



**Stanislaus County**  
**Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**  
**MINUTES**

<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	<b>Date:</b>	August 11, 2025
<b>Place:</b>	1130 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Room 16	<b>Starting Time:</b>	11:00 am
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Lezzette Ervin	<b>Ending Time:</b>	12:00 pm
<b>Support Staff:</b>			
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>BHRS Staff:</b> Melissa Ayson, Dan Domeier, Adylene Villasenor, Isac Soriano, Maribel McCarroll, Luz Pulido, Elbra Slewoo, Colby Zavala, Ashley Boyd, Stormy Zavodsky, Alma Torres, Nicole Mitchell, Adda Linn, David Hutchins, Janice Zapien, Karyn Clark.</p> <p><b>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:</b> Emily Beecroft, Virginia Linker, Pathana Luangrath, Margarita Ramos, Carlo Vasquez, Maria Pacheco, Annie Henrich, Melissa Norvise, Luis Martinez, Roman Scanlon, Laura Urzua, Kawehi P.</p> <p><b>Community Representatives/Guests:</b> Margie Johnson, Stanley Bindner, Jr.</p>		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	All	Approval of meetings minutes were tabled until the next meeting.	
<b>Introductions</b>	All	Introductions and shared something positive that happened in past 2 weeks	
<b>BHSA Updates</b>	Maribel McCarroll	No Updates.	
<b>Timely Access to Care</b>	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data from the previous quarter was reviewed regarding waiting times for initial assessments. The committee discussed strategies to reduce the gap between the first request for service and the first clinical appointment.</li> <li>▪ Requirement for monitoring "Third Next Available" appointments.</li> <li>▪ Addressing clinician shortages in specific regional zones.</li> </ul>	
<b>Language Assistance</b>	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluated the current availability of bilingual staff and contracted interpretation services</li> <li>▪ Need for increased signage in threshold languages.</li> <li>▪ Evaluation of the "Language Line" usage and staff training on how to access it quickly during crisis calls.</li> </ul>	
<b>BHEC Logo</b>	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Finalized.</li> <li>▪ The committee reviewed the final iterations of the Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC) logo. The design emphasizes community autonomy.</li> <li>▪ Move to adopt the logo for all official department correspondence and outreach materials effective immediately.</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting:** [September 8, 2025 – 1130 12<sup>th</sup> 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 **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: Lezzette Ervin