



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES



Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)		Date:	November 10, 2025
Place:	1130 12 th Street, Room 16		Starting Time:	11:00 am
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin		Ending Time:	11:22 pm
Support Staff:	Nicole Portillo			
Attendees:	<p>BHRS Staff: Luz Pulido, Stormy Zavodsky, Colby Zavala, Elizabeth Mendoza, Melissa Ayson, Margarita Ramos, Karyn Clark</p> <p>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations: Annie Henrich, Virginia Linker, Laci Prather, Jessica Parman, Codie Hernandez, Kristin Brown, Carlo Vasquez, Kathia Frias, Diana Fuentes, Emily Beecroft, Luis Martinez, Laura Urzua</p> <p>Community Representatives/Guests: Margie Johnson, Stanley Bindner, Jr.</p>			
Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion		Scheduled Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Lezzette Erwin	Lezzette called the meeting to order.		
Approval of Minutes	All	Lezzette asked for a motion to approve October 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Stanley Bindner motioned. Stormy Zavodsky seconded. Minutes approved. August 11, 2025, meeting minutes are pending.		
Cal Fresh Resources	Lezzette Ervin	<p>Lezzette led an informational discussion on available community food resources to support members impacted by the temporary interruption to CalFresh benefits. She asked partners whether they have been receiving calls from community members affected by the pause.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Partners have reported receiving calls from providers requesting to be added to the community food resource list.▪ There is concern for the senior population, many of whom do not use computers and may have limited access to online resources.▪ The Food Resource Guide may be updated soon. Current version is up to date as of today.▪ The Spanish version of the guide will likely be reprinted.▪ Partners are encouraged to share program information and resources as available.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lezzette will explore ways to make food resource information more accessible to seniors and other offline populations.▪ She will reach out to organizations serving seniors to determine whether printed resources are being distributed.

NAMI Resources	Lezzette Ervin	<p>Lezzette shared the NAMI Advocacy Training flyer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The training originally scheduled for November 10 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 18, at the same location and time. ▪ Participants were encouraged to RSVP to Annie for the November 12 training at the Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource Center. 	
Community Announcements	All	<p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stanislaus County's Suicide Prevention Education Coalition (SPEC) meetings are held every 2nd Friday of the month from 9am – 11am at the Self-Help Credit Union, Conference Room, 900 Crows Landing Rd, Modesto, CA 95351 and on Zoom. Everyone was encouraged to attend. ▪ The Stanislaus Asian American Community Resources is holding their 5th Holidays Gifts Giving Annual Holiday event Sunday, December 7, 2025, from 10am – 1pm at the Enochs High School Multipurpose room, 3201 Sylvan Ave, Modesto. Donations are welcomed. ▪ The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Advisory Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2025, from 5pm – 7pm at the Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ), 1025 J Street, Modesto and on Zoom. <p>Lezzette concluded the meeting by emphasizing the importance of maintaining both physical and mental well-being and encouraged everyone to take care of themselves.</p>	Organizations with upcoming meetings were asked to send their meeting schedules to Lezzette so they can be added to and shared via the BHEC community calendar.
Next Meeting		The next meeting will include a discussion on ADA policies and website updates.	

Next Meeting: December 8, 2025 – 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