



Berkeley Homeless  
Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

1. Roll Call: 7:00PM

**Present:** Cohen, Feller, Lee, Marasovic, Radu.

**Absent:** Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

**Staff:** Vasquez, Wicker

**Public:** 27

2. Comments from the Public: 17

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

**Action:** M/S/C Lee/Cohen to approve the minutes of 2/22/17 as written.

**Vote:** Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Lee, Marasovic, Radu.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

### Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

**Action:** M/S/C Lee/Cohen to move the discussion of the two proposals to operate drop-in services at the Multi-Agency Service Center (MASC) up on the agenda to follow the presentations by YEAH and Youth Spirit Artworks.

**Vote:** Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Lee, Marasovic, Radu.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

5. Presentation and discussion of new proposals for daytime services for transition aged youth

- Presentation by Jaclyn Grant from Covenant House/YEAH
- Presentation by Sally Hindman from Youth Spirit Artworks

Discussion, no action taken.

6. Discussion of proposals from BOSS and Dorothy Day House to operate drop-in services at the MASC

Discussion, no action taken.

7. Review and discussion of the Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP) application for Centralized Entry System (“the Hub”) and recommendation for funding

Presentation by Sharon Leyden from BFHP. Discussion, no action taken.

8. Review community agency applications for existing programs and develop recommendations for funding

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### Alcohol and Other Drug Programs

**Action:** Recommend maintaining level funding for New Bridge Foundation's Residential Treatment Program and Options Recovery Services' (ORS) Day Treatment Program, and funding the ORS Dual Diagnosis Clinic for the amount requested resulting in an increase of \$2,072.

**Vote:** Approved by consent.

*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

### Meal Programs

**Action:** Recommend funding the meals program at Women's Daytime Drop-In Center (WDDC) for the amount requested.

**Vote:** Approved by consent.

*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* Lee. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

**Action:** Recommend maintaining level funding for the Dorothy Day House breakfast program.

**Vote:** Approved by consent.

*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

**Action:** Recommend maintaining level funding for the BFHP Quarter Meal.

**Vote:** Approved by consent.

*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

### Other Services: SSI Advocacy and Representative Payee Services

**Action:** Recommend maintain level funding for Homeless Action Center's SSI Advocacy.

**Vote:** Approved by consent.

*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

### Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing

**Action:** Recommend funding WDDC's Bridget House for the amount requested resulting in an increase of \$1,259, and include a recommendation in "Tier 2" priorities that funding be increased for Fred Finch Youth Center's Turning Point for the amount requested if additional funds are identified.

**Vote:** Approved by consent.

*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* Radu. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

### Case Management Tied to Permanent Housing

**Action:** Recommend maintaining level funding for agencies providing Case Management Tied to Permanent Housing except for a recommendation that funding for Toolworks be reduced by 50% in order to reallocate funding for other services.

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**Vote:** Approved by consent.  
*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* Radu. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

### Drop-In Services

**Action:** Recommend increasing the overall funding for the WDDC by approximately \$11,000 by funding the following programs for the amount requested: Drop-in Services, Domestic Violence Services, Case Management, and Bridget House.

**Vote:** Approved by consent.  
*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* Radu. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

**Action:** Recommend funding Berkeley Drop-In Center for the amount requested for Drop-In Services, and include a recommendation in "Tier 2" priorities that additional funding be allocated to the agency if additional funding is identified.

**Vote:** Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Marasovic, Radu.  
*Noes:* Lee (recommended increase funding in Tier 1). *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

**Action:** M/S/C Radu/Feller to recommend funding BOSS to operate drop-in services at the Multi-Agency Service Center for the amount requested.

**Vote:** Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Marasovic, Radu.  
*Noes:* Lee. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

### Coordinated Entry System

Discussion of funding for BFHP's Hub. No action taken.

## 9. Review community agency applications for new programs

### Daytime Services for transition aged youth

**Action:** M/S/C Lee/Feller to recommend funding YSA's Vocational Arts Training at half of the amount requested (\$93,350) with the funds remaining to be allocated and a reduction in funding for BFHP's Hub to make up the difference.

**Vote:** Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Lee.  
*Noes:* Radu. *Abstain:* Marasovic. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

Motion failed.

### Employment Programs

Discussion, no action taken.

## 10. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

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Minutes Approved on: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Andrew Wicker, Commission Secretary: Andrew Wicker

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