



Department of Health,  
Housing & Community Services  
Mental Health Commission

## Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Drafted Minutes

7:00pm  
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting  
October 27, 2022

**Members of the Public Present** Andrea Prichett, Andrew Phelps, Rosina Keren, George Lippman, Sima Sardhara, Haley Goetting, Leslie Berkler, Moni Law, Otis Ward, Carole Marasovic, Heter Malvido, Lily Kung, Paul Kealoha-Blake

**Staff Present:** Jeff Buell, Jonathan Maddox, Lisa Warhuus, Jamie Works-Wright

### 1) Call to Order at 7:04pm –

**Commissioners Present:** Judy Appel, Margaret Fine, Monica Jones, Edward Opton (7:05), Mary Lee Kimber-Smith, Glenn Turner, **Absent:** Tommy Escarcega, Terry Taplin

### 2) Preliminary Matters

#### a. Approval of the October 27, 2022 Agenda

M/S/C (Appel, Kimber- Smith) Motion to approve the agenda

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None,

**Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

#### b. Public Comment – 7 public comments

#### c. Approval of the September 22, 2022 Minutes

M/S/C (Kimber- Smith, Jones) Motion to approve the minutes

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None,

**Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

### 3) SCU, Bridge & SCU public education and community engagement plan update– Dr. Lisa Warhuus

No Motion Made

### 4) Mental Health Resources & Services for Children & Youth provided by Division of Mental Health for the City of Berkeley

**Presenter: Berkeley Mental Health Division CYF Program Supervisor, Jonathan Maddox, MFT with Commissioner discussion and public comment**  
No Motion Made

**5) Youth Mental Health Subcommittee Report – Vice-Chair Monica Jones**  
No Motion Made

**6) Commission Secretary Recognition for Distinguished Contribution to the Berkeley Mental Health Commission**  
No Motion Made

**7) Review and Vote on Dates for Commission meetings for year 2023**

a. Review potential dates for 2023

**M/S/C (Jones, Appel)** Motion to approve the calendar that has been set forth  
**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None,  
**Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

Motion to extend the meeting to 9:15

**M/S/C (Appel, Jones)** Motion to extend the meeting to 9:15  
**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None,  
**Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

**8) Retreat Training Discussion for January 2023**

**M/S/C (Jones, Turner)** Motion to change the January 26 meeting date to January 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm and we will wait to hear from the council approval to meet in person but for now it will be on zoom.

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None,  
**Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

a. **M/S/C (Fine, Kimber-Smith)** Motion to set up a retreat sub-committee that includes Judy Appel, Glenn Turner, and Margaret Fine

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None,  
**Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

**9) Stiavetti Case and Incompetency to Stand Trial – Commissioner Ned Opton**  
Tabled item for next meeting

**10) Diversion Discussion and Possible Action – Commissioner Mary-Lee Kimber Smith**

a. Diversion Discussion, including MHC presentation, 9/22/22, and related topics

b. Address Subcommittee Status

**M/S/C (Kimber-Smith, Turner)** Create a Diversion sub-committee chaired by Mary Lee Kimber-Smith staffed with Edward Opton, Glenn Turner and the meeting will be recorded

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber-Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None, **Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

Move to extend the meeting for 5 more minutes to 9:30

**M/S/C (Kimber-Smith, Appel)** Motion to extend the meeting for 5 more minutes to 9:30

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber-Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None, **Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

- c. Possible Resolution to Berkeley City Council about Care First Jails Last (including CARES Navigation Center) (see Agenda Packet)

**M/S/C (Kimber-Smith, Fine)** Motion to pass the resolution

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber-Smith **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None, **Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin, Turner

**11) Mental Health Manger's Report -Did not get to item**

- a. MHC Manager report September 2022
- b. MH Caseload stats August 2022

**12) Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting (9:16)**

**M/S/C (Opton, Kimber-Smith)**

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber-Smith, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin, Turner

**Minutes submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary