



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	May 12, 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:	BHRS Staff: Melissa Ayson, Dan Domeier, Matthew Huang, Jillian Kraut, Maribel McCarroll, Luz Pulido, Elbra Slewoo, Colby Zavala, Stormy Zavodsky Collaborative and Community Based Organizations: Emily Beecroft, Diana Fuentes, April Gaona, Virginia Linker, Pathana Luangrath, Beth Nelson, Melissa Norvise, Luis Martinez, Juan Perez, Laura Urzua Community Representatives/Guests: Margie Johnson, Stanley Bindner, Jr.		

Order of Agenda Items	Presenter(s)	Discussion	Scheduled Actions
Welcome	Lezzette Erwin	Lezzette called the meeting to order.	
Approval of Minutes	All	Minutes were approved by Elbra with a 2 nd by Stormy.	
BHSA Updates	Maribel McCarroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MHSA Annual Update (FY 2025–26) Draft was posted for public comment on April 23rd. Public comment closes on May 22, 2025Will be presented to the Behavioral Health Board on May 22nd, then the Board of Supervisors on June 10th, before submission to DHCS by June 30, 2025Update Covers actual expenditures for FY 2023–24 and projected expenditures for FY 2025–26Proposed funding changes include a shift of \$12 million for Adult Residential Facilities and a shift of \$1 million for Capital Facilities and Technological Needs. These adjustments move funds from MHSA to the BHRS primary budget to prevent over-budgeting within the CSS component.BHSA Integrated Plan – Draft Plan Due is March 31, 2026, and the Final Plan is due June 30, 2026Integrated plan must report all BHRS funding sources, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">BHSAMedi-CalRealignmentSEPG (State/Local funds)Other leveraged dollarsThe new integrated plan requires extensive community engagement and cross-sector collaboration with the following mandated partnerships:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed Care Plans, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">HealthNetKaiserHealth Plan of San Joaquin	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health partnerships via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CHA (Community Health Assessment) ◦ CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) 					
BHEC Review	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The move to BHSA will also affect Behavioral Health Equity in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ It will increase the visibility, mandate, and tracking of equality initiatives. ◦ Regulations, statutory requirements, and new performance indicators must all be in line with equity initiatives. ◦ Language access, community representation, disparities tracking, and penetration rates must all be addressed in the equity plan. ◦ Legal requirements include offering free interpretation services and adhering to CLAS standards. ◦ Partners and employees must receive cultural competency training as part of the training requirements. ◦ Organizational demographics and the submission of a Cultural Competency Report are new requirements for FY 2026. ◦ All partners must adhere to equity standards, take part in state-mandated data gathering, and make sure their services represent the variety of the populations they serve to be held accountable for collaborative efforts. 					
BHEC Mission/Vision Statements	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lezzette divided the committee into groups and asked everyone to come up with new ideas to update the Behavioral Health Equity Vision and Mission. • They are currently: <table border="1" data-bbox="760 783 1795 1158"> <tr> <td>BHEC Vision:</td><td>To be a leader in providing culturally competent services and to be recognized for our excellence in this by our community, state and nation.</td></tr> <tr> <td>BHEC Mission:</td><td> In partnership with our providers and community, our mission is to transform our entire system by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that culture is acknowledged and incorporated throughout BHRS in a measurable and substantive way ▪ Educating our workforce about the meaning of cultural competence and about how to actually implement the concepts ▪ Ensuring our Cultural Competence Plan remains effective and responsive to change ▪ Empowering consumers, family members, and communities representing all cultures. </td></tr> </table> • Lezzette will include the input from committee members into the updated statements. Later, she will present them and solicit additional input. 	BHEC Vision:	To be a leader in providing culturally competent services and to be recognized for our excellence in this by our community, state and nation.	BHEC Mission:	In partnership with our providers and community, our mission is to transform our entire system by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that culture is acknowledged and incorporated throughout BHRS in a measurable and substantive way ▪ Educating our workforce about the meaning of cultural competence and about how to actually implement the concepts ▪ Ensuring our Cultural Competence Plan remains effective and responsive to change ▪ Empowering consumers, family members, and communities representing all cultures. 	
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Next Meeting: June 9, 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