



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00pm
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting
March 24, 2022

Members of the Public Present: Andrea Zeppa, Faith Elizabeth Fuller, Kelly Hammargren, Shirley Posey, Andrew Phelps and 2 callers

Staff Present: Lisa Warhuus, Steven Grolnic-McClurg, Fawn Downs, Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:08pm – No Quorum until 7:14

Commissioners Present: Tommy Escarcega (7:14), Margaret Fine, Monica Jones, Edward Opton **Absent:** Andrea Prichett, Terry Taplin

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the agenda February 24, 2022 Agenda

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to approve the March 24, 2022 agenda

PASSED

Ayes: Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin

b) Public Comment- No Public Comments

c) Approval of the January 27, 2022 Minutes

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to approve the February 24, 2022 minutes

PASSED

Ayes: Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin

3) Bridge to Specialized Care Unit Services & Specialized Care Unit Update– Dr. Lisa Warhuus

M/S/C (Fine, Jones) Motion for Monica Jones and Margaret Fine to be appointed to a committee that is designed to advise on the selection of the new Mental Health Division Manager

PASSED

Ayes: Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin

- 4) **Selection Process for Mental Health Division Manager Update- Dr. Lisa Warhuus**
- 5) **April presentation on Behavioral Health Crisis System, including role of Berkeley police, role of Alameda County and patients' rights- Discussion and Take Action**
 - No motion made
- 6) **Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force Update**
- 7) **Mental Health Manager's Report and Caseload Statistics – Steve Grolnic-McClurg**
 - No Motion Made
 - a. **Mental Health Division Manager Report**
 - b. **Berkeley Mental Health Caseload Statistics**
 - c. **Housed -Unhoused Clients_ FY 20.2.17.2022**
- 8) **Work Discussion and Take Action on Subcommittees**
 - a. **Santa Rita Jail Subcommittee Report**

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion for the Mental Health Commission to approve this letter to support establishing a crisis stabilization center that serve both people with mental health and substance use disorders and send it to the Berkeley City Council

PASSED

Ayes: Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin
 - b. **Establish Site Visit Committee**

M/S/C (Jones, Fine) Motion to establish a site visit committee including Monica and Margaret to be on the subcommittee

PASSED

Ayes: Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin
 - c. **Vacancies (including Albany seats) and establish Membership Subcommittee – No Motion Made**
 - d. **Crisis Stabilization Subcommittee – No Motion Made**
 - e. **Retire Subcommittees from previous year if not renewed – No Motion Made**
- 9) **Discussion and Take Action to Adopt Annual Report**

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to adopt the Annual Report by the Mental Health Commission and send it to the Berkeley City Council

PASSED

Ayes: Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin

***Motion to extend the meeting 5 minutes**

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to adopt the Annual Report by the Mental Health Commission and send it to the Berkeley City Council

PASSED

Ayes:, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** Escarcega; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin

10) Discussion and Take Action on Work Plan 2022

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to pass the work plan 2022 with the 3 changes and submit to the Mental Health Commission and Berkeley City Council. The 3 changes: 1. On the Blue Print that we make sure it's coordinated with Alameda Court. 2. Area in Equity and having someone appointed from the Mental Health Commission to the Mental Health Division. 3. Explore how we add substance use as appropriate to the commission, division and manager titles.

PASSED

Ayes: Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin

11) Adjournment – 9:02

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to adjourn the meeting

PASSED

Ayes: Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Prichett, Taplin

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