Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Corrected Minutes

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave. Workshop B

Members of the Public Present: Carl Butler, Alan Cohen, Michael Diehl, Pat Mapps, Jonah Markowitz, Maria Moore, Jean-Marie Herve Michel, Jr.
Staff Present: Jane Micallef, Carol Patterson, Ofc. Jeff Shannon

1. Call to Order at 7:10 pm
   Commissioners Present: Jesse Arreguin (Chair), Jeffrey Davis (arrived at 7:10 pm), Shelby Heda (arrived at 7:10 pm), Paul Kealoha-Blake, Carole Marasovic, Shirley Posey.
   Commissioners Absent: Charles Black, Kim Nemirow, Anna Mae Stanley.

2. Public Comment
   1 member of the public commented on the recent May Is Mental Health Month event and Commissioner attendance.

3. Preliminary Business

   A. Approval of May 23, 2013 Agenda
      M/S/C (Marasovic, Davis) Move to approve the May 23, 2013 Agenda with the elimination of Item #9, Subcommittee reports.
      Ayes: Arreguin, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Posey, Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Black, Nemirow, Stanley.

      1 member of the public commented on the agenda regarding the Safety Plan.

   B. Approval of the April 25, 2013 minutes
      M/S/C (Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake) To approve the April 25, 2013 minutes with the following modifications:
      1. Under Items #2 Public Comment &, #6 Response to February 12, 2013 Berkeley Police department in-custody death: Commissioner Kealoha-Blake distributed Policy GD C-66 and the original press release pertaining to the in-custody death as well as a handout on Excited Delirium.
      2. Item #5, May Is Mental Health Month Planning should read: “Commissioner Posey stated she believed she was excluded from the planning process because all the meetings were held on days she worked. She would like the Commission to be polled as to availability for planning meetings. Commissioner Heda expressed interest in providing an opportunity for the public to express their concerns and be referred to agencies. Commissioner Marasovic expressed interest in having a public forum where the public could provide feedback about mental health services in Berkeley.”
3. Under Item #11, California Association of Local Mental Health Boards/Commissions (CALMHB/C), sentence 2: “Commissioner Marasovic relayed that Richard Van Horn, Chair of the Oversight and Accountability Commission, stated at the April CALMHB/C meeting that local Mental Health Boards needed training in law, advocacy and assertiveness…”

Ayes: Arreguin, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Posey; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Black, Nemirow, Stanley.

C. Staff Announcements

4. Presentation on the Berkeley Crisis Intervention Team – Ofc. Jeff Shannon
Ofc. Shannon outlined the history of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and development of the Berkeley Crisis Intervention Team. In the Berkeley Police Department, 25 personnel have been identified for the Crisis Intervention Team and, at this point, 12 have been CIT trained. Ofc. Shannon responded to comments and questions and distributed the CIT brochure, the Crisis Intervention Team roster, and the course summaries for the comprehensive CIT offered in Oakland.

5 members of the public asked questions about and commented on the Berkeley Crisis Intervention Team

The Commissioners agreed to extend the meeting until 9:30 pm.

5. Action Item: Recommendation to City Council to create a Task Force to address police response and services for persons with mental health crises

M/S/C (Arreguin, Kealoha-Blake) The Mental Health Commission recommends City Council create a Task Force to address police response and services for people experiencing mental health crises, including individuals who have a history of non-compliance with treatment, have been unable to reach and engage in ongoing treatment, or have displayed aggressive behavior that is potentially harmful to themselves or others.

This task force should be comprised of representatives of the Mental Health Commission, Mental Health Division staff, Police Department staff, consumers, families, service providers, consumer advocates, County representatives and other stakeholders, with the goal of developing a set of recommendations for improving police response and the delivery of services to this population.

4 members of the public commented on the need for a task force.

Ayes: Arreguin, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Posey; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Black, Nemirow, Stanley.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Commission recommendation in response to February 12, 2013 Berkeley Police Department in-custody death
No action taken.

7. May Is Mental Health Month Debriefing

8. Planning for a Commission Retreat
There was a general consensus that the Commission wanted to have a retreat.

10. Liaison Reports – tabled due to lack of time
11. Alameda County Mental Health Board Liaison Report – tabled due to lack of time

12. California Association of Local Mental Health Boards/Commissions (CALMB/C) – tabled due to lack of time

Prioritizing agenda Items for next month: identifying focus of a Commission retreat and a Division report.

Adjournment at 9:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: ____________________________________________
Carol Patterson, Commission Secretary