

# Orange County Health Care Agency - Behavioral Health Services

## Behavioral Health Equity Committee – Steering Committee

**Co-Chair: Deana Helmy, LMFT, MBA**  
Behavioral Health Clinician II  
Orange County Health Care Agency

**Co-Chair: Iliana Soto Welty**  
Executive Director, Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of  
Community Agencies (MECCA)

January 13, 2022 - 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

### Meeting AGENDA

<u>BHEC Steering Committee</u>
<b><u>Community Members</u></b>
Sohail Eftekhazadeh Program Director CCS/Pathways
Kelvin Nguyen President Viet-Care
Duan Tran Professor CalState Fullerton
Michael Arnot Executive Director Children’s Cause OC
Maryam Sayyedi Founder Exec. Dir. OMID Institute
John Reynolds Peer Mentor Royale TRC
<b><u>County Members</u></b>
Bhuvana Rao Program Manager HCA
April Thornton Program Manager HCA
Teresa Renteria Program Manager HCA
Belinda McCleese BHC II, HCA
Wendy Banicki HPS, HCA
Hannah Ngo MHW II, HCA
Daniel Gibbs Peer Specialist, HCA

- 1:00 Welcome and Introductions
  - Approval of October 2021 Minutes DH/ISW/SC Members
- 1:10 Reflection DH
- 1:15 Business
  - Bylaws DH/ISW
  - Cultural Competency Plan Update DH/ISW
  - Group Agreements DH/ISW
  - Calendar/Structure for 2022 Meetings DH/ISW
  - Work Group Reports
    - Community Relations & Education Michael Arnot
    - Spirituality Daniel Gibbs
    - 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
- 2:05 Discussions
  - Racism is a Public Health Crisis. Structural, Systemic and Institutional Racism must be directly addressed.
    - Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 21-028):  
*“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS declares our commitment to protect and improve the lives of Orange County residents in acknowledging the grave harms of racism, repudiate those who perpetrate acts of racism, and commit to work in our role as a county government to eradicate racism.”*
- 2:10 Action Items: Filling the open Steering Committee seats
- 2:15 Announcements ISW/DH/SC Members
- 2:30 Adjourn

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2021 - 1:00 - 2:30 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.