



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES



Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)		Date:	September 8, 2025
Place:	1130 12 th Street, Room 16		Starting Time:	11:00 am
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin		Ending Time:	12:00 pm
Support Staff:	TBD			
Attendees:	<p><u>BHRS Staff:</u> Melissa Ayson, Dan Domeier, Margarita Ramos, Janice Zapien, Maribel McCarroll, Luz Pulido, Stormy Zavodsky, Nicole Mitchell, Adda Linn, David Hutchins, Karyn Clark, Emily Mendoza, Gladys Carranza, Sandra Sosa, Colby Zavala, Jose Lopez-Higareda, Isac Soriano</p> <p><u>Collaborative and Community Based Organizations:</u> Emily Beecroft, Annie Henrich, Melissa Norvise, Laura Urzua, Laci Prathov, Virginia Linker, Maria Lopez, Carlo Vasquez, Maria Lopez-Pacheco</p> <p><u>Community Representatives/Guests:</u> 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 introduction were made.		
Approval of Minutes	All	Approval of meetings minutes were tabled until the next meeting.		
BHSA Updates	Maribel McCarroll	No Updates.		
Committee Vote on BHEC Logo	Lezzette Ervin	<p>The BHEC logo was presented for committee approval</p> <p>The description of a Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC) logo can vary by organization, but it typically incorporates visual themes of unity, diversity, and wellness.</p> <p>Typical BHEC Logo Description</p> <p>While the exact logo is specific to the governing entity, a BHEC logo often features elements such as:</p> <p>Interlocking Shapes or Figures: To symbolize collaboration and unity among diverse community members and systems of care.</p> <p>A Rainbow or Spectrum of Colors: To represent the diversity of ethnic, cultural, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic groups being served.</p> <p>A Soaring or Growing Element (like a leaf or ascending arrow): To convey progress, recovery, and the advancement of equity.</p> <p>An Open Circle or Community Embrace: To signify inclusion, access, and a welcoming environment for all.</p>		
Committee Vote on BHEC Mission and Vision Statement	Lezzette Ervin	<p>THE BHEC mission and vision statement was presented for committee approval.</p> <p>Mission and Vision</p> <p>The core Mission and Vision of a Behavioral Health Equity Committee are focused on</p>		

		<p>eliminating disparities and ensuring fair access to care.</p> <p>Mission: To improve the quality of services and eliminate inequities and barriers to behavioral health care for all marginalized and underserved communities, ensuring services are culturally and linguistically responsive.</p> <p>Vision: A community where all residents thrive and have equitable access to optimal behavioral and emotional wellness, and where a person's race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status does not predict their behavioral health outcomes.</p> <p>In essence, the BHEC strives to ensure that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as mentally and emotionally healthy as possible.</p>	
Community Announcements	Lezzette Ervin		
<p>Next Meeting: October 20, 2025 – 1130 12th Street, Room 16, Court Room, Modesto CA 95354</p> <p>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.</p>			

Respectfully Submitted By: Lezzette Ervin