Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Corrected Minutes

Berkeley Mental Health Clinic
2640 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Regular Meeting
February 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Members of the Public Present: Charles Black, Christopher Court, Tracy Day, Kathy Gresher, Catherine Hall, Ann Hawkins, Shelby Heda, Dametrus Lewis, Joan Miro

Staff Present: Karen Klatt, Carol Patterson, Dr. Karyn Tribble

Call to Order at 7:05 pm
Commissioners Present: Jeffrey Davis, Carole Marasovic (Chair), Kim Nemirow, Shirley Posey, Anna Mae Stanley (Vice Chair)

Commissioners Absent: Jesse Arreguin

1. Public Hearing on Berkeley Mental Health Services Act Innovation Plan
Karen Klatt presented the planning process and the proposed strategies included in the new Innovation Plan. Because of recent changes at the State level, this plan will need to be approved by the Mental Health Commission tonight. This may change in the future. The plan will then go to City Council before Requests for Proposals can be sent out. Innovations introduce a new Mental Health strategy or utilize a strategy with a new population.

M/S/C (Davis, Posey) Move to approve the Innovation Plan.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic; Posey; Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: Kim Nemirow. (Concerned that the African American proposal is not inclusive enough); Absent: Arreguin.

3. Public Comment
Kathy Gresher expressed dissatisfaction with the long time line for receiving stipends for her participation in the MHSA planning process. She feels they should be sent more often than once a month.
Joan Miro commented about the absence of recovery in programs, particularly those for persons with schizophrenia. She is planning to visit The Village to learn more about recovery.

4. Commission Housekeeping
A. Rides were handled
B. Approval of February Agenda
Under 6.C. there will be no reappointments and there are three Special Public Interest seats available for the three applicants.
M/S/C (Stanley, Davis) Move to approve the February 23, 2012 Agenda with the above amendment.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin.

C. Approval of the January 26, 2012 minutes
The following corrections were made to the minutes:
On the 2nd page of the minutes, the motion to approve the December 8 minutes was seconded by Arreguin.
Under the Chair’s report Item D, the next to last sentence should read: ‘There may be additional seats if other Counties’ or eligible Cities’ Mental Health Boards …’
On the 4th page, correct the spelling of the name ‘Posey.’

M/S/C (Davis, Stanley) To approve the January 26, 2012 minutes with [the above] corrections
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin

D. Staff Announcements
In addition to the announcements in the packet:
• The Howard King memorial plaque was placed above the drinking fountain but was pulled down and damaged by a client.
• The Nutrition Board has been designated in the waiting room. Proposed additions will be screened by the Clinic Director.
• The final draft of the Safety Plan is being circulated within the Division and Legal. After that it will come to the Commission for comment.

E. SB 343 Communications Binder – The binder was available at the meeting and included applications for the current applicants. Paul Kealoha-Blake sent a note.

5. Old Business
M/S/C (Nemirow, Stanley) The Mental Health Commission requests that they be able to give input and make recommendations on the Medication Informed Consent Policy, Consent Form and Informing Materials before they are finalized.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin.

6. New Business
A. Shirley and Kim volunteered to attend the CiMH training in Los Angeles on April 21, if there are available seats. Jeffrey offered to be a backup. Carole will be attending as the CALMHB/c representative. Attendees must purchase their own airline tickets and meals and then be reimbursed. They will only be reimbursed if they attend the entire training.

B. Election of Officers
M/S/C (Stanley, Nemirow) Appoint Jeffrey Davis as Chair of the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin.

M/S/C (Posey, Davis) Appoint Carole Marasovic as Vice Chair of the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: Nemirow (because she dominates the meeting); Absent: Arreguin.

C. Commission appointments
The Secretary reviewed the applicant procedure and advised against asking candidates about their consumer or family member experience or their personal politics.
Berkeley General Public Interest seat:
i. Tracy Day left the meeting at 9 pm and withdrew her application.

ii. The Commission interviewed Charles Black. Charles (Chuck) is a student and serves on several Boards. He volunteers three hours a week on the Berkeley Free Clinic committee. He also has 25 years experience in corporate accounting and as a compliance officer.

M/S/C (Davis, Stanley) The Mental Health Commission recommends to City Council the appointment of Charles Black to the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: Nemirow; Absent: Arreguin.

Berkeley Special Public Interest seats:
i. Catherine Hall withdrew her application.

ii. The Commission interviewed Shelby Heda for a family member seat. Shelby is interested in providing more to people who are homeless, the street population and the fringe element at the Senior Centers. She is excited about the Innovation Plan. She would like to see the family included more when someone is hospitalized for mental health issues.

M/S/C (Davis, Posey) The Mental Health Commission recommends to City Council the appointment of Shelby Heda to the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin.

M/S/C (Davis, Stanley) To extend the meeting for another 15 minutes.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin.

iii. The Commission interviewed Dametrus Lewis for a consumer seat. Dametrus is concerned about co-occurring disorders and ensuring consumer input into treatment plans.

M/S/C (Stanley, Nemirow) The Mental Health Commission recommends to City Council the appointment of Dametrus Lewis to the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission.
Ayes: Davis, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin.

7. Chair’s Report
A. The Chair tabled the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards & Commissions update due to lack of time.

B. Retreat
M/S/C (Posey, Stanley) When the new Commissioners are on board, we have a retreat this year in June or July.

M/S/C (Posey, Stanley) Davis, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin
Commissioners interested in being on the subcommittee to plan the retreat should contact the Secretary. Commissioners Marasovic, Stanley and Davis expressed interest in being members.

8. Adjournment at 10:13 pm

Minutes submitted by: ________________________________
Carol Patterson, Commission Secretary