



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes – Regular Meeting

7:00 pm
North Berkeley SC 1901 Hearst

Regular Meeting
July 25, 2024

Members of the Public Present: Maria Sol, Jose Rios, Ann Hawkins, Lillian Gates-Tilles, Lorry L.

Staff Present: Jeff Buell, Karen Klatt, Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:05 pm

Commissioners Present: Andrea Prichett, Monica Jones (Chair), Cecilia Lunaparra, Edward Opton, Glenn Turner (Vice Chair) **Absent:** Ajay Krishnan

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the July 25, 2024 agenda

M/S/C (Opton, Jones) Move to approve the agenda

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Lunaparra, Prichett, Opton, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Krishnan

b) Public Comment- 1 public comments

c) Approval of the June 27, 2024 Minutes

M/S/C (Opton, Krishnan) Motion that we move to approve the June 27, 2024 minutes

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Lunaparra, Opton, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Prichett; **Absent:** Krishnan

*Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes to 9:10

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton)

Ayes: Lunaparra, Prichett, Opton, Turner **Noes:** Jones; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Krishnan

3) Public Hearing - MHSA Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Update – Karen Klatt

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) The Mental Health Commission approves the overall MHSA Annual budget with modifications. The Mental Health Commission recommends that the

\$600,000 for the Encampment based Mobile Wellness Center be reconsidered and these funds reallocated to support the needs of the unhoused people. This funding shall be contingent upon a public hearing that includes community input with service users and providers and that a plan be developed for its effective use. The Mental Health Commission also recommends that the Mobile Crisis Team be funded through BDP (Berkeley Police Department) and overseen by the Mental Health Department.

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Lunaparra, Prichett, Opton, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Krishnan

- 4) **Review, edit and vote for approval of the letters written to the City Auditor by Edward Opton** - Did not get to item
- 5) **Discussion and review of Berkeley Side article about "Berkeley returns \$400,000 in housing funds meant for homeless hotel". Write and vote on an opinion to be sent to the city manager, city council and/or Berk MH division – Glenn Turner** - Did not get to item
- 6) **Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell** - Did not get to item
 - a) MHC Manager Report July
 - b) Caseload Statistic July 2024
- 7) **Subcommittee Reports – Did not get to items**
 - a. **Membership Subcommittee**
 - b. **Evaluation Subcommittee**
 - c. **Berkeley’s participant in reorganization and, potentially, to make recommendations concerning Berkeley’s implementation of the reorganization**
- 8) **Adjournment – 9:07 PM**
M/S/C (Jones, Opton) Motion to adjourn the meeting
PASSED
Ayes: Jones, Lunaparra, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Krishnan

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