



Health, Housing &
Community Services Department
Mental Health Division - Administration

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Dear Mental Health Oversight & Accountability Commissioners,

This letter is to support expanding the Innovations Technology Suite Collaborative Project to include additional mental health jurisdictions. While a representative from the City of Berkeley is not able to attend the Commission meeting today, I will be listening in by phone, and have sent this letter to convey what would have been spoken during the Public Comment segment of the Technology Suite Collaborative agenda item.

Expanding the Technology Suite Project to include additional mental health jurisdictions would result in new learning opportunities that are unique to each area. For instance, one community need that the City of Berkeley would like to address through implementing the Technology Suite Project is the coordination of accessible information of mental health resources and ancillary services. Having an accessible app containing information on all Berkeley resources available will result in increased access to mental health and other ancillary services and better mental health outcomes.

The City of Berkeley also sees the potential benefits and learning opportunities through the availability of the Technology Suite Apps to individuals who, due to eligibility criteria, are not able to access services at Berkeley Mental Health, and for populations who may be socially isolated, such as older adults and individuals who live with one or more disabilities.

The City of Berkeley's Innovation Technology Suite Project Plan was approved by City Council on June 26, 2018, and there is much local community support and excitement regarding the potential benefits of being a part of the Technology Suite Collaborative Project.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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