



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
October 19, 2023

Members of the Public Present: Shirley Posey, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Ann Hawkins, Marilyn Ostroff, Margaret Fine

Staff Present: Karen Klatt, Jamie Works-Wright

1) Call to Order at 7:09 pm

Commissioners Present: Monica Jones, Edward Opton, Mary Lee Kimber-Smith, Glenn Turner **Absent:** Kate Harrison, Andrea Prichett,

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the October 19, 2023 agenda

M/S/C (Turner, Opton) Motion that we approve the agenda for October 19, 2023.

PASSED

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

b) Public Comment- 2 public comment

c) Approval of the September 21, 2023 minutes

M/S/C (Opton, Turner) Move that we approve the minutes from September.

PASSED

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

3) SCU and updates- Provided by Lisa Warhuus, read by Chair Monica Jones

4) Cares First, Jails Last update – Sasha Gayle-Schneider (10 min) – Move to next meeting

5) MHSA FY25 Annual Update – Karen Klatt (25 min) – No Motion Made

- 6) **Discussion of the implications for Berkeley of the CARE Act, which is described in the DHCS/JC/CalHHS – Edward Opton (10 min) – No Motion Made**
- 7) **Create a formal request to make the meeting hybrid – Glenn Turner (10 min)**
M/S/C (Opton, Turner) Motion for Glenn to write up something regarding the commission accessibility by zoom to present to City Council to make a change for hybrid meetings.
PASSED
Ayes: Jones, Opton, Kimber-Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Harrison, Prichett
- 8) **Subcommittee Reports (20 min)**
a) **Youth Subcommittee**
b) **Membership Subcommittee –**
M/S/C (Turner, Opton) Move to send the corrected letter to the other commissioners to get input.
PASSED
Ayes: Jones, Opton, Kimber-Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Harrison, Prichett
c) **Evaluation Subcommittee**
- 9) **Mental Health Manager’s Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell (10 min)**
a) MHC Manager Report
b) Caseload Statistic September 2023
- 10) **Adjournment 8:45**
M/S/C (Opton, Turner) Move we adjourn
PASSED
Ayes: Jones, Opton, Kimber-Smith, Turner **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Harrison, Prichett

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