



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES



Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	May 11, 2026
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:	<u>BHRS Staff:</u> Cadence Envia, Margarita Ramos, Luz Pulido, Emily Hazen, Melissa Ayson, Tyra Tate, Parbhjot Bains, Marisol Solis, Karyn Clark <u>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:</u> Jessica Parman, Luis Martinez, Jose Arevalos, Laura Urzua, Maria Lopez, Emily Beecroft, Kathia Frias, Virginia Linker, Melissa Norvise, Laci Prather, Ariel Randall, Codie Hernandez, Annie Henrich, Carlo Vasquez <u>Community Representatives/Guests:</u> Margie Johnson, Stanley Bindner		
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 April 13, 2026 meeting minutes. Jose Arevalos motioned. Luis Martinez seconded. Minutes approved.	
Committee Structure and Meeting Format Discussion	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette proposed changing the committee meeting schedule from the second Monday of each month to the first Wednesday of each month to accommodate scheduling changes. She also proposed extending the meeting length by an additional thirty minutes to provide adequate time for committee discussion and agenda review. Committee members indicated consensus by a show of hands to move the meetings to the first Wednesday of the month and extend the meeting duration by thirty minutes.	
Behavioral Health Accountability Set (BHAS)	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette presented on the Behavioral Health Accountability Set (BHAS) which refers to a defined group of standardized measures used to track, evaluate, and report on the quality, access, and outcomes of behavioral health services. Key updates and discussion points:	Lezzette will inquire whether the Community Interpreters Training may eventually be made available to non-BHRS staff.

		▪ Statewide set of behavioral health quality measures required by DHCS and applies to Mental Health Plan (MHP) and DMC-ODS plans. ▪ Seven measures are currently below target; therefore, a five percentage point improvement from the prior-year baseline will be implemented as the performance goal. ▪ Actions completed to date and upcoming steps to respond to the Notice of Imposition of Corrective Action Plan were outlined. ▪ BHAS leadership actions include strengthening hospital and MCP partnerships, executive-level alignment with managed care plans, quarterly MOU governance and data monitoring, ongoing leadership oversight and continuous improvement, and integrated behavioral health. ▪ Looking ahead, the focus will be on cross-functional collaboration, reducing silos, identifying partners in the work, mapping workflows collaboratively, and participating in additional solution sessions. Lezzette requested that committee members consider potential solutions to address identified gaps and areas for improvement within the system. Committee members will have the opportunity to engage in group discussion on this topic at the next meeting. The presentation will be distributed to the committee following the meeting for further review and preparation. Lezzette informed the committee that she will be reaching out to collaborative partners to request copies of their Language Access and Cultural Competency policies. These items will also be added to her bi-annual site visit checklist. A request was made for sample policies.	The Cultural Competency: Building Bridges of Inclusivity training flyer and sample policies will be emailed to the committee following the meeting.
Community Announcements	All	▪ June 10: Communities of Excellence (CX) Needs Assessment Kickoff, 9:00 – 10:30 AM. The Tobacco Prevention Stanislaus (TOPS) Coalition will review the five key tobacco indicators impacting community health, share information and data findings, and	

		discuss strategies responsive to community needs and priorities. Email tobacco@schsa.org for more information. ▪ A CalPride flyer was distributed announcing 2026 Pride events taking place throughout the County during the month of June, featuring all-ages activities, music, food, drag, and local vendors. ▪ A La Familia resource flyer was distributed highlighting available no-cost support services for individuals and families throughout the County. ▪ A La Familia resource flyer was distributed highlighting free employment assistance and basic needs support services.	
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Next Meeting: June 3, 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.