Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Adopted Minutes

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

Members of the Public Present: Jonah Markowitz.

1. Call to Order at 7:03pm
Commissioners Present: Erlinda Castro, boona cheema, Margaret Fine, Shelby Heda, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Ben Ludke, Vylma Ortiz.
Commissioners Absent: Cheryl Davila (arrived 7:10), Shirley Posey (arrived 7:10).

2. Preliminary Matters
A. Approval of the June 28, 2018 Agenda
   M/S/C (Heda, Castro) Approve the June 28, 2018 Mental Health Commission Agenda – PASSED
   Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke, Ortiz. Noes: None;
   Abstentions: None; Absent: Davila (arrived 7:10), Posey (arrived 7:10).

B. Public Comment
   Jonah Markowitz shared how donations could be made to the Berkeley Lions Club in honor of his life story. The proceeds from any donations will go to Berkeley area agencies. Mr. Markowitz also mentioned how the Mental Health Division should be collaborating more with “Easy Does It Emergency Services.”

C. Approval of the May 24, 2018 Meeting minutes – PASSED
   M/S/C (Fine, Kealoha-Blake) Move to approve the May 24, 2018 Meeting minutes - PASSED
   Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke, Ortiz. Noes: None;
   Abstentions: None; Absent: Davila (arrived 7:10), Posey (arrived 7:10).

3. MHSA Innovations Reversion Expenditure Plan Public Hearing
   M/S/C (Heda, Ortiz) Move to approve the MHSA Innovations Reversion Expenditure Plan as submitted – PASSED
   Ayes: Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke, Ortiz, Posey; Noes: None; Abstentions: None.

4. Committee Reports – No action taken.
5. **Staff Announcements/Updates** – Commission Secretary, Karen Klatt, spoke about and answered questions on the Trauma Informed Care Draft Plan that has been revised and posted for a 30-Day Public Review.

6. **BMH Staff Presentation** – Mental Health Program Supervisor, Nancy Njissang, shared information and answered questions regarding the Berkeley Mental Health Adult Service Teams.

7. **Mental Health Manager Update** – Mental Health Manager, Steve Grolnic-McClurg spoke briefly about the Suicide Prevention Resources Report which was prepared by UC Berkeley Student Intern Colleen Budenholzer.

*At this point it was 8:55pm and a motion was made to extend the meeting.*

**M/S/C (Davila, Posey) Motion to extend the meeting to 9:15pm - PASSED**

**Ayes:** Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke, Ortiz, Posey;

**Noes:** Ortiz; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Heda (out of the room during the vote).

**M/S/C (Ortiz, Davila) The Mental Health Commission recommends the creation of a Suicide Prevention Leadership/Steering Committee for Alameda County - PASSED**

**Ayes:** Castro, cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Ludke, Ortiz, Posey;

**Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Heda (out of the room during the vote).

Mr. Grolnic-McClurg also announced that the Deputy City Manager, Jovan Grogan, had accepted a City Manager position in San Bruno and that the Health, Housing and Community Services Department (HHCS) Director, Paul Buddenhagen, would be the Interim Deputy City Manager, and Kelly Wallace would be the Interim HHCS Director.

8. **Discuss development of a law regulating the concurrent sales of gasoline and Alcoholic beverages** – This item was removed from the agenda.

9. **Mental Health Care Programs and Financing in California** – This item was removed from the agenda.

10. **Health Disparities/Equity Report** – This item was moved to the September Meeting Agenda.

11. **Prioritize Agenda Items for June Meeting** – No action taken.

12. **Announcements** – Commissioner Posey shared information about the Alameda County Pool of Consumer Champions Conference she had been attending, and the Keynote Speaker of the conference who spoke about Trauma Informed Care. Commissioner Posey also commented about the growth of the Consumer movement to 1,500 members since 2007. Lastly, Commissioner/Council Woman Davila inquired as to whether anyone wanted “two for one” tickets to the Alameda county State Fair and she gave tickets to individuals who wanted them.

13. **Adjournment** – 9:13pm.

Minutes submitted by: ____________________________

Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary

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