



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00 pm
North Berkeley SC 1901 Hearst

Regular Meeting
September 21, 2023

Members of the Public Present:

Staff Present: Jeff Buell, Robert Williams II, Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:11 pm

Commissioners Present: Margaret Fine, Monica Jones, Edward Opton, Andrea Prichett (7:22), Glenn Turner **Absent:** Kate Harrison, Mary Lee Kimber-Smith

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the September 21, 2023 agenda

M/S/C (Fine, Jones) Motion to add item to agenda to consider the updated annual report for the full commission.

PASSED

Ayes: Fine, Jones, Opton, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Harrison, Prichett, Kimber-Smith

b) Public Comment- 1 public comment

c) Approval of the July 20, 2023 Minutes

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to adopt the minutes.

PASSED

Ayes: Fine, Jones, Opton, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Harrison, Prichett, Kimber-Smith

3) SCU and updates- Provided by Lisa Warhuus, read by Jeff Buell

4) Discussion of the implications for Berkeley of the CARE Act, which is described in the DHCS/JC/CalHHS – Edward Opton

Bring item to October meeting

- 5) **Review and vote of draft letter regarding the MHC recommendation regarding the MHSA “Mobile Encampment Wellness Project” – Andrea Prichett (10 min)**
M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion to adopt this letter with the friendly amendment to copy the City Manager, Jeff Buell, Lisa Warhuus and Deputy City Manager.
PASSED
Ayes: Fine, Jones, Opton, Prichett, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Kimber-Smith, Harrison
- 6) **Subcommittee Reports (20 min)**
a) **Youth Subcommittee – No Motion Made**
b) **Membership Subcommittee - No Motion Made**
c) **Evaluation Subcommittee -**
Annual Report – Review, discuss, and make modifications to the Annual Report 2022-2023; and then propose adoption by the Mental Health Commission; and then submission to the Berkeley City Council.
M/S/C (Fine, Prichett) Motion to adopt the report and submit to city council
PASSED
Ayes: Fine, Jones, Prichett, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Opton, Turner; **Absent:** Kimber-Smith, Harrison
- 7) **Motion to establish subcommittee concerning the Governor’s plan for “Transformation of Behavioral Health Services – Edward Opton – No Motion Made**
- 8) **Summary on the state agenda for changing the state public behavioral health system – Margaret Fine (10 min) – No Motion Made**
- *Motion to extend the meeting to 10 minutes after 9pm (9:10)**
M/S/C (Prichett, Opton)
PASSED
Ayes: Fine, Jones, Prichett, Opton, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Kimber-Smith, Harrison
- 9) **Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell**
a. MHC Manager Report
b. Caseload Statistic August and September 2023
No Motion Made
- 10) **Community Health Records – Margaret Fine – Did not get to item**
- 11) **Providing a state legislative update on behavioral health particularly as it relates to our work in the City of Berkeley – Margaret Fine – Did not get to item**

**12) Proposal for Early Intervention in Psychosis Program provided by Alice Feller –
Andrea Prichett (10 min) – Did not get to item**

13) Adjournment – 9:10 PM

Minutes submitted by: _____
Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary