



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

**Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Draft Minutes – Regular Meeting**

7:00 pm
North Berkeley SC 1901 Hearst

Regular Meeting
September 26, 2024

Members of the Public Present: Maria Sol, Peter Dinsmore, Paul Kealoha -Blake, Ashley Gu, Shirley Posey, Ann Hawkins

Staff Present: Jeff Buell, Scott Gilman, Sasha Gayle-Schneider, Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:00pm

Commissioners Present: Andrea Prichett, Monica Jones (Chair), Edward Opton, Glenn Turner (Vice Chair) Ajay Krishnan (7:09) **Absent:** Cecilia Lunaparra

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the September 26, 2024 agenda

M/S/C (Jones, Prichett) Motion to approve the agenda

PASSED

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

b) Public Comment- 1 public comments

c) Approval of the July 25, 2024 Minutes

M/S/C (Jones, Turner) Motion that we approve the July 25, 2024 minutes

PASSED

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

3. Specialized Care Unit (SCU) Update – Katie Hawn

M/S/C (Prichett, Turner) Motion that we create a SCU subcommittee to design questions and frame out a performance review.

PASSED

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

M/S/C (Prichett, Jones) Motion that Glenn Turner, Edward Opton and Andrea Prichett will be the members of the SCU subcommittee.

PASSED

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

4. Cares First, Jails Last update – Sasha Gayle-Schneider – No Motion Made

5. Interview and vote on nomination of Maria Sol to the Mental Health Commission

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion that we move to recommend Maria Sol to the city council for the mental health commission.

PASSED

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

6. Interview and vote on nomination of Ashley (Jiahao) Gu to the Mental Health Commission

M/S/C (Prichett, Turner) Motion that we move to recommend Ashley (Jiahao) Gu to the city council for the mental health commission.

PASSED

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

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

M/S/C (Prichett, Turner)

PASSED

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

7. Mental Health Manager's Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell –

No motions made

- a. MHC Manager Report September
- b. Caseload Statistic September 2024

8. Subcommittee Reports –

a. Membership Subcommittee

i. Discuss new application changes and WIC requirements

M/S/C (Jones, Turner) Motion for the membership subcommittee to meet regarding the by-laws. The membership committee will consist of Glenn Turner, Ajay Krishnan and Monica Jones as well as non-voting members.

PASSED

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

b. Evaluation Subcommittee

- c. Berkeley’s participant in reorganization and, potentially, to make recommendations concerning Berkeley’s implementation of the reorganization**

M/S/C (Prichett, Turner) Motion that we change the name of this subcommittee to the Care Court sub-committee

PASSED

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

9. Adjournment – 9:07 PM

M/S/C (Jones, Krishnan) Motion to adjourn the meeting

PASSED

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

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

