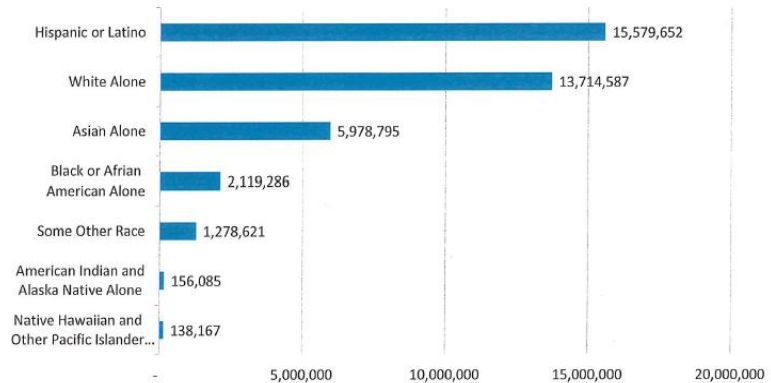
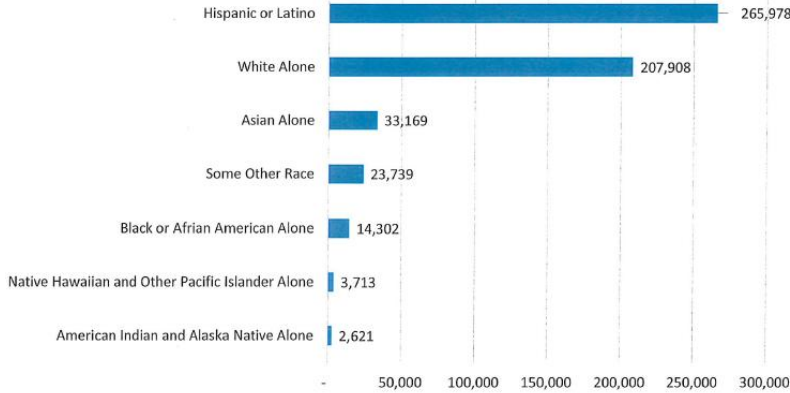




Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	April 14, 2025
Place:	1130 12 th Street, Room 16	Starting Time:	11:00 am
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	Ending Time:	12:00 pm
Support Staff:	Michele Benedix		
Attendees:	<p><u>BHRS Staff:</u> Melissa Ayson, Luz Pulido, Elbra Slewoo, Janice Zapien, Stormy Zavodsky, Matthew Huang, Davidangelo Hudgens, Melissa McCay, Isaac Soriano</p> <p><u>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:</u> Virginia Linker, Laura Urzua, Emily Beecroft, Maria Lopez Pacheco, Pathana Luangrath, Carlo Vasquez</p> <p><u>Community Representatives/Guests:</u> Margie Johnson, Stanley Bindner, Jr.</p>		
Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome	Lezzette Ervin	Lezzette called the meeting to order.	
Approval of Minutes	All	Minutes were approved by Margie with a 2 nd by Stormy.	
BHSA Updates	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name has now been changed from Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). Matthew (Matt) Huang was introduced as a new SSA on the team. Maribel is meeting with the state, BHRS programs, and collaborative provider partners to discuss BHSA budget changes. A BHSA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 30th to discuss changes and gather community input. 	
Stanislaus County Demographics	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lezzette shared the following Demographic information. Understanding the population is crucial for providing services that comply with state requirements, including language access and cultural practices, whether it's for behavioral health, mental health, or substance use disorders, as behavioral health is now a universal term. <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Total Population 2023</p> <p>■ Stanislaus County ■ California</p> </div>	

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Behavioral Health Equity updates /Intro New staff	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to Matt, BHSA and BHE are in the process of interviewing for a new Administrative Clerk III.																																	
Updates on Site Visits	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lezzette has completed all site visits.• While there were some needs for improvement, overall, the sites were clean and inclusive. She experienced a lot of positive interactions with the various program staff.• Pictures were taken during her visits and those will be shared out later.																																	
BHRS Webpage Project	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lezzette will be overseeing a project to improve the usability of BHRS's extranet, internet, and intranet pages.• Lezzette asked the committee for examples of things that may be updated or modified so our members can find the services they need quickly and easily.• Lezzette will take the ideas to the webpage committee meetings and provide an update to this committee during the May meeting.																																	
Community Announcements	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Suicide Prevention Education Coalition (SPEC) meeting is held every 2nd Friday. This is a hybrid meeting, so if you can't attend in person, feel free to join virtually.• Fighting Fentanyl Together, a community education event will be held on April 26th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.																																	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drop the Drugs program:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ceres Police Dept have installed a Drop the Drugs box in the station lobby.○ Every Fri and Sat from 8am to 12pm drugs and diabetic needles can be dropped off at Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Services, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 1710 Morgan Road, Modesto.• April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. Lezzette with be working with Kong Vang to thanks our BHRS volunteers.	
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Next Meeting: March 10, 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 **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, CA III