



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	July 14, 2025
Place:	1130 12 th Street, Room 16	Starting Time:	11:00 am
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	Ending Time:	12:02 pm
Support Staff:	Jessica Ybarra		
Attendees:	BHRS Staff: Melissa Ayson, Dan Domeier, Matthew Huang, Jillian Kraut, Maribel McCarroll, Luz Pulido, Elbra Siewoo, Colby Zavala, Stormy Zavodsky, Regina Raygoza, Alma Torres, David Diaz, N. Mitchell, Adda Linn, David Hutchins, Taylor Barrett, Karyn Clark. Collaborative and Community Based Organizations: Emily Beecroft, April Gaona, Virginia Linker, Pathana Luangrath, Beth Nelson, Maria Lopez, Margarita Ramos, Colby Zaukla, Carlo Vasquez, Maria Lopez-Pacheco, James Brown. 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 Margie with a 2 nd by Stanley.	
Introductions	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions and shared something positive that happened in past 2 weeks	
BHSA Updates	Maribel McCarroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MHSA Annual Update (FY 2025–26)• BHSA is re 24 stakeholders• Staff/Contractors are all stockholders• Over next week s plan will be finalized• BHSA has been finalized as to what will be approved and what will not• Over next few weeks finalize plan what is going to fit under BHSA• 36.9-million-dollar budget 19% decrease than previous years• 10% for state• Largest decrease• Draft plans/• Aug/Sept/Oct 2025- "Road Shows"-Community Feed back• BHSA Integrated Plan – Draft Plan Due is March 31, 2026, and the Final Plan is due June 30, 2026• Integrated plan must report all BHRS funding sources, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BHSA○ Medi-Cal○ Realignment○ SEPG (State/Local funds)○ Other leveraged dollars	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 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"> ▪ HealthNet ▪ Kaiser ▪ Health Plan of San Joaquin • 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. ◦ Audits will require proof of attendance ◦ BHEC survey is in the works 	
REACH program	David Diaz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach flyer distributed • New program in the pilot stages- Launch 2 months ago • Adda with REACH -Relationship engagement community health • Substance abuse disorder- is treatable • Field outreach- 4 million who need help with accessing care • Barriers-financial, transportation mistrust • Looking to meet with all organization • 988 will link them with reach • Track numbers/to continue improvement • Huge part of BHSA 	
TGI (Transgender care)	Lezzette Ervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 923 Bill that passed-BHRS staff shall receive annual trainings • Must be trained in required training topics • 12 specific training topics that are required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cultural Humility ◦ Implicate Bias ◦ Accurate pro noun usage ◦ Affirming names and Identities ◦ Health Disparities impacting LGBTQ + community 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barriers to accessing affirming care• Social Determinates of health• Trauma informed care• Intersectionality• Mental health disparities• Best practices in LGBTQ behaviors health car+• Patient centered communication	
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This applies to ALL BHRS staff, contracted providers and training personnel.

Next Meeting: August 11, 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: Jessica Ybarra