



Department of Health Services  
Mental Health Commission

## Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Minutes

North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave.  
Classrooms A & B

Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Members of the Public Present: Nadine Dixon, Jennifer Fazio, Bart Grossman, Ada Lin, Jonah Markowitz, Cameron Silverberg

Staff Present: Steven Grolnic-McClurg, Carol Patterson

### 1. Call to Order at 7:10 pm

Commissioners Present: Jesse Arreguin (arrived at 7:14 pm and left at 7:50 pm); Jeffrey Davis; Shelby Heda; Paul Kealoha-Blake; Carole Marasovic (arrived at 7:12 pm); Jean Marie Hervé Michel, Jr (left at 9:02 pm); Shirley Posey  
Commissioners Absent: Neal Adams.

### 2. Preliminary Matters

#### A. Approval of February 27, 2014 Agenda

**M/S/C (Davis, Michel) Move to approve the February 27, 2014 Agenda with the removal of Item 3.B.**

**Ayes:** Unanimous; **Absent:** Adams, Arreguin (arrived after the vote.)

#### B. Public Comment

One member of the public commented on wheelchair accessibility to the airport and in favor of May Is Mental Health Month.

#### C. Approval of the January 23, 2014 minutes

**M/S/C (Davis, Michel) Move to approve the January 23, 2014 minutes.**

**Ayes:** Unanimous; **Absent:** Adams.

#### D. Staff Announcements – None.

### 3. Recommendation for Appointment to Mental Health Commission

#### A. Interview instructions were provided by Carol Patterson

#### C. Interview of Jennifer Fazio for Appointment to the Commission

The Commission interviewed Jennifer Fazio.

**M/S/C (Davis, Michel) Move to recommend appointment of Jennifer Fazio to the Berkeley Special Public Interest seat on the Mental Health Commission.**

**Ayes:** Arreguin, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Michel, Posey; **Noes:** None.

**Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Adams.

### 4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**M/S/C (Michel, Posey) Move to elect Paul Kealoha-Blake as Chair.**

**Ayes:** Arreguin, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Michel, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Adams.

**M/S/C (Posey, Arreguin) Move to elect Carole Marasovic as Vice Chair.**

**Ayes:** Arreguin, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Michel, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Adams.

**5. Report from Mental Health Division – Steven Grolnic-McClurg**

Steven Grolnic-McClurg described the External Quality Review Organization process and explained that the process is conducted with the Mental Health plan, which is Alameda County. This year there was a consumer focus group at Berkeley Mental Health. Mr. Grolnic-McClurg provided demographics on clients served at Berkeley Mental Health and compared them to Alameda County client demographics. He then fielded questions from the Commission.

**6. Referral from Council: Recommendations for improving services to persons experiencing mental health crises**

The Improving Services Subcommittee has not met and there were no recommendations suggested by members of the Commission or the public.

**7. The NAACP Town Hall Report**

This discussion is tabled to next month.

**8. Subcommittee Reports**

**A. Creation of Interview Guidelines Subcommittee**

The Commission decided not to create a Subcommittee on this issue. Commissioner Marasovic will submit a proposal to be considered at the full Commission.

**B. Creation of a Taser Subcommittee**

**M/S/C (Kealoha-Blake, Heda) Move to create a Subcommittee to look at Tasers in Berkeley and to develop recommendations.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Michel, Posey; **Noes:** None;

**Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Adams, Arreguin (left before the vote.)

**M/S/C (Kealoha-Blake, Heda) Move that Commissioners Marasovic, Heda and Kealoha-Blake will comprise the Taser Subcommittee.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:**

None; **Absent:** Adams, Arreguin (left before the vote), Michel (left before the vote.)

**9. Liaison Reports**

**A. MHSa Advisory Committee representative selection**

**M/S/C (Marasovic, Davis) Move to select Commissioner Posey to represent the Mental Health Commission on the MHSa Advisory Committee.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:**

None; **Absent:** Adams, Arreguin (left before the vote), Michel (left before the vote.)

**B. City Council – no report.**

**C. Selection of BMH Safety Committee representative**

Tabled to March meeting.

**10. Alameda County Mental Health Board Liaison Report**

**A. Selection of new liaison**

Commissioner Marasovic will continue as the Alameda County Mental Health Board liaison.

**11. Selection of Commissioner to attend CiMH training**

There was no interest in attending the April CiMH training in Irvine at the Commissioner's expense.

**12. Review of Agenda Items backlog**

This was not done due to lack of time.

**13. Agenda Items for March meeting**

**A. Does the Commission want to have a presentation from the Employment Law Center?**

**M/S/C (Posey, Davis) Move to have the Employment Law Center present at the next Commission meeting.**

**Ayes:** Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Adams, Arreguin (left before the vote), Michel (left before the vote.)

**B. Does the Commission want to have a presentation from the Pacific Center?**

Tabled to next meeting.

**Adjournment at 9:14 pm.**

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Patterson, Commission Secretary