



Community Health Commission
Eric Lee, Chair
Kellie Knox, Staff Secretary

Community Health Commission

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 6:30 – 9:00pm

Meeting Location:

Judge Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
Phone: 510-981-5170

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair
2. Roll Call by Secretary
3. Land Acknowledgement – Attachment 6
4. Announcements & Introductions
5. Confirm note taker – if needed
6. Public Comment

The public may comment virtually about any item **not** on the agenda. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

Discussion and Action Items

Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

1. Approval of Draft Minutes from 10/17/2024 Regular Meeting - Attachment 1
2. CHA/CHIP and Public Health update – Janice Chin
3. Commission Chair's Report
4. Proposed 2025 Calendar for Commission Meetings

Future Agenda items

Adjournment

Attachments

1. Draft minutes from 10/17/24 CHC Regular meeting
2. CHC 2024-2025 Work Plan
3. CHC Subcommittee Roster 2024
4. CHC Meeting Calendar 2024
5. City Council and Community Health Commission Timeline 2024
6. Land Acknowledgement
7. Proposed 2025 Calendar for Commission Meetings

The *next meeting* of the Community Health Commission is scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 with a *deadline of Tuesday, January 14, 2025 for the public's submission of agenda items and materials for the agenda packet*. **Dates are subject to change.** Please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

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DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 2024

The meeting convened at 6:34 p.m. with Commission Chair Lee presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Smart, Spigner, Lee, Katz.

Absent: None.

Excused: Commissioner Porter

Staff present: Kellie Knox

Community Members: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

ACTION ITEM

1. M/S/C (Katz/Spigner): Motion to adopt minutes from the September 26, 2024 meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Spigner, Lee, Katz

Noes: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Smart.

Absent from vote: None.

Excused: Commissioner Porter.

Motion Passed.

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ACTION ITEM

2. M/S/C (Lee/Katz): Motion to approve and adopt the Community Health Commission's annual work plan for 2024-2025 as presented and edited during the meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Smart, Spigner, Lee, Katz

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent from vote: None.

Excused: Commissioner Porter.

Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. Public Health Officer's Report – Staff Update on Community Health Assessment (CHA) - discussion
3. Commission Chair's Report by Chair Lee – Discussion
4. Review of Revised Work Plan – Discussion, editing and action taken.

Future Agenda Items

- 2025 Calendar of scheduled meetings
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This meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes will be reviewed and approved on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Knox, Commission Secretary _____

Community Health Commission 2024-25 Work Plan

Guiding Philosophy: To look at health through an equity lens in order to address, ameliorate, and abolish health inequities in Berkeley while addressing and supporting public health efforts in collaboration with the City of Berkeley City Council, City of Berkeley Public Health staff, and community members.

1. Mission/Purpose:

1. Collaborate with the community, the City of Berkeley Health Officer Unit, Public Health Division, and Berkeley City Council to eliminate health inequity by:
 - a. Advocating to the City Council for policies that have the potential to improve the health of Berkeley residents and that can be implemented, monitored and evaluated.
 - b. Representing the diversity of the community through the diversity of this commission's membership.
 - c. Increasing public education to develop greater understanding and awareness of public health issues.
 - d. Advocating with the residents of Berkeley most affected by institutional, social, and organizational inequities and disparities.
 - e. Providing a public forum for all community members to share their public- health-related concerns and ideas
2. Achieve progress in attaining general good health for all Berkeley residents by being responsive to community needs and facilitating general health and safety.

Overall issues to be addressed through a health equity lens.

- Be responsive to recommendations that will help Berkeley residents, care providers, and clinics cope with spending cuts to local, state, and federal funding.
- Continue to be a community advocate to City Council to address structural, institutional, and health inequities impacting all underserved populations, taking into account the social determinants of health.
- Work to have community health data measures documented in a timely manner and to promptly evaluate and act on novel data such as the Health Status Report.
- Increase healthy food security
- Advocate for the expansion of affordable housing
- Address the planned closure of Alta Bates Hospital
 - Promote the findings of the Health Impact Assessment regarding the closure of Alta Bates Hospital and efforts to maintain acute care services for Berkeley residents.
- Work to support policies and initiatives that advance UHC such as Medicare for All.

- Advise the City Council as HHCS and Public Health Division develop their strategic plans, Community Health Assessment, and Community Health Improvement Plan.

2. General steps and actions needed to meet priorities:

1. Conduct outreach to encourage Berkeley community members to engage with the CHC.
2. Collaborate with other commissions to share resources and support recommendations.
3. Form focused/specialized ad-hoc subcommittees, as needed.

Basic Needs Security

Focus on healthy food security and affordable/accessible housing.

- Advocate for policies to mitigate unhealthy food consumption.
- Advocate for affordability and accessibility of healthy foods by supporting programs in Berkeley that address these issues.
- Advocate for affordable housing and rent protections for Berkeley residents.
- Connect with community-based organizations and appropriate City of Berkeley departments to acquire information about available resources for Berkeley residents.

Chronic Disease Prevention

Recommend interventions to address diabetes, obesity, heart diseases, and other chronic conditions highlighted by the Berkeley health status report

Health Equity

Review the Health Status Report and engage with Public Health staff and community members to advocate for the implementation of strategies that will reduce health inequities:

- Work on cultural competency for health care providers
- Continue to support the development of the African American Holistic Resource Center
- Investigate and implement efforts to improve immigrant access to health care.

Ombudsperson Program for Long Term Care Facilities

Continue to engage with and monitor city council actions related to the city council's referral on long-term care facilities.

District	Last	First	Community Health Commission Subcommittees 2024				
			Health Facilities	Health Equity	Basic Needs Security	Chronic Disease Prevention	Entheogenic
1							
2	Porter	Lois					
3							
4	Smart	Karma		X	X		X
5	Spigner	Tora	X	X			
6							
7	Lee	Eric	X				
8							
M	Katz	Andy	X				
			3	2	1	0	1

2024 Commission Meeting Schedule

Name of Commission: Community Health

Commission Secretary: Kellie Knox

Example

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time	Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
February 2024	Wednesday 2/10/2024	7:00 pm	July 2024	No Meeting	

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January 2024	Thursday	1/25/2024	6:30 pm
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May 2024	Thursday	5/16/2024	6:30 pm
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October 2024	Thursday	10/17/2024	6:30 pm
November 2024	Thursday	11/21/2024	6:30 pm
December 2024	No Meeting		

2024				Thursday 12:00 PM	Thursday 12:00 PM	Monday 2:30 PM	Wednesday 11:00 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM
COUNCIL MEETING DATE	Commission needs to take action by	Reports Due to Dept. Director	Reports Due to CAO	Dept. Reports Due to Clerk Day 33	Agenda Committee Packet to Print Day 19	Agenda Committee Meeting Day 15	Final Agenda Meeting - (Print Agenda on wed.) Day 13	Council Agenda Delivery Day 12
Winter Recess [December 13, 2023 through January 15, 2024]								
Jan 16	11/23	11/30	11/30	12/14	1/2 - Tue	1/4 - Thur	1/4 - Thur	1/5 - Fri
Jan 30	12/7	12/14	12/14	12/28	1/11	1/16 - Tue	1/17	1/18
Feb 13	12/21	12/28	12/28	1/11	1/25	1/29	1/31	2/1
Feb 27	1/4	1/11	1/11	1/25	2/8	2/13 - Tue	2/14	2/15
Mar 12	1/18	1/25	1/25	2/8	2/22	2/26	2/28	2/29
Mar 19	1/25	2/1	2/1	2/15	2/29	3/4	3/6	3/7
Spring Recess [March 20 through April 15, 2024]								
Apr 16	2/22	2/29	2/29	3/14	3/28	4/1	4/3	4/4
May 7	3/14	3/21	3/21	4/4	4/18	4/25 - Thr	4/25 - Thr	4/26 - Fri
May 14	3/21	3/28	3/28	4/11	4/25	5/1 - Wed	5/1	5/2
May 21	3/28	4/4	4/4	4/18	5/2	5/7 - Tue	5/8	5/9
Jun 4	4/11	4/18	4/18	5/2	5/16	5/21 - Tue	5/22	5/23
Jun 25	5/2	5/9	5/9	5/23	6/6	6/10	6/12	6/13
Jul 9	5/16	5/23	5/23	6/6	6/20	6/24	6/26	6/27
Jul 23	5/30	6/6	6/6	6/20	7/3 - Wed	7/8	7/10	7/11
Jul 30	6/6	6/13	6/13	6/27	7/11	7/15	7/17	7/18
Summer Recess [July 31 through September 9, 2024]								
Sep 10	7/18	7/25	7/25	8/8	8/22	8/26	8/28	8/29
Sep 24	8/1	8/8	8/8	8/22	9/5	9/9	9/11	9/12
Oct 1	8/8	8/15	8/15	8/29	9/12	9/16	9/18	9/19
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Dec 3	10/10	10/17	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/18	11/20	11/21
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VTO Affected Dates

Holiday Affected Dates

Religious Holiday Affected
Date

Updated 11/30/2023

Reports not submitted by the deadlines listed will not be included on the agenda.

Worksession	Thursday 12:00 PM	Thursday 5:00 PM
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Oct 8	9/12	10/3

Land Acknowledgement Statement

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County.

This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band.

As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay.

We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878.

As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.



Community Health Commission

Date: November 13, 2024

To: Community Health Commission Commissioners

From: Kellie Knox, Secretary CHC

Subject: 2025 Commission Meeting Dates

Attached please find my suggested dates for Commission meetings for the calendar year 2025. These dates will need to be formally adopted at the November 2024 or January 2025 meetings.

There are two months where the regular, fourth Thursday of the month falls on a significant religious or national holiday. I have proposed alternate dates for the months for October and November to avoid those holidays.

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