



Stanislaus County
 Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
 MINUTES



Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	January 12, 2026
Place:	1130 12 th Street, Room 16	Starting Time:	11:00 AM
Facilitator:	Lezette Ervin	Ending Time:	11:52 PM
Support Staff:	Nicole Portillo		
Attendees:	<p>BHRS Staff: Luz Pulido, Stormy Zavodsky, Elizabeth Mendoza, Melissa Ayson, Karyn Clark, Dan Domeier, Isac Soriano, Kristie Nelson, Terrance Massey, Tommy Panyanouvong</p> <p>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations: Annie Henrich, Virginia Linker, Carlo Vasquez, Laura Urzua, Ana Davila, Deb Fernandez, Diana Fuentes, Laci Prather, Kathia Frias</p> <p>Community Representatives/Guests: Margie Johnson</p>		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome & Introductions	Lezette Ervin	Lezette called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.	
Approval of Minutes	All	Lezette asked for a motion to approve December 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Stormy Zavodsky motioned. Carlo Vasquez seconded. Minutes approved. August 11, 2025, meeting minutes are pending.	
ADA Compliance	Lezette Ervin	Lezette informed the committee of the upcoming ADA compliance deadline in April 2026, noting that the BHRS website will be required to meet accessibility standards to ensure usability for individuals with disabilities. She indicated that best practices and guidance will be shared at the next meeting.	
Cultural Week	Lezette Ervin	Lezette reported that planning for Cultural Week, scheduled for October 5–9 is underway. She noted that monthly updates will be provided to keep the committee informed of progress.	

<p>Wellness Center</p>	<p>Tommy Panyanouvong</p>	<p>Tommy provided a presentation on the BH Wellness Center (BHWC), covering expanded hours of operation, philosophy, services offered, and eligibility requirements. The BHWC serves community members ages 18 and older and offers a welcoming environment focused on peer support, connection, and mutual encouragement. Plans are underway to expand activities available to members. He also noted that the BH Wellness Center has received Medi-Cal certification.</p> <p>Contact information was shared for those interested in scheduling a tour or seeking additional information.</p> <p>During the Q&A session, a question was raised regarding resources for peer certification.</p>	<p>Annie will follow up with Tommy offline to discuss peer certification opportunities.</p>
<p>Community Announcements</p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CalPride is hosting a sound healing event on Sunday, January 25. A flyer with additional details will be shared. ▪ The Food Resource Guide, currently managed by the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, will be transitioned to the Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus (FIGS) in February. ▪ Lezzette will be conducting a series of Cultural Competency training courses throughout 2026. A schedule with dates will be shared with the committee. 	
<p>Next Meeting: March 9, 2026 – 1130 12th Street, Room 16, Court Room, Modesto CA 95354 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 MH60211650 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.</p>			

Respectfully Submitted By: Nicole Portillo, ADC III