

**BHEC Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2021**

Facilitated by: Co-Chairs, Bijan Amirshahi and Iliana Soto Welty

In Attendance: Nguyen, Kelvin; McCleese, Belinda; Thornton, April; Banicki, Wendy; Rao, Bhuvana; Helmy, Deana; Tran, Duan; Whetsell, Brittany; Ngo, Hannah; Eftekharzadeh, Sohail

I. Welcome and Introductions –

- Ethnic Services Manager, Bijan Amirshahi opened the meeting with an introduction to the steering committee meeting and a quick overview of the topics being discussed today.
- Iliana Soto Welty lead a personal reflection activity, and members shared the results of their exercise.
- Minutes reviewed and approved. Committee agreed to review minutes ahead of the meeting in an effort to save time for other matters.

II. Conference Review

- Anti-Racism Continuum of Care conference information shared by Iliana Welty.
- Attendees shared their thoughts on the CiBHS Conference, Dr. Rao expressed how insightful it was and that she really enjoyed the MECCA Presentation. Other attendees stated that the presentation by Stacy Abrams was empowering and mind opening.

III. Tulsa Race Riots, Juneteenth

- April Thornton spoke on the tragic events of the Tulsa Race Riots that took place one hundred years ago in 1921: more than 200 businesses were burnt down and many lives were lost in the Tulsa Riots
- Video about the history of Juneteenth was shown and the information on the upcoming Juneteenth events in Orange County shared with members.

IV. Work Groups

- Brief Overviews was given about the work being done in the five work groups. More detailed information was shared about the work of O&E to Black/African American, Threshold Languages, and Spirituality groups.

V. Committee Bylaws

- Michael Arnot presented and discussed the draft of the bylaws.
- Considering prior discussions in the larger meetings, Michael stated that it was crucial to have an agreement on how we come to decisions.
- Attendees thanked Michael for his work and for his point on importance of having consensus in decision making.

VI. BHEC Meeting

- In July we will continue the work on bylaws and will plan to have the larger BHEC meeting in August.
- Our next Steering Committee Meeting will be July 8th, 2021
- Sohail suggested speaking about homelessness in our next meeting.