



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  
January 25, 2024

**Members of the Public Present:** Alice Feller, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Genevieve Wilson, Shirley Posey, Ahoora (Farzaneh) Izadi, Ann Hawkins, Patricia Fontana, Moni Law, Margaret Fine

**Staff Present:** Jeff Buell, Katie Hawn, Sasha Gayle-Schneider, Jamie Works-Wright

### 1) Call to Order at 7:06 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 January 25, 2024 agenda

**M/S/C (Kimber- Smith, Opton)** Make a motion to approve the agenda

**PASSED**

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

#### b) Public Comment- 3 public comment

#### c) Approval of the October 19, 2023 Minutes

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

**PASSED**

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

### 3) SCU and updates- Provided by Lisa Warhuus, read by Katie Hawn

No Motion Made

### 4) Cares First, Jails Last Update – Sasha Gayle-Schneider

No Motion Made

**5) Proposal for Early Intervention in Psychosis Programs provided by Alice Feller – Andrea Prichett**

No Motion Made

**6) Review and Vote on Dates for Commission Meetings for year 2024**

a) Review potential dates for 2024 –

**M/S/C (Jones, Turner)** Motion that we keep the calendar as it is and remove the dates for December and keep the date in November on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month November 21, 2024.

**PASSED**

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

b) Review religious holidays for 2024

**7) Proposal to establish a subcommittee concerning statewide efforts to build residential facilities – Edward Opton**

**M/S/C (Opton, Jones)** Motion to establish a subcommittee concerning statewide efforts to build residential facilities and put it on the agenda at the next meeting to establish membership.

**NOT PASSED**

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

**8) Revisit, review and vote on formal request to make the commission meetings hybrid – Glenn Turner**

No Motion Made

**9) Subcommittee Reports (20 min)**

a) **Youth Subcommittee** – No Motion Made

b) **Membership Subcommittee** - No Motion Made

c) **Evaluation Subcommittee** –

i) **Redo cote for 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.**

Did not get to item

**\*Motion to extend the meeting to 9:15**

**M/S/C (Prichett, Opton)**

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

**NOT PASSED**

**10) Mental Health Manager's Report and Caseload Statistics – provided by Jeff Buell**

a. **MHC Manager Report January**

b. **Caseload Statistic January 2024**

- c. **MHC Manager Report November**
- d. **Caseload Statistic November 2023**  
Did not get to item

**11) Discussion for Election Chair and Vice Chair – Voting in February –**  
Did not get to item

**12) Adjournment – 9:00 PM**

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