



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Draft Minutes

7:00 pm
North Berkeley SC 1901 Hearst

Regular Meeting
July 20, 2023

Members of the Public Present: Shirley Posey, Genevieve Wilson, Ann Hawkins, Carole Marasovic

Staff Present: Lisa Warhuus Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:06 pm

Commissioners Present: Monica Jones, Edward Opton, Andrea Prichett, Mary Lee Kimber-Smith, Glenn Turner **Absent:** Margaret Fine, Kate Harrison

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the July 20, 2023 agenda

M/S/C (Jones, Kimber-Smith) Motion to add an additional item “Write letter (Margaret and Andrea) and send to Dr. Warhuus, the City Manager and the City Council explaining why we believe that access to training materials for the SCU are so important and asking for their support in helping us to gain access to those materials- Andrea Prichett” adding this item to #5

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Kimber-Smith, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Fine, Harrison

Motion to move item #11 and #12 to the September meeting

M/S/C (Prichett, Jones)

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Kimber-Smith, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Fine, Harrison

b) Public Comment- 2 public comment

c) Approval of the June 15, 2023 Minutes

M/S/C (Opton, Prichett) Move that we approve the minutes from June 15, 2023

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Kimber-Smith, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Fine, Harrison

- 3) **SCU and updates- Lisa Warhuus**
- 4) **Proposal for Early Intervention in Psychosis Program provided by Alice Feller- Andrea Prichett- Skip item**
- 5) **Write letter (Margaret and Andrea) and send to Dr. Warhuus, the City Manager and the City Council explaining why we believe that access to training materials for the SCU are so important and asking for their support in helping us to gain access to those materials- Andrea Prichett**
M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion to approve the letter to send to City Manager, City Council, Bonita House and Lisa Warhuus
PASSED
Ayes: Jones, Kimber-Smith, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Fine, Harrison
- *M/S/C (Jones, Turner)** Motion to put the second letter “Regarding MHC recommendation regarding MHSA “Mobile Encampment Wellness Project” for the September meeting
PASSED
Ayes: Jones, Kimber-Smith, Opton, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Prichett; **Absent:** Fine, Harrison
- 6) **Mental Health Commissions role regarding the policy of the city re: police sweeping homeless folks – Judy Appel – Skipped Item**
- 7) **Motion to establish subcommittee concerning the Governor’s plan for “Transformation of Behavioral Health Services – Edward Opton – No Motion Made**
- 8) **Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell**
a. MHC Manager Report
b. Caseload Statistic June 2023
No Motion Made
- 9) **Recording Mental Health Commission Meetings and Posting Them – Andrea Prichett**
M/S/C (Prichett, Kimber-Smith) Motion that we record the meetings the recording be provided to the commission and be published to the city website and seek technical support from the City Clerks’ office and written explanation of what is need to make this possible.
PASSED
Ayes: Kimber-Smith, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Jones, Opton; **Absent:** Fine, Harrison
- 10) **Subcommittee Reports**
a) **Youth Subcommittee**
b) **Membership Subcommittee**
c) **Evaluation Subcommittee**

i) Annual Report

M/S/C (Prichett, Kimber-Smith) Make a motion to approve the Annual Report

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Kimber-Smith, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Turner, Opton; **Absent:** Fine, Harrison

11) Community Health Records – Margaret Fine – Item moved to the September meeting

12) Providing a state legislative update on behavioral health particularly as it relates to our work in the City of Berkeley – Margaret Fine - Item moved to the September meeting

13) Adjournment – 9:01 PM

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

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