



Department of Health,  
Housing & Community Services  
Mental Health Commission

## **Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Approved Minutes**

North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave.  
7:00pm  
Workshop B

Regular Meeting  
March 31, 2016 at 7:00

Members of the Public Present: Christopher Court, MA, PhD, Michael Lee, Jonah Markowitz, Shirley Posey.

Staff Present: Paul Buddenhagen, Karen Klatt, Babalwa Kwanele, Tenli Yavneh.

### **1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm**

Commissioners Present: Jeffrey Davis, Bart Grossman, Shelby Heda, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Judy Kerr, Jenne King, Jean Marie Hervé Michel, Jr, Cameron Silverberg. Commissioners Absent: Jesse Arreguin, Jennifer Fazio, Carole Marasovic (arrived 7:04 after roll call).

### **2. Preliminary Matters**

#### **A. Approval of March 31, 2016 Agenda**

**M/S/C (Kerr, Michel) Approve March 31, 2016 Agenda as posted.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

**B. Public Comment –** Michael Lee announced he will be a candidate for Mayor in Berkeley. Jonah Markowitz made the following announcements: at an upcoming A's game there will be a fundraiser for the Blind Center; and on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Jewish Faculty Shabot there will be a free dinner at 7:00pm for the community to drop-in and share a meal with the students and faculty.

#### **C. Approval of the February 25, 2015 minutes**

**M/S/C (Grossman, King) Move to approve the February 25, 2015 minutes with corrections.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

#### **D. Staff Announcements/Updates**

Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary, provided information on: the "May is Mental Health Month" event invitation and costs; the dates for upcoming Division or Mental Health Commission Council Items; and the dates for Community Input meetings on the FY15/16 MHSA Annual Update. Also provided was a brief summary on new programs and staffing that are being proposed to be included in the MHSA

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FY15/16 Annual Update. Tenli Yavneh further provided information on the “Homeless Outreach Treatment Team (HOTT)” a new program that is being proposed through the MHSA FY15/16 Annual Update to increase services and supports for homeless mentally ill individuals.

**3. Welcome to and Introduction of Paul Buddenhagen, Health, Housing & Community Services Director**

Paul Buddenhagen, the new Health, Housing & Community Services Director provided a brief summary of his background and experience and answered questions from Commissioners and community members.

**4. MHSA INN Plan Public Hearing – Karen Klatt & Babalwa Kwanele**

Karen Klatt conducted the Public Hearing on the MHSA INN Plan and both she and Babalwa Kwanele provided information and answered Commissioner and community member questions on the proposed project.

**M/S/C (Marasovic, Silverberg) Move that the Mental Health Commission approve the MHSA INN plan as drafted.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

**5. Action Item: Vote on the re-appointment of Hervé Michel**

**M/S/C (Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake) Move to re-appoint Hervé Michel on the Mental Health Commission.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

**6. Action Item: Vote on the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

**M/S/C (Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake) Appoint Jeff Davis as Chair of the Mental Health Commission.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

For Vice-Chair there were two nominations, Judy Kerr and Carole Marasovic. A suggestion was made by one Commissioner to instead of doing two different votes, to do the voting all at once by each Commissioner calling out the name of whom they were voting for Vice Chair. As a result of this polling process, Judy Kerr received the appointment of Vice Chair.

**M/S/C (Michel, Grossman) Appoint Judy Kerr as Vice Chair of the Mental Health Commission.**

**Ayes:** Grossman, Heda, Kerr, King, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic; **Abstentions:** Davis – “They are equally talented”; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

**7. May is Mental Health Month Planning**

**Action Item: Recommendation to City Council to declare May Is Mental Health Month.**

**M/S/C (Grossman, Michel) Recommend to City Council to declare May is Mental Health Month.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic,

Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

(\*Note, the numbering was accidentally off on this agenda so there wasn't an item #8).

**\*9. Peer Respite Discussion**

**M/S/C (Marasovic, Michel) Recommend to the Mental Health Division and City Council to work with the County to co-apply for Peer Respite funds that are available under California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) for Peer Respite Housing to be located in or near Berkeley.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

**10. Possible Action Item: Establishment of a Suicide Prevention Subcommittee**

**M/S/C (Marasovic, Heda) Move to create a Suicide Prevention Subcommittee**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

**M/S/C (Michel, Davis) Move to approve Paul Kealoha-Blake, Shelby Heda and Carole Marasovic as the members of the Suicide Subcommittee**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Michel, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio.

**11. Mobile Crisis Updates – Tenli Yavneh**

**Tenli Yavneh provided updates on Mobile Crisis staffing and operations and answered Commissioner questions.**

\*At this point it was 9:00pm.

**M/S/C (Marasovic, Heda) Motion to extend the meeting to 9:15pm.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio, Michel (left at 9:00pm).

**12. Children/Youth Subcommittee Report/Discussion**

**Possible Action Items: Vote on Children/Youth Subcommittee Resolutions**

**M/S/C (King, Kealoha-Blake) Motion to ask Steve to provide metrics for measuring Family, Youth & Children's Services (FYC), outcomes and accomplishments.**

**Friendly Amendment (Marasovic): Motion to ask Steve to provide data from FYC on measurable outcomes and accomplishments.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, King, Marasovic, Silverberg; **Noes:** Kerr; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio, Michel (left at 9:00pm).

**13. Workshop Subcommittee Report/Discussion**

**Possible Action Item: Amend 2016 Meeting Schedule**

**M/S/C (Grossman, Davis) Motion to move the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Mental Health Commission meeting to an all-day meeting on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-5:00pm.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Grossman, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, King, Marasovic, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Arreguin, Fazio, Michel (left at 9:00pm).

**14. Site Visit Discussion – No Action Taken.**

**15. Prioritize Agenda Items for April Meeting**

**Future Agenda Items:** Discussion on Community Walk In access services at FYC; Report from Steve on Mental Health Services for the Elderly; Report during Staff announcements as to items the Division will be putting on the City Council Agenda before they are put on the agenda, so the Mental Health Commission can weigh in on them; Site Visit Discussion; Workshop Subcommittee Update; Suicide Subcommittee Update; Children & Youth Subcommittee Update; Re-examine Policy of Accepting Medicare; Peer Respite discussion.

**16. Announcements** - Community member Christopher Court, MA, PhD announced that in addition to the programs and services at Berkeley Mental Health, that there are also services in the community that are very good, such as at Pacific Center, the Senior Centers, the Suitcase Clinic and Recovery Inc. He further mentioned that if someone is in need and can't get help through the City of Berkeley Mental Health that they should be referred to these other resources in the community.

**17. Adjournment at 9:15pm.**

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary