Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Adopted Minutes

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave.
7:00pm
Workshop B

Members of the Public Present: Andrew Phelps.

1. Call to Order at 7:00pm
Commissioners Present: Erlinda Castro, boona cheema, Margaret Fine, Shelby Heda, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Vylma Ortiz, Shirley Posey.
Commissioners Absent: Cheryl Davila (arrived 7:05pm), Carole Marasovic (arrived 7:07pm).

2. Preliminary Matters
   A. Approval of the March 29, 2018 Agenda

   M/S/C (Castro, Heda) Approve the March 29, 2018 Mental Health Commission Agenda - PASSED
   Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ortiz, Posey. Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Davila (arrived 7:05pm), Marasovic (arrived 7:07pm).

   B. Public Comment
   A community member provided information on strong advocacy that the Psychologists for Social Responsibility are doing to build an alternative approach to the torture-based system.

   C. Approval of the February 22, 2018 Meeting minutes – PASSED
   M/S/C (Fine, Davila) Move to approve the February 22, 2018 Meeting minutes - PASSED
   Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Ortiz; Noes: None; Abstentions: Heda, Posey; Absent: Marasovic (arrived 7:07pm).

   D. Staff Announcements/Updates
   Mental Health Commission Secretary/MHSA Coordinator Karen Klatt, provided a presentation on a project that may be proposed utilizing MHSA Innovations funds and announced and briefly discussed and provided a handout on the new City Council Rules of Procedure Change.
E. Mental Health Division Update – Steve Grolnic-McClurg
Mental Health Manager, Steve Grolnic-McClurg answered questions about the City Council Work Session with Alameda County; provided updates on the Homeless Outreach and Treatment Team; shared an update on the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission Crisis Triage Grant application and potential award; and Answered questions pertaining to the “Mental Health Manager Report” which was included in the meeting packet.

3. Communications Protocol – No Action Taken.

4. Recommendation to City council to declare “May Is Mental Health Month”
M/S/C (Ortiz, Marasovic) Recommend to City Council to declare “May is Mental Health Month” - PASSED
Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Ortiz; Posey.
Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: None.

5. Committee Reports – No Action Taken.
   -By-Laws Subcommittee
   -Subcommittee on Fiscal and Programmatic Accountability
   -Subcommittee on 2017 Annual Report
   -Data Notebook Subcommittee
   -Ad hoc Committee to develop a survey to assess client’s opinions on the welcoming appearance of all the clinics.

   *During the Committee Reports a motion was made to extend the meeting>*
M/S/C (Davila, Marasovic) Extend the meeting to 9:15pm - PASSED
Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Posey.
Noes: Ortiz; Abstentions: None; Absent: None.

6. Security Guards at Berkeley Mental Health Clinics and the Wellness Center
   - Didn’t get to this item.

7. Mental Health Services for the Homeless - Didn’t get to this item.

8. Discussion on taking action for planning, holding public forums/getting public comment and writing an analytical report integrating the public comment about this local public mental health system - Didn’t get to this item.

9. Prioritize Agenda Items for April Meeting - Didn’t get to this item.

10. Announcements - Didn’t get to this item.

11. Adjournment – 9:15pm

Minutes submitted by: _______________________________
Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary