



Stanislaus County
Department: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
MINUTES

Type of Meeting:	Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC)	Date:	March 11, 2024								
Place:	Redwood Room	Starting Time:	11:00 am								
Facilitator:	Lezzette Ervin	Ending Time:	12:00 pm								
Support Staff:	Jessica Pulido										
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Welcome and Introductions	Lezzette Ervin	Meeting called to order and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	All	February minutes approved with no corrections.	
MHSA Updates	Lezzette Ervin	Committee was informed the MHSA manager has left BHRS. Lezzette will be leading the MAC meeting and a portion of the MHSA projects, like the BHB presentation.	
Translation/Interpretation Services: Update	Lezzette Ervin	<p>The department is still working on the in-house training for qualified bilingual staff. Projections are to have three training courses yearly for all staff to obtain bilingual pay. The goal is to generate a list for clinicians to utilize for clients' services.</p> <p>The Behavioral Health Equity Manager reviews penetration rates and overall numbers to evaluate why Latino and/or African American populations do not seek Mental Health services.</p> <p>Lezzette will be collaborating with other programs to obtain the demographics and meet the needs of the targeted population. The goal is to identify barriers and challenges to mesh any gaps communities are facing. Collaborating with other programs and identifying common challenges will assist with the information required to run reports for funding purposes.</p> <p>Lezzette is trying to organize and coordinate visiting all BHRS programs and collaborative partner and seeing what they look like, what does staff look like, how does the lobby look like, diverse, inclusive, and welcoming.</p>	
Announcements	All	Lezzette gathered information from all participants regarding program challenges. Collectively all programs are struggling with similarities either internally or within the communities they serve.	

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<p>Next Meeting: April 8, 2024 - Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Dr., Bldg. J</p> <p>Reminder: The time spent on Quality Services activities can be claimed for reimbursement from enhanced funding. All BHRIS staff are asked to code time spent in quality improvement activities and meetings on their time entry each week using organizational code MH60211700 or MH6501170 (for SUD). (Instructions are located on BHRIS Intranet – QS TAB/Additional Resources). In addition, be sure to sign the sign-in sheet for these activities.</p>			

Respectfully Submitted By: Jessica Pulido, ADC III