

# Orange County Health Care Agency – Mental Health and Recovery 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)

February 10, 2022 - 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

### Meeting AGENDA

**BHEC Steering Committee**

**Community Members**

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

**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

Daniel Gibbs  
Peer Specialist, HCA

- 1:00 Welcome and Introductions
  - Approval of January 2022 Minutes DH/ISW/SC Members
- 1:05 Reflection AT
- 1:15 Business
  - Cultural Competency Plan Update DH/ISW
  - Group Agreements DH/ISW
  - Calendar/Public Meetings DH/ISW
  - Community Engagement Meetings TR
  - Work Group Reports
    - Community Relations & Education Michael Arnot
    - Spirituality Daniel Gibbs
    - O&E to Black/African Americans April Thornton
    - OC threshold language/language needs Kelvin Nguyen
    - LGBTIQ+ Luyen Pham
- 1:55 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.”*
  - Increasing workgroup engagement BM/SE
- 2:10 Action Items: Filling the open Steering Committee seats
- 2:15 Announcements ISW/DH/SC Members
- 2:30 Adjourn

**Next Meeting: March 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.*