



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00pm
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting
June 24, 2021

Members of the Public Present: Jennifer Martinez, Carole Marasovic, Cristi Iannuzzi, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Wendy Alfsen, Andrew Phelps

Staff Present: Fawn Downs, Jamie Works-Wright, Yvette Katuala

1) Call to Order at 7:00pm

Commissioners Present: boona cheema, Margaret Fine, Monica Jones, Maria Moore, Edward Opton, Andrea Prichett, Terry Taplin **Absent:** Javonna Blanton

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the June 24, 2021 Agenda

M/S/C (Fine, Prichett) Motion to adopt the approval of the agenda for June 24, 2021.

PASSED

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

b) Public Comment – 1 Public Comment –

c) Approval of the May 27, 2021 Minutes

M/S/C (Prichett, Fine) Make a motion to approve the May 27, 2021 minutes

PASSED

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

3. Whole Person Care Presentation by Jennifer Martinez and Cristi Iannuzzi

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to Present the video presentation about Alameda County Care Connect by Jennifer Martinez, Director of Program Development, and Cristi Iannuzzi, Director of Strategy and Implementation, to City of Berkeley staff, the Mayor and the Berkeley City Council on behalf of the Mental Health Commission.

PASSED

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

4. **Specialized Care unit Update – Dr. Lisa Warhuus read by Margaret Fine MHC chair M/S/C (Fine, Prichett) Motion to submit a letter to mayor, Berkeley City Council to establish, develop and implement a phase in the Specialized Care unit non-police response that does not operate with police**

PASSED

Ayes: cheema; Fine, Jones, Moore, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** (recused) Taplin **Absent:** Blanton

***Motion to extend the meeting by another 15 minutes**

M/S/C (cheema, Fine)

PASSED

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

5. **Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Update – No motion made**

6. **US Department of Justice ADA Investigation of Santa Rita Jail –**

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion to conduct research and develop a recommendation to Berkeley City Council, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and Alameda County health care services agency on behalf of the Mental health Commission, to address human rights violations based on the U.S. Department of Justice’s investigation at the Santa Rita Jail.

PASSED

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

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

M/S/C (cheema, Fine)

PASSED

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

7. **Mental Health Manager Update – Steven Grolnic-McClurg – Did not get to this item**

- a. Mental Health Manager Report
- b. Berkeley Mental Health Caseload Statistics for April 2021
- c. Full Contract City of Berkeley MH FY 2020-21 final pending insurance

8. **Pride Program Report – Transgender TAY: Finding Self and Love in transition- Did not get to this item**

9. **Discussion Topic for Mental Health Manager Report and Presentation – Did not get to this item**

10. **Prioritize Agenda items for July Meeting –**

- a. **Public education Campaign**

11. Adjournment – 9:22pm Meeting ended

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