

Orange County Health Care Agency - Behavioral Health Services
Behavioral Health Equity Committee – Steering Committee

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September 9, 2021 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting AGENDA

- 1:00 Welcome and Introductions
- July 2021 Minutes BA/ISW/SC Members
- 1:10 BHS Co-Chair Announcement BA/ISW
- 1:30 Co-Chairs' Report
- Bylaws Michael Arnot/ISW
 - Work Group Reports
 - Community Relations & Education Michael Arnot
 - Spirituality Deana Helmy
 - O&E to Black/African Americans April Thornton
 - Populations who speak in OC threshold languages or have other language needs Kelvin Nguyen
 - LGBTIQ+ Luyen Pham
- 2:25 Discussions
- Racism is a Public Health Crisis. Structural, Systemic and Institutional Racism must be directly addressed.
 - Reflections Deana Helmy
 - Homelessness Sohail Eftekhazadeh
- 2:40 Action Items: Filling the open Steering Committee seats
- 2:50 Reports/Announcements ISW/SC Members
- 3:00 Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday October 14, 2021 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Virtual via ZOOM

BHEC efforts are focused on the promotion of behavioral health equity for unserved and underserved racial and ethnic communities, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer and intersex (LGBTQI), Veterans, deaf and hard of hearing and other cultural groups. Key strategies are focused on data, policy, quality, and communication.