



Department of Health,  
Housing & Community Services  
Mental Health Commission

## Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00pm  
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting  
December 3, 2020

**Members of the Public Present:** Russell Bates, Wendy A, Kim Nemiro, Jeff Davis, Kelly Hammargren, Carole Marasovi, Andrew Phelps

**Staff Present:** Fawn Downs, Steve Grolnic-McClurg, Jamie Works-Wright, Lisa Warhuus

### 1) Call to Order at 7:04pm

Commissioners Present: boona cheema, Cheryl Davila, Margaret Fine, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Maria Moore, Edward Opton, Andrea Prichett **Absent:** Ann Hawkins

### 2) Preliminary Matters

#### a) Approval of the December 3, 2020 Agenda

**M/S/C (Kealoha-Blake, Davila) Motion to approve the December 3, 2020 Agenda– PASSED**

**Ayes:** Cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None;  
**Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Moore, Hawkins

#### b) Public Comment – 3 comments: Kim Nemirow, Russell Bates, Andrew Phelps

#### c) Approval of the October 22, 2020 Minutes

**M/S/C (Prichett- Chair) Motion to approve the October 22, 2020 minutes**

**Suspend the vote and we can complete the roll call after the next agenda item. – Did not revisit motion – will have on next months agenda**

### 3) Discussion and vote to establish the Mental Health Commission 2021 Calendar for regular meetings.

**M/S/C (Fine, cheema) Motion that we amend the calendar as it stands now from December 23, 2021 to December 16, 2021.**

**Ayes:** cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Moore, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None;  
**Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Hawkins

#### a) Motion that we amend the calendar as it stands now from December 23, 2021 to December 16, 2021

**Following the motion the Chair, Andrea Prichett, re-capped and summarized the motion to accept the calendar as it stands –**

4) Reports:

a) **SCU RFP: Update on consultant hiring. Timeline of our work with them - Presentation by Dr. Lisa Warhuus –**

A Straw poll was created to have representatives from the Mental Health Commission to be on the steering committee of the Specialized Care Unit, interested commissioners were Paul Kealoha-Blake, Margaret Fine and Andrea Prichett. The vote was Kealoha-Blake (7) Fine (6) and Prichett (5)

**M/S/C/ (boona, Opton) Motion to have Margaret Fine and Paul Kealoha-Blake to be the two representatives from the Berkeley Mental Health Commission to the steering committee in Lisa Warhuus office on the SCU.**

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Moore, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None;

**Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Hawkins

b) **City Auditor update on data analysis and mental health calls – Tabled – Keep on agenda for next month**

c) **COB “Re-imagining Community Safety Project” – No action taken**

5) **Mental Health Manager Updates – Steven Grolnic-McClurg**

a) **Caseload Statistics from Mental Health Division**

**M/S/C/ (Davila, Kealoha-Blake) Motion to write a letter to Berkley City Council to direct the city manager to expedite the 29 vacancy positions with an emphasis that the vast majority that utilize no city general funds that are funded by state and federally funded.**

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Moore, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None;

**Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Hawkins

❖ **M/S/C (Davila, Opton) \*Motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes to 9:10**

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Moore, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None;

**Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Hawkins

6) **Understanding the “Footprint” of policing**

a) **Consider ways in which the MHC can examine the "footprint" that policing leaves in our community including:**

i) Mental health implications of policing as a response to calls for help on adults

ii) Mental health impacts on children of witnessing uses of force and militarized response by police

iii) Consider sponsoring art contests, essays, videos or host Zoom hearings about it.

7) **Work Plan for 2021**

a) **Relative to goals/goal setting**

i) **Educational program (Emotional -CPR, peer outreach, etc)**

ii) **Addressing drug and alcohol recovery**

iii) **Encampment access to service**

b) **Relative to SCU and Re-imagining: Clarify what we are able to work on**

c) **Creating a process for planning**

**M/S/C (Fine, Davila) Motion to establish a work plan 2021 sub-committee for the Mental Health Commission**

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Moore, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None;

**Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Hawkins

**8) Federal Funding for Mental Health First Responders – Revisit item for next month**

**9) Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittee Reports**

**No subcommittee reports**

**10) Prioritize Agenda Items of January Meeting – Request that the work plan will be a priority - No motion made**

**11) Adjournment – 9:10pm**

**M/S/C (Davila, Fine) Motion to adjourn the meeting –**

**PASSED**

**Ayes:** cheema, Davila, Fine, Kealoha-Blake, Moore, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None;

**Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Hawkins

**Minutes submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary