



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00pm
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting
January 27, 2022

Members of the Public Present: Hope McDonnell, Andrea Zeppa, Inger, John Cervetto, Karen Cilman, Brianna Johnston, Karam Barakat, Nina Li, Steven Taylor, Wendy Alfsen, Shirley Posey, Luica Hammonf, Ryan Wythe, Yasmin Aref, Maxine Thompson, Andrew Phelps and 2 callers

Staff Present: Fawn Downs, Karen Klatt, Lisa Warhuus, Steven Grolnic-McClurg Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:03pm

Commissioners Present: boona cheema, Tommy Escarcega (7:30), Margaret Fine, Monica Jones, Edward Opton (7:10) Andrea Prichett **Absent:** Terry Taplin,

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the January 27, 2022 agenda

M/S/C (Fine, cheema) Motion to adapt the January 27, 2022 agenda

PASSED

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

b) Public Comment- 3 Public Comments

c) Approval of the December 16, 2021 Minutes

M/S/C (Fine, cheema) Motion to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes

PASSED

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

3) Reasonable Accommodation & Disability Update – Commission Secretary

-No Motion Made

4) Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics – Steve Grolnic-McClurg

-No Motion Made

- a. **Mental Health Division Manager Announcement (retirement)**
- b. **MHC Report**
- c. **Berkeley Mental Health Caseload Statistics – December**
- d. **Berkeley MH SCU Final Recommendations**

5) Specialized Care Unit Update & Discussion and CalAIM Implementation Plan – Medi-Cal Reforms– Dr. Lisa Warhuus

-No Motion Made

6) MHSA Public Hearing on Homeless Wellness Encampment Project – Karen Klatt and John Cervetto, RDA

M/S/C (Fine, Jones) Recommend that the Berkeley City Council to approve the Mental Health Service Act Homeless Wellness Encampment project and send it to the Department of Health Care Services and the Oversight and Accountability Commission for the state of California for MHSA funding.

PASSED

Ayes: cheema, Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Prichett; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Opton

Absent: Taplin

*8:55 Motion to extend meeting to 9:15pm

M/S/C (Fine, Opton)

PASSED

Ayes: cheema, Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Taplin

7) Interview and Vote on the nomination of Judith Appel on the Mental Health Commission

-No Motion Made – (Judith Appel withdrew her application)

8) Santa Rita Jail Subcommittee Report – Andrea Pritchett

a) Review draft letter proposing joint subcommittee

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to adopt the Mental Health Commission letter dated January 24, 2022 for the purpose of inviting the Police Accountability Board to create a joint subcommittee with the Mental Health Commission and to send the letter right away.

PASSED

Ayes: cheema, Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Taplin

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Move that the Santa Rita Subcommittee collaborate with the Police Accountability Board and including the letter to send

PASSED

Ayes: cheema, Escarcega, Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Taplin

9) Crisis Stabilization Subcommittee Report

-No Motion Made

10) Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force Update Ned Opton (MHC appointee), boona cheema (Vice-Chair)

-No Motion Made

11) Announcement for Officer Elections for next MHC Meeting (2/22) for new term beginning March 2022

12) Adjournment - 9:14PM

Minutes submitted by:

Jamie Works-Wright

Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary