



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



MINUTES

<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	<b>Date:</b>	October 20, 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>	11:55 pm
<b>Support Staff:</b>	Nicole Portillo		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>BHRS Staff:</b> Maribel McCarroll, Luz Pulido, Stormy Zavodsky, Nicole Mitchell, Colby Zavala, Isac Soriano, Natali Virgen, Marisol Rios Moran, Maile Gruber, Elizabeth Mendoza, Jill Fisher, Terrance Massey, Alicia Baca, Parbhjot Bains</p> <p><b>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:</b> Annie Henrich, Melissa Norvise, Virginia Linker, Maria Lopez-Pacheco, Laci Prather, Roman Scanlon, Jessica Parman, Gaby Palos, Melanie Diaz, Jose Arevalos, Codie Hernandez, Saruon Moun-Perfecto, James Brown, Dayana Lopez</p> <p><b>Community Representatives/Guests:</b> Margie Johnson, Stanley Bindner, Jr.</p>		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	All	Lezzette asked for a motion to approve July 14, 2025, and September 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Margie Johnson motioned. Stanley Bindner seconded. Minutes approved. August 11, 2025, meeting minutes are pending.	
BHSA Updates	Maribel McCarroll	Maribel provided the following BHSA update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community planning process is underway<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Conducting focus groups to inform and gather insight on service gaps and opportunities</li><li>○ Holding monthly BHSA Advisory Committee meetings to present data and gather feedback (evenings)</li></ul></li></ul>	
LIFE Path Early Psychosis Program, Sierra Vista	Maria Pacheco	Maria and Dayana from Sierra Vista presented on its LIFE Path Early Psychosis program which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is Psychosis?</li><li>• Who Experiences Early Psychosis? Psychosis Risk Syndromes</li><li>• Why Early Intervention is Important?</li><li>• Service Provided at LIFE Path</li></ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	
<b>BHE Newsletter</b>	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette informed members that the BHE Newsletter will resume this month, and she will be reaching out to programs to feature in future circulations.	
<b>Community Announcements</b>	All	The Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource is hosting their Third Annual Educational Scholarship Gala, Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm at the Stanislaus County Veteran's Center.	
<b>Next Meeting:</b> November 10, 2025 – 1130 12th Street, Room 16, Court Room, Modesto CA 95354			
<b>Reminder:</b> The time spent on Quality Services activities can be claimed for reimbursement from enhanced funding. <b>All BHRS staff</b> are asked to code time spent on quality improvement activities and meetings on their time entry each week using organizational code <b>MH60211650</b> or <b>MH6501170 (for SUD)</b> . (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