



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00pm
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting
December 16, 2021

Members of the Public Present: Paul Kealoha-Blake, Rafi Tarantino, Karen M., Maggie Shapiro, Jovan Yglecias, Glenn Turner, Amy Langer, Kim Nemirow, Shirley Posey, Carol M., Elana Auerbach, Marc Sapir, Audrey and 2 callers

Staff Present: Fawn Downs, Jeff Buell, Steven Grolnic-McClurg Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:00pm

Commissioners Present: Javonna Blanton (7:05) boona cheema, Tommy Escarcega (7:25), Margaret Fine, Monica Jones, Edward Opton Andrea Prichett (7:30) **Absent:** Terry Taplin,

*No Action taken at the start of the meeting due to not having quorum so meeting started with presentations

2) Behavioral Health Crisis Systems & Crisis Stabilization Programs Presentation & Q&A

Maggie Shapiro, BACS Program Manager, Amber House 24 Hour Crisis Stabilization, Oakland, CA

Jovan Yglecias, BACS Chief Program Officer, Oakland, CA

Holly Harris, Crisis Services Program Manager, Deschutes County, OR

8:56*Motion make to extend the meeting to 9:15

M/S/C (cheema, Fine)

PASSED

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

3) Discussion and vote to establish the Mental Health Commission 2022 calendar for regular meetings. Motion to adopt the calendar date for 2022 with dates October 20th and December 15, 2022.

M/S/C (Opton, Fine)

PASSED

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

4) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the October 28, 2021 Agenda

M/S/C (Fine, Jones) Motion as the agenda is written right now to adopt the December 16, 2021 agenda

PASSED

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

b) Public Comment – 5 Public Comment

c) Approval of the June 24, 2021 Minutes

M/S/C (cheema, Fine) Move to accept to the October 28, 2021 minutes

PASSED

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

*9:13 Motion to extend meeting for 10 minutes from 9:15-9:25

M/S/C (Fine, Opton)

PASSED

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

5) Discussion re: next steps on Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Possible Action

M/S/C (Fine, Escarcega) Motion to create a crisis stabilization subcommittee

PASSED

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

M/S/C (Fine, Escarcega) Motion to have boona, Margaret and Tommy participate in the Crisis Stabilization subcommittee

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

6) Specialized Care Unit Steering Update & Discussion re: RDA Report – Dr. Lisa Warhuus - Did not get to item

7) Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force Update Ned Opton (MHC appointee), boona cheema (Vice-Chair, RPSTF) - Did not get to item

8) Santa Rita Jail Subcommittee Report - Andrea Pritchett - Did not get to item

9) Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics - Steve Grolnic-McClurg - Did not get to item

a) MH report

b) Berkeley Mental Health Caseload Statistics September

- 10) **MHSA INN Homeless Encampment Wellness Project Update draft posted, public hearing scheduled - Did not get to item**
- 11) **Whole Person Care - Community Health Records Update Implementation Plan Update - Did not get to item**
- 12) **Substance Use/Harm Reduction - Services, Supports, Diversion from Criminal System - Did not get to item**
- 13) **Policing Complaint - Kim Nemirow - Did not get to item**
- 14) **Prioritize Agenda and Topics for January Meeting – Did not get to item**
- 15) **Adjournment - 9:19 motion to adjourn the meeting**
 - M/S/C (cheema, Fine) Move to accept to the October 28, 2021 minutes**
 - PASSED**
 - Ayes:** cheema, Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Blanton
 - Absent:** Prichett, Taplin

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