



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
Present: Meany, Bookstein, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Jones, Feller, Wachspres (absent until 7:03 PM), and Hynes.
Absent: None.
Staff: Jacobs.
Council: None.
Public: 1.
2. Comments from the Public: 0.
3. Land acknowledgement.

Update/Action Items

4. Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2023.
Action: M/S/C Hynes/Meany move to approve the June 7 minutes as written.
Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Feller, Jones, and Marasovic.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Wachspres.
5. Agenda Approval.
Action: M/S/C Meany/Hynes move to approve the agenda as written.
Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Feller, Jones, and Marasovic.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Wachspres.
6. Acting chair update. Discussion.
Discussion; no action taken.
7. Approval of the report of one additional HSPE meeting in October. Discussion and possible action.
Action: M/S/C Meany/Marasovic move to approve the report requesting one additional regular meeting in October.

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Vote: Ayes: Meany, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Feller, Jones, Wachspres and Marasovic.

Noes: Hynes. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

8. Selection of upcoming site visits. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

9. Discussion and possible recommendation of input into Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) contract for Encampment-based Mobile Mental Health Wellness Team with consideration to include inclement weather function, outreach to RVs and encampments of one. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Wachspres/Meany move to Council to refer to staff to include providing services to meet inclement weather needs of the unhoused and provide services to RV, and other vehicle, dwellers, as is feasible, within the parameters of the state-approved Encampment Mobile Mental Health Wellness Team.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Feller, Jones, Wachspres and Marasovic.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

10. Recommendation of incorporation accommodations for literacy issues and cognitive impairments into Request for Proposals (RFP) for providers in the community agency allocation funding process. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Meany/Wachspres move that Council refer to staff to include a question, to homeless services providers, in the community agency allocation funding RFP as to how homeless services providers plan to accommodate clients with literacy and cognitive challenges.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Feller, Jones, Wachspres and Marasovic.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

11. Establishing time limit policy on discussion on any one action item by an individual commissioner. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

12. Election of Chair. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to nominate Carole Marasovic.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Marasovic, and Kealoha-Blake.

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Noes: Hynes, Bookstein, Feller, Jones, Wachspres. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: None.

Motion fails.

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Jones move to nominate Jim Hynes.

Vote: Ayes: Hynes, Bookstein, Feller, Jones, Wachspres.
Noes: Meany, Marasovic, and Kealoha-Blake. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: None.

13. Vice-chair election, if applicable. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

14. Discussion of provider lack of compliance with City contracts. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

15. Discussion of HSPE impact on budget recommendations. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

16. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 10/04/2023

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____

