

**BHEC Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 9, 2022**

**Facilitated by:** Iliana Soto Welty, Community Co-Chair

**In Attendance:** Renteria, Teresa; Reynolds, John; Pham, Lu; Tran, Duan;  
Whetsell; Brittany; Gibbs, Danny; Thornton, April; Williams, Johnice; Sohail;  
Arnot, Michael; McClees, Belinda

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

- Iliana opens meeting and welcomes committee.
- Minutes approved with a few suggestions sent by Teresa.

**II. Presentation by John Reynolds and Danny Gibbs**

- Presentation on Hope, Spirituality, and the Power of lived experience given by John and Danny,
- Part of their personal stories shared along with the impact spirituality has played on their recovery.
- Members thanked presenters for their openness in sharing. Suggested making this topic into a training for the community.

**III. Workgroup Template**

- Template is asked to be used in workgroups to help track progress and have a more integrated system with more structure.
- The template will also help us when the Cultural Competency Plan Update rolls around.
- The committee mission statements are listed in order to help keep us aligned.
- Members shared that they felt the template will be a helpful tool.

**IV. BHEC Public Meeting**

- The next public meeting will be held in July.
- Iliana shared plans to have another breakout session with more time for discussion, as well inviting the Office of Population Health department to do a brief update.
- Iliana suggested possibly sharing current data on various programs and penetration rates. Per Teresa, the data is currently being collected and would likely be completed to share at the following public meeting in October.
- Members suggested making sure there is adequate time for breakout discussion as well as making sure the community feels heard.
- Michael suggested giving the public meeting members a chance to provide input into the development of the next Cultural Competence Plan Update.
- A planning meeting will be held before the public meeting.

#### IV. **Workgroup Updates/ Upcoming Events**

- Belinda shared the need for data and population numbers for the deaf and hard of hearing workgroup.
- Teresa shared that collecting specific data has been difficult as the change in the way we collect data needs to be updated to make sure intake form is more culturally appropriate.
- Johnice shared that she will now be part of group called Community Voices. The first townhall will be Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- April and Johnice shared information regarding various Juneteenth events in Orange County.
- Sohail also shared the Wellness Center will be having a LGBTQ+ Pride celebration on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Danny will be facilitating a peer-to-peer course through NAMI that will last 10 weeks starting June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Teresa shared that Mental Health Recovery Services will be present at the Angels game on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>, to bring attention to mental health and breaking the stigma. There will be several booths there, along with a few members of our Steering Committee attending.