

Behavioral Health Equity Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021 9:30am – 11:00am

Facilitated by: Bijan Amirshahi, Ethnic Services Manager

In Attendance: Helmy; Deana, Wright; Ernesta, Renteria; Teresa, St. Clair; Shelby, Pham; Lu, Pickering; KC, Ngo; Hannah, Sayyedi; Maryam, McCleese; Belinda, Smith; Courtney, Salamati; Armin, Eftekharzadeh; Sohail, Anguiano; Lloraley, Hernandez; Elizabeth, Williams; Cyntralia, Nguyen; Kelvin, Soto-Welty; Iliana, Kim; Yuri, Nguyen; Nikki, Peong; Vattana, Reynolds, John, Rao; Bhuvana, Banicki; Wendy, Brack; Yvonne, Arnot; Michael, Mugrditchian; Annette, Aziz; Sumar, Chou; Stacy, Burney; Lenora, Merritt; Alexandra

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Ethnic Services Manager, Bijan Amirshahi opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. New members introduced themselves. Suggestion made to amend minutes by Vattana Peong. Vattana felt that his suggestions regarding the establishment of a Steering Committee prior to electing a co-chair were not reflected in the minutes Bijan asked Vattana to send the suggested changes to him in an email, and the changes will be reflected in the minutes.

II. BHEC Governing Structure:

- Thirteen members have volunteered for Steering Committee. Members were introduced and each member spoke briefly on their view of the committee's work ahead.
- Bijan presented the workgroups to committee, explained that the workgroups will help us improve our reach to various unserved and underserved populations in the county.

III. Behavioral Health Equity Committee – Workgroups:

- Members were split up in workgroups based on their own preferences. In separate break out rooms members introduce themselves and share thoughts regarding their work group.
- Workgroups were given 15 minutes time for discussion.
- Committee reconvened and a member from each group shared their discussions.
- A lead was chosen from each group to assist in the planning of the first work group meeting.

IV. Significant Events in February-

- The significant events of February 2021, Lunar New Year and Black History Month were acknowledged.

VII. Next Meeting

- Thursday March 11, 2021
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Via Zoom