



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00pm
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting
July 22, 2021

Members of the Public Present: Kelly Hammagr, Shirley Posey, Kim Nemirow, Carole Marasovic, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Wendy Alfsen, Andrew Phelps, Tommy Escarcega
Staff Present: Fawn Downs, Karen Klatt, Steven Grolnic McClurg Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:04pm

Commissioners Present: Javonna Blanton, boona cheema, Margaret Fine, Monica Jones, Edward Opton, Andrea Prichett **Absent:** Maria Moore, Terry Taplin

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the July 22, 2021 Agenda

M/S/C (Cheema, Opton) Motion to move item #10 The U.S. Department of Justice Investigation of Santa Rita Jail Report to item #5.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

b) Public Comment – 3 Public Comment – Sidewalk ordinance August 1, 2021

c) Approval of the June 24, 2021 Minutes

M/S/C (Fine, Jones) Make a motion to adopt the June 24, 2021 minutes

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

3. Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Annual Report FY 21/22 Presentation and Public Hearing – Karen Klatt

PASSED

M/S/C (Fine, cheema) *Motion to call the question. (To put an end to the debate)

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, **Noes:** Prichett; **Abstentions:** Opton, **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

M/S/C (Fine, cheema) Motion to approve the MHSA Annual Report FY 21/22 and submit to the Berkeley City Council.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, **Noes:** Prichett; **Abstentions:** Opton, **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

8:57*Motion to extend meeting

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Make a motion to extend the meeting by 20 minutes

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

4. Interview and vote on the nomination of Tommy Escarcega on the Mental Health Commission

M/S/C (Fine, Prichett) Make a motion to nominate Tommy Escarcega to join us on the Mental Health Commission

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

5. U.S. Department of Justice Investigation of Santa Rita Jail Report –

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion for the Santa Rita DOJ Investigation subcommittee with commissioners Opton, cheema and Prichett.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

6. Specialized Care unit Update – Dr. Lisa Warhuus – No Motion made

7. Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Update – No motion made

9:19*Motion to extend the meeting by another 5 minutes to 9:25pm

M/S/C (Fine, Prichett)

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

8. Discussion re: SCU & Reimagining Public Safety initiative, including how they interface and coordinate – No Motion made

9. Public Education Campaign – Did not get to this item

10. Mental Health Manager Report and Caseload Statistics – Steven Grolnic-McClurg

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion for the commission to submit a letter to the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Mental Health Manager, Steven Grolnic-McClurg, District City Attorney, Director, Lisa Warhuus and City Council about implementing the Community Health Records System and offering a presentation if they are willing to do it.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Moore, Taplin

- a. Electronic Information available to Division Staff – No motion
- b. Demographic information gathered for service users – No motion

11. Request/Prioritize Topics for Mental Health Manager Report and Presentation – Did not get to the item

12. Discussion Topic for Mental Health Manager Report and Presentation – Did not get to this item

13. Prioritize Agenda items for September Meeting – did not get to this item.

14. Adjournment – 9:25pm Meeting ended

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