) Can we see data on calls to Bonita House and results of 5150 vs. criminal detention?
The SCU has written less than fifteen 5150/5585 psychiatric holds from September 2023 to April 2024. Because calls to the SCU are not routed through 911, the Police Department does not track this data.
- 2) Upon arrival to a Bonita House call, who is in charge – Police or Bonita House staff?
It depends on the call. There are times when the SCU and BPD may be independently called to the scene; BPD dispatched via a 911 call and the SCU via the separate 10-digit phone number. Teams will coordinate once on-scene to determine who is in charge, given the nature of the call.
- 3) Does BPD ever just show up and observe without intervention?
The SCU is currently dispatched through the separate 10-digit phone number and not 911. Because this number is intentionally separate from 911 and first responders, including BPD, they do not track SCU calls. See response to #2 for coordination if both teams are called separately to the same scene.
- 4) Do you have officers trained and assigned to calls for mental health situations?

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Many of the BPD officers have attended Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) courses, which are typically 40 hours.

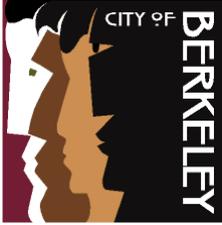
5) Does BPD meet with Bonita House regularly to train?

SCU program management and team members conducted briefings for each of the different patrol shifts at the onset of the program in fall 2023. The SCU, HHCS, BPD, and BFD meet bi-monthly to discuss questions that arise in the field as the program continues to be implemented. However, because the SCU is a separate program from BPD, the teams are not trained together and the SCU receives separate crisis response training per the Bonita House Crisis Academy.

SCU General Program Updates

Due to the timing of this report, the SCU has not submitted monthly data at this point. The monthly data for May will be included in the June 2024 written report.

- A) SCU continues to recruit, hire, and train staff to fully ramp up to the 24 hour, 7 days per week model. As provided in their recent quarterly report, Bonita House is working on filling 6 vacancies which includes team members as well as management staff for the SCU program.
- B) As mentioned in previous reports, the SCU conducts on-viewing, or proactive outreach, when the team is not on a specific call. During these on-viewing times, the team has visited Berkeley's BART stations, the area surrounding People's Park, as well as conducted outreach along the Shattuck corridor in Berkeley.
- C) Busier times for the SCU team include weekdays and weekends starting at 11am into the evening. Currently, the slowest day for the SCU is Sunday. The team continues to compile exact data on night shifts, but HHCS expects to have additional information as hours expand once staff are hired and onboarded to the team.
- D) While not every client accepts the SCU's services, clients who do accept services may be referred to a variety of community partners or services. Some common referrals include the Berkeley Wellness Center, Amber House, Dorothy Day House, and Alta Bates.
- E) Medi-Cal billing for the SCU continues to be in progress between the administrative sections of Bonita House and Berkeley Mental Health. The SCU is funded for the two-year pilot program through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) grant funding. Working through the specifics of Medi-Cal billing is one component of looking at financial sustainability for the SCU.



Health Housing and
Community Services Department
Mental Health Division

MEMORANDUM

To: Mental Health Commission
From: Jeffrey Buell, Mental Health Division Manager
Date: 5/14/2024
Subject: Mental Health Manager Report

Mental Health Services Report

Please find the attached report on Mental Health Services for April 2024.

Information Requested by Mental Health Commission

- 1) Can you please provide a copy of the 2022, 2023 and 2024 expense and income actual and projected expenses and income reports? (Please include the itemized budget reports)
 - a. The request is still pending. The Fiscal team has been stretched thin with the end of Fiscal year City demands, as well as projecting out changes due to Prop 1 passage.
- 2) Can you provide us with the actual costs of running the MCT and what happened with the unspent funds?
 - a. The request is pending. The Fiscal team has been stretched thin with the end of Fiscal year City demands, as well as projecting out changes due to Prop 1 passage.

Mental Health Division Updates

May is Mental Health Month: This is a time of year where we planfully celebrate and highlight mental health in our lives, our work, and our community. We aim to reduce stigma, share resources, provide education and advocacy to promote and normalize the importance of mental health in our everyday lives. As we continue our best practices to take care of ourselves, our families, our communities, it is vital to consider how mental health impacts each other and the world around us. Please consider joining in celebrating and implementing the many ways that we can improve the mental health and wellness of ourselves and others.

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Berkeley's Mental Health Division serves a specific set of functions similarly to Alameda County. This especially includes service needs aimed at residents with Medi-Cal who do not have other insurance options. Considering that Berkeley's Medi-Cal population is estimated at about 10.1% of the general population, this is a selective slice of the population within which a smaller proportion are in the highest behavioral health need. Neighboring cities have even larger proportions of their populations in such need (Oakland-23.7%, Hayward-22.1%, San Leandro/Alameda-16.4%) and depend on the services of Alameda County for this kind of care.

While Berkeley has some status as an independent jurisdiction, the Division is a Medi-Cal contractor of Alameda County (not its own entity), specifically providing Medi-Cal direct services to residents with moderate-severe mental health needs. Individuals and families with the greatest Medi-Cal service needs are served by Berkeley, and those with needs on the lower end of the spectrum are served by other Alameda County services and contractors. Citizens of Berkeley with other healthcare insurance are served within those systems.

It is rare for a small City to have much input and contact with its local officials, and Berkeley is in exactly this situation. The Berkeley Mental Health Commission was created just over 30 years ago, and specifically, according to state statute, "reviews and evaluates the mental health needs, resources and programs" for our community. That 13 citizens in our small jurisdiction would be empowered with such an important task is a great opportunity in which our community members could take part. This Commission makes specific and deliberate space in its rolls for receivers of services, for family members of those who receive services, for representatives reflective of the diversity in our community, and for citizens with a broad range of disciplines, professions, and fields of knowledge.

Berkeley is in a unique position as one of two California cities with its own mental health jurisdiction, and this Commission affords the chance for a significant amount of coordination, collaboration, and discussion with its governing body and local behavioral health leadership. While our small system may not provide all of the public services received by its residents, there are still great possibilities for thinking and planning out the future of our community. As the leader of our local mental health Division and member of our community, I am excited about what we could collaboratively create. I sincerely hope that the Commission can work to renew its ranks, and to reach out with diverse ideas and energy in partnership so we can build this future together.

As stated in the Berkeley City Council's resolution regarding the Mental Health Commission:

Section 7. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION

The Commission shall:

- (1) Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
- (2) Review any City agreements entered into pursuant to WIC §5650, if submission of a performance contract is required by the State.
- (3) Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
- (4) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
- (5) Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the City's mental health system.
- (6) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services. The commission shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.
- (7) Review and comment on the City's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the State Mental Health Planning Council.
- (8) Pursuant to WIC 5604.2(a)(8), the City Council may transfer additional duties or authority to the Commission.
- (9) Develop By-Laws, in accordance with WIC §5604.5 and approved by City Council, including, at the discretion of the Commission, the creation of an Executive Subcommittee.

Berkeley Mental Health Caseload Statistics for April 2024

Adult Services	Intended Ratio of staff to clients	Clinical Staff Positions Filled	# of clients open this month	Average Monthly System Cost Previous 12 Months	Fiscal Year 2024 (July '23-June '24) Demographics as of April 2024
Adult, Older Adult and TAY Full Service Partnership (AFSP) (Highest level outpatient clinical case management and treatment)	1-10 for clinical staff.	4 Clinicians, 1 Non-Licensed Clinician, 1 Clinical Supervisor	52	\$1,828	Clients: 63 API: 2 Black or African-American: 35 Hispanic or Latino: 1 White: 25 American Indian: 0 Other/Unknown: 0 Male: 36 Female: 26 Missing Gender ID: 0 Prefer Not to Answer Gen ID: 1 Multiple Gender ID: 0 Heterosexual: 51 Unknown: 4 Missing Sex Orient: 0 Bisexual: 1 Queer: 1 Prefer Not to Answer Sex Orient: 3 Multiple Sex Orient: 2 Gay: 0 Questioning: 1 Lesbian: 0
Adult FSP Psychiatry (April Stats)	1-100	0 FTE	46	\$2,037,600	
AFSP FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs, including Psychiatry and Medical Staff (FY22 not yet available)					
Homeless Full-Service Partnership (HFSP) (Highest level outpatient clinical case management and treatment)	1-8 for clinical staff	3 Clinicians, 2 Non-Licensed Clinician, 1 Clinical Supervisor	41	\$3,278	Clients: 42 API: 2 Black or African-American: 25 Hispanic or Latino: 1 Other/Unknown: 0 White: 14 Male: 27

Berkeley Mental Health Caseload Statistics for April 2024

	1-100					Female: 13 Missing Gender ID: 1 Unknown: 1 Prefer No to Answer: 0 Multiple Gender Identities: 0 Heterosexual: 33 Missing Sex Orient: 1 Bisexual: 3 Unknown: 3 Gay: 1 Questioning: 1 Multiple Sex Orient: 0 Prefer Not to Answer: 0 Lesbian: 0
HFPS Psychiatry (April Stats)	1-100	0.5 FTE	30	TBD		
HFSP FY22 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs, including Psychiatry and Medical Staff (FY22 not yet available)						
Comprehensive Community Treatment (CCT) (High level outpatient clinical case management and treatment)	1-20	7 Clinicians 1 Team Lead 1 Clinical Supervisor	144	\$877		Clients: 178 American Indian: 2 API: 17 Black or African-American: 68 Hispanic or Latino: 7 Other/Unknown: 4 Pacific Islander: 1 White: 79 Male: 93 Female: 77 Multiple Gender Identities: 2 Missing Gender ID: 0 Non-Conforming Gender ID: 2 Prefer Not to Answer Gender ID: 1 Female to Male: 1 Queer Gender ID: 1 Unknown: 1 Heterosexual Sex Orient: 131 Unknown: 19 Missing Sexual Orient: 1

Berkeley Mental Health Caseload Statistics for April 2024

												Bisexual Sex Orient: 3 Lesbian Sex Orient: 5 Gay Sex Orient: 3 Prefer Not to Answer Sex Orient: 10 Multiple Sexual Orient: 1 Queer Sexual Orient: 2 Other Sexual Orient: 3
CCT Psychiatry (April Stats)	1-200	0.75 FTE	113									
CCT FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs, including Psychiatry and Medical Staff (FY22 not yet available)												
Focus on Independence Team (FIT) (Lower level of care, only for individuals previously on FSP or CCT)	1-20 Team Lead, 1-50 Post Masters Clinical 1-30 Non- Degreed Clinical	1 Licensed Clinician 1 CHW Sp./ Non- Degreed Clinical, 1 Clinical Supervisor	86	\$564								Clients: 92 API: 7 Black or African American: 33 Hispanic or Latino: 5 Other/Unknown: 2 White: 45 Male: 52 Female: 38 Intersex: 1 Missing Gender ID: 1 Other Gender ID: 0 Heterosexual: 79 Unknown: 5 Missing Sexual Orient: 1 Prefer Not to Answer Sexual Orient: 4 Gay: 2 Multiple Sexual Orient: 1 Questioning: 0
FIT Psychiatry (April Stats)	1-200	.25	70									
FIT FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs, including Psychiatry and Medical Staff (FY22 not yet available)												

Family, Youth and Children's Services	Intended Ratio of staff to clients	Clinical Staff Positions Filled	# of clients open this month	Average Monthly System Cost Last 12 months	Fiscal Year 2024 (July '23-June '24) Demographics as of April 2024
Children's Full-Service Partnership (CFSP)	1-8	1 Senior Behavioral Health Clinician 1 Non-Licensed Clinician	10	\$3,278	Clients: 13 American Indian: 0 API: 0 Black or African-American: 7 Hispanic or Latino: 6 Other/Unknown: 0 White: 0 Female: 5 Male: 6 Missing Gender ID: 1 Unknown: 1 Non-Conforming Gender ID: 0 Heterosexual: 6 Missing Sexual Orient: 1 Unknown: 5 Gay: 1 Other Sexual Orient: 0 Questioning Sexual Orient: 0
CFSP Psychiatry (April Stats)	1-100	0	4		
CFSP FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs (FY22 not yet available)					
Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Prevention (EPSDT) /Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS)	1-20	2 Clinicians, 1 Clinical Supervisor	50	\$537	Clients: 70 American Indian: 6 API: 4 Black or African-American: 29 Hispanic or Latino: 14 Other/Unknown: 2 White: 15 Female: 29 Male: 25 Missing Gender ID: 5 Unknown: 6 Multiple Gender ID: 3 Non-Conforming Gender ID: 2

							Female to Male: 0 Other Gender ID: 0 Heterosexual: 30 Unknown: 23 Missing Sexual Orient: 5 Gay: 4 Multiple Sexual Orient: 3 Bisexual: 2 Lesbian: 1 Prefer Not to Answer: 1 Other Sexual Orient: 0 Queer Sexual Orient: 0 Questioning Sexual Orient: 1
ERMHS/EPSTD Psychiatry (April Stats)	1-100	0	11				
EPSTD/ERMHS FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs (FY22 not yet available)							
High School Health Center and Berkeley Technological Academy (HSHC)	1-6 Clinician (majority of time spent on crisis counseling)	4 Clinicians, 0 Clinical Supervisor	Drop-in: 14 Externally referred: 10 Ongoing tx: 44 Groups: 9 Offered/ 8 Conducted				N/A
HSHC FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs (FY22 not yet available)							
\$396,106							

Crisis and ACCESS Services	Staff Ratio	Clinical Staff Positions Filled	Total # of Clients/Incidents	MCT Incidents Detail	Calendar Year 2024 (Jan '24- Dec '24) Demographics – From Mobile Crisis Incident Log (through April 2024)
Mobile Crisis (MCT)	N/A	2 Clinicians filled at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 77 - Incidents 14 - 5150 Evals 2 - 5150 Evals leading to involuntary transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 - Incidents: Location - Phone 19 - Incidents: Location - Field 0 - Incidents: Location - Home 	Clients: 202 API: 8 Black or African-American: 37 White: 55 Hispanic or Latino: 2 Other/Unknown: 100 Female: 102 Male: 80 Transgender: 0 Unknown: 20
MCT FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs (FY22 not yet available)					
			\$771,623		
Transitional Outreach Team (TOT)	N/A	.5 Licensed Clinician, (TOT and CAT have been recently merged)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 – Incident(s) 	N/A	Clients: 11 API: 1 Black or African-American: 2 White: 7 Hispanic or Latino: 0 Other/Unknown: 1 Female: 5 Male: 6 Transgender: 0 Unknown: 0
TOT FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs (FY22 not yet available)					
			\$272,323		
Crisis, Assessment, and Triage (CAT)	N/A	2 Non-Licensed Clinicians, .5 Licensed Clinician, 0 Clinical Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 97 - Incidents 	N/A	Clients: 207 API: 3 Black or African-American: 43 White: 30 Hispanic or Latino: 9 Other/Unknown: 122 Female: 71 Male: 75 Transgender: 1 Unknown: 60

**CAT FY21 Mental Health Division Estimated Budgeted Personnel Costs
(FY22 not yet available)**

\$735,075

Not reflected in above chart is Early Childhood Consultation, Wellness and Recovery Programming, or Family Support. In demographics, other/unknown is used both when a client indicates that they are multi-racial and when demographic info is not known.

*Average System Costs come from Yellowfin, and per ACBH include all costs to mental health programs, sub-acute residential programs, hospitals, and jail mental health costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 65,945–N.S.

ESTABLISHING THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES THEREOF, AND DEFINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SAID COMMISSION, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 57,078–N.S. AND ALL RESOLUTIONS AMENDATORY THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. CREATION OF MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5604 of the Welfare and Institutions Code of the State of California, a Mental Health Commission of the City of Berkeley is hereby established.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission shall be composed of thirteen (13) members, appointed by the City Council of Berkeley, except as set forth in Section 2(1). The membership shall conform to the following:

- (1) One (1) member of the Commission shall be the Mayor of the City of Berkeley. The City Council of the City of Berkeley may designate a person of its choice to serve instead of the Mayor as a member of the Commission.
- (2) Two (2) members of the Commission shall be residents of the City of Albany. The remaining members shall be residents of the City of Berkeley. At least one (1) of the two (2) Albany members shall be representative of the Special Public Interest, as defined below.
- (3) Members of the Commission shall be persons representative of the public interest in mental health as follows:
 - a. Special Public Interest: Not less than seven (7) of the members representing the Public Interest shall be designated as Special Public Interest and shall be persons or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of persons who are receiving or have received mental health services.
 - (i) At least three (3) of the members representing the special public interest shall be persons who are receiving or have received mental health services.
 - (ii) At least three (3) of the members representing the special public interest shall be the parents, spouses, sibling, or adult children of persons who are receiving or have received mental health services.

- b. General Public Interest: The remaining five (5) members shall be designated as General Public Interest and shall be persons representing a broad range of disciplines, professions, and fields of knowledge.
- (4) No member of the Commission or his or her spouse shall be a full-time or part-time City employee of a City mental health service, a full-time or part-time County employee of a County mental health service, or an employee of the State Department of Mental Health, an employee of or a paid member of the governing body of a mental health contract agency.

Section 3. TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS.

The term of each member of the Commission shall be for three (3) years. Appointments shall be equitably staggered so that approximately one-third of the appointments expire each year.

If, prior to the expiration of a term of service on this Commission, a member ceases to retain the status which qualified the person for appointment on the Commission, the person's membership on the Commission shall terminate and there shall be a vacancy on the Commission.

Section 4. APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Mental Health Commission, the following steps shall be taken:

- (1) The Berkeley City Clerk will announce the existence of the vacancy on the City of Berkeley website. When the vacancy is a seat previously held by an Albany resident, the Secretary will forward the announcement in a timely manner to the Albany City Clerk.
- (2) The Mental Health Commission shall publicize the vacancy and solicit applications for appointment. The announcement shall be distributed based on the priorities established by state and municipal law and priorities set by the Mental Health Commission. Depending on the specific category to be filled, announcements may also be sent to special interest organizations.
- (3) *Albany Applicants only:* Applications from Albany residents for either of the two Albany seats shall be forwarded to the Albany City Clerk.
 - a. The Albany City Council will review the Albany applicants and make recommendations for appointment to the Commission.

- b. The Albany City Council is responsible for communicating its recommendations in a timely manner to the Berkeley City Clerk for submission to the Commission Secretary.
 - c. While the Commission makes the recommendation to the Berkeley City Council for Commission appointments, the Albany City Council's recommendations have priority in the selection process.
- (4) *(All applicants)* When an application is submitted, the Secretary will first review the application for eligibility pursuant to the criteria stated in this Resolution. The Secretary will then distribute applications from qualified applicants to the Commissioners and place them in the Communications (SB 343) binder for public viewing prior to the next Mental Health Commission meeting. Applicants are encouraged to attend Commission meetings prior to appointment so that they may become familiar with the work of the Commission.
- (5) The Commission shall conduct interviews of qualified applicants. After the interview, the Commission shall decide whether to recommend the applicant to City Council for appointment. If the Commission decides to recommend the appointment, the Secretary will send a Consent Item to Council on behalf of the Commission.

Section 5. VACANCIES AND REMOVALS

Vacancies on the Commission, from whatever cause, except temporary vacancies as hereinafter provided, shall be filled by appointment by the City Council for the unexpired term or for a full term. The Council shall, at the time of appointment, designate the category such an appointee shall occupy pursuant to Section 2: Membership of the Commission. The Commission member's designation may be changed only by action of the City Council. Any member of the Commission may be removed from the Commission prior to expiration of his or her term by a six-ninths (6/9) vote of the City Council.

Section 6. TEMPORARY VACANCIES

A member of the Commission may be granted a leave of absence by the City Council pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.02.030. A Commission member seeking a leave of absence must submit a request in writing to the Secretary. A request for a leave of absence will then be submitted on the Commission member's behalf to the City Council for consideration. If approved by the City Council, a temporary vacancy shall thereupon exist for the period of such leave of absence.

During the period of such temporary vacancy, the Council may fill such vacancy by a temporary appointment to said Commission; provided; however, that the period of such temporary appointment shall not exceed the period of the temporary vacancy.

At the expiration of a leave of absence so granted, the member shall automatically resume full membership on said Commission to the end of his or her appointed term.

Section 7. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION

The Commission shall:

- (1) Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
- (2) Review any City agreements entered into pursuant to WIC §5650, if submission of a performance contract is required by the State.
- (3) Advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
- (4) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
- (5) Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the City's mental health system.
- (6) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services. The commission shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.
- (7) Review and comment on the City's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the State Mental Health Planning Council.
- (8) Pursuant to WIC 5604.2(a)(8), the City Council may transfer additional duties or authority to the Commission.
- (9) Develop By-Laws, in accordance with WIC §5604.5 and approved by City Council, including, at the discretion of the Commission, the creation of an Executive Subcommittee.

Section 8. MINORITY COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION

The composition of the Commission shall reflect the minority population found in the City. If under representation exists, a statement shall be included in the mental health performance contract, if submission of a performance contract is required by the State, as to the ways equitable representation will be achieved and a timetable for achieving equitable representation.

BET IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 57,078-N.S. is hereby rescinded.

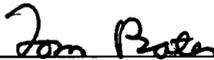
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The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on November 27, 2012 by the following vote:

Ayes: Arreguin, Capitelli, Maio, Moore, Wengraf, Worthington, Wozniak and Bates.

Noes: None.

Absent: Anderson.



Tom Bates, Mayor

Attest: 

Mark Numainville, CMC, Acting City Clerk

RESOLUTION 08-50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE
APPOINTMENT OF ALBANY REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE BERKELEY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health, productivity and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health District was formed in 1962, in order to provide community mental health services to residents of Berkeley and Albany in addition to services offered by Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health District is one of two city-based public mental health jurisdictions in California as defined in the California Welfare and Institutions Code; and

WHEREAS, the provision of public mental health services for the City of Albany is thereby within the purview of the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health District, which is advised by the Berkeley Mental Health Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Mental Health Commission, created by the City of Berkeley in 1993 according to state statute, reviews and evaluates the mental health needs, resources and programs, for both the city of Berkeley and the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, of the seventeen appointed members of the Berkeley Mental Health Commission, the enabling legislation requires that two members shall be residents of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to state law, one Albany member shall be selected from the general public interest category and one Albany member shall be selected from the special public interest category; and

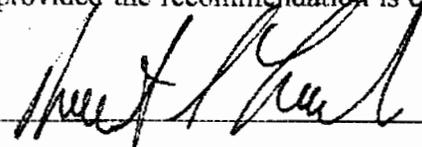
WHEREAS, Resolution 57,078 creating the Berkeley Mental Health Commission places responsibility for all Commission appointments, including the Albany members, with the Berkeley City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany wishes to have the ability to make choices in representation of its interests on the Commission, in order to increase effective mental health services that promote mental health resilience and recovery in Albany;

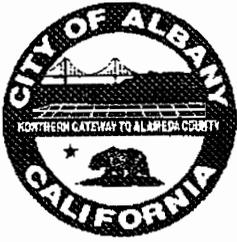
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Albany does hereby request the following with regard to the appointment procedure to the Berkeley Mental Health Commission:

- 1) That the Secretary of the Commission will notify the Albany City Clerk in a timely way of existing or anticipated vacancies of Albany seats on the Mental Health Commission and the category of the vacancy; and
- 2) That the City Clerk's Office will simultaneously direct applications from Albany residents to the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Secretary for consideration by the Mental Health Commission and to the City of Albany City Clerk's Office for consideration by the Albany City Council; and
- 3) That the Albany City Council review applications and select the recommended applicants for appointment to the Commission; and
- 4) That the Albany City Council be responsible for transmitting its recommended appointments to the City of Berkeley's City Clerk in a timely manner; and
- 5) That the Albany City Council recommended appointments have priority in recommendations to the Berkeley City Council regarding appointments to the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission provided the recommendation is consistent with Mental Health Commission requirements.



Robert S. Lieber, Mayor



City of Albany

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RESOLUTION NO. 08-50

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 21st day of July, 2008, by the following votes:

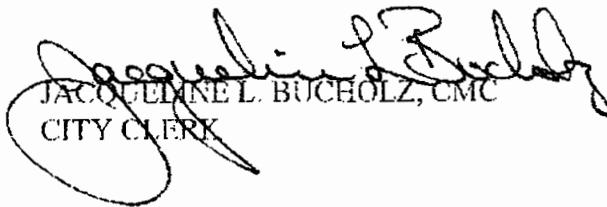
AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Javandel, Okazachi, Nile & Mayor Lieber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 23rd

day of July, 2008.


JACQUELIN L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambience, responding to the needs of the community, and providing a safe, healthy environment now and in the future.

Works-Wright, Jamie

From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 3:05 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie
Subject: FW: Request to schedule panel for June meeting

Hello Commissioners,

Please see the email from Monica about the changes for the upcoming MHC meeting.

Thank you for your time.

Jamie Works-Wright

Consumer Liaison & Mental Health Commission Secretary

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From: monica jones <mjberkeleycommissioner18@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 2:56 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Request to schedule panel for June meeting

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Jamie,

Please send to full commission.

Dear commissioners,

May 23, 2024 will be the graduation of my Neice whom I raised as my daughter from age 2-7, so I will not be present at the meeting. Jeff and Katy also have other engagements on this date. The only responder for the panel was the police captain. Thus, I am requesting to move the panel to our next meeting so we can have more time to recruit and participation.

Works-Wright, Jamie

From: Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 3:24 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie
Subject: FW: Dear Mental Health Commissioners: May 9, 2024
Attachments: Dear Mental Health Commissioners May 9, 2024.pdf

Internal

From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 12:58 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: FW: Dear Mental Health Commissioners: May 9, 2024

Hello Commissioners,

Please see the email and attachment from community member Ann Hawkins.

Thank you for your time.

Jamie Works-Wright

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From: annhawk2002@yahoo.com <annhawk2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:25 AM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Dear Mental Health Commissioners: May 9, 2024

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Dear Jamie,

I am sending you a letter which I would like you to circulate to all of the Mental Health Commissioners.

There are two more housemates whose names should be added to this letter: . Please let me know if you receive this PDF file with the letter.

All best,

Ann Hawkins

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mental Health Commissioners:

May 9, 2024

We are writing to you because we are concerned about major issues at our residence on Hearst Ave in Berkeley which is HUD housing managed by Bonita House Inc. One issue is that we do not understand why Bonita House continues to allow one resident to return to this facility after he has spent extended periods of time living in a recovery house, followed by a period in which B. was sent to Napa Forensic Psychiatric Hospital. His parents paid his rent during this time so that B. could return to this Bonita House residence on Hearst Ave. In total, these two episodes lasted approximately two years.

Currently, B. was arrested in September 2023 after assaulting a senior female resident. B. spent five months at Santa Rita Jail and then was remanded by the Behavioral Health Court (BHC) judge to Cronin House for three months, where B. is presently living. As a result of this assault, B. now has a Criminal Protective Order (CPO) against him which at present says this Order will expire in December 2026. However, the District Attorney (prosecutor) for this case has said that the end date on this CPO is ultimately up to the BHC judge and may be changed.

One reason we are concerned has to do with the safety and security for the 5 remaining residents in this particular facility. Bonita House staff have made it abundantly clear to us that all that this Bonita House-managed facility provides to us is inexpensive HUD housing. There is no structure or support provided to the residents of the household.

At the same time, it is clear to us that B. is in need of and deserves a higher level of care than that provided at this Bonita House-managed residence on Hearst Ave. B.'s pattern in the past is that he returns to this household, looking fairly cleaned up. However, in a short while, B. reverts to "self-medicating" through drinking alcohol and smoking crystal meth. We are also pretty sure that B. does not take his psychiatric medications during the same time. This in turn causes B. to decompensate and he becomes very agitated.

In October 2023, all the other residents of this Bonita House wrote a letter to the Executive Director of Bonita House, Ms. Laura Weissberger, saying that B. needed to be evicted from this residence. There were two City of Berkeley "good cause" reasons for B.'s eviction. One was that B. was "disturbing the peace and quiet of the household." The second "good cause" reason for eviction had to do with the "use of an illicit drug". In this case, B. was smoking crystal meth in his room and in common areas. We also listed B.'s use of alcohol in the household which is a breach of our lease, and a reason for eviction. In addition, B. was smoking regular cigarettes in his room and in common areas of the household. (This in turn is a breach of BMC/Berkeley Municipal Code 12.70 which has to do with Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing.)

When B. would become agitated through drinking alcohol and smoking crystal meth, he would run throughout the house at all hours of day and night, unlocking and bolting open all outside doors, This alone we felt, endangered the safety and security of everyone else living in this residence. In addition, B. first brought in a hatchet and then an axe, He also slashed various people's doors in the household.

Our understanding from Bonita House staff is that Bonita House managed 31 residences in Alameda County. Of this number, 3 of them provide structure and support to their residents. We would strongly recommend that B. be transferred to one of these three, where he would receive a higher level of care. If not in one of these three residences, B. needs and deserves a high level of care elsewhere.

It cannot fall upon us, the other five members of this household, to either take care of or support B. Everyone here is either dealing with their own mental health issues or substance use disorder issues or both. Everyone who lives here needs to be fairly independent and self-sufficient.

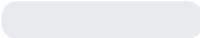
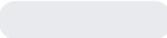
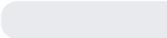
To conclude, again, the safety and security of this Bonita House residence is of utmost importance to us. And finally, we feel that B. needs and deserves a higher level of care which is not available to B. at this residence.

Sincerely,

Ann Hawkins

Robert Ford

Marilyn Ostroff

To	  
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Subject	Dear Mental Health Commissioners:

Works-Wright, Jamie

From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:52 AM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie
Subject: FW: Letter for commission to review and approve
Attachments: letter to HHCS director for MHC.docx

Hello Commissioners,

Please see the email and attachment of the letter MHC Chair Monica drafted for your review.

Thank you for your time.

Jamie Works-Wright

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From: monica jones <mjberkeleycommissioner18@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:14 AM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Letter for commission to review and approve

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Hi Jamie,

This is the second letter I am submitting. Can you add the names as I don't know them. Thank you.

Dear HHCS Director,

On behalf of the Berkeley Mental Health Commission and in my capacity as Chair, I write to you to address a matter that was brought to our attention during public comment at our March 2024 meeting. The issue was from a resident of Bonita house who had some sort of mental health episode resulting in police response. The individual was ultimately arrested and in the course of the arrest taken to Santa Rita jail where she described she was "roughed up".

The individual came to the commission seeking answers on the protocol for filing a complaint against Bonita House and all others involved in this incident, to include local law enforcement.

As a commission we are asking for HHCS, and Bonita House to create a complaint process and post it where it is visible for residents. Such a process should include a complaint form and numbers to call. I hope this helps.

Warm regards,

Monica Jones

MHC Chair

cc: Berkeley City Manager (name)

Berkeley City Council



Health, Housing &
Community Services Department
Mental Health Commission

May 2, 2024

Dear Scott Gilman, HHCS Interim Director

On behalf of the Berkeley Mental Health Commission and in my capacity as Chair, I write to you to address a matter that was brought to our attention during public comment at our March 2024 meeting.

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Warm regards,

Monica Jones
Berkeley MHC Chair
916-225-5735

Mjberkeleycommissioner18@gmail.com

cc: Berkeley City Manager Dee Williams - Ridley
Berkeley City Council

Works-Wright, Jamie

From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:50 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie
Subject: FW: may panel

Hello Commissioner,

Please see the email below from the Chair, Monica Jones.

Thank you for your time.

Jamie Works-Wright

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From: monica jones <mjberkeleycommissioner18@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 1:51 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: may panel

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hi,

the commission had a long list of individuals to invite, you can let them know that i decided to invite a rep from bonita house, berkeley pd, city managers office, and ryan white (sp), so as not to have overlapping information and that i submitted questions about budgets, data, and protocols. hope this helps.

monica

Works-Wright, Jamie

From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:00 AM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie
Subject: FW: Final Agenda and Materials for MHSA Partners Forum, Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Attachments: Agenda.docx

Please see the email from Edward Opton

Thank you for your time.

Jamie Works-Wright

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From: Edward Opton <eopton1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:20 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Final Agenda and Materials for MHSA Partners Forum, Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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4/29/24

Please distribute the item below to the Mental Health Commission and to others who may be interested.

To:
Berkeley Mental Health Commission
Jamie Works-Wright
Date:
April 29, 2024

The attached announcement invites participation in a “Partners Forum” on May 1, 2024, from 9:30 am to noon, for all whose organizational interests will be impacted by the recent passage of Proposition 1 and its authorization of a multi-billion-dollar reorganization of California’s public “behavioral health” services.

I hope that several of us will have time to participate in the May 1 meeting. Will the reorganization be fundamental, substantial, minor, or merely superficial? I cannot tell from the agenda. I hope that speakers at the meeting will clarify the plan.

By this memo I request that the agenda for the Commission's May meeting include (1) a discussion of the forthcoming reorganization and (2) a motion to establish a subcommittee to study Berkeley’s participation in the reorganization and, potentially, to make recommendations concerning Berkeley’s implementation of the reorganization.

Edward Opton

Begin forwarded message:

From: REMHDCO <REMHDCO@remhdco.org>
Subject: Final Agenda and Materials for MHSAs Partners Forum, Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Date: April 30, 2024 at 9:18:18 PM PDT
To: Stacie Hiramoto <shiramoto@remhdco.org>

To: MHSAs Partners Forum
Re: Final Agenda and Materials for MHSAs Partners Forum, Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Thanks to Hector Ramirez for agreeing to facilitate the Forum. The Final Agenda is below and attached. As some of the attachments for this meeting were large, they can be accessed by links that are within the agenda below. I believe you must have adobe acrobat to access and open these links. If you need me to send you any of these as attachments, just let me know and I will be happy to do so.

At last month’s Forum, I made the announcement that REMHDCO will no longer be able to plan and conduct the Partners Forum. We are hoping that someone else or some other entity could take over the management of the meetings. As Proposition 1 has passed, the need for dialogue between community stakeholders and government staff implementing Proposition 1 is needed more than ever. REMHDCO and I thank you all for your participation in the Forum and for the privilege of facilitating them since 2007! It has been an honor.

MHSAs PARTNERS FORUM

Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 928 4682 3931

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FINAL AGENDA

Facilitated by Héctor Manuel Ramírez

<p>I. 9:30 – 9:45 am</p>	<p>Welcome – Héctor Manuel Ramírez (Pronouns: they/them/el) - Commissioner, California Commission on Disability Access(CCDA); Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee Member Department of Health Care Services (DHCS); Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee Member California Department of Public Health(CDPH) Introductions and ice breaker in the chat.</p>
<p>II. 9:45 – 10:30 am</p>	<p>Discussion of Progress on Proposition 1 – - Kendra Zoeller, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, MHSOAC will discuss possible legislation and updates. - Jigna Shah, the new staff person at the MHSOAC (invited) to present on Innovations, which will be administered by the MHSOAC after the passage of Proposition 1. Stephanie Welch was unable to attend but she forwarded the latest PPT of progress on Proposition 1 (recently presented to CBHDA). Access it here: CHHS to CSAC April 2024.pdf for you to review.</p> <p>Stephanie said folks should make sure to sign up for DHCS listening sessions, here is a link to their webpage https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/BHT/Pages/home.aspx Michelle Baass, Director of DHCS was invited but unable to attend.</p>

	<p>- <i>Forum attendees may discuss any ideas and thoughts regarding the implementation of Proposition 1</i></p>
<p>III. 10:30 – 10:45 am</p>	<p>Update on CRDP Phase 3 Planning – <i>Stacie Hiramoto</i> – The next meeting of the Task Force is Thursday, May 2nd, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The agenda for this meeting can be accessed here: the 5.2.24 CRDP Task Force Meeting Agenda.docx.pdf</p> <p>There will be a special meeting for stakeholders to make public comment on the report recommendations on Friday, May 3rd, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Zoom access for this meeting is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89489168339?pwd=ZGtwN1hZdXhPeIU0VVFneUFxN0gxdz09 Meeting ID: 894 8916 8339 Passcode: 942631</p> <p>The latest version of the Draft Report for your review is here: Draft #2 - Recommendations Report (4.24.24).pdf</p> <p>Also of interest, the leadership of community partners of the CRDP (CPSSC) wrote a letter that can be accessed here: CRDP CPSSC Feedback-Phase 3 Task Force Recommendations Report.pdf REMHDCO’s DRAFT letter can be accessed here: the DRAFT REMHDCO Letter for CRDP Phase 3.docx</p>
<p>IV. 10:45 – 11:00 am</p>	<p>Update on Any Legislation related to the MHSA/BHSA that members would like to bring to our attention. Any member. What is your organization planning to sponsor or prioritize legislatively for next year?</p>
<p>V. 11:00 – 11:15 am</p>	<p>Update on Discrimination Against the A/PI Community – Suicide Prevention Grant for TAY. <i>Stacie Hiramoto</i> The letter Little Tokyo Service Center sent to the Dept. of Public Health can be viewed here: CDPH Revisions 4.19.2024.pdf</p> <p>By the time of this week, there will be a draft letter for people to sign on to in support of Little Tokyo Service Center and the A/PI community.</p>
<p>VI. 11:15 - 11:45 am</p>	<p>Future of the MHSA Partners Forum. This is the last Forum that will be organized by REMHDCO. Is there any other person or entity that is willing to continue?</p>

VII. 11:45 – 11:55 am	Announcements by Members of the MHSA Partners Forum – Any attendees of today’s Forum may make an announcement of upcoming events, trainings, other meetings, etc.
VIII. 11:55 – 12:00 pm	Goodbye from Stacie Hiramoto – If a future Forum is scheduled by someone else before Wednesday, May 1 st , it will be noted here in the final agenda.

Complete Zoom information:

Topic: MHSA Partners Forum Zoom Meeting

Time: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Works-Wright, Jamie

From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:47 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie
Subject: FW: COB May 7th, 2024 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Annual Action Plan (7/01/24-6/30/25) including Community Agency FY25-28 Funding Recommendations
Attachments: Final_CoB-PHNotice-PY24AnnualActionPlan_FYLER.pdf

Hello Commissioners,

Please see the email and attachment about a public hearing for funding.

Jamie Works-Wright

Consumer Liaison

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Dear Community Partners,

Please forward this information to your commissioners;

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Dear Community Partners,

The City of Berkeley will be hosting a public hearing during a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday May 7th, from 4-6pm. The purpose of the public hearing is to review the proposed **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2024** (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) which includes recommended allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds. These federal funds need to be considered and approved by City Council in time for the City to submit its Annual Action Plan to Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To review the Proposed Annual Action Plan click [here](#). The Annual Action Plan includes recommendations for federal funds only.

In addition to the Annual Action Plan and public hearing, **this Special Meeting presentation includes City Manager and commission FY25-28 community agency funding recommendations**. The Council Report for this agenda item will be published on the City’s website [here](#) on Friday April 26, 2024. The community agency funding recommendations reflect a mix of funds, including local funds. The City Council will be holding two public hearings on the budget in May on the following dates:

5/14/2024	FY 2025 & FY 2026 Proposed Biennial Budget Public Hearing #1
6/4/2024	Council Budget Discussion/Public Hearing #2
6/25/2024	Adoption of FY 2025 & FY 2026 Biennial Budget.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday May 7th, 2024
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

The Health, Housing & Community Services Department is proposing a Public Hearing addressing the proposed **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2024** (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) which includes recommended allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds.

The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 7th, at 4:00 P.M.**, in the School District Board Room, 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702.

The proposed **PY 2024 Annual Action Plan** required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, outlines the City's housing and community development program for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The plan also outlines the allocation of \$2,166,000 (estimate) in **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds available for housing related activities, improvement of public facilities, public services, and planning and administration. In addition, the plan outlines the proposed use of approximately \$208,342, the majority of which is used for rapid re-housing financial assistance for people who are homeless in Berkeley under the **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**, and the use of approximately \$547,139 (estimate) in **HOME** funds for affordable housing development and rehabilitation.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City Council agenda webpage at <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas> in advance of the meeting. **Once posted, the agenda for this meeting will include a link for public participation using Zoom video technology, as well as any health and safety requirements for in-person attendance.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public also from April 5, 2024 through May 7, 2024 to submit written comments on the PY2024 Annual Action Plan. **A draft of the Plan will be available for public review** on the web at <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports>.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
&
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The Health, Housing, and Community Services Department (HHCS) will conduct a Public Hearing addressing the proposed **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2024** (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) which includes recommended allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds.

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The proposed **PY 2024 Annual Action Plan** required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), outlines the City's housing and community development program for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The plan also outlines the proposed use of the estimated \$2,903,402 in **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds available for housing related activities, improvement of public facilities, public services, and planning and administration. In addition, the plan outlines the proposed use of \$232,452, the majority of which is used for rapid re-housing financial assistance, outreach and/or shelter for people who are homeless in Berkeley under the **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**, and the use of an estimated \$749,633 in **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)** funds for affordable housing development and rehabilitation.

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El Departamento de Servicios de Salud, Vivienda y Servicios Comunitarios llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para tratar el **Plan de Acción Anual para el Año (PY) 2024** (1 de julio de 2024 a 30 de junio de 2025), el cual incluye las asignaciones recomendadas de fondos de la Beca de Desarrollo del Bloque Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant-CDBG), Beca de Soluciones de Emergencia (Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG) y la beca HOME.

La audiencia se llevará a cabo el **martes, 7 de mayo de 2024 a las 4:00 P.M.** en el **Berkeley Unified School District Board Room** localizado en **1231 Calle Addison, Berkeley, CA 94702.**

Una copia de la agenda para esta audiencia estará disponible en la página electrónica <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas> antes de la audiencia. **Una vez que la agenda sea publicada, esta incluirá un enlace (link) para la participación pública usando la tecnología de Zoom, y los requisitos de salud y seguridad si desea participar de la audiencia en persona.**

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El **Plan de Acción Anual PY 2024** que cubre el período a partir del 1ro de julio de 2024 hasta el 30 de junio de 2025 es un requisito del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los E.E. U.U. (HUD por sus siglas en inglés) y resume los programas de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario. El plan también enumera la distribución de aproximadamente \$2,903,402 que la Ciudad recibirá por medio de la de la Beca de Desarrollo del Bloque Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant - CDBG) para financiar programas de vivienda, mejoras de infraestructura de edificios públicos, servicios públicos y la administración y planificación de los mismos. Además, el plan también explica el uso propuesto de aproximadamente \$232,452 que en su gran mayoría será usado para la relocalización rápida de vivienda dando ayuda financiera, información y/o refugio a las personas desamparadas de Berkeley, estos fondos son parte de la Beca de Soluciones de Emergencia (Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG). También explica cómo se usarán los fondos de la Beca HOME, aproximadamente \$749,633 que se usarán para el desarrollo y rehabilitación de viviendas.

PERIODO DE COMENTARIO PÚBLICO: A partir del 5 de abril de 2024 hasta el 7 de mayo de 2024, el público podrá presentar comentarios por escrito sobre el Plan de Acción Anual PY 2024. Un borrador del **Plan está disponible al público** en el Internet en la página electrónica <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports>.

Copias impresas del borrador estarán disponibles en los siguientes lugares:

- En el escritorio de referencia de la Biblioteca Pública de Berkeley localizada en Calle Kittredge 2090, y
- En el escritorio de recepción del Departamento de Salud, Vivienda y Servicios Comunitarios de la ciudad de Berkeley localizado en la Calle Milvia 2180, 2do Piso,

Cualquier comentario escrito tiene que ser enviado a RBabka@berkeleyca.gov Y SFCPDMail@hud.gov o enviarlos por correo regular al Health, Housing & Community Services Department, 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704. Todos los comentarios deben ser recibidos antes o a más tardar el 7 de mayo de 2024 hasta las 5:00 p.m.

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伯克萊市
公眾視訊聽證會通知
及
計劃評論徵求
關於市政府的年度行動之綜合計劃書

伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部門(HHCS)將提出公開聽證會針對市政府的 **2024 服務行動計劃年度 (PY2024) (07/01/2024-06/30/2025) 行動之綜合計劃書**。伯克萊市政府將邀請公眾人士對伯克萊市政府的年度行動之綜合計劃書加以檢討及評論。該計劃書將提出對於社區發展經費 (CDBG)，緊急解決方案撥款 (ESG) 和房屋投資合作計劃 (HOME) 的資金分配建議。

此次聽證會將在 2024 年 5 月 7 日，星期二，下午 4:00 舉行。此次聽證會將以現場出席的模式進行。對於現場與會者，此次聽證會將在伯克利聯合學區董事會會議室舉行。會議室地址在 - 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702。

本次聽證會的議程材料副本將在會議召開前在市議會議程網頁 <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas> 上提供。一旦發布，本次會議的議程將包括一個使用 Zoom 視頻技術的公眾參與鏈接。對於現場與會者本部門也會提供親自出席的任何健康和 safety 要求。

市政府將根據要求提供視聽支持。如果您需要有關於殘障人士的技术協助，包括輔助工具或服務，請至少在會議開始前三個工作日致電(510) 981-6342 (V) 或 (510)981-6345 (TDD) 與殘疾服務專員聯繫。如能在會議日期前三個工作日發出技術協助通知，我們將盡力確保您毫無困難地參加會議。

此 PY 2024 服務行動計劃年度之綜合計劃書擬議計劃是根據住房和城市發展部門 (HUD) 財務資助接受者所提出的流程。此計劃書概述了伯克萊市政府的城市住房和社區發展計劃。該計劃書有效運轉期為 2024 年 7 月 1 日至 2025 年 6 月 30 日。該計劃還概述了在**社區發展經費 (CDBG)** 中分配的 \$903,402 美元 (估計)，用於與住房有關的活動，公共設施的改善，公共服務以及規劃和管理。此外，該計劃還概述了大約 \$232,452 美元 (估計) 的擬議用途，其中大部分用於根據**緊急解決方案撥款 (ESG)** 為伯克利無家可歸者提供快速重新安置的財政援助，外展和/或庇護，以及動用約 \$749,633 美元 (估計) 的 **HOME** 資金用於經濟適用房的開發和修復。

公共評論期：公眾可以在 2024 年 4 月 5 日至 2024 年 5 月 7 日之間提交書面評論。該計劃的草案可在以下網站上進行公開審查：

<https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports>

公眾意見草案的紙質副本將在以下地址提供：

- 伯克利主圖書館：2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley 諮詢台，二樓
- 伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部門(HHCS)：2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley，二樓

所有書面評論必須通過電子郵件同時發送至 RBabka@berkeleyca.gov 和 SFCPDMail@hud.gov，或通過信件或其他清晰的書面形式發送至伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部門 (HHCS)，2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley，並於 2024 年 5 月 7 日下午 5:00 之前收到這種類型的書面交流。

對於需要幫助將本報告翻譯成另一種語言的居民和團體，請致電 (510) 981-5400 或發送電子郵件至 HHCS@berkeleyca.gov 聯繫 HHCS 以獲得技術支持。

請僅在需要更多有關此主題信息時，聯繫伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部門的 Rhianna Babka 女士(電郵：RBabka@berkeleyca.gov)，地址: 2180 Milvia St., 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704。

Works-Wright, Jamie

From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:56 AM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie
Subject: FW: MHC in May
Attachments: SCU Update_4.25.24.docx

Hello Commissioner,

Here is the report from Katie, that was read at the meeting

Thank you for your time.

Jamie Works-Wright

Consumer Liaison & Mental Health Commission Secretary
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From: Hawn, Katie
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: RE: MHC in May

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Thanks for the reminder! Here it is attached.

From: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:51 AM
To: Hawn, Katie <KHawn@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: RE: MHC in May

Internal

Nice!! I would need anything for the packet by May 13th. Can you share what you read at the meeting so I can share with the commissioners?

Jamie Works-Wright

Consumer Liaison

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Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:41 AM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: MHC in May

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Hi Jamie,

It's pretty likely that I won't be able to make the May Mental Health Commission meeting because I will be flying to Taiwan the next day (still waiting to book my flight, so TBD). When should I plan to get you an SCU update and responses to any questions that come through?

I'll keep you updated, but wanted to get a head start.

Thanks,
Katie

Katie Hawn

Special Projects Coordinator | HIPAA Privacy Officer

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SCU Written Update for Berkeley Mental Health Commission

April 25, 2024

Since September 2023, the Specialized Care Unit has responded to over 600 calls for service. Most calls have come from a community member calling on behalf of an individual, however the team has also received calls from friends/family, local community-based organizations (including homeless providers), and through referrals from crisis lines, including 988. Some calls require a response from the team in the field, while other calls can be resolved over the phone.

Typical calls for service include welfare checks, community members in distress (i.e. angry, sad, threatening harm, etc.), as well as involved substance use. As mentioned in previous reports, sometimes clients cannot be found at the location provided by the caller, or do not accept SCU services when the team arrives. Between January and March of 2024, the team has provided services to over 60 clients which has included transportation services, clinical assessments, and, where absolutely appropriate, 5150/5585 assessments. The team has also provided peer support services as well as support services to friends and family members of the community member experiencing a crisis.

As presented back in January, the bulk of calls have not resulted in a psychiatric (5150 or 5585) hold, and the SCU has facilitated safety planning and provided referrals to various community resources. Since September 2023, the SCU has written less than 20 holds.

Since January, the SCU has responded to a mix of calls for unhoused and unsheltered individuals, unhoused and sheltered individuals, as well as stably housed community members. Additionally, the bulk of reported calls have not required law enforcement to be involved.

HHCS continues to work with Bonita House to refine this data collection, especially data collection to provide information regarding call types, demographic information, and more detailed information about call outcomes such as where individuals are transported. Bonita House has started using a customized app to collect this data, and is working with SCU staff to ensure consistency across entering the data while on calls as well as after calls to get us the information that we are requesting. However, this does mean that the data may not be perfect. HHCS continues to work closely with the team to refine these processes and will provide updates as we can.

The SCU continues to provide outreach materials throughout the Berkeley community to raise awareness about this new service, however the City recognizes that more needs to be done to increase awareness of the SCU. The HHCS team is working closely with Bonita House to have our next community event – hopefully in person – to celebrate the implementation of the SCU to date, and also answer questions about the team’s operations. HHCS is also exploring additional opportunities for publicity that may include showing information on BART billboards, and the electronic kiosks.

Bonita House continues to hire staff to support the SCU team operations, and has expanded hours partially into the evening since our last report. Currently, the team operates from 6am to 9pm on Sunday through Wednesday and 6am to 4pm Thursday through Saturday. We have been told that the next big hours expansion will expand into the evening, and then 24/7 will follow. We are expecting this to happen within the coming months, but this will be dependent upon consistent staffing levels – for reference, the SCU currently has 20 staff working on the program across all shifts, and 7 vacancies. Of

course, once we have an exact date of 24/7 expansion, we will make sure to communicate this to the Mental Health Commission, as well as City leadership and community members on our listserv.

Finally, Bonita House has received the customized vans that the city purchased! These vans include a wheelchair lift which will allow Bonita House to transport individuals who are wheelchair bound. These vans are white Ford Transit vans and have the City logo on the drivers side door with “Health, Housing, and Community Services” as well as “Specialized Care Unit” listed. We will send pictures once we are able. As some know, this was a very long process to purchase, outfit, and receive the vans, so it’s really exciting to have them in the field.

The last update is that we have received some additional grant funding from the Crisis Care Mobile Units program which will be applied to the Bonita House SCU contract to support staff salary costs. This will go to Council on Tuesday, May 7. Because we know financial sustainability is a big topic of interest, we are also working closely with Berkeley Mental Health and Bonita House to get set up for MediCal billing, which is a very in-depth process.

Works-Wright, Jamie

From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 1:51 PM
To: Works-Wright, Jamie
Cc: Harris, Shelialanna
Subject: Agenda Items for May MHC meeting

Hello Commissioner,

If you have any agenda items for the May's meeting please send to me by Friday, May 3rd. Please remember to write the agenda item as you would like to see it and also write it to include your action (example: vote, discuss, review etc.) If you have any items to submit to the packet please have it to me by May10th.

Please note I will be on vacation from May 3rd to May 14. If you need immediate assistances please contact my supervision Shelialanna Harris

Thank you for your time.

Jamie Works-Wright

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