



Department of Health,  
Housing & Community Services  
Mental Health Commission

## Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00pm  
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting  
September 22, 2022

**Members of the Public Present:** Lindsay Shachinger, Mary Norris, Brian Bloom, Alison M, Joe Genolio, L.D. Louis, Liz Rebensdorf, Pauline Miller, Andrea Zeppa, Katie Hawn, Robbi Montoya, Dina de Veer, Paula Aiello, Caitlin Palmer, Gloria, Wendy Alfsen, boona cheema, Paul Kealoha-Blake

**Staff Present:** Jeff Buell, Shelialanna Harris, Lisa Warhuus, Jamie Works-Wright

### 1) Call to Order at 7:05pm –

**Commissioners Present:** Judy Appel, Margaret Fine, Monica Jones, Edward Opton, Mary Lee Kimber-Smith, Glenn Turner, **Absent:** Tommy Escarcega, Terry Taplin (7:18)

### 2) Preliminary Matters

#### a. Approval of the September 22, 2022 Agenda

**M/S/C (Opton, Kimber- Smith)** Move that we adopt the agenda

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None,  
**Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

#### b. Approval of the August 23, 2022 Minutes

**M/S/C (Opton, Jones)** Move that we approve the minutes

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Appel, **Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

### 3) SCU, Bridge & SCU public education and community engagement plan update– Dr. Lisa Warhuus

No Motion Made

### 4) Community Presentation - Diversion of Berkeley People Living with Mental Illness and Substance Use in Alameda County. L.D Louis and Brian Bloom

**The Alameda County District Attorney for the Mental Health Unit, L.D. Louis (22+ years), and the Public Defender, Brian Bloom (25+ years recently retired), will speak on different stages of diversion from pre-charging to avoiding deeper involvement in the criminal legal and incarceration systems for Berkeley people living with mental illness and/or substance use disorders and issues. The presentation will conclude with future trends, including comments on how CARE Courts may impact diversion processes.**

**5) Public Comment (non-agenda items) – Did not get to item**

**6) Mental Health Manger’s Report – Did not get to item**

- a. MHC Manager report September 2022
- b. MH Caseload stats August 2022

**7) Discussion and possible action for subcommittees – Did not get to item**

- a. **Crisis Stabilization**
- b. **Site Visit**
- c. **Youth Mental Health**
- d. **Education**
- e. **Santa Rita Jail**

**8) Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting (8:58)**

**M/S/C (Kimber-Smith, Opton)**

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** Appel, Fine, Jones, Opton, Kimber- Smith, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Turner; **Absent:** Escarcega, Taplin

**Minutes submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary