



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

Regular Meeting
May 23, 2019

1947 Center Street
7:00pm
Basement, Multi-Purpose Room

Members of the Public Present: Marisa Angeles, Lorna Jones, Elisa Mikiten, Andrew Phelps, Christine Schwartz, Ron (?).
Staff Present: Andrea Bates, Steve Grolnic-McClurg.

1. Call to Order at 7:00pm

Commissioners Present: Erlinda Castro, boona cheema, Margaret Fine, Shelby Heda, Paul Kealoha-Blake; Commissioners Absent: Cheryl Davila (arrived 7:20pm), Ben Ludke (arrived 7:05pm).

2. Preliminary Matters

A. Approval of the April 25, 2019 Agenda

M/S/C (Castro, Kealoha-Blake) Motion to approve the May 23, 2019 Mental Health Commission Meeting Agenda– PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila (arrived 7:20pm).

B. Public Comment – There was one Public Comment.

C. Approval of the April 25, 2019 Meeting minutes

M/S/C (Fine, Castro) Approve the April 25, 2019 Meeting minutes - PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila (arrived 7:20pm).

3. Bonita House Presentation – No Action Taken.

*Following this presentation the community members who were present at the meeting were asked to introduce themselves. Three Community members introduced themselves.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on the role of police in providing mental health services using crisis intervention and de-escalation methods Commission

*There were three Public Comments during this agenda item.

M/S/C (Fine, Kealoha-Blake) Move that the Mental Health Commission create a subcommittee referred to as the Mental Health Crisis Response – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** None.

M/S/C (Ludke, Davila) Motion to appoint Margaret, Paul and boona with Cheryl as a substitute to the Mental Health Response Subcommittee – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** None.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Mental Health Commission Work Plan – No Action Taken

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittee Reports – No Action Taken.

- Site Visit Subcommittee
- Diversity Subcommittee
- Accountability Subcommittee
- Membership Subcommittee

7. Discussion and Possible on Commissioner appointment to the Berkeley Mental Health, Planning Committee for Staff Training on LGBTQ people of color and mental health/substance use

M/S/C (Davila, Castro) Motion to appoint Margaret and Cheryl to the Planning Committee for Staff Training on LGBTQ and People of Color and Mental Health/Substance Use – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** None.

8. Mental Health Manager Updates for May – Mental Health Manager, Steve Grolnic-McClurg recognized the sad and tragic passing of a well-known and beloved community member.* He also thanked the Mental Health Commissioners who came to the Division’s “May Is Mental Health Month” month event that was held on Thursday, May 16th and thanked the Commission for participating both at the event and on the Planning Panel for the event. Mr. Grolnic-McClurg also spoke briefly about statistics from the BMH Equity Committee and answered questions.

9. Berkeley Mental Health Staff Announcements

BMH Staff member Andrea Bates, who served in the Commission Secretary role in Karen Klatt's absence, handed out fliers on the following upcoming training that will be held at the Ed Robert's Campus on Thursday, June 13th: "Diverse Lives: Learning from the LGBTQI2-S Community". Ms. Bates also announced that the MHSA FY20 Annual Update will be posted for a 30 Day Public Review on Wednesday, May 29th and the Public Hearing for this document will be held on June 27th at the next Mental Health Commission meeting.

*At this point it was 9:00pm and a motion was made to extend the meeting.

M/S/C (Davila, Heda) Motion to extend the meeting the meeting for 5 minutes - PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** None.

10. Prioritize Agenda Items for June Meeting – MHSA FY20 Annual Update Public Hearing; Invite Berkeley Police Department staff to do a presentation.

11. Announcements –*During the Mental Health Manager Update, Council Woman, Davila, announced that a Memorial Service would be held at 7:00pm on Friday May 24th on the steps at 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way for the Community Member who Passed.

12. Adjournment – 9:05pm

M/S/C (Davila, Castro) Motion to adjourn the meeting – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** None.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary