



Department of Health,  
Housing & Community Services  
Mental Health Commission

## Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes – Regular Meeting

7:00 pm  
North Berkeley SC 1901 Hearst

Regular Meeting  
January 23, 2025

**Members of the Public Present:** Jonah Markowitz, Shirley Posey, Ann Hawkins, Carole Marasovic

**Staff Present:** Jose Rios, Jamie Works-Wright

### 1) Call to Order at 7:05 pm

**Commissioners Present:** Andrea Prichett, Monica Jones; Edward Opton, Glenn Turner, Maria Sol, Ajay Krishnan; Lisa Teague; Ashley Gu **Absent:** Igor Tregub

### 2) Preliminary Matters

#### a) Approval of the January 23, 2025 agenda

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion to approve the agenda.

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Gu, Jones, Krishnan, Opton, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Tregub

#### b) Public Comment- 2 public comments

#### c) Approval of the November 21, 2024 Minutes – listen to minutes

M/S/C (Prichett, Turner) Motion to clarify the minutes, item 3 and add “the commission chose to omit the December meeting date and accept the November date. In item 8c. change the word of to, about. Move to accept the minute of the meeting amended by Commissioner Opton

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Gu, Jones, Krishnan, Opton, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Tregub

### 3) Discussion about the Mental Health Commission Chair and Vice Chair elections, which will be held during the February 27, 2025 Commission Meeting. – No Motion

### 4) Discussion regarding the meeting with COB finance and Mental Health department – by Monica and Glenn

**M/S/C (Turner, Opton)** Motion to set up a subcommittee on finances about the Berkeley Mental Health Division. The members will be commissioners Glenn Turner, Edward Opton and Ashley Gu.

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Gu, Krishnan, Opton, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** Jones; **Abstentions:** Prichett; **Absent:** Tregub

**5) Presentation and possible action on self-assessment tool for current commissioners – Jose Rios**

**M/S/C (Prichett, Gu)** The MHC will engage in self-assessment project with HHCS and Jose after the commission receives:

- Comprehensive update on workload and incident statistics on SCU
- Accurate budget information for FY 2022-26 and budget actuals
- Documents and updates related to the progress 911 dispatch of SCU
- Regular attendance by City Council member
- Regular updates to MHD on SCU progress and plan for extending it.
- Plan for SCU launch and publicity plan
- Performance Audit of MHD
- The ability to record our meetings and publicize them on our website for the public's
- Staffing report for the SCU

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Gu, Krishnan, Prichett, Sol, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Jones, Opton; **Absent:** Tregub

**6) Review, Discuss and Actions regarding the By-Laws for Berkeley Behavioral Health Commission. – No Motion**

**7) Mental Health Manager's Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell – No Motion**

- a) MHC Manager Report
- b) Caseload Statistic January 2025

**8) Discussion and Possible Action on Mental Health Commission Annual Report – No Motion**

\*8:58 Meeting extension

**(Gu, Prichett) Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes**

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Gu, Krishnan, Prichett, Jones, Opton, Teague, Turner; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None  
**Absent:** Sol, Tregub

**9) Subcommittee Reports – Discussion about what subcommittee will be renewed and what subcommittee will be removed.**

- a) **Membership Subcommittee – Staying**
- b) **Care Court Subcommittee – Staying**

- c) **Evaluation Subcommittee – Staying**
- d) **SCU Subcommittee – SCU will be put under the evaluation committee**
  - i) **Liaison between Bonita House and Police Department re Special Care Unit staff.**

**10. Discuss Role of MHC in advising on scope of BH (“behavioral health”) services. – No motion made – will carry to next meeting**

**11. Information concerning current Berkeley Behavioral Health services for children. No motion made – will carry to next**

**12. Following five domestic violence homicides, San Mateo County launches co-response pilot. No motion made – will carry to next**

**13. Adjournment - 9:08 PM**

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

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