



Stanislaus County
 Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)			Date:	August 8, 2022	
Place:	Redwood Room			Starting Time:	11:00 am	
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin			Ending Time:	12:00 pm	
Support Staff	Michele Benedix, ACIII					
Attendees:	<u>Presenters</u>	<u>BHRS Staff</u>	<u>Collaboratives and Community Based Organizations</u>	<u>Community Representatives</u>		
	Lezzette Ervin Katalina Zambrano	Saroun Moun-Eldridge Elbra Slewoo Alma Torres	Margarita Ramos Kristi Stewart Stormy Zavodsky	John Aguirre Perla Cerna Taylor Heinemann Annie Henrich Oliver Martin Laura Urzua	Stacy Callahan Fernando Granados Jack Henley Virginia Linker Beth Nelson	Stanley Bindner Margie Johnson Shantel Johnson

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions	Person(s) Responsible	Target Date
Welcome & Introductions	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette Ervin called the meeting to order.			
Approval of Minutes	All	July minutes approved with no corrections.			
MHSA and BHE updates	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette shared the MHSA Advisory Committee will have a meeting on Wednesday, August 24 th , from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Harvest Hall. Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. They will be presenting the Plan Update. Lezzette is finalizing the updates to the Cultural Competence Plan. She has been attending several meetings to learn what we can do to expand services and to see which areas we need to improve on.			
LGBTQ Collaborative	Katalina Zambrano	Katalina presented on inclusion of LGBTQ youth in our programs. She shared handouts with questions you can use to assess the internal climate of your agency, as well as yourself, to make sure you are offering a welcoming and safe space for all youth. She also shared tips and strategies to create a safe, welcoming space. The collaborative has also started some new specialized groups that will be hosted by peer support advocates with lived experience and specialized training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTQ+ ages 12-14 • LGBTQ+ Teens 15-17 • Friends and Family 			

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Announcements	All	Annie Heinrich shared that the Stanislaus Chinese Association will be celebrating their 50 th anniversary with an event at Graceada Park on Saturday, September 3, 2022.			

Next Meeting: September 12, 2022 - Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Dr., Bldg. J

Reminder: The time spent in Quality Services activities can be claimed for reimbursement from enhanced funding. **All BHRS staff** is asked to code time spent in quality improvement activities and meetings on their time entry each week using organizational code **MH60211700** 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: Michele Benedix; Administrative Clerk III