



Department of Health,
Housing & Community Services
Mental Health Commission

Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Adopted Minutes

Regular Meeting
February 28, 2019

1947 Center Street
7:00pm
Basement, Multi-Purpose Room

Members of the Public Present: Javonna Blanton, Ken Faulks, Paul Kealoha-Blake, Andrew Phelps.

Staff Present: Andrea Bates, Franziska Gehrmann, Steve Grolnic-McClurg.

1. Call to Order at 7:00pm

Commissioners Present: Erlinda Castro, boona cheema, Margaret Fine, Shelby Heda, Ben Ludke, Shirley Posey; Commissioners Absent: Cheryl Davila (attended City Council Work Session).

2. Preliminary Matters

A. Approval of the February 28, 2019 Agenda

M/S/C (Fine, cheema) Approve the February 28, 2019 Mental Health Commission Meeting Agenda – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Ludke, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila

B. Public Comment – Berkeley Mental Health Family Specialist, Franziska Gehrmann introduced herself to the Commission. A member of the public spoke about “Berkeley Bipolar”.

C. Approval of the January 24, 2019 Meeting minutes

M/S/C (Fine, Heda) Approve the January 24, 2019 Meeting minutes - PASSED

Ayes: cheema, Fine, Heda, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** Castro, Ludke; **Absent:** Davila.

3. Lifelong Presentation – Moved to March Meeting Agenda.

4. Discussion and Action on the nomination and election of the Mental Health Commission Chair and Vice Chair

M/S/C (Fine, Heda) Motion to re-elect boona cheema for Mental Health Commission Chair – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Ludke, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

M/S/C (Posey, Fine) Motion to re-elect Erlinda Castro for Mental Health Commission Vice Chair – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Ludke, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

5. Mental Health Manager Updates for January and February – No Action Taken.

There was one Public Comment during this Agenda Item.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittee Reports

- **Site Visit Subcommittee**
- **Diversity Subcommittee**
- **Accountability Subcommittee**

M/S/C (Fine, Posey) Motion to pass the Spithood resolution and to submit the resolution to the City Council for approval – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Ludke, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

- **Membership Subcommittee**

M/S/ (Posey, Fine) Move that the flier be adopted for recruitment and be dispersed to the different agencies and individuals that we have researched on.

Friendly Amendment (cheema) Motion to approve the flier for dissemination in recruiting new members.

Final: M/S/C (Fine, Posey) Motion to approve the flier as edited for dissemination in recruiting new members to the Mental Health Commission – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Ludke, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Mental Health Commission Annual Report – No Action Taken.

8. Role of Commission in items related to BMH which appear on City Council Agenda – No Action Taken.

9. Berkeley Mental Health Staff Announcements/Updates

Andrea Bates read and distributed an email from Commission Secretary, Karen Klatt, regarding May Is Mental Health Month, Commission Items on the City Council Agenda, and information regarding the distribution of the Mental Health Commission Recruitment Flier.

10. Prioritize Agenda Items for March Meeting

Commission representative on the MHSA Advisory Committee, Lifelong Presentation.

11. Announcements

A Community member made an announcement about a presentation by Carolyn Forche that KFA will be hosting on March 26.

12. Adjournment – 8:43pm

M/S/C (Castro, Fine) Motion to adjourn the meeting – PASSED

Ayes: Castro, cheema, Fine, Heda, Ludke, Posey; **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None; **Absent:** Davila.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary