



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES



Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	April 13, 2026
Place:	1130 12 th Street, Room 16	Starting Time:	11:00 AM
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	Ending Time:	12:05 PM
Support Staff:	Nicole Portillo		
Attendees:	<u>BHRS Staff:</u> Kristie Nelson, Cadence Envia, Colby Zavala, Marisol Solis, Margarita Ramos, Michael Solis, Luz Pulido, Dan Domeier, Nicole Mitchell, Sonya Correa <u>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:</u> Jessica Parman, Luis Martinez, Katrina Beeler, Jose Arevalos, Laura Urzua, Maria Lopez, Emily Beecroft, Kristin Brown, April Gaona, Kathia Frias, Virginia Linker <u>Community Representatives/Guests:</u> Margie Johnson		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	All	Lezzette asked for a motion to approve the March 9, 2026 and August 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Maria Lopez motioned. Emily Beecroft seconded. Minutes approved.	
FY 24-25 Behavioral Health Equity Plan	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette presented the remaining sections of the FY24-25 Behavioral Health Equity Plan to the committee. The sections reviewed included strategies to reduce racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic disparities; integration of the committee within the county behavioral health system; culturally competent training activities; workforce development and retention, and service adaptation. Key updates and discussion points included: ▪ Seven CAP audits are currently in progress. ▪ Due to recent changes, additional data will be required for the Language Access component. ▪ Behavioral health service utilization has increased for TAY and older adults. ▪ Ongoing efforts to enhance staff training to better serve LGBTQ+ individuals.	

		▪ Future meetings will be more data-driven, with increased committee input, and findings will be shared with the Executive Team. Emphasis was placed on having representation from each program. ▪ The Cultural Competency Training courses are currently being updated. BHRS staff were reminded that completion of eight hours of training is required. ▪ The committee was reminded to incorporate CLAS Standards into their work. ▪ The contractor's extranet will be updated to include trainings and resources. ▪ SB 923 (TGI Inclusive Care Act) training remains a required training for staff. ▪ BHRS staff will be retrained on SmartCare to address audit findings and system updates are underway to improve data capture, language access, and documentation practices. ▪ The Behavioral Health Wellness Center will expand services and provide education on service navigation. ▪ TAY strategies have been developed to address CAP requirements. ▪ The BHE Manager has been designated as the Discrimination Grievance Coordinator. The committee was reminded to document all relevant member information in the course of their daily work. Committee members were encouraged to reach out to Lezzette or her Administrative Clerk with any questions.	
Behavioral Health Accountability Set (BHAS)	Lezzette Ervin	The BHAS review was not discussed due to time constraints and has been deferred to the next meeting.	
Community Announcements	All	Announcements were not addressed due to time constraints.	
Next Meeting: May 11, 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.			