



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	August 12, 2024
Place:	<i>New location</i> 1130 12 th Street, Room 16, Court Room	Starting Time:	11:00 am
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	Ending Time:	12:00 pm
Support Staff:	Jessica Pulido		
Attendees:	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <u>Presenters</u> Lezzette Ervin </div> <div> <u>BHRS Staff</u> Mario Benavidez Dan Domeier Michael Gay Melissa McCay Jessica Pulido Luz Pulido Elbra Slewoo Janice Zapien Stormy Zavodsky </div> <div> <u>Collaboratives and Community Based Organizations</u> Emily Beecroft Felicia Caraveo Perla Cerna Patty Davis Annie Henrich Shantel Johnson Virginia Linker Maria Lopez Pacheco Melissa Norvise </div> <div> <u>Community Representatives</u> <u>Guests</u> Margie Johnson </div> </div>		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Lezzette Ervin	Meeting was called to order.	
Approval of Minutes	All	The July meeting minutes were approved as written.	
Native American Provider Information: Seeking Providers	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette is currently seeking organizations that provide treatment to Native Americans, focusing on their cultural practices and native languages. Due to Stanislaus County's lack of registered Native American tribes, they are now seeking providers outside the county. Despite funding, challenges persist. Lezzette seeks information from members to establish connections and any helpful information.	
Understanding assessment and treatment Process for clients	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette is working on enhancing the assessment and treatment process for clients, aiming to make it easy for community members to understand. The goal is to use culturally and linguistically appropriate language to ensure clients fully comprehend each step involved.	
8-hr Interpreter Training, October 10, 2024	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette announced she will be facilitating the second eight-hour interpreter training session for all bilingual paid staff members for BHRS, scheduled for October 10 th .	
8-hr Cultural Competency Training, December 11, 2024	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette will lead an our eight-hour Cultural Competency training. The training is scheduled for December 11 th and will take place at the 12th St Court Room.	

BHRS is on Instagram, follow us @stancobhrs or #stancobhrs	Lezzette Ervin	BHRS Instagram page is now live and shared a visual guide to help members learn how to follow and share content. Content Creator, Kong, was on-site capturing footage for social media posts, advertisements, and flyers. An Authorization and Consent to Record and Publish release form was made available for members.	
Group Work- Welcoming Framework	All	<p>Lezzette facilitated a group discussion to gather feedback on the welcoming framework, focusing on client satisfaction. She shared research on creating a welcoming environment, defining it as a sense of belonging and connectedness, where uniqueness is valued, respected, and supported through opportunities and interaction. The group collaborated to create the following list:</p> <p><u>Lobby</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tv screen with BHRS activities • Natural lighting, bright/cheery environment, safe and clean/organized • Plants (fake or real) • All gender bathrooms • Cold water, coffee, soothing sounds, worksheets on goals, aroma therapy (mindfully of others), video testimonies • Phone charging station • Child activity area/age appropriate/kids' corner • Home feeling, not like a Drs office • Music playing/calming <p><u>Artwork Design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational posters • Calming, quotes on wall, display client projects/artwork • Simple coping techniques (breathing/calming techniques) • Client success pictures • Inclusivity- diverse images, community murals, artwork, collages • Artwork that reflects clients • Positive artwork <p><u>Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comfortable chairs, paint color and textures • Large print pamphlets • Printed materials for those without internet access • Bilingual materials • Cultural corner for representation based on months with either visuals or actual representation pieces of cultural • Resources • Printed monthly calendar- like wellness information • Program swag, free Narcan and Fentanyl test strips <p><u>Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendly faces at reception area • Greeters • Translator/interpreter available • Lived experience • Culturally competent • Respectful, happy, kind, smile • Diversity • Empathetic • Multi-lingual • Free of judgement 	

Announcements	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members were provided with a brochure/handout detailing information about Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, which is also accessible online.• Center for Human Services is undergoing reconstruction at their Briggsmore location, but they remain fully operational during this time.• Lezzette also announced that our Behavioral Health Equity Committee meetings will now be held at our new location (1130 12 St.) moving forward.	
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Next Meeting: September 9, 2024 – 1130 12th Street, Room 16, Court Room, Modesto CA 95350

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 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: Jessica Pulido, ADC III

