



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	January 13, 2025
Place:	1130 12 th Street, Room 16	Starting Time:	11:00 am
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	Ending Time:	12:00 pm
Support Staff:	Nicole Portillo		
Attendees:	<p><u>BHRS Staff:</u> Lezzette Ervin, Maribel McCarroll, Tameika Easter-Griffin, Dan Domeier, Elbra Slewoo, Alma Torres, Stormy Zavodsky, Maria Hernandez, Karyn Clark, Jillian Kraut</p> <p><u>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:</u> Virginia Linker, Maria Lopez, Beth Nelson, Melissa Norvise, Laura Urzua, Emily Beecroft, Carlo Vasquez, Regina Raygoza, Pathana Luangrath, Breana Davila, Alicia Mendoza, Diana Fuentes</p> <p><u>Community Representatives/Guests:</u> Margie Johnson, Stanley Binder</p>		
Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome and Introduction	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	All	Lezzette asked for a motion to approve the October 14, 2025, meeting minutes. Dan Domeier motioned. Stanley Bindner seconded. Minutes approved.	
BHSA/MHSA Updates	Maribel McCarroll	Maribel reported that in March 2024, California voters passed Proposition 1, resulting in significant changes to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The proposition repurposes MHSA, changing the name to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) effective January 1, 2025, restructuring the use of funding, and expanding on existing requirements. Timeline for implementation is between January 1, 2025 – July 1, 2026. During the next 18 months, the BHSA team will be working to collect community feedback through surveys, quarterly meetings, and community town halls. In closing, she extended an invitation to the March BHSA Advisory Committee meeting and shared the QR code to complete a short community survey.	
SPEC Suicide Coalition	Tameika Easter-Griffin	Tameika presented on the activities of the Suicide Prevention Education Coalition (SPEC) and shared that the group is recruiting for a Co-Chair. She extended an invitation to future meetings and distributed a flyer with meeting details.	

Behavioral Health Equity Plan	Lezzette Ervin	<p>Lezzette shared the following five areas from the Behavioral Health Equity Plan for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workforce by Ethnicity and Language ▪ Population and Provider Assessment ▪ Member Perception and Treatment Perception Survey ▪ Population vs. Provider Assessment ▪ Culturally Collaborative Partners <p>Her goal is to present the finalized plan at the next meeting.</p> <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lezzette will begin distributing tablets (for live language interpreting services) to each BHRS program once contracts are complete. ▪ According to an announcement from Quality Services, terms “client” and “beneficiary” should be replaced with “member” on all policies, documents, and references. 	<p>Lezzette will seek clarification on the Spanish language data presented on pages 4 and 13 of handout and report her findings to the group.</p> <p>Lezzette will distribute any written guidelines for the terminology change recently released.</p> <p>Lezzette will circulate the bilingual data chart omitted from handout.</p>
Community Announcements	Lezzette Ervin	In the interest of time, Lezzette asked members to email upcoming community announcements to bhec@stanbhhs.org for circulation to the group.	

Next Meeting: February 10, 2025 – 1130 12th Street, Room 16, Court Room, Modesto CA 95350

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 on 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.

Respectfully Submitted By: Nicole Portillo, ADC III