Stanislaus County

Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	**Date:**	August 5, 2026
Place:	1130 12th Street, Room 16	**Starting Time:**	10:32 AM
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	**Ending Time:**	11:35 PM
Support Staff:	Nicole Portillo		
Attendees:	**BHRS Staff:** Cadence Envia, Luz Pulido, Marisol Solis, Kristie Nelson, Margarita Ramos, Erika Doronio, Emily Hazen, Tommy Panyanouvong, Karyn Clark, Nicole Mitchell **Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:** Jessica Parman, Luis Martinez, Maria Lopez, Emily Beecroft, Virginia Linker, Laci Prather, Annie Henrich, Carlo Vasquez, Kristin Brown, Kathia Frias, Jose Arevalos, Vanessa Brown, Laura Urzua **Community Representatives/Guests:** Margie Johnson		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Lezzette Erwin	Lezzette called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	All	Lezzette asked for a motion to approve the July 1, 2026 meeting minutes. Emily Hazen motioned. Cadence Envia seconded. Minutes approved.	
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette facilitated a discussion on ensuring equitable access to behavioral health services. The presentation included an overview of protected disabilities and conditions under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), including mental health conditions, pregnancy, mobility impairments, visual impairments, and hearing impairments. Committee members asked clarifying questions throughout the presentation. The committee was provided information regarding available accessibility resources, including training videos, informational documents, and applicable laws. Member were informed that Lezzette and the ADA Project Manager Catherine Larsen are available to answer accessibility-related questions and provide guidance.	Lezzette noted that ADA resources and related information would be distributed to the committee via email following the meeting.

		The grievance process for accessibility concerns were reviewed. The committee received clarification regarding the process available to members who have accessibility concerns, including the availability of formal grievances and support from Patient's Rights Advocate. Additional clarification was provided regarding the distinctions between ADA compliance issues, discrimination complaints, and Human Resources/Equity matters.	
Recap and Review of Prior Meeting LEAN Activity Notes	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette provided a recap of the LEAN activity completed during the previous meeting. The activity focused on reviewing service gaps identified by each program. Programs discussed opportunities for improvements and identified areas requiring additional attention. The recap was presented in a spreadsheet format for committee review.	
Community Announcements	All	▪ August 10: Stan Connect presents Back to School event, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1528 Oakdale Rd., Modesto. ▪ August 12: TOPS Coalition Community of Excellence Needs Assessment Priority Setting Session, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., email for exact location. ▪ August 29: *Not My Child* 5th Annual Stanislaus County 5K Run/Walk, 8:00 – 11:00 am, MJC – West Campus. ▪ August 30: Free screening event hosted by Turning Point Community Programs "Nobody Cares About Crazy People" showing at 2:00 pm, The State Theatre – 1307 J Street, Modesto. ▪ August 30: CalPride TGI Event, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. ▪ September 24: Center for Human Services Fundraiser Edible Extravaganza 40 Years, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Modesto Centre Plaza – 1000 L Street, Modesto.	
Next Meeting: September 2, 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