



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

7:00pm
Zoom Webinar

Regular Meeting
March 25, 2021

Members of the Public Present: Wesley Lu, Monica Jones, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Cheryl Davila, Andrew Phelps,

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

1) Call to Order at 7:03pm

Commissioners Present: Javonna Blanton, boona cheema, Margaret Fine, Edward Opton
Andrea Prichett **Absent:** Maria Moore, Terry Taplin

2) Preliminary Matters

a) Approval of the March 25, 2021 Agenda

M/S/C (Prichett, Fine) Motion to move the work plan discussion, item #11 between 6-7 as item 6A.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Moore, Taplin

Approval of the March 25, 2021 Agenda

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion to combine items 6 and 10, they inform each other and recommend these be discussed next to each other. So move item 10 next to 10 review and approve letter to city council regarding mobile crisis unit staffing and move item 9 to 11.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Moore, Taplin

b) Public Comment – 1 Public Comment –

c) Approval of the February 25, 2021 Minutes

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to approve the February 25, 2021 minutes

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Prichett;
Absent: Moore, Taplin

3. **Special Care Unit update – Lisa Warhuus**
No Motion Made

4. **Mental Health Manager Updates- Steve Grolnic-McClurg – No Motion Made**
 - a. Mental Health Manager Report
 - b. Berkeley Mental Health Caseload Statistics for February 2021

5. **Data Collection Issue and Concerns: Commissioner Opton letter -**
No Motion Made – would like put this back on the agenda for next month.

6. **Review and approve letter to city council regarding mobile crisis unit staffing**
M/S/C (Fine, cheema) Motion to move that we adopt the letter so it can be forward
to the city council.
PASSED
Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Moore, Taplin
***(Combine item #10 with #6) Discussion of the January 2, 2021 police shooting of**
Vincent Bryant for possible action.
M/S/C (cheema, Blanton) Motion to write a letter to council.
PASSED
Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Moore, Taplin

- ❖ **M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to move the work plan below the elections for chair**
and vice chair and the interview on the nomination of Monica Jones. Motion to
write a letter to council.
PASSED
Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Moore, Taplin

7. **Elections for the office and Chair and Vice chair**
M/S/C (cheema, Prichett) Motion to nominate Margaret Fine as Chair
PASSED
Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Moore, Taplin

M/S/C (cheema, Prichett) Motion to nominate Andrea Prichett as Vice Chair
PASSED
Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Moore, Taplin

8. **Interview and vote on the nomination of Monica Jones on the Mental Health**
Commission.
M/S/C (cheema, Fine) Motion to move that we forward the application for Monica
Renee Jones to the city council
PASSED
Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Moore, Taplin

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittee Report

a. Work Plan Subcommittee (Finalize goals and plan)

M/S/C (Fine, Opton) Motion to adopt this work plan

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, **Noes:** Prichett; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Moore, Taplin

❖ **Motion to extend the meeting**

M/S/C (Opton, Fine) Motion to extend the meeting to deal with May is Mental Health Month by 15 minutes.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Moore, Taplin

10. Nominate commissioner to be on the planning committee with the Division of Mental Health for May is Mental Health Month.

M/S/C (Opton, Prichett) Move to nominate boona to be on the planning committee with the Division of Mental Health.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Moore, Taplin

11. Review Recommendation to City Council to declare “May is Mental Health Month”

M/S/C (cheema, Opton) Move the motion on page 21 the Resolution Proclaiming May 2021 is May is Mental Health Month.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Moore, Taplin

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittee Report

b. Create a subcommittee to collaborate with the Division of Mental Health for Pride Month Event

M/S/C (Prichett, Opton) Motion to Nominate Margaret to be the representative to collaborate with the Mental Health Division for a Pride Month event.

PASSED

Ayes: Blanton, cheema, Fine, Opton, Prichett **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;

Absent: Moore, Taplin

13. Adjournment – 9:16pm

– No motion made to extend meeting and time elapsed.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary