



Berkeley Homeless  
Services Panel of Experts

## MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2024

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM  
**Present:** Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Meany, Jones, Palmatier, and Bookstein  
**Absent:** Segal (leave of absence).  
**Staff:** Jacobs, Buell, Payvarpour.  
**Council:** None.  
**Public:** 3.
2. Reading of the land acknowledgment.
3. Public comments for items not on the agenda: 0.

### Update/Action Items

4. Approval of the Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.  
**Action:** M/S/C Meany/Marasovic move to approve the agenda as written.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Jones, Meany, Palmatier, and Bookstein.  
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Segal.
5. Approval of the October 10, 2024 minutes. Discussion and Possible Action.  
**Action:** M/S/C Meany/Marasovic move to approve the minutes as written.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Jones, Meany, Palmatier, and Bookstein.  
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Segal.
6. Presentation with Q and A from Homeless Full Service Partnership Team from Berkeley Mental Health. Discussion and possible action.  
Discussion; no action taken.
7. Discussion of the January regular meeting time. Discussion and possible action.  
**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Palmatier move to change the regular meeting scheduled for January 1, 2025 meeting to the second Wednesday of the month, January 8, 2025.

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**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Jones, Meany, Palmatier, and Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Segal.

8. Chair Update. Discussion only.

Discussion; no action taken.

9. Recommendation to Council to allocate additional funding for a location based on the former Horizon model, at 742 Grayson, to address community concerns. Discussion and possible action.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move that we submit a letter to council recommending that in the current November budget process that money be allocated towards a location for a Horizon type program model to address unsheltered persons.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Jones, Meany, Palmatier, and Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: Kealoha-Blake. Absent: Segal.

10. Discussion of an urgent increase in number of sanitation facilities to serve basic health needs of Berkeley's unsheltered, and partly sheltered citizens. Discussion and possible action/possible recommendation.

Discussion; no action taken.

11. Discussion of an urgent need for a 24/7 services capability due to the increased unsheltered or partly sheltered citizens in Berkeley struggling with addiction, mental health challenges and physical insecurity. Discussion and possible action/possible recommendation.

Discussion; no action taken.

12. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 1.8.25

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

