



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 21, 2021
6:30 PM

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Approval
3. Public Comment

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 6/16/2021 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All
5. Chair election – All
6. Low-income representative election – All (Attachment B)
7. Commission agenda item request process – Staff
8. Commissioner Manual review: Order and Decorum – Staff (Attachment C)
9. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment D) — Staff
 - a. Through The Looking Glass program and financial reports

Other Discussion Items

10. Review and discuss City of Berkeley Commission minutes – All
11. Presentation from Youth ALIVE! – Youth ALIVE! representatives
12. Discussion and possible action on sidewalk ordinance enforcement and RV ordinance enforcement (Attachment E) – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
13. Discussion and possible action on accessibility issues, including Pathways and new facility at Grayson St. Staff v. Consultants; Ombudsman; and new liability concerns over Justice Department ruling on Mental Health – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg (Attachments F and G)
14. Discussion and possible action on draft public comment regarding Alta Bates Hospital (Attachment H) – Commissioner Omodele
15. Discuss TOPA implications on rent control and possible rent control reforms – Commissioners Omodele and Behm-Steinberg
16. Discuss citywide public restrooms report – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
17. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
18. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
19. Discuss City grant writer procurement – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
20. Discuss potential questionnaire to City Council regarding HWCAC priorities – Commissioner Bookstein
21. Discuss current state of homelessness in Berkeley – Commissioner Omodele
22. Discussion and possible action on letter to Council regarding commission mergers (Attachments I and J) – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
23. Discuss 24-hour emergency homeless shelter at 742 Grayson Street – Commissioner Bookstein
24. Discuss Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein

25. Discussion and possible action on letter to Council regarding both the current situation at Pathways (and New Horizons) and the supply of affordable housing throughout the City (Attachment K) – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
26. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
27. Announcements
28. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 6/16/2021 Meeting
- B. Low-income representative nomination form
- C. Order and Decorum Commissioner Manual excerpt
- D. Program and financial reports from Through The Looking Glass
- E. Draft letter to Council regarding sidewalk ordinance enforcement and RV ordinance enforcement
- F. STAIR email to Disability Commission secretary
- G. Local Adoption of Emergency Amendments to the 2016 California Building Code Governing Emergency Housing
- H. Draft public comment regarding Alta Bates Hospital
- I. Draft letter to Council regarding commission mergers
- J. New draft letter to Council regarding commission mergers from Behm-Steinberg
- K. Draft letter to Council regarding both the current situation at Pathways (and New Horizons) and the supply of affordable housing throughout the City

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Mary-Claire Katz
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DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
 - Present: Dunner (6:40PM arrival), Hill, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Sim, Yun, Bookstein
 - Absent: Romo, Sood, Pelley, Kohn (7:34PM departure)
 - Quorum: 7 (Attended: 7)
 - Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz, Rhianna Babka
 - Public Present: Cheryl Davila, Carole Marasovic, Michai, Linda Olivenbaum, unknown participant, George Lippman
2. Agenda Approval
 - Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Hill) to reorder agenda to discuss agenda item 8 after agenda items 5a and 5b, and then to discuss agenda item 18 after agenda item 8.
 - Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Sim, Yun, Bookstein; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Romo, Sood, Pelley.
3. Public Comment
 - None.

Update/Action Items

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Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 5/19/2021 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Omodele) to approve minutes with edits.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Sim, Yun, Bookstein; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Romo, Sood, Pelley.
5. Chair election announcement – Chair and Staff (Item 5a)
 Commissioner Yun announces her resignation as chair. An election for the new chair will occur at the next regular commission meeting.
6. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment B) — Staff (Item 5b)
 - a. J-Sei – Senior Services
 Commissioners review the J-Sei reports.

Other Discussion Items

7. Review and discuss City of Berkeley Commission minutes – All
 Commissioner Behm-Steinberg discusses the announcement of commission mergers.
8. Discussion and possible action on draft public comment regarding Alta Bates Hospital (Attachment C) – Commissioner Omodele
 Commissioner Omodele discusses draft public comment regarding Alta Bates. No action taken as the meeting lost its quorum.
 Public Comment: California Nurses Association does not want Alta Bates to shut down. Keep Alta Bates open to save lives because people who go there don't go to Kaiser. Suggestion to have the Commission on Disability and the HWCAC communicate to Council jointly on this topic.

Action: M/S/C (Yun/Omodele) to extend the meeting to 8:40PM.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Sim, Yun, Bookstein; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Romo, Sood, Pelley, Kohn.
9. Subcommittee on accessibility issues at Pathways update – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele
 No subcommittee was formed. Commissioner Behm-Steinberg announces that she discussed this topic with an individual at Pathways and they will work to address the issues that she identified. Commissioner Behm-Steinberg will visit the site to see changes.
10. Discussion and possible action on letter to Council regarding rent control and TOPA – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
 Continued to 7/21/21 meeting.

11. Discuss report regarding homeless encampment in South Berkeley near Here/There sign – Commissioner Romo
Continued to 7/21/21 meeting.
12. Discuss report on the South Adeline Corridor Plan – Commissioner Romo
Continued to 7/21/21 meeting.
13. Discuss citywide public restrooms report – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 7/21/21 meeting.
14. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 7/21/21 meeting.
15. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
Continued to 7/21/21 meeting.
16. Discuss City grant writer procurement – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 7/21/21 meeting.
17. Discuss potential questionnaire to City Council regarding HWCAC priorities – Commissioner Bookstein
Continued to 7/21/21 meeting.
18. Discuss current state of homelessness in Berkeley – Commissioner Omodele
Remove this item from the following meeting agenda.
19. Discussion and possible action on letter to Council regarding commission mergers (Attachment D) – Commissioners Bookstein Omodele
Action: M/S/C (Bookstein/Behm-Steinberg) to send the letter to Council with edits.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Bookstein; Noes - None; Abstain – Yun, Sim. None; Absent – Romo, Sood, Pelley.
20. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
21. Announcements
Commissioner Bookstein requests agenda item for following meeting regarding Grayson.
22. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Easy Does It funding
 - b. Discussion and possible action on accessibility issues, including Pathways and new facility at Grayson St. Staff v. Consultants; Ombudsman; and new liability concerns over Justice Department ruling on Mental Health.

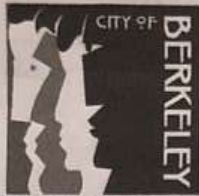
c. Homeless shelter on Grayson.

Adjournment

Meeting ends due to loss of quorum at 8:45PM.

Minutes approved on:

Commission Secretary: Marie-Claire Katz



Health, Housing and Community
Services Department
Human Welfare and Community
Action Commission

Human Welfare Community Action Commission
November 28, 2018
Election
For
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POOR*
NOMINATION FORM

I agree to nominate George Lippman, who lives at 2615 Milvia Street
(name of candidate) (address)

in District 3, to be a Representative of the Poor to the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission. I live in District 3 and am eligible to vote in this election.

	NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1.	Willie Phillips	1320 66th St Berkeley CA 94702	Willie Phillips
2.	MARI MENDONÇA	2144 ASTOR 94705	Mari Mendonça
3.	Linda Olivenbaum	1901 Alcatraz Ave. 94703	Linda Olivenbaum
4.	Caroline Sanders	2615 Milvia St. Berkeley, CA 94704	Caroline Sanders
5.	John Busher	2011 Carleton Berkeley 94704	John Busher
6.	Peggy Busher	2011 Carleton Berkeley 94704	Peggy Busher
7.	Andrea Guerra	2608 Milvia St. Berkeley, CA 94704	Andrea Guerra
8.	Shoshana Gensberg	2608 Milvia, Berk. 94704	Shoshana Gensberg
9.	NORMA MARK	2606 MILVIA BERK 94704	Norma Mark
10.	PETER T. FERENBACH	1940 PARKER 94704	Peter T. Ferembach

Candidates must collect at least 10 signatures to be nominated to run in the election. Please submit form to the commission secretary by 11/28/18 via email, fax or hand delivery.

* Representatives of the poor need to live in the district they wish to represent (see map) but do not have to be low-income to be elected to the HWCAC.

Contact Information for Candidate:

Name: J. George Lippman
Address: 2615 Milvia Street
Berkeley CA 94704
Phone Number: 510-517-8379

2180 Milvia, Berkeley, CA 94704 Tel: 510.981-5414 TDD: 510.644.6915 FAX: 510.981-5450
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	NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1.	Liza Lotker	2596 Milvia St., 94704	[Signature]
2.	John T Selawsky	1917 Blake St 94704	[Signature]
3.	Pamela Webster	1912 Blake St. 94704	[Signature]
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9.			
10.			

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commissioners have voted, the secretary announces the vote totals and whether or not the motion passes.

If the motion is adopted, the maker's written version of the motion, if any, should be given to the secretary for reference in preparation of the meeting minutes.

3) **Motion to Reconsider a Vote**

A commission may reconsider their action on a vote taken earlier in the meeting if the meeting is still in session. To reconsider a vote, a commissioner from the prevailing side of the original vote must make a motion to reconsider. Any commissioner may second the motion to reconsider. If the motion to reconsider passes, another motion restating the original motion must be made, seconded, and voted on.

Once the meeting is adjourned, an agenda item must be resubmitted for a future meeting for it to be reconsidered by the commission.

Scenario:

Commissioner Bob moved, and Commissioner Frank seconded, a motion to recommend the City Council approve a proposal for a new park. Vote Ayes: Bob, Frank, Millie, Anna, Ralph, Lee; Noes: Ally, Michael, Bradley. Commissioner Bradley wants to reconsider his vote. Commissioner Bob, Frank, Millie, Anna, Ralph, or Lee are able, if they choose, to make a motion to reconsider the vote. Any commissioner may second the motion. If the motion to reconsider passes, any commissioner may propose the new motion.

4) **Parliamentary Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order**

More detailed information on parliamentary procedure for chairs and commissioners, the precedence of motions, and voting procedures is contained in informational materials provided by the City Clerk Department. Parliamentary rules derive from Robert's Rules of Order.

C. **ORDER AND DECORUM**

1) **Conduct of Public in Attendance**

Persons attending the meeting should observe the rules and procedures of the commission and should not disrupt commission business, for example, by shouting; making disruptive noises, such as boos or hisses; creating or participating in a physical disturbance; speaking out of turn or in violation of the commission's procedures or rules; preventing or attempting to prevent others who have the floor from speaking; preventing others from observing the meeting; entering into or remaining in an area of the meeting room that is not open to the public; or approaching the commission without consent. Any request to communicate with the commission while it is in session (outside of public comment) should be through the commission secretary.

Members of the public who do not follow the rules for decorum may be asked to leave the meeting by the chair. If a member of the public creates a significant physical disruption to the conduct of the meeting or acts in a

threatening manner toward another member of the public, staff, or commissioners, law enforcement personnel should be called by the staff or the chair to remove the individual from the premises. The Chair may call a short recess and commissioners and staff may leave the room while waiting for an individual to leave the meeting, or for law enforcement personnel to arrive.

Although not required, each person addressing the commission may give his or her name and city of residence. All remarks should be addressed to the commission as a body and not to any specific commissioner. Only comments from persons recognized by the chair are in order.

Any question asked of a commissioner must be asked through the chair. After being recognized by the chair, a commissioner may briefly respond to comments made during the public comment period or may pose a question to the person speaking at public comment or during a public hearing. See Chapter IV, Section C for public comment regulations and guidelines.

2) **Commission Conduct**

While the commission is in session, the commissioners should not interrupt the proceedings or any commissioner or member of the public who has the floor.

The chair or the vice-chair may participate in the debate, subject only to such limitations of debate as are imposed on all commissioners. The chair should not be deprived of any of the rights and privileges enjoyed by a commissioner by reason of his or her acting as the presiding officer.

Every commissioner desiring to speak should address the chair and, upon recognition by the chair, should confine himself or herself to the question under debate.

A commissioner, once recognized, should not be interrupted when speaking unless it is to call him or her to order or for a point of personal privilege. If a commissioner, while speaking, is called to order, he or she should cease speaking until the question of order can be determined, and, if in order, he or she should be permitted to proceed.

D. **SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

1) **Public Hearings**

Public hearings are held only when required by law. When a hearing is required by law, the procedure for that hearing may also be specified by that law. In public hearings held by quasi-judicial commissions such as the ZAB, LPC, HAC, or FCPC, special rules apply.

Notice of Hearing

Where a public hearing is mandated by law, the form and timing of the advance notice is specified by city or state law. The commission's secretary will handle all such requirements. Noticing beyond legal requirements is permitted but not required.





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Program: Berkeley Parenting & Disability Project
 Agency: Through The Looking Glass

**City of Berkeley
 Community Agency
 CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS REPORT**

Contract No: 31900251

This Report Due: **Jan 31, 2021**

Agency: Through The Looking Glass Period of: **1st Half 2021**
 Program: Berkeley Parenting & Disability Project Prepared By: Nicolee Brorsen
 Phone: 510-225-7556 E-mail: nbrorsen@lookingglass.org, mkirshb

1. CLIENT SUMMARY - 1st Half

	1st Half	YTD
A. Total New Clients Served by the Program (Berkeley and Non-Berkeley)	37	37
B. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	37	37
C. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were NOT Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	0	0
D. Total New Berkeley Clients Served:	37	37

2. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

RACE - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods		Report Period		Year-To-Date	
	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity?	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity
Single Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native ?	0	0			0	0
Asian ?	0	0		6	0	6
Black/African American ?	0	0	5		5	0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ?	0	0			0	0
White ?	0	0	12		12	0
Combined Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	0	0		12	0	12
Asian & White	0	0			0	0
Black/African American & White	0	0	2		2	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0	0			0	0
Other Combined Race Categories	0	0			0	0
TOTALS	0	0	19	18	19	18
TOTAL SERVED	0		37		37	

3. INCOME LEVEL

Income Level - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
Poverty	0	31	31
Poverty to 30% of AMI (Ex. Low)	0	2	2
31-50% of AMI (Low)	0	4	4
51-80% of AMI (Moderate)	0		0
Above 80% of AMI	0		0
TOTALS	0	37	37

[View AMI Table](#)

4. AGE

Age - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
0-5	0	1	1
6-11	0	8	8
12-17	0	6	6
18-24	0	4	4
25-44	0	6	6
45-54	0	5	5
55-61	0	2	2
62 and Over	0	5	5
Unknown	0		0
TOTALS	0	37	37

5. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Other Characteristics - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
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Female	0	21	21
Male	0	16	16
Other	0		0
Disabled	0	19	19
Homeless	0		0
Chronically Homeless	0		0
Female Head of Household	0	6	6

6. SERVICE MEASURES

Service Measures	Annual Goal		1st Half		2nd Half		Served YTD		% Served		
	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	# of Existing Clients	New Clients	Total UOS	Total New Clients	UOS	Total Clients
**** Disability Services ****											
1 Client Sessions	775	55	579	37				579	37	75%	67%

Service Measure Definitions: [Hide](#)

Client Sessions	Clients meet weekly with staff for one on one (one staff to family) meetings. These are home-based for 1.5 hours on average. UOS is 1 hour.
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1st Half Narrative

We are ahead of schedule to meet projected UOS, using a combination of funding sources to meet the needs of the complicated families we serve. One such family consists of a mother with mild intellectual disability (ID) who reports depression and anxiety. Her son has ID and Autism Spectrum Disorder with aggressive behaviors. Further complications include a father whose presence is inconsistent and marked by conflict. The close relationship between mother and child is a strength; mother advocates for her son and in turn he is caring and empathic. However, they live in a studio apartment where there is little privacy and space. CoVid restrictions amplify tensions in the home; mother is concerned about increased isolation, increased academic difficulties, and a sedentary life style due to shelter-in-place guidelines and unease at being out in the neighborhood. Our services include coordinated case management as well as individual and family therapy to support them.

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7. OUTCOMES

Outcomes	Annual Goal	1st Half Achieved Outcome	2nd Half Achieved Outcome	Achieved Outcome YTD	% Achieved Outcome of Annual Goal	% Achieved Outcome of Total Served
1 Clients accessed previously inaccessible services	44	37		37	84%	100%
1 Clients demonstrate improved functioning	44	0		0	0%	0%
1 Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge	44	0		0	0%	0%

1st Half Narrative

Thirty-seven clients are currently enrolled in the Parenting & Disability program and all of them are continuing in the rest of the year. The other outcomes, as well as the survey, will be reported on in the end-of-year report. We serve families—children, parents and parenting grandparents—with a wide range of disabilities. Parents' disabilities this year include ASD, multiple sclerosis, depression, anxiety, intellectual, cognitive, and medical disabilities. Several children have diagnoses of ASD and others have intellectual, psychiatric or developmental delays.

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8. PROGRAM SATISFACTION SURVEY

Question		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Does Not Apply	I Do Not Understand This Question	Total Number of responses
1. I am satisfied with the services I have received from this program.	This Period								0
	Prior Periods								0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of Total								
2. This program's staff treated me with respect.	This Period								0
	Prior Periods								0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of Total								
3. This program helped me make progress towards my goals.	This Period								0
	Prior Periods								0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of Total								
4. This program met my needs.	This Period								0
	Prior Periods								0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of Total								

Additional Questions:

5. Additional comments from consumers completing the survey

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Select any additional questions (10 Max)

<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to maintain my independence.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program my overall health and wellness has improved.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to remain housed.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in this program my housing situation has improved.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have an increased understanding of community resources and supports.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have enhanced skills and/or knowledge.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to achieve my educational goals.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to reach my employment goals.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I feel more connected to my community.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I feel less isolated.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program my legal rights have been protected.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I am better able to take care of my own needs.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in this program I feel more financially secure.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program, <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that the City of Berkeley has approved this question as written

Update Questions

Report Submitted by: Nicolee Brorsen

Date: 04/30/2021

Accepted by: Mary-Claire Katz

Date: 05/05/2021

Report modified by:

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Initially submitted: Apr 30, 2021 - 11:10:09

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**CITY OF BERKELEY
COMMUNITY AGENCY STATEMENT OF EXPENSE
01/01/2021 TO 03/31/2021**

Note: Any variation from the Approved Budget exceeding ten percent (10%) requires a Budget Modification Form.

Agency Name: [Through The Looking Glass](#) Contract #: 31900258
Program Name: [Berkeley Parenting & Disability Project](#) PO #: 22001208

Funding Source : [General Fund](#)

Expenditure Category	Staff Name	Approved Budget	Budget Mod Q2	Revised Budget	Jul-Sep 2020	Oct-Dec 2020	Jan-Mar 2021	Apr-Jun 2021	Total Expenditure	Budget Balance
Clinical Director	Sherrie Hansen	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$45.54	\$387.61	\$598.43		\$1,031.58	\$168.42
Family Clinician 3	Jennifer Bregante	\$4,788.00	\$-1,000.00	\$3,788.00	\$1,557.56	\$93.80	\$1,873.20		\$3,524.56	\$263.44
Family Clinician 2	Lisa Keheller	\$3,288.00		\$3,288.00	\$1,379.81	\$1,271.22	\$1,933.05		\$4,584.08	\$-1,296.08
Family Clinician 1	Abigail Laniel	\$3,300.00	\$-1,000.00	\$2,300.00	\$239.04	\$392.81	\$1,011.22		\$1,643.07	\$656.93
OT, disability adaptations	Sharon Bergmann	\$1,528.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,528.00	\$1,349.45	\$469.04	\$192.21		\$2,010.70	\$1,517.30
Project Coordinator	Nicolee Brorsen	\$1,376.00		\$1,376.00	\$476.50	\$646.90	\$757.15		\$1,880.55	\$-504.55
supervisor and family clinician	Adam Moss	\$1,883.00		\$1,883.00		\$1,561.40	\$1,122.06		\$2,683.46	\$-800.46
Taxes/Benefits		\$4,047.00		\$4,047.00	\$1,207.17	\$1,727.61	\$1,871.83		\$4,806.61	\$-759.61
Rent		\$1,826.00		\$1,826.00	\$400.05	\$642.42	\$622.71		\$1,665.18	\$160.82
Utilities		\$53.00		\$53.00	\$4.21	\$16.79	\$26.01		\$47.01	\$5.99
Insurance		\$341.00		\$341.00	\$56.35	\$82.03	\$60.99		\$199.37	\$141.63
Communications		\$735.00		\$735.00	\$83.50	\$229.15	\$117.17		\$429.82	\$305.18
Office Supplies		\$158.00		\$158.00	\$22.08	\$85.48	\$53.24		\$160.80	\$-2.80
Transportation		\$210.00		\$210.00					\$0.00	\$210.00
Indirect Costs		\$2,473.00		\$2,473.00	\$618.25	\$618.25	\$769.70		\$2,006.20	\$466.80
TOTAL		\$27,206.00	\$0.00	\$27,206.00	\$7,439.51	\$8,224.51	\$11,008.97		\$26,672.99	\$533.01

Advances Received [\\$20,405.00](#)
Underspent/(Overspent) [\(-\\$6,267.99\)](#)

Quarter 2 Budget Modification:

We only assign employees to work when jobs are available.

Explain any staffing changes and/or spending anomalies that do not require a budget modification at this time:

Upload of Resumes for New Staff (required): [Go to Document Upload page](#)

- Expenditures reported in this statement are in accordance with our contract agreement and are taken from our books of account which are supported by source documentation.
- All federal and state taxes withheld from employees for this reporting period were remitted to the appropriate government agencies. Furthermore, the employer's share or contributions for Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment and State Disability insurance, and any related government contribution required were remitted as well.

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*(December 16, 2019, Washington, DC) – This morning, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a petition by the city of Boise to review the case *Martin v. Boise* (formerly *Bell v. Boise*). This leaves in place earlier rulings by the 9th Circuit that homeless persons cannot be punished for sleeping outside on public property in the absence of adequate alternatives. People experiencing unsheltered homelessness—at least in the 9th Circuit—can sleep more safely without facing criminal punishment for simply trying to survive on the streets.*

The Supreme Court’s decision, issued without comment, [means](#) the April 2019 ruling is binding in the 9th Circuit, covering nine states including most of the western states, and carries national influence. The ruling also means that homeless individuals who have received criminal citations under Boise’s policy can now proceed with their constitutional claims against the City. The [National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty](#) (The Law Center), which filed the case in 2009 with co-counsel [Idaho Legal Aid Services](#) and [Latham & Watkins LLP](#), hails this decision as being essential to encouraging cities to propose constructive alternatives to homelessness. <https://nlchp.org/supreme-court-martin-v-boise/>

"Dear Mayor and Council:

In light of the ongoing pandemic and the lack of adequate available shelter space for the existing unhoused population, the HWCAC strongly recommends suspending enforcement of the sidewalk ordinance and the RV ordinance. We would also like to note that any evictions of people from the downtown area will only cause more strain on surrounding neighborhoods.

We ask that you advise the City Manager’s office to suspend enforcement for the foreseeable future, and would like to remind you that *Martin v. Boise* would most likely open the City to liability should implementation begin now.

From: Mary BehmSteinberg [mailto:marybehmsteinberg@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 5:22 PM

To: Katz, Mary-Claire <MKatz@cityofberkeley.info>

Subject: Copy of letter to Dominika about Pathways

Mary BehmSteinberg <marybehmsteinberg@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 21, 10:11 AM

Hi Dominika,

I hope this finds you well. I toured the Stair Center before I left town last Wednesday, and I was really disturbed by what I saw and heard there. I wish I had remembered to bring a camera and tape measure, because simply slapping an ADA accessibility label and a wheelchair icon on something doesn't make it so. These aren't nit-picky things: they are actually causing damage to peoples' mobility equipment and preventing them from using the bathrooms at all at times. I wanted to get this done as quickly as possible, so please excuse the lack of better editing.

The catalyst for this is doors without push buttons, though that is far from the only serious problem. While there are ramps to get into the buildings, without push buttons on the doors, you still can't safely access the buildings. Other people on the tour kindly opened them for me, and staff were certainly friendly and personable, but the group became quite diffuse, and the first time I tried to open one of those doors myself, I found out how heavy it was, and that it slams shut the minute you let go of it. My shoulder is still cursing at whoever signed off on this being accessible. I wondered how someone with a wheelchair might handle that. I soon found out--as well as finding out that while staff was very friendly and personable to me, and promised to work on my suggestions, their responses to the people who actually live there are allegedly quite different.

I was allowed to take a look in each of the dorm rooms. There were a couple people home in one of them, and while staff were busy with the other visitors' questions, I got to chat with them for a few minutes. One was in a chair and said he couldn't walk, the other was a single mother who, as an aside from access issues, had been separated from her son. The lady's son has a job and is couchsurfing, and Stair is trying to push her into a shared housing arrangement with a stranger instead of her own family, who wasn't brought to the Stair Center with her. She said she's just using it for a roof over her head while she looks for housing herself, since staff isn't responding to her needs.

Art Saldana was the man in the wheelchair, and he told me he can't walk. He informed me that his chair has been damaged more than once by those doors slamming on the control mechanism. Easy Does It can't always just run over for an instant fix, and even if they could, it is horrifying that someone would have to risk bodily injury to use the facilities, and from a budget standpoint, it is beyond stupid to keep paying for repair fees that should never have been necessary in the first place, had common sense accessibility been in place. So when someone in a powerchair is even able to wrangle the door open and it slams shut, it damages the joysticks on the chairs, leaving the person without any means of reaching the bathrooms or showers. Art told me he had asked repeatedly for a backup manual chair to be available, and BACS staff ignored him. He also stated that staff would use the ramps as a place to leave

things out of convenience, so access was often blocked anyway. When I mentioned this to staff, they were open to getting another chair and tried to make it seem like they were doing a great job from having obtained a chair for Art in the first place, but I wondered why it took someone like me, who isn't a client, to have them make that promise when there had been such humiliating problems happening there that they had been informed of, repeatedly. One of them said "Oh, you've been talking to Art. He's my favorite. We get along great." Funny, but that's not what Art said.

Art also said he was told that they were allowed to bring electrical appliances that were less than 13" high, and that he had brought a new microwave that he bought himself. They said it was a fire hazard, which I understand, but he claims they took it away and won't tell him where it is. He doesn't think he'll get it back when he moves.

Art has a speech impediment, and I had problems understanding everything he said, so I wanted him to write me a note to confirm that I had heard him correctly on all points. He promised to do so. He told me that BACS had placed him in an accessible place, then stopped paying for it and moved him to two other places, both with access issues. I would like to sit down with him and write things down to confirm that I understood him right, but if staff is doing things like this and what the single mother mentioned above was saying, they need to be removed.

The bathrooms themselves also had accessibility issues. The only gender neutral bathroom is in the office. Sadly, simply hanging a sign on the door with a wheelchair icon and an ADA accessible sign doesn't make it so. There was maybe 12" of clearance between the front of the toilet and a shelf they put in front of it to hold toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Even without the walker, I would be concerned people would hit their knees on it. Staff first made excuses that that's really a staff bathroom, and clients only come in there to talk about housing options, but anyone with even rudimentary training in access issues would know that people in chairs frequently have neurological issues that make easy and immediate access to a bathroom essential. Not having an accessible bathroom also precludes BACS from hiring staff with mobility issues, and clearly, they need someone with that expertise. They promised to move the shelf, but even if they do, I don't think there's adequate room to turn a chair in there. I'd like to go back with a camera and a tape measure when I'm not constrained by time and find out.

The showers I saw also had a hard lip on them that was at least an inch high, presumably to block water getting out, and I was having a hard time imagining how someone who couldn't get up would be able to get in and out by themselves.

As an aside, there were no gender neutral shower facilities, and the only gender neutral toilet was in the office, not accessible, and not available at night. Staff stated that gender non-binary and trans people were just expected to use the facilities for the gender they most identify with. Men and women are kept together in the dorms. which is a recipe for fear in a place that has had fights break out.

There were also problems they hadn't even considered with access to medications.

*If you need to refrigerate a medication you need 24 hour access to, the only possible place right now is in the communal refrigerators in the dining area. Insulin-dependent diabetes is a good example of how this could be a recipe for disaster. There are only a handful of insulin types, and people frequently reuse

their own needles (I did when I was uninsured, I can see people doing it if they're running low and not able to get out to resupply). Grabbing someone else's bottle is a recipe for spreading contagion.

*Marinol/Dronabinol is a Big Pharma synthetic THC that is prescribed instead of cannabis for some people and must be refrigerated or it melts. Anyone who knew what that was and had access to it might be tempted to steal someone's prescription for a little recreational fun. The same is obviously true for things like opioids.

*There is no locking storage next to beds for things like needles, or other prescriptions (like opioids, which could also be targeted for recreational theft) that have to be available 24/7. Again, if someone needs cannabis for neurological issues, those issues are often worse at night, when circulation slows down. Nausea from digestive disorders and chemo can also necessitate 24-hour access. Where can someone store it where they don't have to worry about being shaken down by someone who just wants to get high?

*I didn't see any sharps containers. Staff told me they were behind the trash cans in the dorms, but I didn't get a chance to go back and confirm that, and for obvious reasons, I'm not just ready to take staff's word for it at this point.

Other problems that came to light via Carole Marasovic but aren't necessarily access-related included violence in overcrowded conditions. It's also worth noting that men, women, and trans people are all expected to bunk in the same rooms, and that according to staff, 75% or so of Stair residents are male. Carole had a lot of very useful input on this and regularly follows the incident reports. One such fight involved someone using a lead pipe as a weapon. Talking about problems I encountered at Stair yesterday, one activist on condition of anonymity told me that one of the reasons people don't want to accept shared placements is that staff is completely insensitive to who people are being paired with, and one person allegedly turned down a placement because they were trying to pair the client with someone who assaulted them. As the example of the single mother mentioned above would seem to illustrate, they certainly have no problem with separating families.

Carole had a lot of very useful questions regarding this visit that I'd like to hear more about. We got separated during the visit, and I haven't been able to sit down with her yet and compare notes for a larger report. I will be sending her my notes, but have already gone over the broad strokes with her. This is not looking good for expansion before some very fundamental problems are addressed.

I will be refining this report further as I follow up at the Stair Center, hopefully with an architect with expertise on ADA issues (I have someone in mind who I hope will be available and has no bias or connection with city politics). The bottom line is that I see a lot of reasons for people not to feel safe here, and I'm hearing a lot of excuses for what never should have been designed this way in the first place. I hope that these things can be rectified in a timely manner.

Thanks so much for all you do—I know how difficult all of this is, and I realize that options are limited with the available funding. All the more reason that hiring a professional grant-writing team to go after our share of the \$4.5 billion dollars pledged regionally by Big Tech to provide VLI housing and combat homelessness is so essential. Priorities like permanent subsidies and keeping Dorothy Day House open shouldn't have to compete with each other and leave us all arguing over crumbs, and it is scandalous to me that we aren't aggressively pursuing that money so that we can make places like Dorothy Day

earthquake safe and no one has to take their life in their hands to access it. There's no excuse for not doing everything we can to gain resources in a humanitarian crisis.

As long as we're discussing access and poverty, I'm hard pressed to understand why, after the HWCAC already recommended it, we aren't using the Ed Roberts Campus for emergency shelter as well. There is no greater need among people with disabilities than from those who are already struggling just to survive on the streets, and it is embarrassing to me personally to live in the so-called home of the disability rights movement and have the poorest and most desperate among us left behind by the very institutions that are supposed to be looking out for our best interests. Repeated calls and showing up in person have not gotten me calls back or a response. When I show up in person and wait in line (which is very difficult for me to do at present), I'm told by the front desk that they only want to deal with people registering for some event or other, and I should just leave a message (which is of course, never responded to). If it's a matter of inadequate funding for sufficient staff, then they should be speaking up and advocating for this issue even as they make their case for more resources. To ignore it and ignore advocates (who are part of their cohort, and have not gotten personal help when necessary from them either) seems really unconscionable to me, but I remain open to dialog (if anyone ever bothers even acknowledging my requests for coffee, information, help, etc.!).

Thank you for all your time and hard work on this--I know there are far more access issues in the city than are reasonable for one person to have to address, and I also realize that the city took far too much time to hire you at all, so I know you're playing catch up. I hope that with clear, frank, communication on all sides, people in leadership roles can address the challenges we're facing head-on, without deflection, and engage in a productive, collaborative process with stakeholders that gives everyone the respect they deserve and the services they need.

Thanks again for all you do. I look forward to speaking with you further soon.

N105.1 General. Manufactured homes, mobilehomes, multifamily manufactured homes, **commercial modulars**, recreational vehicles, and park trailers used as emergency transportable housing shall comply with all applicable requirements in the Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2; and Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2.

SECTION N106 **TENTS AND MEMBRANE STRUCTURES**

N106.1 General. Tents **and membrane structures** shall not be used to house occupants for more than 7 days unless such tents **and membrane structures** are maintained with tight wooden floors raised at least 4 inches (101.6 mm) above the ground level and are equipped with baseboards on all sides to a height of at least 6 inches (152.4 mm). Tents **and membrane structures** may be maintained with concrete slabs with the finished surface at least 4 inches (101.6 mm) above grade and equipped with curbs on all sides at least 6 inches (152.4 mm) high.

A tent **or membrane structure** shall not be considered a suitable sleeping place when it is found necessary to provide heating facilities in order to maintain a minimum temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius) within such **tent or membrane structure** during the period of occupancy.

Tents and membrane structures shall comply with Chapter 31 of the California Fire Code and shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 days within a 12 month period. Tents and membrane structures shall be limited to one level located at the level of Fire Department vehicle access road or lane. Tents and membrane structures complying with Chapter 31 of the California Fire Code shall not be subject to additional provisions of Section N112 of this Appendix.

Tents and membrane structures used for sleeping purposes shall be equipped with single station battery powered smoke alarms installed in accordance with Section 907.2.11 of the California Fire Code.

SECTION N107 **ACCESSIBILITY**

N107.1 General. Emergency housing shall comply with the applicable requirements in Chapter 11B and/or the US Access Board Final Guidelines for Emergency Transportable Housing.

Note: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (US Access Board) issued the Final Guidelines for Emergency Transportable Housing on May 7, 2014. The final guidelines amended the 2004 ADA Accessibility Guidelines (2004 ADAAG) and the 2004 Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Accessibility Guidelines (2004 ABAAG) to specifically address emergency transportable housing units provided to disaster survivors by entities subject to the ADA or ABA. The final rule ensures that the

Dear Mayor Arreguin and Council Members,

The Commissioners serving on HWCAC are delighted to know that the City's position, namely that Alta Bates must remain open as a full functioning hospital, remains unchanged. We are happy to know (pursuant to Remi Omodele's recent meeting with Councilmember Hahn) that the City is working arduously to realize this goal. We commend your stand and efforts, and wish you success. Berkeley deserves no less.

The purpose of this letter is to ask, that we may be better informed, of the specific efforts you are currently pursuing as well the status of the efforts. This information would enable us to learn how we and the entire Berkeley Community may be of help to ensure that Alta Bates continues to thrive and serve Berkeley without any fear of it being closed whether in 2030 or any future date.

We thank you for your work, and look forward to hearing from you.

Dear Mayor and Council:

While the HWCAC greatly respects the work of the Peace and Justice Commission, we are still opposed to the merger for reasons previously outlined (*please include copy of recent letter*).

In the event that neither we nor Peace and Justice succeed in reversing this decision, we would appreciate consideration of the following issues:

[Commissioners: I'm only including a skeleton draft of a potential letter, based on the memo from Paul Buddenhagen that Mary-Claire just sent out. I'm outlining some considerations that we might want to include in our letter, for your consideration, so that you have a chance to think about it before our meeting and send in or draft suggested language for possible inclusion. ---MBS]

1. Size of the Commission

(Trade-offs: the desire to include as many voices as possible v. the fact that the more people we have, the fewer opportunities any of us will have to have substantive input because we will not get more meetings, nor will we get more time at meetings.

One possible solution to this suggested by George Lippman, Vice Chair of Peace and Justice and former Chair, would be to have several standing subcommittees to work on particularly complex issues so that they can bring those issues to the Commission as a whole, and we can just spend Commission time on summaries, a bit less debate, and action. This could also allow for everyone's concerns to be covered, and would also expand the amount of time that could be spent working out details without taking up additional staff time).

2. If the primary concern is about staff time, would any of us think it could be desirable to propose leaving the Commissions independent from one another, and having half as many meetings in each? I remember the Mayor bringing this up as a possibility, I believe at the Agenda Committee.

3. We had previously discussed the possibility of changing the borders of eligibility for Representatives of the Poor. Would it make sense to make that city-wide, and require that a majority of the Representatives of the Poor are actually in one of the three lowest income brackets? I have some additional thoughts on this as well, but this is only meant to encourage further thought on the matter.

4. Are there are other innovations or concerns that people would like to add to this list? If so, please draft something before the meeting, if possible, so we can wordsmith

when we get there. We could also consider guidelines among ourselves. I believe Commissioner Omodele has some thoughts on that.

We believe that Commissions provide valuable advice and information on how lived experience and practical application of programs based on theories actually play out, and can bridge that gap in a way that supports work we may not otherwise have adequate staffing to cover (especially as we are unlikely to have funding to hire additional support staff anytime soon and staff has a heavy workload); and to save time; taxpayer money; liability risks; and unnecessary suffering in the community. Commissions also give more of a voice to a broader range of citizens. We hope to be actively included, along with our colleagues on the Peace and Justice Commission, in shaping the future of this policy.

Respectfully,
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We, the undersigned, hope that the HWCA Commissioners will sign the following and send it to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Dear Mayor Arreguin and Council Members,

It has come to our attention that Council is rearranging certain City of Berkeley Commissions, and that the Peace and Justice Commission may be merged with the HWCAC. Our Commission, HWCAC, has not been consulted on this idea, nor asked for feedback, comments, or suggestions. In case this rumor has some validity, we would like to voice our objection based on the following reasons:

- 1) The resulting Commission will be too large, unwieldy and divisive.
- 2) At present we have a dynamic and cohesive group of Commissioners who are working well together. We are united in our commitment to addressing the needs of those Berkeley citizens who are marginalized and/ or require special targeted services due to one or more of the following:

Age
Disabilities
Food and Housing insecurity
Educational disparities
Poverty
Health Access
Personal Safety

- 3) The HWCAC is a mandated Commission, deserving a special designation and opportunity to provide counsel and “eyes In the ground” for our most deserving residents.
- 4) The Peace and Justice Commission tends to focus largely on National and International concerns and goals.
- 5) Merging the two commissions does not address the underlying issue that City Council rarely provides guidance and direction to these commissions and does not often support recommendations from the commissions on addressing the City's most pressing issues.

Please assure us that you will respect our Commission, missions and concerns in its current form.

Sincerely,
Denah and Remi

Dear Mayor and Council:

The HWCAC proposes the following as a satisfactory and desirable outcome to the both the current situation at Pathways (and New Horizons), and also the dwindling supply of affordable housing throughout the City, which threatens more people with homelessness and/or displacement:

1. That you allow commissions to set up site visits of shelters so that Commissioners can be well informed when we advise Council, and so that we can also face stakeholders and confirm that reasonable solutions have been found and implemented for Pathways.
2. That "Safe but non-conforming" be a standard for all of our shelters for medical safety and storage (including syringes). While ADA bathrooms, at least one gender neutral shower, and ramps, as well as living spaces shouldn't be beyond the reach of the City, we understand that medical storage and security will have to be modified. Coordinating these efforts between BACS and Dorothy Day House will also help with consistency and lowered possibility of liabilities and unnecessary suffering. A site visit would give us the necessary knowledge to confirm this with the community.
3. A "Safe but non-conforming" designation could also become a standard that helps people in low-income housing not be displaced by the gentrification housing that's coming down from Sacramento, or be afraid to apply for permits to make repairs. We began this process before COVID, and it would take a lot of fear out of the changes we are facing as a City if people didn't have to worry about losing their homes. This should apply to both renters and homeowners to avoid displacement or crushing losses.

Thanks your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to working with you to enhance making the City livable for all, particularly those who are most underserved. Respectfully,