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)

October 21, 2021 - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Meeting AGENDA

BHEC Steering Committee

Community Members
Sohail Eftekharzadeh
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

County Members
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
HCA

9:00   Welcome and Introductions

      o   September 2021 Minutes   DH/ISW/SC Members

9:10   Reflection   DH

9:15   Business

      o   Bylaws   DH/ISW
      o   Cultural Competency Plan Update   DH/ISW
      o   Work Group Reports
            o   Community Relations & Education   Michael Arnot
            o   Spirituality   Deana Helmy
            o   O&E to Black/African Americans   April Thornton
            o   Populations who speak in OC threshold languages or have other language needs   Kelvin Nguyen
            o   LGBTIQ+   Luyen Pham

10:25   Discussions

      o   Homelessness   Sohail Eftekharzadeh
      o   Racism is a Public Health Crisis. Structural, Systemic and Institutional Racism must be directly addressed.   ISW

10:40   Action Items: Filling the open Steering Committee seats

10:50   Announcements   ISW/SC Members

11:00   Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 9, 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.