



**Stanislaus County**  
 Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
 MINUTES



<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	<b>Date:</b>	February 9, 2026
<b>Place:</b>	1130 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Room 16	<b>Starting Time:</b>	11:05 AM
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Lezette Ervin	<b>Ending Time:</b>	12:05 PM
<b>Support Staff:</b>	Nicole Portillo		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>BHRS Staff:</b> Luz Pulido, Elizabeth Mendoza, Melissa Ayson, Karyn Clark, Dan Domeier, Kristie Nelson, Erika Doronio, Margarita Ramos, Cadence Envia, David Hudgens</p> <p><b>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:</b> Annie Henrich, Luis Martinez, Carlo Vasquez, Laura Urzua, Deb Fernandez, Maria Lopez, Kristin Brown, Laci Prather, Kathia Frias</p> <p><b>Community Representatives/Guests:</b> Margie Johnson, Henry Tucher</p>		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Lezette Erwin	Lezette called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM, and introductions were made.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	All	Lezette asked for a motion to approve January 12, 2026, meeting minutes. Dan Domeier motioned. Carlo Vasquez seconded. Minutes approved. August 11, 2025, meeting minutes are pending.	
<b>FY24-25 Behavioral Health Equity Plan</b>	Lezette Ervin	<p>Lezette informed the committee that the Behavioral Health Equity Plan was submitted to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on December 30.</p> <p>She also noted that her scope of work is expanding and that she will be reaching out to collaborative partners for data to meet specific requirements.</p>	The agenda for the next meeting will include a detailed review of the plan.

<b>Let's Recover Program</b>	Henry Tucher	Henry from Let's Recover presented an overview of their program, which includes medication-assisted treatment (MAT), psychiatric care, counseling, and case management. He explained the services provided, the populations they serve, and the referral process. A brief Q&A session followed. One committee member noted that they have referred many clients to this program and appreciated that it serves individuals with mild to moderate SUD cases.	A committee member requested clarification on the abbreviation "MI" as it relates to counseling. Henry confirmed after the meeting that MI refers to Motivational Interviewing.
<b>Volunteers &amp; CASRA programs</b>	Melissa Ayson	Melissa presented an overview of the BHRS Volunteer Program and the CASRA-based stipend programs, including their goals and the application process for each. She explained that both programs connect with the community through education and training opportunities in the Mental Health field.	Melissa will update her contact information and resend her slide presentation for distribution.
<b>Community Announcements</b>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drop-in Clinic every Friday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Mo Pride.</li> <li>▪ Lezzette emphasized the need for increased awareness of available program services and community events. She encouraged continued partnerships and information sharing and suggested bringing event flyers to future meetings for distribution.</li> </ul>	

**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.