



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	February 12, 2024				
Place:	Redwood Room	Starting Time:	11:00 am				
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	Ending Time:	11:30 am				
Support Staff:	Jessica Pulido						
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Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Lezzette Ervin	Meeting called to order and introductions were made	
Approval of Minutes	All	July minutes approved with no corrections.	
MHSA Updates	Carlos Cervantes	No update for MHSA.	
Translation/Interpretation Services	Lezzette Ervin	<p>133 BHRS paid bilingual staff trained and available to be utilized for interpreting. HR will be generating a list of staff members along with languages available to interpret for programs to utilize.</p> <p>Working on additional resources, including an app to install on our county phones that will assist with translation. Still in the conversations phase.</p> <p>Lezzette is currently training to be a certified Spanish Interpreter, along with two managers from workforce development. BHRS will have in-house trainings in place to train qualified bilingual staff. ETA for Lezzette to be certified is April.</p> <p>Lezzette will be going out into the community and working on penetration rates. She plans to engage BHRS collaborative partners and community members for ideas of how we can improve our numbers along with gathering information on how to improve our services and show members how to obtain mental health services.</p> <p>Comment from Tommy for more advance notice for any meetings being changed/canceled.</p>	
Announcements	All	N/A	

Next Meeting: March 11, 2024 - Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Dr., Bldg. J

Reminder: The time spent on Quality Services activities can be claimed for reimbursement from enhanced funding. **All BHRS staff** are asked to code time spent in quality improvement activities and meetings on their time entry each week using organizational code **MH60211700** or **MH6501170 (for SUD)**. (Instructions are located on BHRS Intranet – QS TAB/Additional Resources). In addition, be sure to sign the sign-in sheet for these activities.