



# Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

## MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.

Berkeley, CA 94703

### Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 7:12PM  
Present: Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo  
Absent: Smith, Holman  
Quorum: 6 (Attended: 8)  
Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz, Rhianna Babka  
Public Present: Kelly Glossup, Kimberly Thomas, Andy Katz
2. Public Comment  
None.

### Update/Action Items

*The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.*

### **Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business**

**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Romo) to discuss agenda item number 4 before agenda item number 1.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith, Holman.

1. Approve Minutes from the 4/17/2019 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 4/17/2019 minutes with edits.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith, Holman.
2. Election of Vice Chair  
**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Deyhim) to elect Denah Bookstein as Vice Chair.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith, Holman.
3. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports — Staff (Attachment B)
  - a. Bonita House – Creative Wellness Center (CWC)  
Commissioners reviewed and discussed the Program and Financial Reports for Bonita House.

### **Other Discussion Items**

4. Presentation and discussion by Kelly Glossup from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office on the topic of Positive Behavior Support

Kelly Glossup presented her experience using Positive Behavior Support as a Youth and Family Services Bureau Manager with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. Kimberly Thomas, a client, presented her experience working with Kelly.

**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Kohn) for Commissioners Dunner and Bookstein to form a subcommittee for Positive Behavior Support.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith, Holman.

5. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee Set-Up – Commissioner Sood

**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Deyhim) for Commissioners Sood, Deyhim and Romo to form a budget review subcommittee to review those budget items that relate to low-income communities.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith, Holman.

**Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Dunner) to extend the meeting to 9:15PM.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith, Holman.

6. Discuss possible recommendations to City Council relating to the City of Berkeley 1000 Person Plan to Address Homelessness (Attachment C) – Commissioner Sood

Commissioner Sood asks the commissioners to review the 1000 Person Plan to Address Homelessness for the next meeting. Commissioner Omodele asks the commissioners to review the report submitted to Council from the HWCAC titled "Path to End Homelessness" for the next meeting.

**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Omodele) to extend the meeting to 9:20PM.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith, Holman.

7. Discuss a City of Berkeley "Baby Bond" – Commissioner Sood

Continued to the 6/19/2019 meeting.

8. Update on West Berkeley Air Quality – Commissioner Bookstein

Continued to the 6/19/2019 meeting.

9. Update on the Closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele (Attachment D)

Public comment from Andy Katz regarding the closure of Alta Bates Hospital, requesting that the HWCAC not submit a report prematurely on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital, as the Community Health Commission is working on this topic.

10. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda

Continued to the 6/19/2019 meeting.

11. Announcements

None.

12. Future Agenda Items

Discuss 2018 City of Berkeley Health Status Report data from a socioeconomic perspective – Commissioner Sood.

**Adjournment**

**Adjourned at 9:25PM**

**Attachments**

- A. Draft Minutes of the 4/17/2019 Meeting
- B. Bonita House – Creative Wellness Center Program Report and Statement of Expense
- C. City of Berkeley 1000 Person Plan to Address Homelessness Council Report
- D. Draft Council Report on the Closure of Alta Bates Hospital

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