

Orange County Health Care Agency – Mental Health and Recovery Services

Behavioral Health Equity Committee – Steering Committee

Co-Chair: Deana Helmy, LMFT, MBA
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Co-Chair: Iliana Soto Welty
Community Member

BHEC Steering Committee

Community Members

Sohail Eftekhazadeh
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April Thornton
Program Manager
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Teresa Renteria
Program Manager
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Belinda McCleese
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Wendy Banicki
HPS, HCA

Hannah Ngo
MHW II, HCA

Daniel Gibbs
Peer Specialist, HCA

Meeting AGENDA

March 10, 2022 - 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

- New Steering Committee Members DH/ISW/SC Members
- Approval of February 2022 Minutes DH/ISW/SC Members

1:05 Reflection ISW

1:15 Business

- Cultural Competency Plan Update Goals DH/ISW
- Public Meeting Agenda Draft DH/ISW
- Work Group Reports & Status
 - 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 Steering Committee Commitments

- Review By-laws

2:10 Action Items: Filling the open Steering Committee seats

2:15 Announcements ISW/DH/SC Members

- 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.”

2:30 Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 14, 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.