Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Corrected Minutes

Berkeley Mental Health Clinic
2640 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Commissioners Present: Geri Craig, Kathleen Gresher (left at 7:18), Howard King, Carole Marasovic, Shirley Posey (arrived 5:10 pm), Linda Smith, Joanne Wile

Commissioners Absent: Jesse Arreguin, Jeffrey Davis, Michael Diehl, Kim Nemirow,

Members of the Public Present:

Staff Present: Carol Patterson, Jo Ruffin

5:05  1. Call to Order
    A. Roll Call
    B. Public Comment - none
    C. Announcements –
       The Alternatives Conference will be Sept 29 – Oct 3, 2010 in Anaheim
       Dramatic Reading by Jeanne Lupton on July 1
       Pool Of Consumer Champions Expressive Arts workshop on July 7
       Pool Of Consumer Champions Membership Meeting July 21
    D. Rides were handled
    E. Action Item,
       M/S/C (Wile, King) Approve the agenda
       Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Arreguin, Davis, Diehl, Nemirow, Posey (arrived after vote)

       M/S/C (Craig, Smith) Approve minutes of June 12 meeting.
       Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Arreguin, Davis, Diehl, Nemirow, Posey (arrived after vote)

5:10  3. Chair's Report

    A. Recap of May 27 meeting
       Ms. Patterson reported that there was no quorum at the May 27 meeting so it was
cancelled. However, there were 14 members of the public present and the consultants,
Management Partners, who had come to conduct a focus group. The Commission
decided to meet to hear the presentation from Management Partners, to hear public
comment and to provide Commission input to the consultants. One of the
recommendations included that Management Partners conduct a focus group with
consumers.
B. No response yet in the follow up on the recommendation to have a Consumer Focus Group.
C. Jo Ruffin introduced herself as the Interim Mental Health Director for the next 6 months. Ms. Ruffin will be getting an understanding of the organization and in particular, looking at safety issues at the Adult Clinic. Commissioners indicated a desire to have the Drop-In Café re-opened.

5:50 4. Old Business
A. Action Item: Approval of letter to City Manager regarding the Hiring Process for Mental Health Manager
M/S/C (Craig, Gresher) To approve the letter to the City Manager regarding the Hiring Process of the MH Manager.
Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Arreguin, Davis, Diehl, Nemirow

B. Action Item: Approval of support letter for Drop-In Café
M/S/C (Wile, Smith ) Move to approve the support letter for the Drop-In Café drafted by Carole Marasovic.
Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Arreguin, Davis, Diehl, Nemirow
The letter should be directed to Jo Ruffin with a cc to Peggy Gibbons, Interim Director of Health Services.

C. Visioning 2010-11 and Setting Priorities
The Commissioners brainstormed priorities for 2010-11:
1) Crisis Intervention Training Task Force
2) Consumer Employment at Berkeley Mental Health
3) Increasing Consumer Employment overall
4) Re-opening the Drop-In Café
5) Commission having significant participation in the Hiring of a Division Manager who is focused on a client-oriented, wellness and recovery model
6) Prevention Early Intervention programs in the Albany schools
7) Participate in the Oversight and Accountability Commission meetings as needed
8) Oversight of agencies receiving MHSA funds through Berkeley
9) Have Barbara Ann White come to the next meeting - to update on the Strategic Plan and what’s new
10) Establish an agenda for the Co-Occurring Disorders Subcommittee

The Commissioners began reviewing the mandates for the Commission and identified additional priorities:
11) Review the Performance Contract as required
12) Submit a report to the governing body on the performance of the Mental Health system in June 2011 based on reports from Jo Ruffin.
13) Recruiting family members, unserved and underserved communities. The Commission requested information on the numbers of Latinos and Asians who are clients at Berkeley Mental Health and which Asian communities are in Berkeley/Albany.

At July meeting the Commission will review and prioritize the list.

7:12 5. New Business
A. Action Item: Recommendation to Council for Mental Health Commission Appointment
M/S/C (King, Smith) Move to recommend that Council appoint Anna Mae Stanley to the Mental Health Commission.
Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Arreguin, Davis, Diehl, Nemirow
Ms. Stanley has been attending Commission meetings and came to the retreat, has been active with the Crisis Intervention Training Task Force, the Wellness Recovery Task Force and used to be legal secretary.

B. Commissioners Craig, King and Marasovic attended the California Institute for Mental Health training and noted it wasn’t as useful as in previous years. They indicated the Conard House presentation was interesting.
C. Commissioner Marasovic attended both days of the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards/Commissions meeting. She thinks the group is worth investing some energy in. Commissioner Marasovic was selected as one of the regional alternates and joined the Legal Committee. The next meeting is in Sacramento. They meet 4 times a year.

D. Upcoming Subcommittee meetings
   Budget July 2; 3 – 5 pm
   Executive July 13; 3 – 4 pm
   Recruitment Selection and Orientation July 12; 1:30 – 3:30 pm
   Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Task Force July 12; 3:30 – 5 pm

7:25 6. Liaison and Committee Reports
   A. CIT Task Force – Chief has identified $63K that could be used to pay officer salaries for CIT. They are looking at expanding membership in the Task Force. Ms. Patterson is chair of the Alameda County CIT Committee.
   B. No Council Report
   C. Homeless Commission will be doing 3 site visits this month.

7:30 7. Adjournment

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