Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission
Corrected Minutes

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave.
Workshop B

June 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Members of the Public Present: Christopher Court, Ann Hawkins, Jenne King, Jonah
Markowitz, Allan Maris and one other. (5)
Staff Present: Steve Grolnic-McClurg, Captain Cynthia Harris, Carol Patterson, Officer Jeff
Shannon.

1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm
Commissioners Present: Jeffrey Davis, Jennifer Fazio, Shelby Heda*, Paul Kealoha-
Blake*, Carole Marasovic*, Jean Marie Hervé Michel, Jr, Shirley Posey, Cameron
Silverberg.
Commissioners Absent: Jesse Arreguin, Bart Grossman, Judy Kerr.

*Commissioners who had been appointed but not yet sworn in and so cannot move,
second or vote. As a result, some motions will need to be reagendized in July.

2. Preliminary Matters
A. Selection of Acting Chair
M/S/C (Davis, Michel) Move to elect Paul Kealoha-Blake as Acting Chair until a
regular Chair and Vice chair are elected.
Ayes: Davis, Fazio, Heda*, Kealoha-Blake*, Marasovic*, Michel, Posey, Silverberg;
Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin, Grossman, Kerr.

B. Approval of June 25, 2015 Agenda
M/S/C (Marasovic*, Davis) Move to approve the June 25, 2015 Agenda as
written.
Ayes: Davis, Fazio, Heda*, Kealoha-Blake*, Marasovic*, Michel, Posey Silverberg;
Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin, Grossman, Kerr.

C. Public Comment (2)
One member announced various trainings available including Recovery International,
Peer Counseling, Harm Reduction and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.
One member of the public distributed booklets from the Anti Defamation League.

D. Approval of the May 28, 2015 minutes
M/S/C (Marasovic*, Michel) Move to approve the May 28, 2015 minutes as
written.
Ayes: Davis, Fazio, Heda*, Kealoha-Blake*, Marasovic*, Michel, Silverberg; Noes: None; Abstentions: Posey (did not attend meeting); Absent: Arreguin, Grossman, Kerr.

E. Staff Updates – see June packet

3. Presentation on Suicide Statistics by Captain Cynthia Harris and Officer Jeff Shannon

4. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Pertaining to the City’s collection of suicide statistics (1) – no action taken.

5. Albany Update – Steven Grolnic-McClurg (2)
   Mr. Grolnic-McClurg described the information he will be gathering to address the questions raised by the Commission concerning mental health services and funding in Albany. He distributed copies of outreach materials and asked the Commission to send comments to Tenli Yavneh.

6. Commission Updates
   A. Berkeley Safe Neighborhood Committee letter – was drafted, approved, signed and sent. Staff retracted the letter because they believe the Commission is not authorized to communicate to entities other than the Berkeley City Council and the Mental Health Manager.
   
   B. Letter to City Council – didn’t make it in the June 9th agenda packet and there was a request for an explanation.

   C. Commission Council report on Recommendations on Alternatives to AB1421 implementation (1) – was not heard at the 6/9/15 meeting and has been referred to the Agenda Committee.

   M/S/C (Marasovic*, Kealoha-Blake*) Move to extend meeting to 9:15 pm.
   Ayes: Davis, Fazio, Heda*, Kealoha-Blake*, Marasovic*, Michel, Posey, Silverberg; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin, Grossman, Kerr.

   M/S/C (Marasovic*, Davis) The Mental Health Commission recommends that Carole Marasovic, on behalf of the Commission appear at the next scheduled Council Agenda Committee to request that the Mental Health Commission’s report on Alternatives to AB 1421 be agendized and heard unless it has already been so agendized.
   Ayes: Davis, Fazio, Heda*, Kealoha-Blake*, Marasovic*, Michel, Posey, Silverberg; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin, Grossman, Kerr.

   D. Commission By-Laws report – tabled due to lack of time.

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
   M/S/C (Michel, Silverberg) The Mental Health Commission elects Paul Kealoha-Blake as Chair.
   Ayes: Davis, Fazio, Heda*, Kealoha-Blake*, Marasovic*, Michel, Silverberg; Noes: None; Abstentions: Posey (not ready to make a decision); Absent: Arreguin, Grossman, Kerr.
The Mental Health Commission elects Bart Grossman as Vice Chair, if he is willing.

Ayes: Davis, Fazio, Heda*, Kealoha-Blake*, Michel, Posey, Silverberg; Noes: None; Abstentions: Marasovic (I don’t believe he wants it); Absent: Arreguin, Grossman, Kerr.

8. Possible Action Item: Recommendations to City Council on Improving Services to person in mental health crisis – tabled due to lack of time.

9. Report from Mental Health Division – tabled due to lack of time.

10. Discussion and Possible Action regarding proposing increased mobile crisis and increased certified CIT officers to address concerns about problem behaviors with the homeless population and recommending Mental Health First Aid training – tabled due to lack of time.


12. Liaison Reports – tabled due to lack of time.

13. Discussion and Possible Action Item: The Role of the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions (CALMHB/C) and the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission: expectations and future relationship – tabled due to lack of time.

14. Agenda items for July meeting – tabled due to lack of time.

15. Announcements – tabled due to lack of time.

16. Adjournment at 9:16 pm.

Minutes submitted by: ________________________________
Carol Patterson, Commission Secretary