

BHEC Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022

Facilitated by: Deana Helmy, County Co-Chair

In Attendance: Renteria, Teresa; Ngo, Hannah; Eftekhazadeh, Sohail; Reynolds, John; Williams, Johnice; Arnot, Michael; Whetsell, Brittany; McCleese, Belinda; Thornton, April; Tran, Duan; Pham, Lu; Gibbs, Danny; Soto-Welty, Iliana – Community Co-Chair

I. Welcome and Icebreaker

- Welcome and Hellos from members
- Motions made to approve previous meeting minutes.

II. Feedback from BHEC Public Meeting on April 14, 2022

- Members thought the meeting went very well. Several members also expressed that they really enjoyed Dr. Kelley's talk.
- Members mentioned that the community is unaware of what we do, and it is important to continue to make the Committee more visible.
- Member also suggested having a centralized calendar with community events and meetings.
- Members also shared how important it is to make sure our workgroups are up and running smoothly, as that is where the bulk of the work is done.
- Belinda suggested adding some lightness to the meetings, something like raffles or giveaways, or even a workshop.

III. Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Presentations

- Members Lu Pham and Duan Tran presented on AAPI related topics.
- Duan shared his personal story coming from Vietnam and growing up in Southern California.
- Lu presented information on the AAPI Population along with a short video.
- Members thanked presenters for sharing information and their experiences.

IV. Workgroup Updates and Template

- Lu shared that the LGBTQ+ workgroup has worked with Orangewood to start their first LGBT and allies group, that has 8-10 new members every week.
- John shared that the Spirituality workgroup has completed their mission statement and should be able to finalize soon.
- Belinda shared that the D&HH Workgroup is going well with about 15 attendees and are focusing on how we can improve the quality of deaf services.
- April shared that a Juneteenth celebration will be held at Chapman University, and members are encouraged to attend.

- Michael shared that there have been several people looking to join the workgroup, and that he will be reaching out to them soon.
- Deana presented a template is in the works to help workgroups in planning and keeping the meetings on track with our goals.
- Members discussed adding to the bylaws regarding excessive no show/ no notice issues in workgroups, also discussed a new lead for the Threshold population workgroup, to get the group up and running again.

V. Upcoming Meetings/ Other information

- Next BHEC Steering Committee Meeting: Thursday 6/9/2022 1:00pm – 2:30pm
- Deana will also be sending out emails about Upcoming community events and tools for Mental Health Awareness Month.