



Department of Health Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Approved Minutes

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

Regular Meeting
February 25, 2016 at 7:00

Members of the Public Present: Cynthia Daniels, Christopher Court, MA, PhD.
Staff Present: Karen Klatt, Jeff Shannon.

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Jeffrey Davis, Jennifer Fazio, Bart Grossman, Shelby Heda, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Judy Kerr, Carole Marasovic, Jean Marie Hervé Michel, Jr, Shirley Posey, Cameron Silverberg. Commissioners Absent: Jesse Arreguin, Jenne King.

2. Preliminary Matters

A. Approval of February 25, 2016 Agenda

M/S/C (Marasovic, Silverberg) Move items #7 and #8 to items #3 and #4.

Ayes: Davis, Fazio, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Kerr, Marasovic, Michel, Posey, Silverberg; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Grossman – Reason: I don't understand what the agenda items are. **Absent:** Arreguin, King.

M/S/C (Marasovic, Michel) Approval of Agenda as amended.

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

B. **Public Comment** – As a Community Member, Carole Marasovic spoke on the Peer Respite Grant Information that was handed out at the meeting.

C. Approval of the December 10, 2015 minutes

M/S/C (Kerr, Silverberg) Move to approve the October 29, 2015 minutes as written.

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

D. Staff Announcements/Updates

Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary, provided an update on the “May is Mental Health Month Event”, and reminded everyone to fill out and turn in the required Annual forms, and to remember to utilize the Comfort Agreement that was passed by the Mental Health Commission at a previous meeting.

3. Ratification of Suicide Statistics Report to City Council (moved up from Item #7)

As a continuation of previous Mental Health Commission discussions related to this

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City Council report, Jeff Shannon spoke about the Police Departments current data collection system/practices around Mental Health and Suicide related calls.

M/S/C (Marasovic, Heda) Move that the Suicide Statistics Council Item that was originally passed on December 2014, be submitted with the necessary technical modifications to City Council and that the writer of the report address Council.

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

4. Discussion of Suicide Resources in Berkeley (moved from Item #8 on the Agenda)
No Action taken.

5. Action Item: Vote on the re-appointment of Shirley Posey (moved down from Item #3 on the Agenda).

M/S/C (Davis, Marasovic) Move to Re-appoint Shirley Posey on the Mental Health Commission

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

6. Action Item: Vote on the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (moved down from Item #4 on the Agenda).

M/S/C (Michel, Posey) Move that Jeff Davis is the Chair, and Judy Kerr is the Vice Chair

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

*As there were multiple candidates for both the Chair and the Vice Chair a suggestion was made by Commissioner Grossman to do the voting process through each Commissioner writing down the candidate they were voting for and the Commission Secretary reading the names of the individuals who received the winning vote for each position. This suggestion was followed and the voting was handled accordingly. During the meeting and the following day, Commissioner Marasovic raised questions about the legality of the voting process. The Commission Secretary subsequently consulted with the City Clerk on how the voting was handled, and it was deemed that this type of voting process was not allowed and therefore the vote was not valid. The vote for Commission Chair and Vice Chair will be taken again during the March 31, Mental Health Commission meeting.

7. MHSA Innovation Proposed Project Update

Karen Klatt spoke about the MHSA Draft Innovations Plan that will be out for a 30-Day Public Review on Tuesday March 1, 2016.

8. Workshop Subcommittee Report/Discussion

M/S/C (Michel, Kerr) Motion to go back to the Subcommittee.

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

At this point a motion was made to extend the meeting.

(Marasovic, Grossman) Move to extend the meeting to 9:15pm.

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

9. Discussion of Site Visits – This agenda item was not addressed.

Future Agenda Items: Peer Respite Care Grant; Establishment of Suicide Prevention Resources; Discussion of Site Visits; Discussion of Mental Health Services for the Elderly; Re-examine Policy of Accepting Medicare; Workshop Discussion Update.

10. Announcements – Community member Christopher Court, MA, PhD announced that there will be a Town Hall Discussion on Homelessness at the Suit Case Clinic on March 5th from 9:30-12:30.

11. Adjournment at 9:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary