Stanislaus County

Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	**Date:**	July 1, 2026
Place:	1130 12th Street, Room 16	**Starting Time:**	10:31 AM
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	**Ending Time:**	12:02 PM
Support Staff:	Nicole Portillo		
Attendees:	**BHRS Staff:** Cadence Envia, Luz Pulido, Melissa Ayson, Marisol Solis, Kristie Nelson, Margarita Ramos, Erika Doronio, Sonya Correa, Emily Hazen, Tommy Panyanouvong, Paula Kiss **Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:** Katharina Beeler, Luis Martinez, Maria Lopez, Emily Beecroft, Virginia Linker, Laci Prather, Annie Henrich, Carlo Vasquez, Kristin Brown, Kathia Frias **Community Representatives/Guests:** Stanley Bindner		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Lezzette Erwin	Lezzette called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	All	Lezzette asked for a motion to approve the June 3, 2026 meeting minutes. Melissa Ayson motioned. Emily Beecroft seconded. Minutes approved with one minor revision.	
BHSA Update	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette provided a BHSA update on behalf of Maribel McCarroll, BHSA Policy Manager. The BHSA 3-Year Integrated Plan was submitted on June 30, 2026, and has entered the implementation phase, effective July 1, 2026.	
LEAD Activity	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette opened the discussion by explaining that one of the BHE Manager's roles is to identify gaps and propose solutions to support BHSA requirements. Committee members then completed a current-state mapping activity to examine how organizations collect and manage equity data. The exercise focused on identifying what equity data is currently collected, where it is stored, which populations and systems of care are represented, opportunities to improve consistency, collaboration, and data sharing, and gaps in equity data collection across organizations. Discussion Highlights:	

		▪ Collecting ZIP code data will be important for the BHSA housing component. ▪ Programs are not consistently documenting the data needed to generate required reports. ▪ Inconsistent documentation practices and note formats across programs create barriers to standardized data collection and reporting. ▪ The BHE Manager is working with ITC to address the specific data elements that need to be collected. ▪ Current systems are not aligned, and staff responsible for data collection are often not included in discussions about data needs and system design. ▪ Demographic data is critical for assessing impact, informing funding decisions, and identifying areas of need. ▪ Some demographic information is not collected because of members' concerns about stigma or fear of disclosing personal information.	
Community Announcements	All	▪ July 19: Free Healthcare Services, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Modesto Senior Citizen's Center, 211 Bodem Street ▪ August 29: 5th Annual Stanislaus County 5K Run/Walk, 8:00 – 11:00 am, MJC – West Campus. Register ahead of time for a T-shirt. ▪ October 31: Out of the Darkness Community Event, 9:00 am, MJC – West Campus. ▪ La Familia Central Valley: Shared Stan Connect flyers highlighting available support services offered at no cost.	
Next Meeting: August 5, 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.			

Respectfully Submitted By: Nicole Portillo, ADC III